

BARNEY, FULMODESTON & CROXTON
NEWSLETTER AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – JUNE/JULY 2025

Please send small items for inclusion in the next bi-monthly issue of the newsletter by 24th JULY 2025 to bfcnewsletter@hotmail.com or contact Susan Vaughan on 01328 878295

The 200 Club April/May winners:

Our last two draws took place at the Old School Hall on Monday 14 April and Monday 12 May. Here are the lucky winners:

April:

£50. H. Yarham	Croxton	£25. S. Haney	Fulmodeston
£10. V. Cornish	Barney	£10. J. Smith	Barney
£10. N C. Longhorn	Barney		

May:

£50. R. Sullivan	Fulmodeston	£25. C. King	Fulmodeston
£10. M. Radley	Barney	£10. V. Gas	Barney
£10. A. Fearn	Fulmodeston		

John Reilly 200 Club Treasurer.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025 (AT OLD SCHOOL HALL NR21 ONX) MONDAYS AT 7PM:
21st JULY, 6th OCTOBER, 1st DECEMBER**

Please note a change of date for the next meeting from Monday 7th July to Monday 21st July.

Thanks are given to Karl Vassallo and Rob Harris, who both resigned as councillors recently, for their contributions over the last two years.

Clive Lickley, Parish Councillor.

**The mobile library will next visit on Friday 13th June & Friday 11th July 2025.
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:

Thursday 19th June. Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. Talk by Simon White on the Gardens of East Anglia. Bar open and refreshments. Talk starts at 7.30pm Free to members, £3 per person to non-members. Payment by Cash only

Saturday 26th July. Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. ANNUAL SHOW. Schedules available from Kerry. Exhibits are to be registered for entry between 11.00am and 12.45pm. Classes 1 to 49 open to members only, classes 50 & 51 open to all - free to members, £2 to non-members. Only 1 entry per class. Classes 52 & 53 open to all children aged 12 and under.. Public access from 3pm and prizes presented at 4pm. There will be refreshments available and a tombola. The committee are looking for Tombola prizes, cakes for refreshments and helpers during the day. If you are able to help, please get in touch. *Kerry Harris* 01328 822583 or email Kerry_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com

Playing Field Association (PFA) News: For those that have been to visit the Barney playing field recently, you will have seen that the new Community Sports Hub is being erected at pace by our builders, JRP Construction Ltd. We are so pleased with the results so far, and hope that the building will be fully completed in time for the end of the summer. We are also pleased to report that we were awarded a grant for the fitting of solar panels and battery to the building, which will give our building the full eco-credentials it deserves. Watch this space for news of the open day next year 2026! Lastly, the play equipment at Fulmodeston needs a clean and paint, so if there are any volunteers in the parish that might be able to spare a few hours to help the PFA, please do get in touch on: 07503 181269. *Liz Joules*

Barney Cricket Club: The cricket season is up and running. With the fantastic weather we've had to start the summer off, we've been in full swing and nothing has appeared to stop us. With no games succumbed to the rain. It has been a completely different story to last year. The PFA Community hub is really taking shape and we're all itching to get into the new home of Barney Cc and Fakenham 3rd and 4ths. Anyone who is yet to see it I would highly recommend venturing up to The Drift to have a look.

Barney Results for May:

Barney 209-3 beat Burwell 207-10 in the 1st round of the National Village Cup

Barney 249-6 beat Terrington 194-9 in Round 1 of the Challenge Cup

Barney beat Barnack (HWO) in the 2nd round of the National Village Cup

Barney 148-3 beat Swaffham 144/8 in the Shield Prem

Barney Fixtures for June:

Eaton Socon vs Barney NVC round 3 25/5

Barney vs Snettisham Shield Prem 25/5

Terrington vs Barney 1/6

Snettisham vs Barney 5/6

Long Sutton vs Barney 8/6

NVC 4th round (regional final) 8/6

Barney vs Mundford 15/6

Barney vs Downham 29/6

Fakenham Results:

4ths 233-3 lost vs Malayalees 235-5

3rds 247-4 beat Swaffham 244-7

Fakenham fixtures for June:

3rds vs Reepham 24/5

4ths vs Denver 31/5

3rds vs Aylsham 7/6

4ths vs Narborough 14/6

3rds vs Beeston 21/6

4ths vs Beeston 28/6

People will be more than welcome to come up and support. *Aaron Riseborough, Barney Cc Captain*

Barney Fixtures for July:

Barney vs Swaffham 20/7

Fakenham Fixtures for July:

4ths vs North Runcton 5/7

3rds vs Great Ellingham 12/7

4ths vs Grimston 19/7

3rds vs Sheringham 26/7

Old School Hall Dates for your Diary:

June:

Friday 6th: Whist Evening. Doors open 7pm. Entry £2. Bar open.

Saturday 7th June: Barney, Croxton & Fulmodeston Yard Sale From 10am. 16 + Yards. Refreshments available at Old School Hall from 10am-12pm. Maps showing all Yard Sale Locations across the three Villages available at Old School Hall and at the Yards. Please contact info@oldschoolhall.com for more details.

Monday 9th: Bingo. Doors open 7pm. Entry £6. Cash Flyer and prizes. Raffle and refreshments. Bar open. Extra flyer £2 raising funds for Brain and Bowel Cancer Charities.

Saturday 21st: ABBA Night 'Mamma Mia The Movie Singalong'. From 7pm with Bring and Share Food (Normal or Greek themed). ABBA Themed Fancy Dress Optional. Bar Open. Free Entry. Donations to Old School Hall.

Saturday 28th: Film & Bar Night. Film 'Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy' (15). Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Bar open. Free entry. Donations to Old School Hall.

July:

Friday 4th: Whist Evening. Doors open 7pm. Entry £2. Bar open.

Monday 14th: Bingo. Doors open 7pm. Entry £6. Cash Flyer and prizes. Raffle and refreshments. Bar open.

Saturday 26th: Film & Bar Night. Film 'Mr Burton' (Cert. 12). Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Bar open. Free entry. Donations to Old School Hall.

Coffee and Chat: Old School Hall 10.30 -12.30. Optional activities, light refreshments. All welcome. **Mondays 16th June and 21st July.** No meeting in August. We will resume on **Monday 15th September.** Further details from Christine or Mike Marshall 0128 878053

Book Group: The book group meetings are held on Mondays at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall. The next two meetings will be on June 23rd and July 28th there will be no meeting in August. If you enjoy reading please do join us - all are welcome. **Gill Lee 01328 878870**

Knits & Quilts Group: Old School Hall, Wednesdays 4th & 18th June and 2nd, 16th & 30th July 2025, 1- 4pm. If interested in joining just turn up to a meeting.

House Group: 10am Wednesday 11th June and 10am Wednesday 16th July 2025. For further details on the venue and discussion topic please contact Jane Heath on heath991@btinternet.com

*** URGENT*ARE YOU ON AN ECONOMY 7 OR 10 ELECTRICITY METER?** Time is running down to 30th June when these meters will not be able to switch between day and night time rates. They are usually labelled RTS meters. This means you could be charged for all your electricity at the day time higher rates, raising your bills. You will need to check with your electricity supplier asap what this means for you. You will probably need a Smetz 2 smart meter installed by them, which can be set to switch between rates. The switching uses mobile phone signals to transfer your electricity reading to your energy supplier. Poor Mobile Reception? Your energy supplier is obliged to leave you with a functioning metering solution. Please, if you think you may be affected, do not delay. Ring your energy supplier and find out what may need to be done to keep you on dual rates. More Information: from your energy supplier, the Energy Savings Trust, Age UK or Citizens Advice bureau. Also beware scammers. Only work through your energy company.
Christine Marshall

Thinking of Solar Panels? NNDC has negotiated a £500 per household discount on solar panel/battery installations which are undertaken by a trusted partner company called MakeMyHouseGreen. If panels/battery are suitable for your property, then solar panels can reduce energy bills, reduce CO2 emissions and can mostly cover their installation costs in 6 – 8years. They can last in excess of 25 years, and offer a good payback. More Information from <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/projects/climate-emergency/solar-panels-your-guide-to-going-green/> To find out if your property is suitable, use the solar calculator to assess if solar is right for your household. This can be found at www.makemyhousegreen.com/north-norfolk Tel: 0204587 Text: 07488 893793 if you do not have a computer. How does it work? 1. Register online. 2. Get a tailored design. 3. Finalise your system. 4. You decide (yes or no). 5. Installation (or no further action). Note: NNDC always recommends 3 quotations are sought for comparisons. Information supplied and replicated in brief in good faith. Scheme brought to the attention of the PC by District Cllr Hankins. *Christine Marshall*

Fakenham Choral Society: East Anglia-based soprano Rosamund Walton will take centre stage as the soloist in Will Todd's vibrant and jazz-infused 'Mass in Blue' at Fakenham Choral Society's 2025 summer concert on Saturday 21 June. 'Mass in Blue' is a dynamic setting of the Latin mass which blends classical choral singing with the vibrant rhythms and harmonies of jazz. A jazz trio together with piano, a solo soprano voice and a strong choral line weave together to give an energetic and uplifting musical experience. In contrast, the choir will also perform sacred music from earlier eras, including works by Bach, Fauré, and Brahms, showcasing Europe's rich choral heritage. The concert will be in Fakenham

Parish Church at 7pm on Saturday 21 June. Tickets are available on the FCS website
www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/about_us Shirley Collier, Publicity, Fakenham Choral Society

Roy Elvin: Sadly Roy Elvin a long - term resident of Fulmodeston passed away on Sunday 11th May. *Kim Elvin*

A eulogy for Maurice Gent: Maurice was born in Fulmodeston in 1934 to Alice & John Gent. Maurice's first memory was going to meet his father, with his mother and riding home on one of his grandfather's cart horses along New Rd to Street Farm. Sadly, Maurices father died when he was 7 so his mum brought him up alone. Maurice continued living in the village for 20 years, attending the local school. He started work on the land and learnt to drive a tractor at an early age. He later worked in various factories and a brick plant. He enjoyed cricket, football, and racing. When single he would go to support Norwich City at the Stadium with his mum. In his 20's he went to watch cricket at various locations. From 20 – 27 he lived in West Raynham; then moved to Swaffham then briefly Kendal, before returning to Swaffham and a final move to Thetford in 1981. Maurice met his wife Sheila in Gt Yarmouth and went on to have 2 children John & Celia and enjoyed family holidays, days at the seaside and trips to the Royal Norfolk Show. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. *John Gent via Canler & Son Funeral Services*

Church/Chapel Services in June/July 2025

Fulmodeston Methodist Chapel

All very welcome at our services which are held at 2.30pm.

June 1st, Rev. Jonny Bell
July 6th, Rev Jonny Bell

June 15th, Members of the Congregation
July 20th, Mrs Avril Temple

Christchurch, Fulmodeston

June 1st, 6pm: Evening Prayer

June 8th, 11am: Pentecost – Holy Communion

June 15th: Services at Fakenham Parish Church

June 22nd, 6pm: Evening Prayer

June 29th: To Be Confirmed

July 6th 6pm: Evening Prayer

July 13th, 11am: Holy Communion

July 20th: Services at Fakenham Parish Church

July 27th, 6pm: Evening Prayer

Sadly, this year The Purcell School Young Musicians Outreach Group will not be visiting; we'd like to thank Alison, Martin and all the talented musicians who have visited for filling Christ Church with wonderful music over the years.

Advance notice: Coffee at the Crossroads returns on Saturday August 3rd, 10am - 1pm: Tombola, Home Bake Stall, Refreshments, Books and Jigsaw Puzzle & Games for Sale. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Mary the Virgin, Barney

June 8th, 8.30am: Communion

July 13th, 8.30am: Communion

July 20th, 10.30am: Communion

Fridays 9am: Informal Morning Prayer