

BARROWBY NEWS

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BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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A possible Community Hub and Library in Barrowby

Those of you who came to the last Parish Council Open Session in March will be aware that the Parish Council is proposing to develop the Reading Room as a Community Hub and Library, to enhance the facilities for existing and future users.

There is the possibility that the mobile library service to Barrowby will be reduced, so the Parish Council has been given the chance to bid for library provision in our village. Lincolnshire County Council will support this provision with books, IT hardware and software, a capital grant to provide the necessary furnishings and upgrade needed to run a library and community hub in the building and a revenue grant for the first 4 years of operation.

The library would be open initially for 6 hours a week and the Parish Council would also hope that a number of new social and learning opportunities will evolve from the development of the Community Hub.

The results of the bidding process are not expected until early May, at which point the Parish Council will advise the Barrowby Newsletter of the results. We will keep you all posted!



Are you volunteering for the Commonwealth Games this summer? In 2012, some of our residents had a great time volunteering at the Olympics and Paralympics. Let us know if you are volunteering for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in late July.

Save the Date

30th – 31st August is this year's Barrowby Summer Weekend Extravaganza with the Annual Scarecrow competition, now entering its 3rd year, the Barrowby Gardeners Association Vegetable and Flower Show, the second Made-in-Barrowby show and (hopefully) a village b-b-q. Save the date now with more details to follow in the June issue of the newsletter.

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Barrowby Annual Parish Meeting: Monday May 12th at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

The Barrowby Annual Parish Meeting provides an opportunity for local residents and organisations to learn what the Parish Council has been doing on their behalf for the past year. There will be updates amongst other things on planning, defibrillators, community hub application and road maintenance.

It will also provide an excellent opportunity for everyone to discuss and ask questions about local issues which are important to them.

It would be great to see plenty of Barrowby residents at the meeting.

Refreshments will be available.

Memorial Hall repeats its successful Indoor Market

The Memorial Hall will be holding another Indoor Market on Saturday 31st May, building on the success of past markets. The market will run from 10am to 2pm, with set up from 9am. Bookings can be made on 01476 567360 or via the Barrowby Memorial Hall Facebook page. It is hoped to have a good range of stalls to attract everyone, including Crafts, Preserves, Jewellery and local items. The next Memorial Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6th at 7.30p.m. at which there will be an open period for anyone interested to find out more about the Hall and offer practical help if feeling sufficiently encouraged to do so.

The Hall is still in need of a secretary. Please contact 567360 if you can help.

Support musical equipment for our school

Join us on Sunday May 11th at 3 p.m. at the church for a wonderful afternoon of vocal and instrumental performances, covering a variety of musical styles from opera, classical, folk, jazz and musical theatre with the Harrowby Singers and Musical Hi-Notes. Friends of Barrowby School will be providing traditional afternoon teas. Tickets are now on sale at The Cakehole and at the school priced £5 for adults. Children are free, afternoon teas are extra.

Best Kept Village 2014

It is that time again...judging starts in June with further judging in August if we get through the first rounds. As always, please continue your valued support with tidy verges, hedges and gardens. Green fingers crossed!

Brian Inglis, Barrowby Parish Council

Dates for the Diary

May 6th: Parish Council open session 6.15

Memorial Hall meeting open session 7.30

May 11th: Barrowby School Spring Concert 3 p.m. Church

May 12th: Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 Reading Room

May 31st: Indoor Market, Memorial Hall 10-2

June 13th-15th: Church Flower Festival (preview 13th June)

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Around the Parish

News from Barrowby Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

The Scouts made a mosaic plant pot for Mothers Day (see photo), using mosaic tiles together with ordinary ceramic tiles, to learn how we can all use items that we may otherwise throw away. The Scouts are still collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, which finishes on 20 May 2014. If anyone would like to donate their vouchers to the Scouts please contact Sara on 07803 936455.



1st Barrowby Rainbows, Brownies and Guides: The girls have had

a busy and exciting term, starting with a visit to Grantham Fire Station (photos left and below) where they learned about fire safety and had a go at spraying water from a fire hose.

The girls also completed their Brownie Fire Safety badge and a Rainbow Roundabout badge.

They celebrated Thinking Day* by collecting 1p coins and raised £20 to donate to charity. They have also completed lots of crafts, cooking, Mothers' Day and Easter activities. The troop have lots of exciting things planned for the next term including 100th Brownie Birthday celebrations, sleepovers, pack holidays, trips out, badge work, St Georges

Day Parade and much more.

*<http://www.worldthinkingday.org>: a day of friendship, advocacy and fundraising for girls around the world

There are now separate Rainbow and Brownies groups, with a new Guides group opening. All three groups have places available so if your daughter is interested in joining us please get in touch.

Meeting days at the Scout Hut, Low Road are:

Rainbows (5-7 years): Mondays 5-6pm. Contact Alison on 07917 583512

Brownies (7-10 years): Mondays 6.15 – 7.45pm. Contact Alison on 07917 583512

Guides (10 plus): Tuesdays 6.30 – 8pm. Contact Marie on 07966 166310



Deadline for the next issues

May 12th

June 12th

E-mail us your events to:

news@barrowby.org.uk

Church Flower Festival

Preview night is Friday 13th June with food and drink. Tickets will be on sale soon with more details in the next issue.

All Saints' Church Barrowby April Services

Sunday 4th May

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for healing

9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 11th May

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Clubs

Sunday 18th May

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Families Service

Sunday 25th May

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

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 07904
492190.

In our night skies this month

About now, astronomers were expecting to be saying farewell to comet Ison after it had been gracing the sky with a bright tail as it streaked out of the solar system. Comets are nothing more than giant piles of rock and ice; unfortunately, Ison

rounded the sun on a very close orbit. It is thought that the sun's heat and gravity ripped it apart and it never reappeared as the expected "comet of the century".

Astronomers are used to disappointments, clouds obscuring a predicted event being the most common. However we are a resilient lot and there is usually something in the night sky to look forward to.

At the moment, Jupiter (see photo) is unmissable: bright and high in the southern sky throughout the night. Mars, with its distinct orange colour, has also returned to the sky, currently rising in the east around mid-night.

Even small telescopes will

show dark bands on Jupiter and the ever changing positions of its four main moons. Mars is a little trickier to observe but as it reaches 'opposition' (its closest point to the earth), its white polar cap and dusky patches of its deserts should also be visible.

One word of caution: if you are thinking of purchasing a telescope, some retail outlets often sell telescopes with impressive colour pictures on the box and claims of high magnification. Please don't be seduced by these, seek the advice of a recognized astronomical supplier and you won't be disappointed. The telescope you purchase will give a lifetimes' service.

If anyone wants further details please contact David on 07881 452384.





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