

BARNEY, FULMODESTON & CROXTON NEWSLETTER AND DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY: August 2026

At the request of the Parish Council and for the convenience of the community from now on the newsletter will be published monthly. I will be stepping down as Editor and Kerry Harris has kindly agreed to edit the newspaper after this edition.

Please send small items for inclusion in the September issue of the newsletter by 24th August 2026 to Kerry via bfcnewsletter@hotmail.com

The 200 Club June & July winners:

The June and July draws took place at the Bingo sessions at the Old School Hall on Monday 8th June and Monday 13th July. The lucky winners were:

June:

£50. T. Thurlow	Fakenham	£25. J. Smith	West Runton
£10. W. Runciman	Croxtan	£10. D. Cooke	Fulmodeston
£10. G. Avery	Barney		

July:

£50. M. Ives	Barney	£25. F. Schofield	Barney
£10. S. Vaughan	Barney	£10. C. Heath	Fulmodeston
£10. E. Snell	Fulmodeston		

In July the Trustees of the 200 Club sent a cheque for **£1,200** to the Old School Hall Committee. 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.*

OUR PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 4th August** at the OSH at 7.00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. We issued a public notice in June following residents' concerns on various issues which we set out below:

Public Notice

Recent concerns raised by local residents include:

1. Parking on pavements, thus obstructing pedestrians, including those with wheelchairs/pushchairs/prams or with difficulty walking. It is a very realistic safety issue. Parking on pavements could be subject to a substantial fine. The Highway Code suggests that 'drivers must not park partially or wholly on pedestrian pavements'.
2. Speeding: this is a recurring issue and is the most reported concern in the parish. This is also a realistic safety issue. The speed limit in the built-up areas of the parish is 30mph. Norfolk Police have been asked to provide occasional speed monitoring.
3. Fouling by dogs: this is a constant problem in the parish, but particularly on the playing fields and footpaths. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG. There are 2 dog bins provided, one in Fulmodeston and one in Barney. Dog faeces are a health hazard to other dogs, farm livestock and people. June 2026
Plans are afoot to improve waymarking signs and posts on the various public and permissive footpaths serving the villages.

Finally, our usual appeal for a resident to be co-opted on to the Parish Council to fill the remaining vacant position. Please contact the Clerk if interested. *Clive Lickley, Vice Chairman, Parish Council.*

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will visit on Friday 7th August and (advance notice) Friday 4th September 2026.
Croxtan (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: The Food Production Club has no events in August or September. The next event is 8th October. *Kerry Harris*

Barney & Fulmodeston Playing Fields Association: Grand Opening of the new Barney Community Hub, The Drift, Barney NR21 0ND. Sunday 23rd August 1.00pm onwards. All welcome. Details to follow. *Steph Lickley*

Old School Hall Update: The Old School Hall committee extends their sincere gratitude to the 200 Club, as well as to every member of the community whose generous support has contributed to raising vital funds for Old School Hall. Their ongoing commitment plays a crucial role in ensuring the continued success and upkeep of this valued community space.

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 at our Christ Craft Fayre this year please contact info@oldschoolhall.com. Tables are £5 and available in the village hall or church.

Dates for your Diary:

August:

Saturday 22nd: Film Show - 'THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE' - 'U'. Enid Blyton's classic story of a family who relocate to the countryside where the children discover a magical tree with eccentric residents. **Starring Andrew Garfield and Claire Foy.** Doors open 5.30pm. Film starts 6pm. Refreshments available. Donations on the afternoon.

September (advance notice):

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

Friendship Group: Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. Our next meetings are on **Thursday 6th August** and **Thursday 3rd September** (advance notice) from 2pm - 4pm. New members always welcome. Please contact Jackie Barnes 01328 878400 for any other details.

Coffee and Chat: Coffee and Chat will take a break in August, resuming on **Monday 21st September (advance notice) 10.30 to 12.30** in the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. All welcome. **Could you Help?** We are always looking for community members who have a particular craft, hobby or area of interest they might like to demonstrate or perhaps even run a short session on, for the Coffee and Chat group. Similarly, if you enjoy baking, or soup making or just like helping out in the kitchen with serving refreshments etc, your help on an occasional or regular monthly basis would be welcomed. Occasionally we also have need of a driver to help someone from the villages get to the group, who otherwise might not be able to come. Please contact Christine Marshall on 01328 878053 if you would like to know about who we are and what we do.

Knits & Quilts Group: Old School Hall, **Wednesdays 5th & 19th August** 1- 4pm. Come and join us as we need more people to cover the cost of the hall. Just come for a natter!!

Book Group: There is no book group in August. Gill Lee 01328 878870

House Group: 10am on **Wednesday 12th August**. For further information including the discussion topic and venue please contact Jane Heath on heath991@btinternet.com

The Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride and Walk (advance notice): This year's event will take 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 07880893066. 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*

Rogue Parking: I've been parking my large red Peugeot Y138 MHL with 2 wheels on the pavement for some time, there isn't room for some large tractors and harvesters to get past otherwise (the dent was made by a squeezed combine harvester). I've received complaints via the PC and a visit from WPC Jessica who said I should allow a pushchairs' width between my car and the wall/hedge. I stopped parking on the pavement in late June after getting more complaints; approximately 2 days later a very large brand-new tractor pulling a hay turner got stuck. The driver politely asked me to move a large white van which wasn't mine (I couldn't). He managed to extricate himself eventually and I made an abject apology. If I park on the pavement pedestrians are inconvenienced, if on the road farm machinery drivers are ditto. Josephine Marston, Church Cottage, Barney. Tel: 01328 87855

Fakenham Area: Are you a Veteran? The Veterans Voice project aims to help veterans and their family members find how to access veteran organisations and support groups, identify opportunities for social interaction with other veterans and provide information about support resources. Come along for a FREE drink, cake, chat and a spot of banter or to ask questions about veteran support. First Thursday each month at Fakenham Library, Oak Street, Fakenham NR21 9DY. 10.30-12.30. Next date: Thursday 6th August.

Church/Chapel Services August 2026

Fulmodeston Methodist Chapel

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

August 2nd: Mrs Beryl Flood

August 16th: Members of the Congregation

September 6th (advance notice): Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Mrs Avril Temple.

Christ Church, Fulmodeston

On **Saturday August 8th** we'll be holding our traditional 'Coffee at the Crossroads' in the churchyard from 10.00am until at least 1.00pm. Come and enjoy the range of stalls, including the home-baking and produce, tombola, and a cup of tea or coffee on the house – and our good old-fashioned community spirit. This is a great social occasion and puts the church truly at the heart of village life, whatever the weather: and golly haven't we had some of that this summer. We'll be so pleased to see you.

August Services:

Sunday 2nd 6pm: Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) Sunday 9th 11am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 16th 10am: Parish Communion at Fakenham

Sunday 23rd 6pm: Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 30th 10am Parish Communion at Fakenham

September (advance notice):

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

St Mary the Virgin, Barney

August 2nd 10.30am: Communion

August 16th 8.30am: Communion

Fridays 9am: Informal Morning Prayer