

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

BONFIRE NIGHT



SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER FROM 6PM ON THE PLAYING FIELD

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OWL NIGHT



TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM IN THE HUT

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POPPY APPEAL QUIZ NIGHT ???

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM IN THE HUT

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AT 3PM IN THE CHURCH

MULLED WINE

TEAS AND MINCE PIES

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

BULBS

CAKES

RAFFLE

TOMBOLA

What a line-up we have for November – it's almost as good as December! See inside for further details. Deadline for the December/January edition; 25th November.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft minutes from
Monday 13th October 2025 8pm at The Hut**

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Vee Vyner, Mr Steve Street, Mr Kevin Messenger (County Councillor) & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs Jane Diamond, Mr Damien Pick & Mr Henry Hobhouse.

1) Matters Arising

- i) Pothole Repairs updates, none.
- ii) Playing Field revamp of playing field and Hut, partial soft furnishings completed, internal painting complete, more to come.
- iii) Local Government Boundary Commission no update received.
- iv) River Cary & Environment Agency Watercourse, ongoing.
- v) General village maintenance update, junction at Olive Farm lettering on road has deteriorated & can no longer be seen, SH brought this to the attention of Highways - informed they have insufficient funds to rectify, it will be added to next years list.SH to escalate.
Tracey Harris still not responded to PC contact re horse signs & other general maintenance issues, SH to escalate & contact John Nicholson.
- vi) Babcary Website, PS looking for more comparison quotes, agreed to revisit next parish meeting.

2) Finance

- i. Capital Reserve Account stands at £17,489.98 Current Account balance £50.

3) Planning Consultation

None

4) Correspondence

- i) Clerks & Officer Training, Jasmine Tucker to attend VAT training.
- ii) Correspondence received from Mrs Mel Goymer regarding The Village Bonfire with concerns for safety of materials being burnt and wildlife as the mound increases in size. The issue was discussed but concluded it should be referred to the Playing Field Committee, who run & organise the Bonfire event.
- iii) Update on the Somerset Local Community Network (LCN), local communities taking more control. Large emphasis on village wellbeing & village amenities.
<https://tally.so/r/m6qpEk> survey 17/10/2025.
Playing Pitch Strategy, Built Sports Strategy & Open Space.
Resilience & adaptation outreach officer.
Localities & Culture all on the Agenda for the 15th of October.

5) AOB

- i) JT raised new gate fastening on entrance to the Playing Field, makes opening & closing difficult, PS agreed to adjust.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 10th of November 2025 in the Hut.

Once approved at the subsequent month's meeting minutes will be posted, with any updates/amendments and displayed the BABCARY WEBSITE under 'Parish Council Minutes' section. www.babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Services

Sunday	2nd Nov	10.30	Alford	Communion	
Sunday	9th Nov	10.45	Lovington	Remembrance	Sunday
Sunday	16 th Nov	10.30	S.Barrow	Matins with the	Archdeacon of Bath & Wells
Sunday	23rd Nov	10.30	Babcary	communion	
Sunday	30th Nov	10.30	Hornblotton	Communion	

Church Rotas

Date Cleaning Flowers Coffee Sidesmen

2 nd November	Elisabeth & Mary	Rita		
9 th November	Judy and Sally	Jo		
16 th November	Karan and Vee	Teresa		
23 rd November	Tom and Bridget	Elisabeth	TBA	Michele & Simon
30 th November	Nikki and Karen	Lucy		
7 th December	Rita and Jenny	Advent no flower		

Churchyard clear up Saturday 22nd Nov - 10.30 onwards

Please come along armed with gardening implements to give the churchyard a winter tidy up – mowing, sweeping, strimming, weeding, pruning. There'll be a list of tasks pinned up on the church door – just pick one off the list and get to it. It's amazing what we can achieve in a couple of hours. Coffee and cake at half time.

Midweek Pilgrims Prayers

Fr Pip will be holding short midweek prayers in each of the six churches. A 20 minute or so service with time to reflect, pray for others and ourselves. Please feel free to join Pip at Babcary church at 9am on Sat 1st November.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

We hope to see you all for a festive afternoon at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 29th November at 3pm in the Church. Lucy and her team have been busy making Christmas wreaths and decorations, and Helen has been busy planting bulbs. This is our second major fundraising event of the year and we hope it will be a good one. We too are suffering a cost of living crisis as everything we do is costing so much more – even this Newsletter! We will start setting up at 9.30am so please bring any contributions between then and midday. We would love some cakes or raffle prizes!

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE



BABCARY BONFIRE NIGHT



Saturday 1st November. Gates open and bonfire lighting at 6pm, firework display from 7pm. Hog roast with all the trimmings and the new “Rattlebucket Bar” with real ale, local cider and the finest wines. Tickets £5 for adults and children £2 on the gate.

Parking on the playing field - but please leave your cars at home if within reasonable walking distance as parking will be absolutely at a premium.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

1 st November	NO SHOP – Bonfire Night	6 th December	Jan and Karen
8 th November	Lucy and Jenny	13 th December	Caroline and Tracyanne
15 th November	Rita and Carole	20 th December	Gilli and Shirley
22 nd November	Judy and Lesley	27 th December	NO SHOP
29 th November	NO SHOP – Christmas Bazaar	3 rd January	Vee and Sally

OWL NIGHT



On **Tuesday 4th Nov** at 7pm Chris Sperring MBE of the Hawk and Owls Trust will give a talk in the Hut on creating the right habitat for breeding owls in this area. Everyone welcome.

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 12.55 – 1.15pm on the 6th November

Singing Workshops



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Singing Workshop last month - fabulous four-part harmony after just 20 minutes! Brilliant!

There are two more sessions to look forward to:

- **Thursday 20th November, 7–8:15 p.m.**

A mix of styles and songs — suggestions always welcome!

- **Thursday 4th December, 7–8:15 p.m.**

Expect a festive singsong (Any instrumentalists who'd like to join in, please let me know.)

All sessions take place at the Babcary Hut.

It would be lovely to see you at one or both of these sessions. Please spread the word and **let me know if you plan to come!**

I'm also thinking of organising a **creative music/drama session for younger children in December**. If you are interested, please get in touch.

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POPPY APPEAL QUIZ NIGHT

There will be another Poppy Appeal quiz on **Saturday 8th November** starting at 7 pm at the Hut. Bring a team if you can or join on the night. There will be soup and a tombola.

POP LACROSSE - BOXING DAY 2025!

It's the time of the year for action again; necessary to settle the Christmas Day banquet and prepare for the New Year.....

Pop Lacrosse, the annual battle for supremacy will take place on the tennis court in the playing field at 11a.m. on Boxing Day. It only lasts for an hour and all you need is to be over 8, under 100 and own a pair of trainers!

The rules are minimal and the proficiency of the players has improved hugely through the years – I think it's over 25 now. All equipment provided: spectators welcomed and also provide highly necessary ballboys! JAH

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

WEATHER REPORT

Babcary received 69.3mm of rain during September mostly falling during the first 3 weeks of the month. This is above our long-term monthly average (60.3mm).

Reservoir stocks for the Wessex Region have dropped to 36% of capacity.

Steve Street

PINK ENVELOPES – please return the pink envelopes with contributions towards the cost of the magazine to any member of the PCC: Robin Brown, Rory McD, Michel Sherren, Caroline Squire or Simon Hoar. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 1 st November	Bonfire Night	Playing Field 6pm
Saturday 1 st November	Midweek Prayers	Babcary Church 9am
Tuesday 4 th November	Owl Night	Hut 7pm
Thursday 6 th November	Mobile Library	Bus shelter 12.55-1.15pm
Saturday 8 th November	Poppy Appeal Quiz Night	Hut 7pm
Monday 10 th November	PC Meeting	Hut 8pm
Thursday 20 th November	Singing Workshop	Hut 7-8.15pm
Saturday 22 nd November	Churchyard Clear up	10.30 onwards
Sunday 23 rd November	Communion Service	10.30 Babcary Church
Saturday 29 th November	Christmas Bazaar	3pm Babcary Church
Saturday 29 th November	Midweek Prayers	Babcary Church 9am
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	Church 6pm
Every Saturday	Community Shop	Hut 9.30 – 11am