

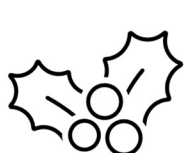
BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

We have a jam-packed November ahead of us! First of all Bonfire Night on Saturday 2nd, then a Quiz Night on Saturday 9th and finally the Bazaar.

BABCARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 30th November

3pm in the Church



Christmas Decorations

Teas

Bulbs

Crafts

Raffle

Children's Tombola

Mulled Wine

Deadline for December/January edition: 25th November

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 14th October 2024 Parish Council Draft Minutes 8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar (SH, Chair), Mr Philip Sketchley (PS), Mr Graham Hughes (GH), Mr Steve Street (SS), Mr Kevin Messenger (KM, County Councillor) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (JT, Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mr Damian Pick (DP), Mr Henry Hobhouse (HH, County Councillor), & Mrs Glynis Kingston (GK).

1) Matters Arising

- i. Sinkhole, ditches & local potholes. Pipe repair adjacent to Olive Farm Lane, Foddington Road still outstanding. Formal complaint lodged with Somerset County and copied to Sarah Dyke MP. Potholes are still a problem, especially outside Perry House. GH reported road problems, some works on the roads were completed, but some are yet to be addressed.

If you would like to report any other road problems within the Parish, the contact details are as follows:

0300 123 2224 or countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk

- ii. Public Pathway gate adjacent to The Old School on Church Street. The top pin of the gate has been repaired but the lower pin is inaccessible. As this is not on Babcary PC land, SH to approach Somerset Council.
- iii. Melinda Terleske has handed in a letter of resignation from the Babcary PC. The Council thanked her for her contribution and her involvement with the Council which will be missed. Babcary PC now have a casual vacancy, Public Notices will be pinned up tomorrow. GH has also given notice as reported last month and will be leaving Babcary PC as of April 2025.

2) Finance

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £15,168.59 Current Account balance £50.

3) Planning Consultation

- i. Steart Hill Truck Services (Hopkins Development), the parish council resolved to oppose the planned new Steart Hill lorry services and hotel.
Babcary PC objected – Decision Awaited
- ii. 24/00841 Land OS 6143 Sparkford Road, West Camel, BA22 7 – No updates.

4) Correspondence

- i. Code of Conduct Training, PS elected to go on course, remote learning £25. Booked for 13/11/24.
- ii. LCN, review of local costs, pothole repairs, etc. Moving towards Parish paying towards local upkeep of highways The Council recorded its grave concerns over this scheme given the high costs of road repairs in relation to our annual precept.

- iii. SRA (Somerset Rivers Authority), request to publicise SRA Annual Report, highlight what they do for our community and details of up and coming grant. Small grant scheme, for local flood risk reduction measures.
- iv. More details in December, funds to be dispersed April 2025. Cllr Mike Stanton. Details forwarded to Councillors 01/10/24.
- v. Scheme of Allowances, Local Parishes given the ability to recognise works done by councillors with potential to award payment up to £310pa. 01/10/24.
- vi. October LCN Meeting restructure of start of engagement process, Somerset Council restructure, ending in December. Fodo, SALC, Health & Wellbeing in the council & in the community. Again grants are available for community projects, e.g. improve local transport, providing open spaces for local community. Any project best to organize before setting precept.
- vii. Tree consultancy, free SALC briefing on trees for risk management, 23/10/24.

5) AOB

- i. This has been the wettest September since 1841!! Concerns were raised over the gate has been put back in the river blocking Gassons Bridge. Gate is forming a dam from flood debris. PC to speak to SRA for advice.
- ii. George Kingston was thanked for his superb work clearing out the ditch along Steart Lane near Dilkes Lane. The flooding there has been much reduced and the Council agreed a small honorarium by way of thanks.
- iii. PS noted seat outside Church is somewhat dilapidated, and will need replacing soon.
- iv. HH has resigned from Planning Committee however, Kevin Messenger has chosen to remain.

6) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 11th of November 2024 in the Hut.

Parish Council Vacancy

Following the resignation of Mel Terleske last month there is a vacancy on the parish council and we will co opt a new councillor. As it happens there will be another vacancy in April, when Graham Hughes will sadly step down after many years of service, so if you would like to get involved now or in April please contact the clerk, Jazz Tucker, at babcaryparishclerk@icloud.com

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday	3 rd Nov	10.30	Alford	Family service	
Sunday	10 th Nov	10.45	S.Barrow	Remembrance	Sunday Service
Sunday	17th Nov	10.30	Babcary	communion	
Sunday	24 th Nov	10.30	N.Barrow	communion	
Sunday	1st Dec	4pm	Babcary	Family service	Christingle

Remembrance Sunday

Our Service of Remembrance this year will be held in South Barrow church – please note the start time of 10.45.

Christingle at Babcary 1st Dec

We have a candlelight Christingle service here on Sunday 1st Dec at 4pm. The children are all invited to come along to the service to help make the Christingles and afterwards they can eat the sweets!

Churchyard Clear Up

Saturday 23rd November from 10am onwards – please come along armed with some gardening tools to weed, strim, mow, sweep, cut, and prune. The more the merrier. There will be a list of tasks on the notice board but just get stuck in and, In a couple of hours, we can tidy up the churchyard for the winter. Coffee and cake at half time.

Church Rotas

	Cleaning	Flowers	Coffee	Sidesmen
3 rd November	Elisabeth & Mary	Teresa		
10 th November	Judy and Sally	Elisabeth		
17 th November	Karen and Vee	Lucy	TBA	Rory & Simon
24 th November	Tom and Bridget	Su		
1 st December	Nikki and Karen	Advent – no flowers	TBA	Robin & Michele

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

BONFIRE NIGHT

Babcary Bonfire Night this year is 6pm on **Saturday 2nd November**. A huge bonfire, a Hog Roast, big bar and of course, terrific fireworks. Parking on the playing field (but please arrive on foot if you can as space will be at a premium).

See poster.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

2 nd November	No Shop – Bonfire Night	7 th December	Caroline and Tracyanne
9 th November	Rita and Carole	14 th December	Gilli and Shirley
16 th November	Judy and Lesley	21 st December	Christmas Shop
23 rd November	Jan and Karen	28 th December	No Shop
30 th November	No Shop – Christmas Bazaar	4 th January	Sally and Vee

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 12.55 – 1.15pm on the 21st November.

BABCARY QUIZTIME

There will be a **POPPY APPEAL Quiz Night** on **Saturday 9th November** from 7.30 in the Hut. Come along and rattle those brain cells. Soup in the interval and all the madcap excitement of a raffle too! What's not to love?! Please come along and support; book a table. Contact Ann on 07932 990627 or email her at anncannon123@outlook.com. £2 each per quiz member. In aid of the Royal British Legion.

Exhibition

The Textile Set - Babcary based textile artists present:

Patterns - a textile exhibition at

The Market House, Castle Cary

Saturday 2 November to and including Sunday 17 November

Open Sunday to Friday 10 am to 1.30 pm

Saturdays 10 am to 3.30 pm

CLOSED Thursday 7 November

Free Entry/Disabled Access/Sales Table

Please support local artists - this is not a craft sale, it's art work by qualified textile makers .

Recycle

Thank you to the donor of the large amount of cotton fabric for the sustainable sanitary supplies project - any further donations of clean cotton gratefully received at Rose Cottage - it can be left in the blue box in the lay by.

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to Jan and Steve Street who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 19th October.

THE GREAT CLOCK GOLF COMPETITION THAT WASN'T!

You may remember that in August I was asking for entrants for the annual clock golf competition, a sporting event that has been going on in the village since 2005.

This bears no resemblance to most sporting events, and indeed, no resemblance to the game of golf, but is very sociable and enjoyable.

The Canterbury family provided a wonderful, and completely different course to any we had had before; competitors appearing from archways, following their ball to the hole; watching their ball ricochet from bush to bush, and even starting a hole from what could well have been West Camel, such was the distance from start to hole.

All was ruined by the weather – two attempts on successive Sundays were tried and finally a halt had to be called – so Roger Lamb keeps the trophy for another year.

The best thing to come out of this is that Richard and the family have very kindly offered to hold the event in their garden in 2025, so..... When the call comes out next summer, don't wait to be asked to play, volunteer for an enjoyable afternoon.

JAH

WEATHER REPORT

2024 is certainly a year for records.

In September Babcary received 176.6mm (7 inches) of rainfall. This is the highest monthly amount for Babcary since our records began in 1980 beating the previous high of 170.5mm recorded in August 1997 and the most in any month since January 2014 (169.6mm). Our long-term average for September is 60mm so this is almost three times our normal amount. It is the second time this year the monthly amount has been broken (also in May). No wonder we are suffering from local flooding.

For the Wessex region it is the wettest September since records began in 1871.

Ironically, reservoirs were at around 63% and 65% capacity for Bristol Water and Wessex Water respectively, lower than the levels seen this time last year

Steve Street

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 2 nd November	Bonfire Night	Playing Field 6pm
Saturday 9 th November	Quiz Night	Hut 7.30pm
Sunday 17 th November	Communion Service	Babcary church 10.30am
Thursday 21 st November	Mobile Library	Bus shelter 12.55-1.15pm
Saturday 23 rd November	Churchyard clear up	Babcary church 10am onwards
Saturday 30 th November	Christmas Bazaar	Babcary church 3pm
Sunday 1 st December	Christingle	Babcary church 4pm
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	Church 6pm
Every Saturday	Community Shop	Hut 9.30 – 11am

*Saturday
2nd
November*



BABECARY BONFIRE NIGHT

Bonfire & Fireworks

7pm

Hog roast, Hot dogs & Bar

*Gates open at 6pm
Parking on the playing field*

*ADMISSION:
Adults £5
Children £2*