

BARNEY, FULMODESTON & CROXTON NEWSLETTER

AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: October 2026

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

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 20th October at the OSH at 7.00pm**. All residents are welcome to attend. The draft minutes from the 4th August meeting are on display in our notice boards and on the web site www.fulmodestonwithbarney-pc.gov.uk. We welcome our new Clerk, **Jane Phelps**, to the Parish Council and look forward to working with her.

Following the heavy rainstorms several weeks ago and subsequent flooding in various parts of the parish, a request was submitted to Norfolk County Council Highways Department to clear the road gullies which have become blocked over time. An acknowledgement was received - we await some positive action but will follow up in due course

Public Rights of Way in this parish:

The parish council has undertaken a survey of all rights of way and is replacing signs where necessary. The replacement signs have been provided by the Norfolk County Council Rights of Way officer. We will include details of a local footpath route in the next few newsletters:

Footpath 3 from the Hindolveston Road to the parish boundary with Swanton Novers - a field footpath that includes a view of the tree houses and the restored River Stiffkey. This path joins the track adjacent to the National Nature Reserve in Swanton Novers. **Restricted Byway 10** from Little Barney Lane to Swanton Novers – can make a circuit, via Swanton Church to join Footpath 3. **Footpath 6** The Street, Barney to Little Barney Lane. Completes the circuit above, with some road walking.

You may wish to have an OS Explorer 251 with you when using these paths.

The full list is available on the Parish Council website.

Please contact me if you have any queries: **Mike Marshall** mike.marshall41@btinternet.com

Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride and Walk: 12th September

Leaving Barney at 10.25am. Tom, Edith, Isobel, Tristram Marsham and myself cycled downhill to Fulmodeston where we signed in at the Methodist Chapel at 10.30am, 10.25am at Christchurch, 10.40 at the ruins of St John The Baptist and at 10.55am we signed in at All Saints Church, Kettlestone, where a Craft Fair was being held.

During the rest of the day, we visited churches in Little Snoring, Great Snoring, Little Walsingham, Great Walsingham, Hindringham and Thursford before signing in at St. Mary's, Barney at 2.30pm. Most of the day there was bright autumn sunshine to light up the magnificent scenery, although there were two brief rain showers which we encountered.

A big thank you to Tom, Edith, Isobel and Tristram for making the day so enjoyable and also to Josephine Marston and Gill Jarrett who did a splendid job of greeting and signing in cyclists and serving refreshments at Barney church.

So far over £530 has been raised in sponsorship money, half of which will go to St. Mary's Barney and half to the Norfolk Churches Trust. The final amount will be in a future newsletter. **Paul Mann**

Barney and Fulmodeston Community Hub – The Next Chapter

The 22nd September PFA meeting marked an exciting new chapter for the Hub. Sincere thanks went to **Aaron Riseborough** for completing the build and for his speech at the Opening. Aaron steps down as Chair but stays on the committee, alongside warm thanks to **Vicky** as she steps down as Secretary. **Ed Olphin (Barney resident) was elected Chairman** for the post-build phase. Fit-out furniture arrives shortly for Saturday Coffee and Cake meet-ups and other events

On **5th October**, the committee meets to plan **Social & Wellbeing, Active Recreation, and Arts & Commercial programmes**, dovetailing with Fulmodeston School Hall. We will also ratify our **Good Neighbour and Licensing policy**, agree advance event communications, and **adopt technology to cut admin and simplify bookings** for villagers.

Community Hub, The Drift, Barney Saturday Drop In: 2nd Saturday each month **Saturday 10th October - 10am–midday,**



Our first drop-in takes place on Saturday 10th October – come along for a short or a longer time to catch up with friends and neighbours old and new or just come and check out our fantastic new building.

There will be tea and coffee and a selection of home-made cakes to try – we hope to cater for all tastes.

Payment is by cash donation. All profits will go towards the funding of the Community Hub.

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

Monday 12th: Bingo. Doors open 7pm. Entry £10. Cash Flyer & prizes. Raffle, refreshments. Bar open

Friday 16th: Bar Night with Scrabble & Bananagrams - Love to play Scrabble or Bananagrams? Come and have a game or the bar is open to just pop in for a drink. £1 to play, Doors open 7pm.

Saturday 31st: Film Night - 'DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2' - '12A'. Starring Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt and Stanley Tucci.

'The Celebrity Traitors Final' on the Big Screen - Look out for the date on our Facebook Page or outside Old School Hall.

The 200 Club September winners:

The September 200 Club draw took place at the Bingo session at the Old School Hall on Monday 14th September. Thank you to everyone who supports the 200 Club. After the prizes have been awarded, **all** of the income generated from your contributions is donated to the Old School Hall.

John Reilly, Treasurer

£50	Karl Vassallo	Fulmodeston
£10	Ann Jamison	Croxton
£10	Barry Moys	Barney

£25	Perry Dean	Fulmodeston
£10	Rita Brown	Fakenham

BFCC Cricket Club – Season Update

A very stop-start year - a couple of teams pulling out of our league, left us with a shortage of Sunday cricket at The Drift. It was great to get into our new home at the Community Sports Hub, and we've had some very positive feedback about the new building and facilities. Results were very mixed, with two cracking home games where over 600 runs were scored in each! We finished the league season in 3rd place, so we'll be looking to improve on that next year.

We finished as beaten semi-finalists in both the Sunday League Cup and the Hunts County T20. However, **we won** Fakenham's Fisher Cup T20 competition, a fantastic achievement for the club.



Finally, onto our **Big Bash** - another hugely successful event and a great time was had by all who attended. Rutland All Stars ran out as the eventual winners, beating JRP Renegades in what turned out to be the final. Man of the Match Colin Rutland chose **Cancer Research** as his charity, with the £180 in match fees being donated to the cause. The event is now in its fifth year and seems to be getting more popular as the years go on. So keep your eyes peeled for the next one and come and join us for a burger, a drink, or simply to enjoy the day and support the club. As a club, it's something we're very proud to say: we have raised well over £2,500 for our chosen charities. **Aaron Riseborough, BFCC Captain**

Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club: Thursday 8th October, 7pm, Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. Talk by **Simon Harrap** from Natural Surroundings: **Wild Flowers in the Garden - friend or foe**. Doors open 7pm, Talk from 7.30pm. Tea & Coffee available and the Bar will be open. Free to members, £3 Guests **Cash only Kerry Harris**

Book Group: The book group will meet on **Monday 26th October** at 7.00 pm in the OSH when we will discuss Foster by Clair Keegan

We are very keen to welcome new folk, we are a friendly and diverse group who enjoy reading and chatting about the book we've read that month and the bar is always open !!

If you would like to join us please contact me via email gillandrewlee@btinternet.com or 07956224265 or just come along. We hope to see you there **Gill Lee**

Coffee and Chat: meet at the Old School Hall Fulmodeston from 10.30am onwards. All welcome

Information from **Mike or Christine Marshall** 01328 878053

It was good to catch up with our regular attendees after the long hot summer and lovely to welcome a new volunteer helper to the group. Once again, our County Cllr, Victoria Holiday joined us and spent time chatting with each person about the current public service areas she is investigating such as buses, recycling etc. We are grateful to her for taking a continued interest in the views of Coffee and Chat members and being willing to assist with issues where she can.

Monday 19th October - Bring a craft, hobby, activity, book or item that interests you that you would enjoy sharing with the group. We will also have a raffle so you may wish to bring a small item as a prize and some change for a ticket.

Monday 16th November - Looking ahead. Andy has kindly agreed to come and lead us, once again, in an African drumming session.

Friendship Group: Meets at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston, Thursdays 2pm – 4pm
Our next meeting is on **Thursday 1st October**. New members always welcome.
Please contact **Jackie Barnes** 01328 878400 for any other details.

House Group: 10am on **Wednesday 14th October**. For further details including 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 7th and 21st October**. 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 County Council Mobile Library Service We are so fortunate they have the mobile library come through the villages once a month. Not only are they a lifeline for residents without cars but they are there to serve everyone. They have a great children's section, a variety of fiction and non-fiction books (including local history) in many formats, as well as health books and leaflets and much more information and help. You can order books or anything else like CD's and DVDs through the inter library loan scheme, for a small fee.
And you can meet up with others for a short while and swap ideas on new books to read and catch up

MOBILE LIBRARY - The mobile library will visit on **Fridays 2nd & 30th October**
Croxtan (Farm) 10.50 -11.00am; Barney (The Old Bell) 11.05 -11.20am; Barney
(Brambledown) 11.25 -11.35am

Mobile libraries are a very green way to get information and pleasure from reading and listening. So whether you like crafts, history, who-dunnits, science fiction or anything else, why not join up to the library service next time and grab some books for the dark nights ahead. They do say "Use it or Lose it". Let's not lose it!

IF YOU ARE HOUSEBOUND please remember it is possible to ask NCC for books to be delivered to you, through a special service called the **Home, residential and sheltered library service**. Contact NCC on 0344 800 8020 to ask to be added to the local delivery route.
Christine Marshall

Norfolk County Council Public Transport Survey

Norfolk County Council: Public Transport Survey – County Councillor for our area, Victoria Holliday, is conducting a survey to see if the limited public transport in this area can be improved for the benefit of residents. The survey form asks for (1). where you live; (2). where you want to get to by bus; (3). reason for travel. Responses can be sent to Victoria at victoria.holliday.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

Church/Chapel Services October 2026

Fulmodeston Methodist Chapel – 2.30pm All are very welcome to our services

October 5th Fellowship Service with members of congregation.
October 19th Rev Derek Grimshaw.

Christ Church, Fulmodeston Thank you to everyone who joined the August 'Coffee at the Crossroads', your generosity helped us raise over £500 for Christ Church.

Sunday 4th 6pm Harvest Service - A service of Thanks for all those who work so hard in the local farming community

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

Sunday 18th 10am Parish Communion at Fakenham

Sunday 25th 4pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

St Mary the Virgin, Barney

Sunday 4th 10.30am Communion

Sunday 18th 8.30am Communion

Every Friday 9.00am Informal Morning Prayer