

# BARROWBY NEWS

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## 100...and counting!

### Barrowby resident celebrates milestone

Pastures Road resident Roly Wright celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. A party which followed at the Grantham College Refectory was attended by more than 150 relatives and friends from around the country and beyond. "In a hundred years you make many wonderful friends and it was lovely to see so many of them here", said Roly of the celebrations.

Born locally in Sproxton, Roly lived in Scunthorpe for a time before moving to the Isle of Man. During the 1970s and into 1980s he was a TT Race Chief Sector Marshall from *Creg-ny-baa* Corner to the finish and he continues to enjoy the race from his armchair. He and wife Christine came to live in Barrowby thirty years ago.

Roly's career as a watchmaker started with his training, in Grantham, at 8 year's old. He continued with his watch business after active army service in World War II and only stopped when he



decided, aged 98, that his dexterity was not quite as good as it once was!

Originally a lorry driver hauling corn for a local firm - located where Houghton's Jewellers now stands - he owned his own vehicle. However, the first lorry which Roly bought in 1934 had a very inauspicious maiden voyage, with Roly putting the lorry into a ditch near Buckminster and requiring help from two horses from a nearby field to pull him out!

A few years ago, Roly was pictured in the *Grantham Journal* having grown a 1lb 13oz tomato. The monster tomato is an uncommon

variety which he has bred over many years, which he says taste delicious despite their size and are perhaps the secret of his wife's pasta sauces! He, with his wife Christine, helped organise and worked with the Red Cross Open Gardens scheme for many years and only stopped recently.

Locally his family is busy in Grantham with son Roy heading the Carnival and grandson Simon a member of Gravity FM.

When asked to what he owed his long and healthy life he had no hesitation in saying "Let nothing in the world bother you and always get 8 hours of sleep".

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### INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

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## Solving the Mystery of the Barrowby Bassoon

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Peter Brooks has given us some fascinating information from the church records regarding the church band and the bassoon recently featured in the Barrowby News.

It is thought that the bassoon was probably manufactured around 1805. Records show that it was repaired in 1811, at a cost of £1 -18s - 9d.

The manufacturer, William Milhouse, was born in Newark in 1761. Part of the famous Milhouse musical instrument making dynasty in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the family moved to London to make their fortunes.

It must have worked, as William is described on a tradecard in 1797 as a "Manufacturer to their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Kent & Cumberland".

There is another Milhouse connection to the church. There used to be a gallery at the back of the church (presumably for musicians), which records show was built by a Mr. Milhouse who lived in the area (there was a Milhouse family in Knipton).

It is thought the wind band at Barrowby church was followed by a brass band and then an organ – probably by 1851, as an entry in May that year stated that the church organist was paid £1 for 6 months salary.

Peter says of the bassoon: "It will no doubt forever remain a mystery as to where the instrument has been all these years, but at least it is now in good hands".

New owner, Stephen Rex, is considering a full restoration of what he calls a "pretty and original" instrument.

## Notices:

### Barrowby Gardeners

Please note the new date for the Barrowby Gardeners Association A.G.M., which is now February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm for a drink and social before the formal A.G.M. at 8pm.

### New Police and Crime Commissioner

New PCC Alan Hardwick, recently set out his policing plan. For more information visit the web site:  
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## DIARY DATES

Feb 4<sup>th</sup>: Pub Quiz at the White Swan  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup>: Pavilion Committee Open Session 7.15pm  
Feb 6<sup>th</sup>: Parish Council Open Session 6.15pm  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup>: Burns Night Supper Memorial Hall  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup>: Folk at The Swan, 8-11pm  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup>: W.I. meeting on Grantham Hospice  
Feb 27<sup>th</sup>: B.I.G. Open Meeting 7.30pm Memorial Hall  
Feb 28<sup>th</sup>: Allotments A.G.M. 7.30 for 8pm, the White Swan  
Mar 6<sup>th</sup>: Parish Council Open Session 6.15pm  
Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: Indoor Car Boot Memorial Hall

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## Around the Parish

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### Football Club Training

Training at Barrowby Football Club has restarted after the Christmas Break. Teams aged from U6 to U15 train each Saturday morning from 09.30 until about 10.45 and new players who are not attached to any other team are welcome to come along and join in.

### International performance by local singers

Four Barrowby residents were amongst 75 members of Choir Invisible - The Desmond and Leah Tutu Peace Choir UK - who performed to an international audience at the Paris headquarters of UNESCO in December.

The Choir were there to celebrate the award of the prestigious Bilbao Peace Prize to their patron, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.



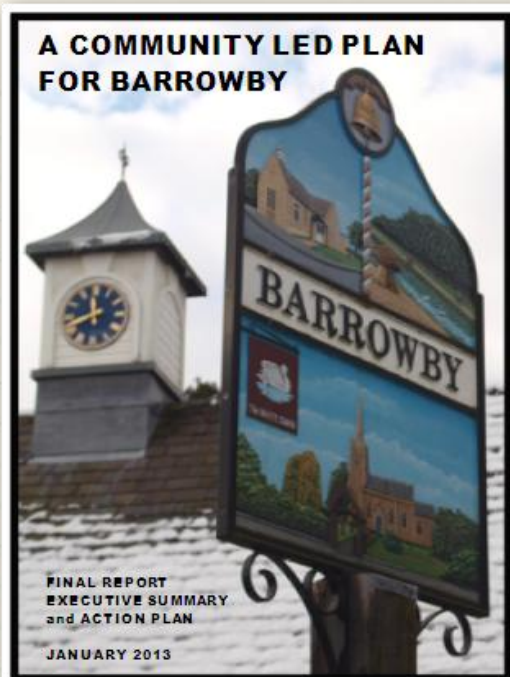
*Photo courtesy Tom Cornery.*

*Thanks to Dave Parker*

### Barrowby Bloggers

Are you a blogger based in Barrowby? Tanya Walton is a keen allotment holder and a blogger. Visit her blog at [www.allotments4you.com](http://www.allotments4you.com), to share the ups and downs of growing your own, the frustration with the weather, growing failures and successes and some great recipes including hot chilli sauce, plum sorbet and mincemeat and apple pie.

If you would like to share your blog with other Barrowby residents e-mail us your blog site and we will feature it.



## B.I.G.: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

**Find out 27<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm Memorial Hall**

After nearly 3 years of hard work the final B.I.G. report is finished. Now the baton is to be handed over to the parish. The Action Plan that has come out of the data analysis and all your comments will be shared at our meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, with some of our suggestions as to how the village can take forward the concerns and aspirations of the residents for the future

Pick up a copy of the Executive Summary and Action Plan on the night, share a drink with us and enjoy some lively debate about possible future steps.

And if you have indicated an interest in volunteering or offering your skills to the parish, come along to talk about how we can make this happen.

We look forward to seeing you then.  
The Barrowby Improvement Steering Group

## All Saints' Church Barrowby

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### February Services

#### Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.00am Prayer for Healing. (for yourself, someone you know, or general)  
9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday Clubs

#### Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>

8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Clubs

#### Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Families Service

#### Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>

8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Morning Prayer

For more information, or if you need a lift to any service, just ask.

Rev Peter Hopkins  
01476 565737

## For Auld Lang Syne: 10<sup>th</sup> Barrowby All Saints Burns Supper

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Celebrate Rabbie Burns with us on 9<sup>th</sup> February 6.45 for 7.00pm at the Memorial Hall.

Feel the excitement of the pipes, harbinger of the address and wee dram to toast the haggis.

Savour a traditional 2 course meal with vegetarian option.

Enjoy the immortal memory and toasts, the music and the dancing.

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Sae see ye on tha nicht and we'll share a cup of kindness yet!  
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Send details of your event or your club to  
[news@barrowby.org.uk](mailto:news@barrowby.org.uk)  
or call (01476) 561617

**Deadlines for forthcoming issues:**  
March: 11<sup>th</sup> February  
April: 12<sup>th</sup> March

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