

BARNEY, FULMODESTON & CROXTON

NEWSLETTER AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: December 2025/January 2026

**SEASONS GREETINGS AND WARMEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY,
HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

Please send small items for inclusion in the next bi-monthly issue of the newsletter by 24th January 2026 to bfcnewsletter@hotmail.com or contact Susan Vaughan on 01328 878295.

The 200 Club October/November winners:

Our last two draws took place at the Bingo sessions at the Old School Hall on Monday 13th October and Monday 10th November. Here are the lucky winners:

October:

£50. T. Marshall	Barney	£25. S. Williams	Barney
£10. D. Waites	Barney	£10. R. Dickson	Fulmodeston
£10. S. Vaughan	Barney		

November:

£50. R. Frost	Barney	£25. V. Cornish	Barney
£10. L. Main	Fulmodston	£10. M. Wright	Fulmodeston
£10. S. Copsey	Fulmodeston		

As always, many thanks to everyone who supports the 200 Club. *John Reilly 200 Club Treasurer.*

**OUR PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025 (AT OLD SCHOOL HALL NR21 ONX)
MONDAY AT 7PM: 1st DECEMBER**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all residents!

Whilst 2025 so far has proved to be a turbulent year for the council, it is now hoped that the future will be on a stable footing and that it will be able to contribute more positively to village life in the parish. With this in mind there are still two vacant places on the council which can be filled by co-option. Anyone wishing to volunteer for a place should contact the parish clerk or speak to a councillor. The first meeting in 2026 is scheduled for Tuesday 10th February. *Clive Lickley, Parish Councillor. fulmodestonwithbarney-pc.gov.uk*

MOBILE LIBRARY

**The mobile library will next visit on Friday 23rd January 2026. There will be no visit during December.
Croxton (Farm) 10.50 -11.00am; Barney (The Old Bell) 11.05 -11.20am; Barney (Brambledown) 11.25 -11.35am**

Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club:

Friday 23rd January, 6pm – 8pm, Old School Hall, Fulmodeston: Seed Swap and New Year Social Gathering. Bring seeds to swap, if you have them, just collect some seeds to sow at home if you don't - but mainly just come along and see everyone. The Bar will be open; tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available. Membership renewal will also be due before 31st January (or join for the first time) and is £10 per household for the year. We can now only accept payment in cash. We look forward to seeing you there. *Kerry Harris*

News from the Old School Hall:

Our Christmas Craft Fayre with Christ Church Fulmodeston takes place on Saturday 6th December from 10am - 1pm. Always a popular event with Local craft stalls, Bake stall, Grand raffle, Tombola, Refreshments including warm mince pies and sausage rolls, Grand jigsaw sale and Live Music from local musician Richard Blake in Christ Church. All monies raised are split equally between Old School Hall and Christ Church.

The Old School Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported the Old School Hall throughout 2025, we look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Old School Hall Dates for your Diary:

December:

Saturday 6th: Christmas Craft Fayre. 10am - 1pm.

Monday 8th: Bingo. Doors open 7 pm. Entry £6. Cash Flyer and prizes. Raffle and refreshments. Bar open.

Friday 19th: Whist evening. Doors open 7 pm. Entry £2. Bar open. A friendly evening, new players always welcome.

Christmas Eve Film on the Big Screen: We'll be showing 'The Christmas Chronicles' (PG). Free Entry. Doors open 2pm. Film starts 2.30pm. Festive refreshments. Donations to Old School Hall.

January:

Saturday 31st: Film Night - Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG). Doors Open 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm. Donations to Old School Hall. Bar Open.

Newly Formed Friendship Club at Old School Hall - Everyone welcome:

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 8th January, 11am - 4pm: Film & Lunch: 'Gone with the Wind'. Enjoy the big screen experience with a break for lunch, all welcome.

Monday 12th January: Bingo. Doors open 7pm. Raising funds for the friendship club outing to 'Cromer Pier Summer Show'.

Come and join us, chat and make friends. **Jackie Barnes 01328 878400**

Coffee and Chat: The next meeting is on **Monday December 15th from 10.30am** in the Old School Hall. We will have a raffle to raise some money to support the school in the Gambian village where our October's drumming teacher visits to help out. Please bring a little something to add to the raffle if you can. Plus some money to buy raffle tickets if you wish. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond his control, our planned speaker on antiques and collectibles, regrets that he has to postpone his visit until sometime in the New Year. So, that will be a treat to look forward to in 2026! Instead we plan to have a light hearted seasonal quiz, followed by the raffle and a light lunch of soup and a sausage roll. Our first meeting in 2026 will be on **Monday January 19th at 10.30am. Christine and Mike Marshall 01328 878053**

Book Group: The book group will meet in the Old School Hall on Monday 15 December at 7.00 pm for the final time this year. 2026 dates are yet to be finalised but are likely to be the last Monday in the month at 7.00 pm in the OSH. **Gill Lee 01328 878870**

Knits & Quilts Group: Old School Hall, Wednesday 3rd December and Wednesdays 7th & 21st January, 1- 4pm. If interested in joining just turn up to a meeting.

House Group: 10am on 17th December 2025 and 14th January 2026. For further details, including venue and discussion topic please contact Jane Heath on heath991@btinternet.com

In celebration of the life of the late Jean Nield 15th March 1939 – 5th October 2025: We were all very saddened to hear of Jean's death in October, at the age of 86. Jean was brought up in Leeds. She met her life partner Charlie at the age of only 15. Jean was attending a Methodist event and was "hit" by a toffee paper thrown by this young man. There

followed 7 years of friendship, marriage at 23, a resultant 63 years of love and companionship and two daughters Jacqui and Diane. They lived in Leeds for 46 years. Jean and Charlie were great campers. Their first van was built by Charlie himself in 1988. They visited many places over many decades although the van of '88 was replaced by other campers and then a caravan. They made the move to Norfolk after several holiday visits to the county. They both loved walking and joined the Barney & Fulmodeston Walking Group. Jean also loved gardening and they were members of the Food Production Club. Many happy hours were spent tending to the lovely garden they created and then relaxing in the garden hot tub.

We pass our condolences to Charlie and daughters - Jacqui (Isle of Man) and Diane (Canada) and their families. We will all treasure those many happy memories and great friendship moments that Jean brought to us all. *Di Dann and Kerry Harris*

The Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride and Walk: The final total in donations given to Tom, Edith, Isobel, Tristram and myself was the magnificent sum of £730. Half of this amount will go to St Mary's Church, Barney and the other half to the Norfolk Churches Trust. Once again a very big thank you to all the people who gave so generously. *Paul Mann*

Fakenham Choral Society: If you enjoy music then a great way to start your Christmas celebrations this year will be to join Fakenham Choral Society (FCS) on Saturday 13th December at Fakenham Parish Church. We'll be performing Benjamin Britten's *Saint Nicolas*, Vivaldi's *Magnificat* and other festive music, and if you like singing, you will have a chance to join the choir in some familiar and well-loved carols. The concert is free to attend, with a retiring collection. Doors open at 4.45pm and seating will be on a first come first served basis. Do arrive early as, once capacity is reached, we will have to turn people away. In the interval wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase to enjoy with a free mince pie. *Shirley Collyer, Publicity, Fakenham Choral Society*

Registered Osteopath & Naturopath: Tessa Paget Daniels has recently moved to Fulmodeston. With over 30 years in practice Tessa provides a gentle approach, using essential oils, to relieve a variety of musculoskeletal conditions. Many previous patients have kept pain at bay with intermittent maintenance treatments, thereby avoiding the acute presentation which comes on when symptoms are ignored. Tessa has studied in the United States, spent 2 years with aromatherapy pioneer Robert Tisser and & in addition has a background in Psychology. She has worked at clinics in London at The Dorchester Hotel, Selfridges, Harley Street & in Buckinghamshire at Tyringham Naturopathic Clinic & in private practice at a GP's surgery. For further information please contact by either WhatsApp/text, phone or email. Tessa Paget Daniels, New House, Croxton Road. 07802 485708, tessa.osteobell@icloud.com

Fouling by dogs: Is this increasing on our playing fields, pavements, footpaths and gateways? It seems so from the number of residents reporting issues. The parish council provides, and pays for the regular emptying of 2 dog bins – one at the end of The Drift in Barney and one at the crossroads in Fulmodeston. Poo bags, carefully tied up, can also be put in your black bin. So, the message to all dog walkers, resident or visitor, is to PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG. *Mike Marshall*

Church/Chapel Services December 2025/January 2026

Fulmodeston Methodist Chapel

We continue to hold our services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 2.30pm.
We extend a warm welcome to everyone.

December 7th, Rev. Jonny Bell

December 21st, Carol Service led by Rev. Jonny Bell

January 4th, Fellowship Service
with members of the congregation

January 18th, Rev. Jonny Bell

Christ Church, Fulmodeston

News From Christ Church Fulmodeston: We were once again blessed with a dry sunny morning for our Remembrance service held outside the church, a donation has been sent to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz night at Old School Hall, we raised £146 for Christ Church. **Saturday 6th December is the Christmas Craft Fayre** with Old School Hall, with stalls, Live music from local Musician Richard Blake and a Grand jigsaw sale among the events in Christ Church. 10am - 1pm. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas services and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

December Services:

Sunday 7th, 4.00pm: Evening Prayer **Sunday 14th, 11.00am: Holy Communion**

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Sunday 21st, 4.00pm: Carol Service - Carols round the crib

Thursday 25th, 11.00am: Christmas Day Family Holy Communion

January Services:

Sunday 4th, 4.00pm: Evening Prayer

Sunday 11th, 11.00am: Holy Communion

Sunday 18th, Services at Fakenham Church

Sunday 25th, 4.00pm: Evening Prayer

St Mary the Virgin, Barney

Sunday 14th December, 8.30am: Communion

Sunday 21st December, 3.00pm: Carol Service*

Sunday 4thJanuary, 10.30am: Communion

Sunday 11th January, 8.30am: Communion

Fridays 9am: Informal Morning Prayer

St Mary's Church, Barney

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday, 21 December at 3.00 pm

A service of Christmas readings and carols (duration approx. 45 minutes)

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

All most welcome. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very

Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year