

# BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

## BABCARY HARVEST SUPPER



**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**



**6.30 FOR 7PM ON THE PLAYING FIELD**

**ADULTS £7 – CHILDREN £3.50**



Book your tickets for the Harvest Supper by messaging Shirley on 07845226478. They are also available at the Saturday Shop, which is well worth a visit at this time of year, thanks to all the home-grown produce and, of course, the excellent coffee!

Deadline for the October edition; 22<sup>nd</sup> September

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 8pm at The Hut**

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Miss Vee Vyner, Mr Damien Pick, Mrs Jane Diamond, Mrs Jasmine Tucker, Parish Clerk and 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies: Mr Steve Street, Mr Kevin Messenger (County Councillor) & Mr Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor).

#### **1) Matters Arising**

- i) Pothole Repairs updates, some improvements to the sides of the roads have been seen but potholes continue to be an issue.
- ii) Flooding issues, no change.
- iii) The Hut's revamp, renovations pending, awaiting decorator to start.
- iv) The Parish Council confirmed renewal of Asset of Community Value (ACV) registration on The Red Lion
- v) The Local Government Boundary Commission, has recommended that Babcary moves to Ilchester ward instead of the current Castle Cary ward. The parish council agreed to object to this and SH has responded.
- vi) Stones on verges many now hidden by over growing vegetation causing damage to cars, stones have been highlighted by spray painting.  
  
SH has contacted Tracy Harris at Highways request reflector posts and Babcary sign repair.
- vii) Babcary Parish Council welcomed Jane Diamond as a new Parish Councillor.

#### **2) Finance**

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £18,010.19 (updated balance received after meeting) Current Account balance £50.  
HISCOX insurance renewal & 3 years fix at £443.77.  
Babcary Website maintenance 123-reg Web Host renewal £123.30

#### **3) Planning Consultation**

- i. Ref: 25/01654/S73A  
Address: Headland Cottage, Foddington Road, Babcary, TA11 7EQ  
Applicant: Miss Violet Vyner  
Proposal: Minor alterations, demolition of existing rear extension & the erection of single storey rear extension to the dwelling.  
Comments welcome by 29/07/25, Nick Toop dealing.

Miss Vyner declared an interest.

No Objections.

- ii) Mr Graham Hughes, attended the meeting to inform the council of his intention to seek permission to build a single detached property at the end of his garden. Courtesy attendance re pre planning application. Neighbours have been consulted.

**4) Correspondence**

- i) Flood Wessex, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of July Flood Warden Workshop, poster displayed in Babcary WhatsApp. 2<sup>nd</sup> Flood Warden Newsletter re summer flooding, flash floods and dry weather.
- ii) Somerset Council Enhanced Highways Maintenance, forwarded to all Councillors, option to a join pilot scheme 25/06/25, whereby parishes could pay for an enhanced highway services beyond the statutory minimum maintenance. Queries were raised as to whether once council volunteers help maintenance are they then taking on the works ad infinitum & will the council then be wholly responsible for costs? Will village litter pick volunteers now need to undergo costly training to do this in future?
- iii) The Chairs Awards for Service to the Community, nominations to be made before 18/07/25, no nominations.

**5) AOB**

- i) GK, letter re Environment Agency notice of intention to stop maintenance of The River Cary on privately owned strip, investigation into local ownership of riverside properties found other owners had received similar letters.  
SH to investigate.

Going forward, draft minutes will appear in the Village news and Views'. Once approved at the subsequent months meeting they then will be posted, with any updates/amendments and DISPLAYED ON the BABCARY WEBSITE under 'Parish Council Minutes' section. [www.babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk)

*It should be noted that these draft minutes are not yet approved by Babcary Parish Council*  
**Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 15th of September 2025 in the Hut.**

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

### Services

Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10.30	Hornblotton	Communion	
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30	Alford	Family Service	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Babcary</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Patronal Festival</b>
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10.30	N.Barrow	Matins	
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30	Lovington	Communion	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Babcary</b>	<b>Communion &amp;</b>	<b>christening of Woodson Pout</b>

## Church Rotas

	Cleaning	Flowers	Coffee	Sidesmen
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Judy and Sally	Karen		
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Karan and Vee	Rita		Simon &
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Tom and Bridget	Jo		
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Nikki and Karen	Teresa		
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Rita and Jenny	Elisabeth		



## Six Pilgrims Bike Ride

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August Fr Pip will be leading a cycle around all six churches starting at 9.30 from the Hut and meandering on, at a non lycra pace, about 20 miles, visiting each church – pausing for a picnic at Hornblotton and returning to Babcary by 3pm. More details in the Six Pilgrims magazine – everyone is welcome to join in.

## Midweek Pilgrims Prayers

Fr Pip will be holding short midweek prayers in each of the churches. A 20 minute or so service with time to reflect, pray for others and ourselves. For Babcary this will be at 5.15pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. Please feel free to join in.

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Babcary Harvest Supper on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September! The turkey and ham have been ordered, and the wine, beer and cider are in the pipeline. We are hoping for a balmy evening under the verandah and marquee. There will be a Raffle, some home grown entertainment and the usual Auction of produce and (hopefully) apple pies at the end.

Date of next meeting: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the Hut to discuss the Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

### 100 Club Winners – first draw of 25

First: Jackie Eastwood, Second: Eddie Roberti, Third: Jo Ellis, and the following won consolation prizes: Sarah Stuckey, Mark Hewson, Fr Pip Martin, Lucy McD, Lesley Morland, Karan Aric and Mark Eastwood.

This is a key 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. It's not too late to enter: just send a BACS payment of £20 per person to the details below and please use your surname and "100" as the reference. For couples just make the BACS payment £40 and we will enter you both.

*Acc name. Babcary Playing Field, Sort code 09 01 55, Acc No. 7452 5181.*

**The Bonfire:** the bonfire site on the playing field is open for combustible garden waste and timber from 1<sup>st</sup> September. NB. It is NOT suitable for general building waste or timber with metal fittings etc as we have to pay to remove the non combustible materials. Bonfire Night is on 1st Nov.

## Babcary Sports Day on 5<sup>th</sup> July

On a lovely afternoon the children excelled themselves and many went home laden with cash prizes. Amongst the Babcary children competing for the Davies Cup the leader board was:

Davies Cup;	Sacha Canterbury
Horticultural Cup;	Ali Canterbury
Third place;	Jess Cuff - closely followed by Georgia Lyle and Holly Gillespie.

The Under fives sprint and bean bag races were both won by Sienna Lyle  
Veterans sprint: First man; James Hoar, First lady; Rachel Hoar.  
Veterans three legged: Victoria Kingston and James Hoar.

Our thanks to Judy Herten for starting some of the races, George Kingston for giving away the prizes and to Lucy and the ladies for the excellent refreshments.

## The Cricket Report

### Successful Season for BCC

2025 has been a season to remember for Babcary Cricket Club. In only our second year since re-establishing the club, we played four fixtures this summer, three against our friendly rivals Ditchheat and one against the Dorset Wanderers.

After an enjoyable first season, where victories proved elusive, the hard work and commitment of the players has begun to bear fruit. This year, BCC won three out of four

matches, showing just how far the club has come in such a short time. There were many highlights - winning our first silverware against Ditchat and a tremendous win against the Dorset Wanderers in a 35-over special on a glorious Sunday in August – a day that will live long in the memory of players and supporters alike (match reports below).

But this is only the beginning! Each year, our aim is to grow stronger, take on more neighbouring villages, and to create a cricket club that represents the very best of our community. With new faces joining, loyal supporters cheering us on, and a trophy already in the cabinet, BCC is building firm foundations for the future. Here's to another exciting summer of cricket in 2026!

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### **Babcary Crowned Champions in Fosse Way Trophy Decider – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025**

The stage was set for the eagerly anticipated decider of the inaugural *Fosse Way Trophy*. With the series finely poised at one win apiece, both Babcary Cricket Club and Ditchat Cricket Club came into the match knowing victory would secure bragging rights and the silverware.

Under warm evening skies in Ditchat and in front of an enthusiastic crowd, Babcary lost the toss and were asked to field first. Ditchat started positively, but a disciplined bowling display from Babcary soon turned the tide. Tom Brock, Jamie Hepburn, and Sacha Canterbury were the pick of the bowlers, taking key wickets at crucial moments. Their efforts restricted Ditchat to just 93 runs – a competitive but chaseable total.

In reply, Babcary began steadily but cautiously. Patrick Legg and Gary Cluee opened the batting, with Gary being caught superbly at first slip in the first over. After 10 overs, the scoreboard read 40 for 4 with BCC behind the required run rate. However, with some sharp running between the wickets and some well-timed boundaries Eddie Roberti and Richard Canterbury accelerated the scoring rate, settling nerves on the sidelines and sealing the win. Babcary reached the target with four overs to spare, sparking cheers and applause from the delighted supporters.

The BCC lifted the newly minted *Fosse Way Trophy*, capping off an exciting summer series. It was a fitting finale – competitive cricket played in great spirit, with both sides showcasing moments of quality. But on this occasion, it was Babcary who walked away victorious, etching their name as the first holders of the trophy.

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### **BABCARY V DORSET WANDERERS – 17<sup>th</sup> AUG 2025 MATCH REPORT**

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August, Babcary CC convened at home for the final game of their season, against a strong Dorset Wanderers side. In beautiful weather, a generous contingent of village stalwarts and player's families turned out to support their team.

David, captaining in Richard's absence, won the toss and elected to bat against a seam attack including a Kiwi pro and two ex-division 1 club bowlers. Steady progress was made by the upper order, with contributions from Eddy Roberti (31), David (24) and Jamie Hepburn

(20). Ed Squire scored a half-century of elegance and power, supported well by the lower order, to drive Babcary to an excellent total of 224 for 9 in their 35 overs.

After mugs of tea, sandwiches and cake on the veranda, Dorset Wanderers set off in pursuit of our total, led by their hard-hitting Skipper, Simon Jones (81). Jamie H (7-0-20-2) set the tone for Babcary's bowling effort, giving very little away and clean-bowling Dorset's no. 2 & 3 batters. Pouty and Patrick refused to be intimidated by some clean ball-striking from Jones and Garry Clulee (26), and Fr. Pip moved in mysterious ways behind the stumps to ensure any wides were kept to 1 run. The introduction of our spin bowlers moved the match decisively in Babcary's favour, as Paul Cuff (3-0-35-2) dismissed Jones and Custard in one over, Ed Squire bowled a long spell and Eddy took the final wicket to give Babcary a famous victory by 48 runs.

The undisputed Man of the Match was Ed Squire, with 81 not out, 2 catches and 7-0-51-3.

Special mention to endurance athlete James Hoar who fielded at deep midwicket throughout and saved many runs with his fine fielding.

DS

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Shop Rota

6 <sup>th</sup> September	Judy and Lesley	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Gilli and Shirley
13 <sup>th</sup> September	NO SHOP – Harvest Supper	11 <sup>th</sup> October	Sally and Vee
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Jan and Karen	18 <sup>th</sup> October	Jules and Caroline
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Caroline and Tracyanne	25 <sup>th</sup> October	Helen and Teresa
		1 <sup>st</sup> November	NO SHOP – Bonfire Night

### Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 12.55 – 1.15pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> September

### ANNUAL CLOCK GOLF TOURNAMENT

Following the dismal washout of last year, we were delighted that this year, apart from a few initial drops of rain to get us prepared, the sun shone and 16 competitors had a great afternoon tackling Richard's testing course. For the first time ever, the bottle of champagne so kindly offered for a hole in one lay unclaimed; there have been occasions when as many as 4 have been claimed!

Hole 4 was particularly challenging: many a ball flew in unexpected directions, ending up in bushes or even behind the player. Hole 7 demanded that the ball be balanced on top of the well cover, as well as the player, and at hole 10, the ball appeared down many differing parts of a slope, followed by a baffled competitor.

However, after 2 preliminary rounds, the semi-finalists were whittled down to Roger Lamb (2023 winner) v. Robin Brown and Richard Canterbury v. Jonathan Gillespie: each of whom has obviously played the game before! Both semi-finals went to the wire, as did the final between Robin and Richard, the winner being decided at the final hole.

The cup was presented by Roger to Richard, who as the winner is exempt from hosting next year's competition. So onward to Robin and Jenny's 'clock' in 2026!

We are so grateful for the hospitality of the Canterbury family and those who brought food and drink.

JAH

## NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

A belated and warm welcome to Nick and Rhoda Barnard at Yew Tree Farm who have finally moved in after all the building works.

Congratulations to Will Sparkes and Chloe Paul on their wedding here on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

### *From the archives*



On 6<sup>th</sup> July 1685 the short lived Monmouth Rebellion against James II came to an abrupt end at the Battle of Sedgemoor. The men, largely from Devon, Dorset and Somerset, were non conformists and dissenters - mostly artisans, craftsmen and yeoman farmers. After the battle parish lists were drawn up and 3,000 rebels were summarily tried by Judge Jeffries in the "bloody assizes"; 320 men hanged and 800 more were transported as indentured slaves to Barbados and Jamaica, their land and property confiscated. The court lists reveal that three Babcary men were amongst them; Thomas and John Lewis and John Parsons (yeoman). Parsons is thought to have died at Sedgemoor but John & Thomas Lewis went into hiding and merely forfeit all their land and possessions.

It is interesting that so many Babcary men were involved. There was also one man from Lovington and two from North Barrow but, in the lists from all the towns and villages of the South West, none at all from Castle Cary, Lydford, Keinton, Baltonsborough or the Charltons. There were Beatons and Hoars in the lists as well – but not from here! SH



## WEATHER REPORT

Babcary received 27.2mm of rain during June with more than half being received in the first week of the month. This was less than 50% of our long term average. Reservoir stocks for Wessex Region were at 71% capacity.

Steve Street

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Six Pilgrims Bike Ride	Meet 9.30am at the hut
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Evening prayer	5.15pm in the church
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Mobile Library	Bus shelter 12.55 – 1.15pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Supper	Playing Field 6.30 for 7pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Patronal Festival	Babcary church 10.30am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Communion & Christening	Babcary church 10.30am
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	Church 6pm
Every Saturday	Community Shop	Hut 9.30 – 11am