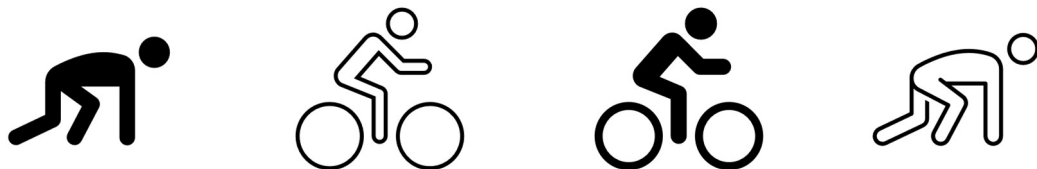


BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

BABCARY SPORTS DAY

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

3PM ON THE PLAYING FIELD



The third weekend in June was a great weekend for the village! The cricket match against Ditchheat on Friday night in glorious sunshine, then the Fete in yet more sunshine on the Saturday – two very traditional and quintessentially English events. Now we have Sports Day and the Clock Golf Tournament to look forward to. Never a dull moment in Babcary!

Deadline for the September edition; 25th August

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

Babcary Parish Council
Monday 9th June 2025 8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Phil Sketchley, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mr Steve Street, Mr Kevin Messenger (County Councillor), Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) & 3 Members of the public.

Apologies: Mr Damien Pick, Mrs Vee Vyner & Mr Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor).

1) Matters Arising

- i) Pothole Repairs updates, lots of the pot holes have been marked with white outline due for repairing.
- ii) Flooding issues, updates, Flood Warden Lunch & Learn, Thurs 19th on line <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood> (flood warnings), currently no flood warden in Babcary.
- iii) The Hut's revamp, renovations pending.
- iv) Parish Council vacancy; no request for a by election has been received, Jane Diamond has been co-opted for the position of Parish Councillor & will join the council July 2025 meeting.
- v) The publication of Draft Minutes, to continue in the Parish news, "It should be noted that these minutes are subject to the approval of Babcary Parish Council".
- vi) The Dog Poop Box now has a padlock on it to deter theft.
- vii) Repair of footpath alongside Old School on Church Street, current condition deemed satisfactory, to be reviewed later in year one weather changes.

2) Finance

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £17,993.38 Current Account balance £50.

3) Planning Consultation

- i. Ref: 25/01305/HOU
Address: Badgers Burrow 7A Baker Street, Babcary, Somerton Somerset TA11 7DU
Proposal: Erection of garage
Respond by: 18th June
Applicant: Mark Billige
No Objections

4) Correspondence

- i) Flood Wessex, learn more about your flood warden, face to face drop ins 5th June, posted on FB.
- ii) Local Government Boundary Commission
If you represent a local organisation or community group in Somerset please pass this message on to your members or anyone you think who might be interested in the review. You can share the message by email, reviews@lgbce.org.uk or through social media FB Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
Move for Bab Cary from current alignment to Ilchester area.
SH to appeal against movement of boundary.
- iii) Creating opportunities for Affordable Rural Housing
We're offering a limited number of FREE housing needs surveys this year, thanks to Government funding. If your parish has fewer than 3,000 residents, fill out this quick form by 11 July Affordable Rural Housing form to express your interest.
There's no obligation – just a chance to explore how we can help.
If you have any questions, please ask us or visit our website
<https://ccslovesomerset.org/rural-housing/>.

5) AOB

- i) Request for owners of properties in corners of the village to trim back hedges.
- ii) Stones on verges many now hidden by over growing vegetation causing damage to cars, request Highways put in plastic bendable signs in place of stones, KM to relay with Tracy Harris, Highways, SH to email Tracy Harris too.
- iii) The Parish Council confirmed renewal of Asset of Community Value (ACV) registration on The Red Lion.

It should be noted that these draft minutes are not yet approved by Bab Cary Parish Council

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 14th of July 2025 in the Hut. No meeting in August

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On Monday 2nd June, in a packed church, the Bishop of Bath & Wells formally licenced Fr Pip Martin to be our new priest. We're very fortunate that the bishop is very supportive of small parishes *and* we're very lucky to have found a parson who will be fully part of our community. Pip has already been to the shop and the fete, walked around all six parishes (15 miles) and earned his place in the cricket team.

If you wish to contact Fr Pip his number is 07597 534495 or email frpipmartin@gmail.com

Services

Sunday	6 th July	10.30	Lovington	Family service	
Sunday	13th July	10.30	Babcary	Communion	Sea Sunday
Sunday	20 th July	10.30	S.Barrow	Matins	
Saturday	26th July	1pm	Babcary	Wedding	Will & Chloe
Sunday	29 th July	10.30	Alford	Communion	
Sunday	3 rd Aug	10.30	N.Barrow	Family service	
Sunday	10 th Aug	10.30	Lovington	Communion	
Sunday	17 th Aug	10.30	S.Barrow	Matins	
Sunday	24th Aug	10.30	Babcary	communion	
Sunday	31 st Aug	10.30	Hornblotton	communion	

Village Wedding

On Saturday 26th July we'll have a village wedding in the church at 1pm when Will Sparkes and Chloe Paull tie the knot and we wish them every possible happiness. The village children are invited to come along to the church by 1.30pm to lock the main gates of the churchyard - and then have their palms crossed with silver before releasing the happy couple.

Church Rotas

	Cleaning	Flowers	Coffee	Sidesmen
6 th July	Sarah and Sarah	Su		
13 th July	Elisabeth & Mary	Karen	Jen and Lucy	Peter & Karen
20 th July	Judy and Sally	Rita		
27 th July	Karen and Vee	Wedding all hand		
3 rd August	Rita and Jenny	Jo		
10 th August	Simon & Shirley	Teresa		
17 th August	Jan and Lucy	Elisabeth		
24 th August	Sarah and Sarah	Lucy	Michele&Shirley	TBA
31 st August	Elisabeth & Mary	Maureen		
7 th September	Judy and Sally	Karen		

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

We hoped for sunny weather at the Fete but never imagined it would be quite so hot! Nevertheless, we had a good turnout of hardy souls who braved the heat. What a boon the verandah has turned out to be; intended to protect against rain, it was a very necessary sunshade for all the tea tables. As well as the traditional stalls, it was good to have Lucy's Coconut Shy and Judy's "Holey Moley", which provided great entertainment along with the Skittles, Tombola and Bouncy Castle. A lot of hard work went into staging the event and we

are very grateful to all the stallholders and the teams of volunteers who helped erect the marquees in the morning and clear everything away in the evening. Thanks are also due to everyone who baked cakes or savouries and provided raffle prizes. The grand total of £608 was raised, down on last year, but a very pleasing result.

The raffle prize winners were Keith Robson, Jane Brock, Gary Tubridy, Katherine (c/o the Hertens), Elisabeth Rutherford, Annie Gillespie, Lucy McDiarmid, Graham Hughes, Wilfred Legg, Caroline Squire, Rory McDiarmid and Helen Crofts.

The highest scorer in the Holey Moley was Roger Lamb for the adults and Isla Hewson for the children.

The Skittles was won by Sarah Cuff for the ladies, Samuel Cummings for the gents and Jago Roberto for the children.

Our next big event is the **Harvest Supper on Saturday 13th September**. Tickets will be available from the shop at the end of August.

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Relaunched 100 Club

This is one of the prime means of funding the Playing Field and the Hut – hut refurbishment, new playground equipment etc. For an annual sub of £20 per person we hold 4 draws per year and 50% of the proceeds are given back in cash prizes. To enter please send a BACS payment of £20 per person to the details above and please use your surname and “100” as the reference. For couples just make the BACS payment £40 and we will enter you both. Account: Babcary Playing Field, Sort code 09 01 55, Acc No. 7452 5181. Apologies but the first draw, due to be held at the fete, has been delayed by a technical hitch!

Babcary Sports Day – Saturday 5th July at 2.45 pm on the playing field.

All the traditional races; sprints, throwing the cricket ball, three legged, egg & spoon, sack race, cross country, bean bag, obstacle race etc - all age graded. Bring your friends. All children aged 5-15 inclusive compete for cash prizes and the Babcary children also score points towards the silver champion's cups. **Remember to bring your bikes for the slow bicycle race.** Plus races for the under fives *and* the over fifteens.

Refreshments: teas, cakes & ice creams

Cricket fixtures:



Thurs 24th July at 6pm – The Newt @ Castle Cary cricket ground
Sunday 17th Aug at 2pm – Dorset Wanderers @ Home

Babcary Cricket Club Celebrate Historic First Victory – Friday 20th June 2025

The evening of Friday 20th June will live long in the memory of Babcary's cricket players and supporters. It was a sun-soaked showdown against Ditcheat Cricket Club, with Babcary looking for revenge after losing their previous 2 games.

Picture a perfect English village summer scene — the clink of glasses, thud of leather on willow, and steady thrum of the A37. The local crowd, out in full force, spread out behind the boundary rope with picnics, fold-out chairs and Ali whizzing around on his segway added to the charm of the evening.

The atmosphere was buzzing as both teams took to the field. Babcary were put into bat first under hot and glorious conditions. Openers James Pout and Patrick Legg laid a calm and composed foundation, navigating the opening overs with confidence. Patrick Legg went on to top-score with a gritty 29, anchoring the innings.

Coming in at number three, new hire Eddie Roberti batted with supreme conviction and helped shift the momentum firmly in Babcary's favour. His good work was backed up by solid middle-order performances, with Tom Vaux and Charles Pitt contributing crucial runs. Their combined efforts lifted Babcary to a competitive total of 134.

Babcary's bowlers took to the field with purpose and the breakthrough came early, with the first Ditcheat wicket falling swiftly. From there, it was a team effort as every bowler chipped in to apply consistent pressure. Charles Pitt and Tom Vaux were the standouts, claiming key wickets at crucial moments and turning the tide firmly in Babcary's favour. Charlie Gillespie produced a truly outstanding catch and the supporters who stuck around were rewarded with a nail-biting finish.

Despite a spirited chase, Ditcheat were bowled out for 118, falling 16 runs short of the target. The final wicket sparked joyous celebrations, as Babcary Cricket Club savoured their first-ever win – a moment 30 years in the making.

The match was not just a victory in the record books but a celebration of community spirit, perseverance, and local sport at its finest. Here's to many more wins for Babcary — but this one, surely, will never be forgotten.

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The Babcary team that won against Ditcheat on 20th June.

Left to right:

James Pout, Patrick Legg, Charles Pitt, Fr Pip Martin, Richard Canterbury (Capt), Finn Smith, Paul Cuff, Tom Vaux, David Shardlow, James Hoar, Charlie Gillespie and Eddie Roberti.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

5 th July	NO SHOP – Sports Day	2 nd August	Vee and Sally
12 th July	Jan and Karen	9 th August	Jules and Caroline
19 th July	Caroline and Tracyanne	16 th August	Helen and Teresa
26 th July	Gilli and Shirley	23 rd August	Lucy and Jenny
		30 th August	Rita and Carole

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 12.55 – 1.15pm on the 17th July and the 14th August.

Clock Golf Tournament

The annual clock golf championship will be held at 2pm on **Sunday 3rd Aug** at Little Steart House (the Canterbury's). We're hoping for better weather than last year - when it was rained off half way through. NB. It's not a game for serious golfers! To enter please contact Judy Herten on 07967 127313.

Coach Trip to Weymouth

Our Queen Camel group are hiring a larger coach hopefully taking those who would enjoy a trip to the sea. Weymouth has been chosen as the promenade walk is flat and there are plenty of areas to sit. Coach trip to Weymouth on Wednesday 16th July leaving Queen Camel 9-30 and returning 4-30.
All welcome to book a seat.

Phone Mary Levett on 07831517466 cost £15-00

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

From the archives



From the minute book of the Parochial Church Council:

April 1942 – the minutes have a curious commentary on the war – “the year has been very critical for our nation in its fight for freedom and righteousness. All over the country there has been a drift away from the churches co-incident with serious reversals, a tendency to dodge restrictions made in the interests of national security and a serious increase in juvenile crime”.

May 1943 – the new churchyard is now complete and was consecrated by the Bishop of Bath & Wells *just before his decease*. The North aisle roof has been repaired after leaking for many years. External woodwork oiled, internal walls limewashed and tablets containing the Ten Commandments set up at the East end of the chancel.

October 1943 – American organ installed. Bell chiming apparatus still in need of repair. Mrs Billing will keep the church and lamps clean for £10pa.

April 1945 – The Rev Dr Sweetapple is bequeathing a Glastonbury chair, an alms dish and stained glass for the South chancel window. Discussion about installing electric lighting was deferred.....

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WEATHER REPORT



Babcary received 20.1mm of rainfall during May mainly during the latter part of the month.

When considered alongside a preceding dry March and dry April, this has been the fourth driest 3-month period for the Wessex Region (March to May) since records began in 1871.

Steve Street

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 5 th July	Sports Day	Playing Field 2.45pm
Sunday 13 th July	Communion Service	Babcary Church 10.30am
Monday 14 th July	PC Meeting	Hut 8pm
Thursday 17 th July	Mobile Library	Bus Shelter 12.55 – 1.15pm
Thursday 17 th July	Cricket match v The Newt	6pm at Castle Cary
Saturday 26 th July	Wedding	Babcary Church 1pm
Sunday 3 rd August	Clock Golf	Little Steart House, 2pm
Thursday 14 th August	Mobile Library	Bus Shelter 12.55 – 1.15pm
Sunday 17 th Aug	Cricket Match	Playing Field 2pm
Sunday 24 th August	Communion Service	Babcary Church 10.30am
Saturday 13 th September	Harvest Supper	The Hut 6.30 for 7pm
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	Church 6pm
Every Saturday	Community Shop	Hut 9.30 – 11am