

# BARROWBY NEWS

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BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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## Creative Barrowby in September: Discover our Scarecrows, Gardens, Vegetables, Flowers, Cakes, Arts and Crafts...

### Barrowby Scarecrow Competition and Open Gardens

**31st August - 1st September**

Explore the village to discover the 24 scarecrows in the second Barrowby Scarecrow Competition and 7 Open Gardens.

Admission to the gardens is through purchase of a programme at £2.50 per person (accompanied children under 12 go free), giving a description of the gardens and locations of the gardens and the scarecrows.

The gardens will be open from 2 - 4 p.m. on both days. Tea is available at the 'Redlands', Low Road. Admission supports Barrowby Church.

Look out for the extra 10 sponsored scarecrows on Stephens Gutter and around the village.

Thanks to all our sponsors for supporting our newsletter: Skinners, Helen's Flowers, Robert Holland, Galaxy Fish Bar, Grantham Physiotherapy, Living Health, White Swan, L.A.C. Groundworks, Contour Specialist Fabrics and Hodgson Solutions.

Thanks also to all those taking part in both the scarecrow competition and the Open Gardens scheme.

### Flower and Vegetable Show

**7th September**

It is not too late to enter the Village Flower and Vegetable Show - categories include flower arranging, vegetables, cakes and produce and miniature gardens for the children. Come to the allotments and see the full list and how to enter.

Remember, there is a produce auction in the evening at the Memorial Hall with a bar from 7 p.m.

### Made In Barrowby

**21st September**

The first "Made In Barrowby" event takes place at the Reading Room from 10am-2pm on 21st September, so please come along and support local artists, craftspeople and hobbyist "makers".

Amongst the displays will be cards and papercrafts, cakes, rag rugs, jewellery, children's clothes and alterations, quilting, knitted goods and allotment produce. Please support us and the makers as we hope to make this a regular village fixture.



Join a new group for writers in the village, the Barrowby Scribblers -- see back page for details!

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## Parish Council Updates

### Best Kept Village

Please continue to keep our village tidy. Although we will not hear how we got on until the end of August any support is still helpful.

Many thanks for your hard work and support, let's hope we get good news!

-- Brian Inglis

### The Reading Room Clocks

It has been a constant source of frustration to many that we have three clock faces on the Reading Room all showing different times!

This spring, the Parish Council commissioned a full survey of the clock tower and the clocks and was relieved to find that the

clocks and their motors are in good condition but the control mechanisms need to be reviewed.

Previously the only means of accessing the clocks was by crawling through the roof space or onto the roof itself. Plans are now in hand to provide each clock with a separate electricity supply and to install independent controls for each clock face.

Each face will then show the same time...

### Superfast Broadband: Good news!

Very promising news in this issue!

By the time you have received this newsletter we should be well on the way to getting superfast broadband commissioned for more (if not all) of the village.

Get in touch with your provider and ask for details.

## Family News and Ideas

### Do your children use Adamstiles?

Come to a village meeting to discuss planning and play equipment concepts for Adamstiles, to be held at the Reading Room on September 10th at 7.30pm.

All welcome - particularly local residents and young families. Details on the Parish Council website.

### Arts and crafts with your children

Be creative with your tiny tots and join the new 'doodling-do' workshops every Monday from 10-11.30 at the Reading Room from September.

Getting involved with simple craft projects will build your child's confidence and self-esteem, deepen the bond between you and your child and be fun! Drop in and give it a try.

## DIARY DATES

Aug 31st: Scarecrow Judging and Open Garden Weekend  
Sep 1st: Quiz at The White Swan  
Sep 2nd: Parish Council 6.15  
Sep 7th: Village Flower and Vegetable Show  
Sep 10th: Adamstiles Meeting Reading Room 7.30  
Sep 12th: Folk at The Swan  
Sep 21st: Made in Barrowby  
Oct 13th: Grantham Canal Discovery Day, Dirty Duck

## Barrowby Baby and Toddler Group

Come and meet other parents while your little one lets off steam.

Mondays, 2pm - 3pm, Barrowby Memorial Hall

£1.50 per family

[facebook.com/barrowbybabyandtoddler](https://facebook.com/barrowbybabyandtoddler)

## THE ART ROOM BELTON GARDEN CENTRE

(formerly known as  
Red the Cat)



New Drawing and  
Painting Classes  
and all day workshops  
with Rachel Connolly  
Ba (Hons)

Classes commence 2nd September 2013  
For further details contact Rachel on 01400 250711

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# Around the Parish



## Scouts

July 2013 saw the Scouts having a sleepover at the Scout Hut and learning about falconry and getting to meet, handle and fly a Barn Owl and two Harris Hawks.

The weather was a bit windy, making conditions a little awkward but with some persuading all went well in the end and a thoroughly great time was had by all of us.

Many thanks to Rhi Clarke for making this happen. Scouts also made a few more feeding boxes, went on a hike and gained the Naturalist Badge.

If you are interested in finding out about the Scouts, call Sara on 07803 936455.



*Rhi Clarke (left) and Sara (right) with Scouts*

## Barrowby W.I.

Barrowby WI (with Harlaxton) enjoyed their annual outing to Hardwick Hall House and Gardens on a beautiful sunny day. Some of us enjoyed a guided tour of the New Hall, learning more about 'Bess of Hardwick' (or Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury) and how she had the new hall built from her wealth built up after four marriages.

We also could visit the ruins of the Old Hall, where the young Bess grew up with her family. An interesting audio guide, it allowed us to use our imagination to picture how life used to be whilst admiring wonderful views of the grounds from the very top of the ruined house. We then returned via Gunthorpe for an early evening meal.

Our meetings are every third Wednesday and visitors are always very welcome -- Jardine Ferne, President



## Celebrating 150 years of the FA with Barrowby FC

On Saturday 10th August Barrowby FC hosted an event to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Football Association and Sir Bobby Robson, showcasing the FA's work at grassroots level.

The Barrowby event was one of 150 nationwide events and comprised a number of mini-tournaments for the under 8s, 9s and 11s. At the end of a highly successful day presentations were made by Lincolnshire FA and the Onyx Teamwear Grantham Youth League.

Many thanks to all involved to make it such a great day.

If you are interested in becoming involved, Barrowby FC has 10 Juniors, a Veterans, a Ladies and 2 men's teams.

Come along on Saturday mornings to learn more.

-- John Young, Chair, Barrowby FC



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## All Saints' Church

### Sunday Sep 1st

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.00am Prayer for Healing  
9.30am Morning Prayer

### Sunday Sep 8th

8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Communion  
and Sunday Club

### Sunday Sep 15th

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Families Service

### Sunday Sep 22nd

4.30 p.m. Harvest Festival  
and 'bring and share' tea

### Sunday Sep 29th

9.30am Holy Communion  
and Sunday Club Handbell  
Ringing

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

Rev Peter Hopkins  
01476 565737

## Barrowby Baptist Fellowship

We meet in the Memorial Hall.  
All welcome.

Sundays 10.15  
Worship and Sunday School

Monday 10.00  
Cane and Able Coffee Morning  
John 01400 250475 or Veronica  
593317

Friday 6.30  
Fantastic Friday Youth Group  
Phil 562856

## Strike up the Band

By 'A Barrovian'

Live music is an occasional feature of village life today, with The White Swan sometimes hosting folk and jazz groups, a ceilidh to celebrate Burns Night becoming a tradition at the Memorial Hall and in the recent past, the Beer Festival provided an additional venue. Wind the clock back to before WW1 however and live performances in the village were much more common. Barrowby boasted not only its own brass band but a string band too.

Barrowby's brass band had a good local reputation and played not only in its home village but in villages as far flung as Colsterworth, Hough, Croxton and Ancaster, as well as in Grantham. It also competed successfully, thereby being able to bill itself as the 'Barrowby Prize Band'.

The earliest record of the band performing is on New Year's Day 1865. In 1885 it held its first annual celebratory dinner at the White Swan, perhaps because its then bandmaster, William Musson, was also the landlord. The Band was very active. In 1897 the Grantham Journal records that it had performed 21 engagements with an additional four sacred concerts. In that year it also led the celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee at Belton. By 1905 the band had acquired a uniform, appropriately of Lincoln Green. By early 1909 however the band seems to have got into trouble and became, for a while, defunct. This did not last long for it was advertising for engagements by March of the same year.

Within the village the Band played regularly in the grounds of The Rectory, The Grange, and The White House for a variety of village fetes and fund raisers. In 1913 it staged a Grand Promenade Concert at The Grange to raise funds for new instruments. It was 24-strong at this time, a large number for a moderate sized village.

The last identifiable reference to the Band is in September 1914 when it participated in a Great Patriotic Meeting in the village. Perhaps the Band, like so many other things, was swept away by the tide of war.

## Get in Touch

Tell us about your club or event or story and we can share it with the whole of the village! Submit to [news@barrowby.org.uk](mailto:news@barrowby.org.uk) or call 561617

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## New Group: Barrowby Scribblers

Do you have a passion for the written word and the craft of writing, but are unsure how to unleash your creativity? Then Barrowby Scribblers - a new group which promises the chance to banter, share ideas and eat cake (!) - can help you on your way.

Meetings will take place in the Reading Room, every Thursday fortnight from 7-9pm, with the first meeting on the 5th September. For more information please contact Shelly on 07725 985637 or visit the group on Facebook.