

BARROWBY NEWS

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BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Tomatoes or Lycopersicons

Introduced in the 16th century, the tomato was called the 'love apple' as it was believed to have aphrodisiacal properties. Since then, the humble tomato has become a favourite in salads, sandwiches and many culinary dishes. It comes in all shapes, sizes and colours: plum, round, beefy, cherry, red, orange, yellow and even a very dark pigment or 'black'.

How do we grow them? Fill a simple seed tray with a good potting compost, spread the seed thinly on the surface, then cover lightly with a little more compost, firm gently, water and wait....You can cover the seed tray with glass, or put in a propagator or even on the window-sill, just water



occasionally to keep the compost damp and warm.

When the seedlings are about 1" tall with two leaves, transplant them carefully into individual pots to allow them to develop. When they reach 4 to 6" tall with several leaves, move them to their growing positions, in pots, greenhouses, window boxes, hanging boxes or in the ground outdoors. Remember to remove the small shoots that appear close to the main stem now to encourage growth of the trusses and produce a good yield. Usually basic instructions are on the back of the seed packet.

Best of luck with your growing; as well having tasty tomatoes you could have a decorative and edible window box or hanging basket laden with yellow and red cherry tomatoes to pick and eat as you want.

Thanks to Krys Fisher, allotment member with her husband for nearly 20 years. Krys also does a notable line in jams, chutneys and apple pies.

Remember: the allotment shop is open every Saturday from 10-12 where Association members can buy gardening items at cost, along with any surplus plants, fruit and vegetables in season. Early birds might be able to get some spare tomato plants. Membership only costs £5.00 p.a. Come down for a cup of tea and a chat.

Parish Council AGM Result: Richard Cross is Chair, Brian Inglis Vice Chair and Phil Cupit Responsible Finance Officer. Appointments in 2012-13: Ruth McAuley, Clerk, Ian Brothwell, Litter Collector.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 17th June 7.30 Reading Room to discuss 2014-15 projects: improving play equipment, improving burial landscaping and provision, reviewing village noticeboards and training staff and Councillors.

The Reading Room is available for hire at £7.50 per hour for meetings and children's parties for up to 50 people. There are folding tables, chairs, a projector for iPad or laptop and a fully fitted kitchen. To book call Sarah Harper on 07985 294414.

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What is happening this summer...

Best Kept Village 2013

The village has entered this year's competition with judging starting in July. Please help by trimming front garden hedges and tidying front lawns and areas by the pavements. Ian is now the Parish Council litter picker. He is doing a good job once a week but if you see any litter please help our cause by picking it up and binning it.

Can you help with the flower beds? Do you have any spare annuals? If so please call Brian on 561617.

Barrowby Village Scarecrow Competition and Open Gardens

Our second Barrowby Village Scarecrow Competition is to be

held over the weekend of Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September, this year in conjunction with the Parish Church Open Gardens. To enter the competition just fill in the application form in this newsletter and drop it into Skinners along with £2 in an envelope. The deadline for entries is: **6 p.m. 31st July.**

The topic can be whatever you want – start planning what you need now and collecting clothes and newspapers to stuff it with. Let us know if you need any stuffing - we can supply straw but it is a bit messy.

And think about your scarecrow's title – we intend to produce a booklet this year with a village map and plan for all the scarecrows and gardens.

Update on the Barrowby Trees

One of the most enjoyable events of last year was the Barrowby Tree Planting. In total 158 trees were sponsored and most seem to be alive and showing growth despite the cold. This is more than three times our original estimate, so thanks to you all for your support in such a wonderful village project. Weeds will be sprayed off in the early summer around the young trees to help them grow.

However, there is still someone who is removing the numbered discs and/or breaking the canes. Please leave the trees to grow on their own.

If anyone would still like to sponsor a tree there are a few left, contact Brian on 561617.

Dates for the Diary

May 30 th :	Pavilion Committee
June 3 rd :	Parish Council 6.15: Note, now reverted to Mondays
June 3 rd -9 th :	Scouts Community Week
June 17 th	Annual Parish Meeting
June 22 nd :	Memorial Hall Car Boot 10 a.m.
July 1 st :	Parish Council 6.15
July 31 st :	Deadline for Scarecrow entries
Aug 31 st :	Scarecrow judging and Open Garden weekend
Sep 7 th :	Village Flower and Vegetable Show
White Swan Dates	
2nd June	Quiz Night (usual time etc)
13th June	Folk at The Swan (usual time etc)
22nd June	Mid-Summer Madness - Vale Pub Crawl walk/coach (from 4pm)
9th July	Southwell Trip - evening races and summer music (from 5pm)

Booking / Money required for the two trips

Memorial Hall Car Boot Sale 22nd June.

Set up 9 a.m. and doors open 10 a.m. Tables cost £5, to pre-book call Emma Roberts on 07709 450820

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Around the Parish

News from the W.I.

At the W.I.'s A.G.M. in April Jardine Ferne was voted as President for the 4th year and the committee remains unchanged. The May meeting marked the 48th birthday (in



fact to the day), so celebrations included a nice decorated cake, cut by one of our founder members Maisie and Jardine, (pictured). The speaker was Elizabeth Goodacre, with a fascinating insight into the world of silver objects in the home, illustrating her talk by showing many ornate, intricate and some very delicate items (pictured right).



Next month, we will be holding a joint meeting at Barrowby with Harlaxton WI, where our speaker will be presenting an introduction to 'Bess of Hardwick', in preparation for our annual visit this July to Hardwick Hall. We will be supporting the Memorial Hall 'Car Boot' by serving refreshments.

The WI is all about inspiring women, we have access to a rich source of experience, knowledge and skills, to find out more come along as a visitor at one of our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Weds of each month at 7 p.m. (except July) at the Memorial Hall.

Jardine Ferne President

News from the Scouts

Barrowby Scouts took part in the St. Georges Parade, which was well attended. See picture below. For the Scouts Community Week, Barrowby Scouts will be undertaking a litter pick and painting and planting up planters for Greenacre. 25% of funds raised will be used for Scouts and volunteers with disabilities.

The Scouts meet every Wednesday 7.30 – 8.45. If anyone is interested in finding out more, call Sara 07803 936455.



Superfast Broadband: can you help?

Last summer, Openreach brought fibre optic cable to the cabinet at the bottom of High Road, giving the eastern part of the village (the estate) supplied by the cabinet the opportunity to have superfast broadband at speeds of up to **70Mb***. Unfortunately the rest of the village is supplied by Cabinet 26 (on the Green); Openreach have not supplied fibre optic broadband to this cabinet because 390m of blocked ducting is preventing them from laying the cables, meaning speeds of only **1.5Mb**. It may cost Openreach £20k to get fibre optic cable to Cabinet 26; they won't do this unless we can demonstrate sufficient demand.

To do this we need your help please.

1. Please register an expression of interest in superfast broadband via the Openreach website <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx>.
2. Please e-mail Openreach via this link nga.enquiries@openreach.co.uk to let them know you are dissatisfied with current speeds, that you are aware of the issue regarding Cabinet 26 and that you want them to rectify this and install fibre optic cable.
3. Please find time to lobby our MP, Stephen Phillips, at Stephen.phillips.mp@parliament.uk and our new County Councillor, Jo Churchill via jochurchill@rocketmail.com

We also hope to organise a petition. Thank you for your support, we hope that together we can get superfast broadband for the rest of the village.

Sarah Cooley and Tim Lees

**There could be an extra charge for this service*

All Saints' Church Barrowby June Services

Sunday June 2nd

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

Sunday June 9th

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Communion
and Sunday Clubs

Sunday June 16th

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Families Service

Sunday June 23rd

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday June 30th

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Morning Prayer and
children's handbells

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

This Sporting Life* By "Barrovian"

Every villager knows that football and cricket are played in Barrowby but how many know of the other sports that have been played here?

The Grantham Journal's earliest reference to a football match in the village is from as far back as 1884, when Barrowby Rovers played Grantham Olympic. Records for cricket go back even further. In 1834 a match was played between the married and single men of the village. The single men won convincingly!

Tennis has also been played. The village had its own courts in the field to the west of Rectory Lane. The Grange also had courts and Lincolnshire County matches were reputedly played on them.

There is also record of at least one hockey match played in the village. Barrowby hosted Peterborough in a return fixture in 1906. Interestingly the teams were of mixed sexes, a very liberal approach for the time.

Barrowby Hill long hosted The Belvoir Point to Point Races. A race meeting was held at Barrowby as early as 1854. In the 1920's The Prince of Wales (later the Duke of Windsor) competed in races, coming second in 1928.

Barrowby hosted another equine sport: polo. In the summer of 1904, polo was played on a field behind The Grange. It didn't catch on however and by the autumn matches had moved to Burghley.

Casthorpe Hill may seem a steep enough challenge to the walker or cyclist so maybe it is not so much a surprise that in the 1900's it was used for motorcycle hill climb trials.

Also in the 1900's golf was played in the village, of a sort. The then Rector's sons built their own course in the grounds of the Rectory to practice their game.

There are also records of illegal prize fighting in the parish. So our sporting history is richer than you might have imagined...

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