

**BARNEY, FULMODESTON & CROXTON**  
**NEWSLETTER AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – APRIL/MAY 2025**

Please send small items for inclusion in the next bi-monthly issue of the newsletter by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to [bfcnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:bfcnewsletter@hotmail.com) or contact Susan Vaughan on 01328 878295

**The 200 Club February/March winners:**

Our last two draws took place at the Old School Hall on Monday 10 February and Monday 10 March. Here are the lucky winners:

**February:**

£50. C. Neal	Barney	£25. N. Cornish	Barney
£10. S. Banham	Barney	£10. C. Wood	Field Dalling
£10. N. Rabone	Fakenham		

**March:**

£50. R. Riseborough	Swanton Novers	£25. S. Copsey	Fulmodeston
£10. O. Turrell	Fulmodeston	£10. M. Wright	Fulmodeston
£10. D. Crouchley	Barney		

*John Reilly 200 Club Treasurer.*

**OUR PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025 (AT OLD SCHOOL HALL NR21 ONX) MONDAYS AT 7PM:**

**7<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 6<sup>th</sup> MAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JULY, 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**

At the Parish Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, both David Webb and Andrew Lee resigned from the Parish Council. They had served as Chairmen and members for a number of years, working extremely hard on behalf of the local community and making highly significant contributions. As a result, there are two vacancies on the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option. Anyone interested in these positions should contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Old School Hall on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 commencing at 7.00 p.m. To aid proceedings, it would be appreciated if any Clubs, groups or organisations planning to give reports could advise the Parish Clerk in advance. Following the Annual Parish Meeting, a meeting of the Parish Council, which members of the public are invited to attend, will be held.

*Kevin Webb, Clerk to the Parish Council, [fulmodestonpc@outlook.com](mailto:fulmodestonpc@outlook.com)*

**The mobile library will next visit on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025. There are no visits during April.  
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:**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-11.30am at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. ANNUAL PLANT SALE.** All payments are **cash only**.

This is our annual fundraiser and is how we are able to keep the cost of membership so low.

Please bring plants to be sold to the Old School Hall between 9am and 9.50 on the morning of the Sale, or leave with Kerry during the week before. Refreshments will be available and if you can donate a cake, please let me know.

**Thursday 22nd May, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. Talk on English Peonies by Sarah Hammond.**

The bar will be open and teas and coffees will be available - also home-made cake. Free to members, £3 per person to non-members. All payments to the Club are **cash only**.

Kerry Harris 01328 822583 or email [Kerry\\_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com](mailto:Kerry_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com)

### **Old School Hall Dates for your Diary:**

#### **April:**

**Whist Night: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.** Doors open 7pm. Entry £2. Bar open.

**Bingo: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April.** Doors open 7pm. Entry £6. Cash Flyer and prizes. Raffle and refreshments. Bar open.

**Good Friday Coffee Morning with Hot Cross Buns: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10am - 12pm.** Free entry. Tombola.

**Family Film afternoon: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm.** Film: 'Paddington in Peru'. Free entry. Donations to Old School Hall.

**Film & Bar Night: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April.** Film: BAFTA Best Film 2025 'Conclave' Starring Ralph Fiennes and Stanley Tucci. Cert. 12A. Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Bar open. Free entry. Donations to Old School Hall.

#### **May:**

**Whist Night: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.** Doors open 7pm. Entry £2. Bar open.

**VE Day Celebrations Cream Tea: Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.** 2pm - 4pm. Free Entry. Donations to Old School Hall.

**Quiz Night: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.** Entry £5. Tables of up to 6. Bring and Share Supper. Bar Open.

**Bingo: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.** Doors open 7pm. Entry £6. Cash Flyer and prizes. Raffle and refreshments. Bar open.

**Film & Bar Night: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May.** Film: 'COPA 71' Told by the Pioneering Women who participated in the 1971 Women's Football World Cup. Cert. PG. Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Bar open. Free entry. Donations to Old School Hall.

#### **Advance notice:**

**Barney, Croxton & Fulmodeston Yard Sale: Saturday 7th June.** 10am-12pm. We're now taking Yard bookings for this event. We'll supply a map showing all Yard Sale Locations across the three Villages. Please contact [info@oldschoolhall.com](mailto:info@oldschoolhall.com) or ring 01328 822421 to book. £5 per house yard entry. Afterwards BBQ and Bar from 12.30pm-2.30pm at the Old School Hall. All Welcome.

**Coffee and Chat:** The last Coffee and Chat in its current 'soup lunch' format will take place on **Monday 14th April** in the OSH from 10.30 until 12.30. From May we revert to coffee and cake format. Looking ahead to the warmer months, we will be holding Coffee Mornings on: **Mondays 19th May, 16th June and 21st July** between 10.30 and 12.30. Free activities but donations invited for refreshments. All welcome. On 19th May you may like to bring along a favourite poem or picture on a Spring theme. More information from **Christine and Mike Marshall 01328 878053**

**Book Group:** The book group will meet in the OSH at 7.00pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please do join us if you enjoy reading. **Gill Lee 01328 878870**

**Knits & Quilts Group:** Old School Hall, Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025, 1- 4pm. If interested in joining just turn up to a meeting.

**House Group:** 10am Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April and 10am Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. For further information including where we are meeting and discussion topics, please contact Jane Heath on [heath991@btinternet.com](mailto:heath991@btinternet.com)

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### **There's a story and history behind them all**

There's a story and history behind them all,  
The things we use, both large and small,  
They're children of method and of invention,  
And a creative mind that achieved its intention.

When your car breaks down, the towing rope,  
When you wash your hands, the bar of soap,  
The safety harness that prevents your fall,  
The layer of cement that bonds bricks in the wall.

The hand held magnet that picks up metal,  
The element that's active when you boil the kettle,  
The magnifying glass for close inspection,  
The medical thermometer that confirms your infection.

Your electrical wiring that carries the power,  
The clock on the wall which tells you the hour,  
A fuse which blows to warn of a fault,  
The sodium chloride which we call salt

They are all around us, both night and day,  
The things we use, in work and play,  
Whether we admire them or take them for granted,  
They're the flowering results of ideas once planted.

**Paul Mann, March 2025**

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**Speeding Motorists in the Parish:** Spring is slowing arriving and with the evening light pulling out, people are spending more time outside in the community, going for walks, maybe with the dog, cycling, exercising and just enjoying the fresh air. But has anyone else noticed the increase in vehicles speeding through the villages in recent weeks or is it just me? I am presently responsible for the movements of the S.A.M. speed camera in Fulmodeston which is moved every 3-4 weeks across the 4 pre-approved sites in the village, with a second S.A.M. camera also positioned in Barney being regularly moved too. At present the Fulmodeston camera sits on Croxton Road very close to my home and every day, on multiple occasions I can see it flashing warnings of 34/35mph and more! Some of these are vehicles passing through our villages, commuting, delivering etc, some are drivers who are residents in our villages. I even spotted a driving instructor this week going through and setting the camera off at 34mph, some example for their students! Slow you down Buh? This issue has been raised several times at the Parish Council meetings, we are presently exploring options for additional signage to try and ask drivers to slow down and respect the speed limits. I have also attempted to re-establish the Community Speed Watch across the Parish but unfortunately, we could not quite reach the minimum numbers required. Maybe this is worth another attempt, would you be interested in helping out? Or do you have any other comments or experience of speeding vehicles going through our villages? If so, please do get in touch via email [karlvassallo.fulmodestonpc@outlook.com](mailto:karlvassallo.fulmodestonpc@outlook.com) or call/text 07891610530. Finally, wouldn't it be fantastic if we all just slowed down a little and enjoyed the drive. *Karl Vassallo*

**There are a great deal of parish members who have a radio tele-switch (RTS) electric meter to control their hot water and storage heating systems.** These meters offer cheaper electric rates at certain times of the day normally 11pm- 7am and are sometimes known as economy 7 or 10 meters. Please note that on June 30th the signal which has been provided by radio 4 using radio signals to switch between peak and off-peak rates will be switched off. These meters will then not function correctly. Your energy supplier, such as EDF, Octopus, British Gas etc. should be in contact with you to discuss your options, if not I advise you give them a call. *David Webb 07973706349*

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## **Church/Chapel Services in April/May2025**

### **Fulmodeston Methodist Chapel**

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

April 6<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Andrew King. Chapel Anniversary

April 20<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Jonny Bell. Easter Sunday

May 4<sup>th</sup>, Members of the congregation

May 18<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Derek Grimshaw

### **Christchurch, Fulmodeston**

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm: Evening Prayer

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Palm Sunday Holy Communion

**Easter Services:** Please check on Christ Church Noticeboard or on our Facebook Page 'Christchurch Fulmodeston' for full details of Easter Services here and at Fakenham Parish Church.

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm: Evening Prayer

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Holy Communion

May 18<sup>th</sup>, Services at Fakenham Parish Church

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 4pm: Evening Prayer

### **St Mary the Virgin, Barney**

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8.30am: Communion

April 20<sup>th</sup>, Easter Day, 7am: Thursford - Short Sunrise Service followed by breakfast in church

9.45am: Hindringham - Communion

11.15am: Little Snoring - Communion

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8.30am: Communion

May 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30am: Communion

Fridays 9am: Informal Morning Prayer