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Mystery Bassoon



Stephen Rex, a bassoonist with the Stuttgart Philharmonic orchestra recently bought an old bassoon made by William Milhouse of Oxford Street, London between 1797 and 1840.

The bassoon has an inscription in its brass ferrule (pictured) which would perhaps refer to the church band which played at church services in the early nineteenth century.

We would like to help Stephen find out more. Do you know any more about the band or the instruments and how they were purchased? Perhaps you might know of the existence of other instruments with the same inscription?

If you can shed any light on the band or the bassoon please do let us know at news@barrowby.org.uk or contact the Parish Clerk at barrowbypc@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas!

... at the Church:

The Tree Festival at All Saints' Church was a great success on both days with many people sampling the delights of a Victorian Christmas.

On offer were home-made sweets, mulled wine, tea, coffee and mince pies and hot chestnuts at the church door.

Churchgoers - many in costume, complete with sideburns, top hats and waistcoats - and visitors alike were serenaded by local musicians. Money was raised for church funds from a raffle.

... at the Memorial Hall:

The Christmas Fun Day was a huge success and well supported by villagers. The children had a great time.

The committee aim to make it an annual event.

... at the Reading Room:

Barrowby's Prince and Princess, Alfie Curry and Vesper Lee, were the guests of honour at the Parish Council's



annual Christmas event and cut the ribbon to switch on the lights.

Local children received gifts from Santa Claus, with entertainment provided by Barrowby Primary School choir.

**Organisers would like to thank all who attended these events on the day, those who participated in other ways, and those who worked hard behind the scenes to arrange the festivities.
THANK YOU.**

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BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

Celebrate Robbie Burns on the 9th of February with Barrowby's traditional Burns Night Supper, complete with haggis, bagpipes, whisky rolling and dancing. Tickets £20. Call 594803 for more information.

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What do you think of the newsletter? Could you help? ...

One of the key findings of the B.I.G. Community Led Planning survey was a desire for improved communication about village events and the creation of a village newsletter.

A volunteer group was formed after the last B.I.G. feedback meeting and started a monthly newsletter with the aims of:

- telling people what is happening,
- sharing news and pictures of recent events,
- promoting local groups, and
- acting as a focus for village communication.

The newsletter is supported, but not run, by the Parish Council. We are grateful for their help, and for the ongoing support of local businesses.

We are also extremely grateful to YOU, for your support and interest as a reader.

However, we still need your help to keep the newsletter informative and up to date, so please let us know what is happening in the groups you belong to or let us know if you would like to start a group in the village, so we can help with publicity.

Help with advertising, with news gathering and with writing articles is also welcomed. Don't worry, you don't have to join the committee to be a part of it!

Finally, please let us know what you think of the newsletter and what you would like to see in future issues. This is OUR village newsletter – for residents, by residents.

Thank you.

The Barrowby Newsletter
Editorial Team

Notices:

Wheelie bin collection:

Please note the change of day for SKDC collections in Barrowby from Tuesday 1st January to **Wednesday 2nd January 2013**

Fuel Poverty:

There is help available to reduce fuel poverty for people on some state benefits or with chronic illness or disability. Check if you or someone you know qualifies for help by calling 0845 606 4566 or visiting the website responderstowarmth.co.uk.

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Caroline Arthur
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DIARY DATES

Jan 6th: Quiz at The White Swan

Jan 7th: Cane and Able, Memorial Hall

Jan 7th: Plough Monday Celebration, "The Barrowby Ploughboys"
8pm at the White Swan

Jan 9th: Parish Council Open Session, 6.15pm

Jan 10th: Folk at The Swan

Jan 12th: Celebrate John's 20 years at The White Swan

Jan 16th: W.I. Social, Memorial Hall

Jan 17th: Barrowby Gardeners A.G.M, 8pm at The White Swan

Jan 27th: Grantham Ramblers walk from Harlaxton via Barrowby

Feb 5th: Pavilion Committee Open Session, 7.15pm

Feb 9th: Burns Night Supper, Memorial Hall

Feb 20th: W.I. meeting on Grantham Hospice

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Around the Parish

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Spotlight on Cane and Able

The coffee morning began in 2001 as a get-together for the older population of Barrowby, growing from a handful to around 40 at present. We meet every Monday morning from 10 till 11 at the Memorial Hall (not on Bank Holidays), with a varied programme of talks and activities. Come along for tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits and lively company.

For more details call Fay Harrison on 01476 565045 or come to our first event of 2013 on January 7th.

The W.I. meeting in November

We were delighted to welcome 3 new members and 3 visitors to a fascinating talk by Mrs. Rosemary Pike on 'The Magic of Stained Glass'. She brought lovely boxes, ornaments and lights, together with pictures of her leaded stained glass doors. The evening was enhanced by the fact that Rosemary was 'coming home', having herself been Treasurer of our W.I. many years ago. Refreshments were served with some of Jardine's mince pies.

Our next events are: January 16th social and February 20th a talk on the Grantham Hospice.

Our meetings start at 7p.m. and visitors are very welcome.

Jardine Ferne, President

B.I.G. update

After many meetings to analyse the data and write the final report, the B.I.G. Steering Group will be ready to produce the full report and a summary in the early part of 2013. Keep an eye out for posters around the village in January with more details.

Tree Planting Update

More than 140 trees have been planted so far, raising over £700 for newsletter funds. Children from Barrowby School have also taken part in the planting. Looking to the future, a number of trees and hedge plants are also to be planted around the church and churchyard. When all of the sponsored trees have been planted, a map of their locations will be uploaded to the Parish Council web site.

BARROWBY PLOUGHBOYS

Tradition has it that on the first Monday after Epiphany, the ploughboys of Barrowby would visit local houses seeking gifts of food and money.

An 1846 article in the *Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury*, suggests that their requests were not always polite:

"The ill effects of what are termed 'ancient customs' were strikingly exhibited on Monday last in Grantham. A party of about 30 farm labourers and servants from... Barrowby... compelled the inhabitants to 'remember the poor ploughboys' by wrenching off door-

knockers and committing other aristocratic deprecations for which about a dozen of them are summoned to appear before the Mayor ...on the 'drunk and disorderly' charge..."

The ploughboys were sufficiently (in)famous to have a Mummings Play written about them!

So, come to the White Swan on Monday 7th January at 8pm to hear the tale and commemorate an early example of anti-social behaviour...

Thanks to Charlie Charlton



**are your eye
checks up
to date?**

**Come and see us at
32 High Street,
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Or call 01476 594474

All Saints' Church Barrowby

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January Services

Sunday January 6th

Feast of the Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for Healing.
(for yourself, someone you know, or general)

9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday January 13th

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion and
Sunday Clubs

Sunday January 20th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Families Service

Sunday January 27th

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Morning Prayer and
Sunday Club

For more information, or if you need a lift to any service, just ask. Rev Peter Hopkins 01476 565737

News from the Allotments

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This year's winners of the best-kept allotments were announced at the annual Allotment Dinner held in November at The White Swan; thanks go to John and his team for the food.

The Winners:

1st prize: Andy and Doreen Chapman

2nd prize: Rob Shelbourne

3rd prize: Tanya Walton

4th prize: Nigel and Julia Jones

5th prize: Graham Ross

Best newcomers:

Graham and Pauline Cooper

Many thanks to the independent judge who takes the time to review all the allotments during the growing season.

The Barrowby Gardeners' Association AGM will be held on 17th January at 8pm at the White Swan.

Keep an eye out for the re-opening of the shop in the Spring.

20 Years at The White Swan

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Licensee John Fairhurst marks 20 years at the White Swan on 14th January, 2013.

Join in with the celebrations on Saturday 12th January.

John says, "I would like to thank all of the customers who have frequented The White Swan over the past 20 years and made it enjoyable and interesting.

I look forward to welcoming new customers in the future."

GET IN TOUCH...

Are you organising an event or running a regular club in the village?

Perhaps you have a story you'd like us to share?

If you tell *us*, then *we* can tell the **whole** of the village!

Send details of your event or your club to news@barrowby.org.uk

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March: 11th February

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