

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

Deadline for the September edition; 24th August Email: carolehartnell@googlemail.com.

BABCARY SPORTS DAY

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

2.45 FOR 3.00PM

ON THE PLAYING FIELD

As this Newsletter goes to print it's 34 degrees outside and School Sports Days are being cancelled all over the place. Let's hope it has cooled down by 11th July!

CLOCK GOLF TOURNEMENT

SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST

2PM ONWARDS

PERCY HOUSE

Contact Judy Herten to register – see inside

SAVE THE DATE:

A VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

12.30 FOR 1.00PM

AT OVERTON FARM

There will be food, fun children's competitions and an Auction of Promises. Many thanks to Rosie and Dave for organising and hosting. Details to follow nearer the time on the village WhatsApp and Facebook page



Babcary Village Calendar 2027



Photos needed! If you have any good photos of Babcary, Foddington or Steart please email them, with the suggested month, to Jazz Tucker at babcaryparishclerk@icloud.com.

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to George Stuckey and Storm on the birth of Ottie – a first grandchild for Colin and Sarah.

Malcolm and Marie Beaton have also become grandparents - congratulations to Jade & Matt on the birth of Summer Marie.

Many thanks to Glynis for all the new curtains and blinds in the Hut. They are superbly made and a beautiful fabric. The Hut looks so much more welcoming.

Cricket Club Report



Babcary CC – June Round-Up

What a month it's been! June has flown by in a wonderful blur of cricket, and the team have hardly had time to catch their breath. Five games played across league and friendlies, and we're delighted to report that we remain unbeaten this season.

It's been a month full of memorable moments: sharp catches, determined partnerships, and plenty of fine cricket played in excellent spirit. The team have been in good form throughout, and it's been a real pleasure to watch.

Our league campaign now reaches its conclusion on **Friday 26th June**, when Babcary CC travel away to Sparkford CC. At stake is the chance to lift the trophy in its inaugural year – a special milestone, and one we'd love to mark with a win. Fingers crossed for a strong finish.

So far in the ESPL we've played and beaten Queen Camel, Ditchat, Martock and Kingsdon – four fine victories we're very pleased with. We've also enjoyed a couple of friendlies along the way: a spirited contest against the teachers at Hazlegrove School (which was a nail-biting game decided in the last over), and a welcome home fixture against the Dorset Wanderers.

None of this would be possible without you. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has turned up, cheered the team on. Your support means a great deal.

We'd love to see you at the rest of our games. For fixtures and the latest news, please visit our website: <https://babcary.play-cricket.com/home>

Here's to a strong finish to the season. Come on, Babcary!

Fixtures:

Fri 26th June Babcary v Sparkford (away) league T20
Sun 5th July Babcary v Ditchheat (home) Fosse Cup 50 overs
Sun 12th July Babcary v Ditchheat (away) Fosse Cup 50 overs
Tues 28th July Babcary v The Newt (away) friendly T20



Weather Report

The dry weather continued in May with Babcary receiving 35.2mm of rainfall, 70% of the long- term average (LTA). The majority of the month was dry with the largest rainfall event occurring on 18 May.

At the end of May reservoir levels for Wessex Water were at approximately 83% capacity.

Steve Street

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

We were so pleased to see so many of you at the Fete on 20th June. It was a really enjoyable afternoon and we were blessed with lovely weather. We had plenty of helpers both with the stalls and getting the marquees up and down. Lucy's colourful bunting added that extra touch and Helen's plant stall looked a picture.

As well as the traditional stalls there were some brilliant new ones – Rory and Lucy's Pop the Balloon, Judy's Obstacle Bounce and Gilli's Tea and Biscuits game. The children were delighted when Jo Hepburn came along with her pony and they loved having lots of goes on Julie's Tombola. Rita and Carole are veterans of the White Elephant stall and managed to make double what they made last year!

Paul kindly manned the Skittles and the winners were: Children – Ben Stagg; Ladies – Annie Gillespie; Gentlemen – Graham Bedford

The Obstacle Bounce winners were: Children – Georgia Lyle; Adults – Louisa c/o the Hepburns

The Raffle prize winners were Andy Gilbert’s Mum (who did all the washing up for the Teas!); Simon Hoar; Brian Hartnell; Rosie Sage; Lynda Lamb; Gary Tubridy; Julie Clark; Roger Lamb; Jane Brock; Caroline Squire; Graham Hughes; Helen Crofts; Jack Norman; Frankie Norman and Dawn McLeod.

The total raised was £781, which is a great result and £170 up on last year.

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Babcary Sports Day – Saturday 11th July 2.45



Saturday 11th July starting at 2.45 sharp on Babcary Playing Field. All the traditional sports day events such as three legged, sprints, egg and spoon, throwing the cricket ball, obstacle race, sack race etc for the 5 to 15 year olds, plus special races for the under fives and the “over fifteens”. Cash prizes for all competitors and silverware for the Babcary entrants – bring a friend or two. Please remember to bring your slow bicycle! Teas and ice creams available from the hut. The prizes will be presented by Mr George Kingston DC (former Davies Cup winner). Come along and watch the sportsmen and sportswomen of tomorrow.

100 Club – WINNERS

First: £50 Maureen Everard, second £25 Judy Herten and third, Alice Gillespie.

And the following won a consolation prize: Fred Gunn, Lulu Brendon, Harry Tubridy, Simon Hoar, Eddie Roberti, Rita Kingston, Emily Roberti and Gary Tubridy.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

Midweek Pilgrims Prayers

Fr Pip holds short midweek prayers in each of the six churches. A 20 minute or so service with time to reflect, pray for others and ourselves.

Sat 25 th July	9am
Tues 11 th Aug	5.15pm

Services

Sunday	5 th July	10.30	Alford	Communion	
Sunday	12 th July	10.30	Lovington	communion	Sea Sunday
Sunday	19 th July	10.30	S.Barrow	matins	
Sunday	26th July	10.30	Babcary	communion	
Saturday	1st Aug	3pm	Babcary	Wedding	Tor & Jason
Sunday	2 nd Aug	10.30	Hornblotton	Communion	
Sunday	9 th Aug	10.30	Alford	Communion	
Sunday	16 th Aug	10.30	N.Barrow	Matins	
Sunday	23 rd Aug	10.30	Lovington	Communion	
Sunday	30 th Aug	10.30	S.Barrow	communion	

Cleaning

Flowers

Coffee

Sidesmen

July 5th	Sarah and Sarah	Jo		
July 12th	Elisabeth & Mary	Teresa		
July 19th	Judy and Sally	Susan		
July 26th	Karan and Vee	Dorothy	TBA	Michele & Rory
August 2nd	Tom and Bridget	Lucy		
August 9th	Nikki and Karen	Maureen		
August 16th	Rira and Jenny	Karen		
August 23 rd	Simon & Shirley	Rita		
August 30th	Jan and Lucy	Iona		
September 6th	Annia and Rosy	Jo	Shirley & Jenny	Michele & Simon

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

4 th July	Judy and Lesley	1 st August	Gilli and Shirley
11 th July	NO SHOP – SPORTS DAY	8 th August	Sally and Vee
18 th July	Jan and Karen	15 th August	Jules and Caroline
25 th July	Caroline and Tracyanne	22 nd August	Helen and Teresa
		29 th August	Lucy and Jenny

Mobile Library

Visits the bus shelter on 2nd July from 12.55 – 1.15pm.

CLOCK GOLF TOURNEMENT

Sunday August 9th 2026

Venue: Percy House Babcary (Robin and Jen Brown)

Start: 2.00pm

If you'd like to play this year (all done in one day!) please let me know via the village WhatsApp; preferably sooner rather than later!

Remember that the ability to play golf is NOT a necessity – and can sometimes be a hindrance. This afternoon is for adult players only: children may of course come to spectate.

***If you could contribute to the light refreshments which are part of the day , this would be an added plus ***

JH

Babcary Art & Craft Group

The dates for Babcary Art & Craft Group are

23 July

20 August

3 & 17 September

7 to 8.30 pm in the hut - all welcome

PARISH COUNCIL

Babcary Parish Council

BABCARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 2026 DRAFT MINUTES

(1) Present Mr. Simon Hoar (SH), Mr. Philp Sketchley (PS), Mr. Steve Street (SS), Mrs. Glynis Kingston (GK), Mrs. Vee Vyner (VV), Mr. Damien Pick (DP), Mr. Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor), Mrs. Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) & one Member of the Public (MP).

Apologies for absence

(2) Mrs. Jane Diamond & Mr. Kevin Messenger (County Councillor).

Specific Declarations of Interest: NONE.

(3) Matters Arising from: Parish Council Minutes, 11th May 2026 (information only)

i) Potholes, Tracy Harris (Assistant Highway Service Manager) has been contacted by PS & subsequently HH & KM, Tracy has responded & offered to meet with PS & SH drew attention to potholes that have been reported as long ago as February that still pose a danger to cars. Parishioners are still urged to report potholes & other road infringements to www.somerset.gov.uk, report it.

ii) Parish Clerk, .gov email, has been delayed due to current website being renewed. Website renewal by approved company required to add uk.gov email address.

JT has approached approved companies in order to switch to compliant website in due course.

iii) Dog refuse bin removal & multi use bin refurbishment progress, PS has painted the new bin and SH has installed a new concrete base in preparation for renewed bin.

(4) Parish Council Accounts:

Capital Reserve Account Stands at £18,699.76. Current Account Balance £50

(4.1) To resolve to pay May 2026 Hiscox (Gallagher Insurance) £443.77 cheque raised.

(4.2) Cheque made payable for £148.15 to Mr. Simon Hoar for paint & signage costs.

(4.3) Review of the monthly accounts: As at end May 2026 & Annual Internal Audit

(4.4) Annual Governance Statement Approved (SH)

(4.5) Accounting Statements 2025/26 approved (SH)

(5) Planning Reports:

(5.1) Planning applications - received prior to Parish Council Meeting

Orchard Cottage Main Street Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7DZ. Single storey extension to rear of the house. Ref. No: 26/00937/HOU | Received: Fri 24 Apr 2026 | Validated: Thu 07 May 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision, BPC No Objections.

5.2 Land At Dilkes Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7ED Conversion and change of use of stable building and barn to a dwelling with associated landscaping Open for comment icon. Ref. No: 26/00530/FUL | Received: Fri 06 Mar 2026 | Validated: Fri 06 Mar 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision

(6) Parish Clerk: Correspondence,

1) Stones in grass verge on Babcary Lane. Parts of damaged vehicle, reviewed along with potholes. Highways promised reflector posts as replacement, as yet not received, SH to follow up.

2) Broken pedestrian gate on entrance to footpath adjacent to Old School House, email received stating the gate is still usable therefore no monies will be forthcoming for its replacement.

3) NALC is looking for thoughtful input for the future Project Keystone Enquiry, mailing aimed at Parish Council, link attached sent to all Councillors.

4) Local Plan Update, Town and Parish Councillors and Clerks to attend an online briefing on 10th June @4pm to provide an update on the emerging Somerset Local Plan

5) Update re: Sarah Dyke MYMP event in Somerton (Case Ref: SD14811) Potholes PS

7) Any Other Business

7.1) HH 23/04/26 new regulations will reduce the powers of Parish Council in the planning process.

(7.2) BHF grant allocations - requests can be made from July. Parish Council agreed to apply for a BHF grant and to proceed with purchase another defibrillator at a cost of up to £1,648 including the weatherproof box, SH. PS sourcing aluminium base for the location of defibrillator.

(7.3) Ansford Hill road will closed for 6 weeks from September to allow bridge & road embankment repairs.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday 13th July at 8pm in the Hut

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting is 8pm Monday 14th of Sept 2026.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 5 th July	Cricket	Babcary
Saturday 11 th July	Sports Day	Playing Field 2.45pm
Sunday 12 th July	Cricket	Ditcheat
Monday 13 th July	PC Meeting	Hut 8pm
Thursday 23 rd July	Art and Craft group	Hut 7 – 8.30pm
Saturday 25 th July	Pilgrims Prayers	Babcary church 9am
Sunday 26 th July	Communion service	Babcary church 10.30am
Tuesday 28 th July	Cricket	Newt
Saturday 1 st August	Wedding	Babcary church 3pm
Saturday 8 th August	Clock Golf	Percy House 2pm onwards
Tuesday 11 th August	Pilgrims Prayers	Babcary church 5.15pm
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	6pm in the church
Every Saturday	Community Shop	9.30 – 11am in the hut