

BARNEY, FULMODESTON & CROXTON NEWSLETTER

AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: September 2026

Welcome to the September edition of your community Newsletter.
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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The next Parish Council meeting is on 20th October at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston at 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The draft minutes from the 4th August meeting are on display on our notice boards and on the web site - <https://www.fulmodestonwithbarney-pc.gov.uk/>
There remains **one vacancy** on the Council which can be filled by co-option. **If you would like to join the Council**, please contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@fulmodestonwithbarney-pc.gov.uk) or any of the Councillors.

We were very pleased to be invited by the Barney and Fulmodeston Playing Fields Association (PFA) to the opening of Barney Community Hub, The Drift, which we have partially funded from our Community Projects Programme in the hope of providing the public with an attractive facility for events whether that be social, sporting, or otherwise. Please support the PFA and use this facility.

The local footpath signage improvements are well underway so no excuse for getting lost! A list of parish rights of way is available by email from Mike Marshall - mike.marshall41@btinternet.com

PFA – Grand Opening of the Community Hub

Aaron Riseborough, Chairman of the PFA, also Captain of Barney and Fulmodeston Cricket Club who has lived between Fulmodeston and Barney for the majority of his life thanked everyone who attended the opening of the Barney Community Sports Hub. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by everyone, with superb weather and a great atmosphere. Thanks to *Fire and Fork* and *Paul & his Ice Cream Bike* for keeping everyone fed during the day.



Part of Aaron's speech:



"One of the things I find most satisfying about this project is knowing that we are leaving behind a legacy for future generations, much like the past members of our community left their legacy in the previous building. Some of those people who helped make that possible have kindly joined us here today, and I think it's important that we recognise and thank them for what they left behind for us."

Today marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in Barney, and we are delighted to celebrate the grand opening of the new Barney Community Sports Hub with all of you.

This moment would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and support of so many people, many of whom are here today. To our team, past and present, thank you for your commitment and for believing in the vision that brought us here; to our families, friends, partners and supporters, thank you for standing beside us throughout the journey.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank the grant bodies who awarded us funding, Barney, Croxton and Fulmodeston Parish Council for their contributions, our building suppliers, and all of the local businesses who have supported us with generous donations.

And perhaps most importantly, I want to thank the members of the general public who had no prior ties to our community but still stepped forward and offered their time, skills and support to help us get this project over the line.

That generosity says a huge amount about the spirit of the people involved and the community we are so lucky to be part of.

A grand opening is about more than simply opening our doors: it is about opening the door to new opportunities, new friendships and new experiences. We hope this building becomes somewhere people feel welcome, somewhere that brings people together, and somewhere that the whole community can use and enjoy to its full potential, whether it's through sport, social events, community activities, or simply somewhere for people to meet and spend time together, I hope this building becomes a real part of everyday life in Barney for many years to come. We are incredibly excited about what the future holds, and we look forward to sharing it with all of you."

Community Hub Saturday Drop In: 10am – midday, 2nd Saturday of each month

A new venture is planned for the newly opened Community Hub on the Drift in Barney.

A drop-in Coffee morning is planned for the 2nd Saturday of each month, starting **10th October** from 10am – midday. Come along for as short or as long as you can make. Come and enjoy conversation and local news with fresh coffee, tea and a wide selection of homemade cakes: Payment by cash donation.

Anyone who would like to volunteer help or home-made cakes, please get in touch with Kerry – tel: 01328 822583 or email kerryvaudin@yahoo.co.uk

Old School Hall Update - Dates for your Diary

Friday 4th: Whist evening. Doors open 7pm. Entry £2. Bar open. A friendly evening, new players always welcome.

Friday 11th: IT'S BACK! Music Quiz Night with Bring & Share Supper. Doors open 7 pm. Quiz starts at 7.30 pm. Teams of up to six. £2 per person. Raffle. Bar open. Contact Neceda or James to book a table - 01328 822421 or info@oldschoolhall.com

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

Saturday 27th: Film Night - 'LADIES FIRST' - '15'. A male chauvinist is transported to a matriarchal society, facing challenges from a formidable version of himself. Starring Rosamund Pike and Sacha Baron Cohen.

Stall Holders Wanted: Old School Hall and Christ Church Fulmodeston Christmas Craft Fayre & Coffee Morning, **Saturday 5th December** 10am - 1pm. If you are interested in having a table, contact info@oldschoolhall.com. Tables are £5 and available in the village hall or church

The 200 Club August winners:

The Old School Hall Committee extends sincere gratitude to the 200 Club, as well as to every member of the community whose generous support contributes to raising vital funds..

The August 200 Club draw took place at the Friendship Group session at the Old School Hall on Thursday 6 August. The lucky winners were:

£50 Fred Riseborough - Swanton Novers
£10 Christine Blackman - Barney
£10 Rob Harris - Barney

£25 Kay Browell - East Rudham
£10 Jennifer Blowers - Weasenham

The Club is currently at 100% membership but, if anyone would like to go on our waiting list, please ring me on 07948 344446. **John Reilly 200 Club Treasurer**

Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club: The Food Production Club has no events in August or September. The next event is a Talk by Simon Harrap of Natural Surroundings on 8th October. **Kerry Harris**

Book Group: Meets at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston, at 7.00 pm in the OSH
Our next meeting will be on **Monday 28th September**. Please contact me on 07956224265 if you are interested in joining us. We would make you very welcome. **Gill Lee**

Coffee and Chat: Meets at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston, Mondays 10.30am – 12.30pm
Next dates – **Monday September 21st** and October 19th. Drop in for as long or short as you have time. All welcome.

Helpful volunteers always needed: If you have time to help out during the afternoon, can bake or would like to make some soup, you would be very welcome We are also always looking for volunteers to share their hobby or interest with our group.
Please contact **Christine or Mike Marshall** on 01328 878053 if you would like more information.

Friendship Group: Meets at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston, Thursdays 2pm – 4pm
Our next meeting is on **Thursday 3rd September**. New members always welcome.
Please contact **Jackie Barnes** 01328 878400 for any other details.

House Group: 10am on **Wednesday 16th September**. For further information including the discussion topic and venue please contact **Jane Heath** on heath991@btinternet.com

Knits & Natter Group: Meets at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston 1- 4pm.
Next dates - **Wednesdays 2nd and 16th September** We are a friendly group so come and join us, the more the merrier. If you cannot knit we will teach you. We have one lady quilter or come and crochet and chat!!

Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride and Walk:

This year's event is taking place on **Saturday 12th September** and as always is a good chance to visit places of worship as well as raising money for your local church. In addition to cycling or walking, participants may use any other form of transport including cars, wheelchairs, horses and motorcycles. If you would like to take part on behalf of St Mary's Church, Barney, or simply find out more about the "Ride and Walk", please call me on 07880 893066. When giving a donation to a person taking part for St Mary's Church, Barney, cash is the preferred method of payment. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to "Barney PCC". **Paul Mann**

MOBILE LIBRARY - The mobile library will visit on Friday 4th September Croxtan (Farm) 10.50 -11.00am; Barney (The Old Bell) 11.05 -11.20am; Barney (Brambledown) 11.25 -11.35am

Fulmodeston Residents- Fuel Allotment charity yearly collection details.

Payout will be 14/11/2026 at the Old School Hall between 12.00 midday and 1.30pm

Any resident who collected monies last year doesn't need to do anything prior to the date.

Any resident who wishes to be included in this year's allocation and has not previously claimed or who did not collect last year; please register your interest by contacting afearns@live.co.uk before **October 30th, 2026**. To be eligible you must have been permanently resident in the Parish since 1/11/2025 and still be living here on 30th October 2026.
Only 1 claim per household, (second homes do not qualify).

The monies allocated come from rental income into the charity from land owned locally, it's not means tested, you just need to satisfy the residency requirements.

If you cannot collect your money, you may nominate someone to do it for you, they will need to provide your written authority on the day.

Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme

The Parish Council can apply for 50% funding for Highways Improvements for 2027 in the Parish. Is there a Highways improvement that you think would benefit the Parish – the Parish Council will need to find 50% of the funding but NCC will provide the other 50% if they agree with the scheme. Please send any thoughts to the Clerk before the end of September so that they may be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 20th October – clerk@fulmodestonwithbarney-pc.gov.uk

Fakenham Choral Society will be starting rehearsals on 8th September for our Christmas concert. If you enjoy singing and would like to join us do get in touch at <https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/join-us> particularly if you're a tenor or bass.

– **Shirley Collyer**

UK Landline Switch-Off – What Residents Should Know

The UK's old copper landline network (PSTN) is being switched off by January 2027 and replaced with digital phone services. For many households the change will be straightforward, but older residents and those using telecare devices, pendant alarms or older home phones may need to take additional steps to ensure everything continues working correctly. The full resident guide is available here: <https://www.phonely.co.uk/uk-digital-landline-switchover>

Church/Chapel Services September 2026

Fulmodeston Methodist Chapel – 2.30pm

All are very welcome to our services

September 6th Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Mrs. Avril Temple

September 20th Rev. Derek Grimshaw.

Christ Church, Fulmodeston

Sunday 6th 4pm – Pet Service - Bring along your pets to be blessed at our annual pet service

Sunday 13th 11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 20th 10am Parish Communion at Fakenham

Sunday 27th 6pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

St Mary the Virgin, Barney

September 20th 9.45am Communion

Fridays 9am Informal Morning Prayer