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BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Queen of Hearts Crowned Scarecrow Festival Winner

Many congratulations to the winner of the Third Annual Barrowby Scarecrow competition: Sue Devonshire with her "Queen of Hearts" entry (pictured).

Barrowby celebrated the end of a beautiful summer with a highly successful fun-filled Festival Weekend, involving people from all over the village, in support of the Barrowby Newsletter, visiting the bell tower, viewing the Vegetable and Flower Show, and admiring local crafts during the two day event. On Saturday evening over two hundred people on the green enjoyed food and song at the village barbecue.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the weekend such a triumph and to all of you who came.

Can you help in 2015? We would love to involve more villagers in either the planning or in helping with small jobs over the weekend such as manning stalls, selling programmes, and helping at the barbecue.

Contact Brian on 561617 or news@barrowby.org.uk.

For more photos of the scarecrows, details of the winners and our sponsors turn to page 3.

Create a Barrowby Field of Poppies

Help us commemorate the Great War centenary this November with a field of poppies by the Reading Room. If you could help in creating the field please call Brian on 561617 or e-mail us.

For more about WW1 events see page 7.



County Councillor Jo Churchill adjudging "The Queen of Hearts" to be the winning scarecrow (and detail, right)



INSIDE

For more photos of the scarecrows, details of the winners and our sponsors turn to page 3. And inside this month's double issue find out the winners at the Flower and Vegetable Show, read about the village BBQ, sponsored by Skinners' Butchers with free cakes from the Cakehole, the Memorial Hall's future plans and celebrate the success of our cricket team this season.

News from The Parish



Defibrillator Training

It is not too late to come to our first defibrillator training sessions to be held in the Reading Room.

They last about 2 hours and are led by the Community Heartbeat Trust (www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/), a national charity focussed on the provision of life-saving defibrillation services in local communities.

The dates are:

Tuesday 14 October at 7.30pm.

Saturday 18 October at 10.30am

Please contact Verity Cross on 07974 598946 or email veecross@hotmail.co.uk to book your place.

Parish Council Forthcoming events – For the diary!

A Parish Council **Open Morning** will be held on Saturday 1st November 2014 between 9am and 12 noon. This event is a great opportunity to catch up on what is going on in the village, whether it's planning, potholes, Parish Council expenditure or any other issues that you wish to raise. Tea / coffee and biscuits will be served – all welcome.

It's nearly that time already!!

The **2014 Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday 7 December 2014 from 3pm to 5.30pm at the Reading Room. Father Christmas has checked his busy

schedule and has said that he will definitely be at the event. Look forward to seeing you all in December.

Best Kept Village

Sadly, Barrowby did not win this year - the winner in the medium size village category was Sutterton near Boston.

BUT we did do better than we have done before and Brian Inglis, Best Kept Village Coordinator, would like to thank everyone who helped take us to the final – Ian, our village litter-picker and all the residents who kept the village so neat and tidy.

Let's go one better next year!

DIARY DATES

Oct 5th: Quiz at The White Swan

Oct 14th: Defibrillator training 7.30 p.m. Reading Room

Oct 16th: Folk at The Swan

Oct 18th:

10 – 2 Indoor Market, Memorial Hall

10.30 Defibrillator training, Reading Room

Nov 1st: Parish Council Open Morning,

9 – 12, Reading Room

Nov 3rd: Parish Council 6.15 p.m.

Nov 9th: Evening of poems and songs commemorating WW1 in the church.

Nov 23rd: 6-10 p.m., Memorial Hall.

“IT'S A LONG LONG WAY”: World War One Remembrance and village meal with song, music and words with Charlie's Ant. For more information call Tim Caunt on 567360. All proceeds to the Poppy Appeal and the Memorial Hall.

THE Grantham Canal SOCIETY Are proud to present

DISCOVERY DAY

At Woolsthorpe by Belvoir
Carpenters Shop behind the Rutland Arms (Dirty Duck) Pub NG32 1NY
Sunday 12th October 2014
10 am to 5 pm



Suzie Litton-Wood
Guest Author

Graham Wright
our MC for the day

Dirty Duck Race
hosted by "Aye Up"

Narrowboat Rides
Country Dancing

The Butty Boys Refreshments
Cake Stall Tombola Raffle

FREE ADMISSION

ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS THE RESTORATION OF THE GRANTHAM CANAL

Scarecrow Festival Weekend

Overall Winner:

Sue Devonshire, *Queen of Hearts*

Second:

Pauline Fox, *I'll Huff and I'll Puff*
(pictured, middle)

Third:

Hannah Parker, *Puss in Boots*
(pictured, top left with Cllr Jo Churchill)

Commended:

Sarah Cooley & Family, *Little Red Riding Hood*

Mrs Spackman, *3 Blind Mice*
(pictured, top right)

Claire Martin & family, *3 Little Pigs*

Georgina Brearley, *Little Boy Blue*
(pictured, bottom left)

Well done to everyone. All the winners received a rosette, a certificate and goody bags and as many families as possible also received goody bags.

The judge, County Councillor, Jo Churchill said: "It was wonderful to see so many things going on in Barrowby at the weekend; I had great fun driving and walking round the village doing the judging. I really enjoyed myself and it was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and community spirit. It really helps me in my role as you County councillor to speak personally to people and to hear first hand about issues that concern them. Thank you for inviting me to judge and I hope to see more entrants next year!"



Thank you to all the scarecrow builders, the volunteers, all our visitors and everyone who had a hand in making the event such a success, including Charlie's Ant with their music and song during the barbecue.

Our thanks also go to the scarecrow sponsors: **Robert Holland, Helen's Flowers, Galaxy Fishbar, Grantham Physiotherapy, Hodgson's Solutions, Contour Specialist Fabrics, Lindleywood Bird Boxes, Bickford Limited and Belle Betty Fitness**, all of whose scarecrows were seen on the Village Green.

If you are able to help us build sponsored scarecrows next year or wish to participate in any other way as we seek to expand the festival, please get in touch.



Around the Parish



Barrowby W.I. enjoy Floral Inspirations

At our meeting in August we enjoyed a special talk by Beryl, who used to be a florist, on 'Flowers for you at Home'. Beryl demonstrated some wonderful floral displays, showing her expertise by creating several lovely examples of what can be achieved (photo). We also entered a Scarecrow in the recent Barrowby event for the first time, displayed outside the Memorial Hall on the day.



New members are very welcome.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at the Memorial Hall at 7 p.m.

The Memorial Hall hopes to attract local touring theatre group

At the Memorial Hall AGM, Chair Tim Caunt outlined exciting plans for the Memorial Hall - not only repainting but also renewing the stage curtains and purchasing stage extensions to attract local theatre groups such as the Lincolnshire Rural Touring company. The committee are working with a local fund-raiser to help them develop a fund-raising plan.

Any help or ideas would be gratefully received. And if anyone can spare just an hour or two a month as a Secretary, that would also help. Call Tim on 567360.

Tim thanked the committee for their continuing support and the WI for helping to re-decorate the foyer. The Hall's finances are in a stronger position with regular bookings from the WI, Baptist Fellowship, Fantastic Friday Club, Yoga every Thursday evening, Cane and Abel coffee morning every Monday and Mothers and Toddlers every Monday from 1.30.

There will be an autumn Indoor Market on Saturday 18th October. Buy your Christmas presents early from local crafts and book stalls. If you are interested in booking a table please phone 01476 567360. Apologies from the Editor: The mobile number for Emma in the September issue was incorrect.

Join the "It's a Long Way" event on 23rd November for Armistice Remembrance with profits to be shared between the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Barrowby Memorial Hall.

Made In Barrowby

There was a wonderful display of local talent at Made In Barrowby which was held during the Scarecrow Festival Weekend. Stall holders included:

Katie Leather, selling children's clothes, jewellery and hanging decorations. **Gemma Fulcher** of Gems Cakes, with her beautiful, delicious cupcakes and more. **Kate Waghorn's** paintings and cards. **Jo Beet** makes candles, rag rugs, needlecrafts and felt work. **Carol** displayed her knitted children's wear. **Tanya Walton** was selling honey made from her local bees (see previous issues) and sun catchers. **Linda Curry** and **Irene Wright** create hand crafted items for the home and finally **Steve Warren** with his hand crafted wooden clocks.

The organisers wish to thank all stallholders and customers for their continued contributions towards the success of the event.



In praise of Flowers and Vegetables: News from the allotments



The Barrowby Gardeners Association held another successful Annual Vegetable and Flower Show as part of the Barrowby Scarecrow Festival and were delighted that new entrants took part.

Barrowby's allotment holders did well, with Andy Fisher scooping the most points, winning the Bowls/Musson Challenge Cup (Open most points), the Ron Thompson Challenge Cup (Members' most points), the Reg Holloway Challenge Trophy (Best in Show Vegetable Class) and the Barrowby Gardeners Association Top Tray Trophy. Krys Fisher won the Arthur Pearson Rose Bowl (Ladies' most points) and Andy Chapman won the Barrowby Challenge Cup (Best Other Vegetable).

The auction of the produce and flowers donated by the gardeners raised money for the Gardeners' Association funds and was much enjoyed by all who attended.

The Association would like to thank Downtown Garden Centre who sponsored the main prizes.



Do you believe all those gardening myths?

Turn to page 7 to see two well-known ones being thoroughly debunked by BGA member Ian Walker.

Do you agree with him?



More News from Around the Parish



Barrowby Football Tournament

Barrowby Football Club held its annual pre-season football tournament on Saturday and Sunday 23rd – 24th August on the Low Field.

Both days saw teams compete in league competitions for ages under 11 to under 16, with Saturday hosting 8 teams and Sunday 14 teams, coming from as far afield as Loughborough, Cleethorpes, Alford and Stamford to take part.



The weather held out on both days and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. All the funds raised help to pay for pitch surface improvements.

-- John Young, Chairman Barrowby FC

Great Season Finale ends in Cricket Team Promotion

A successful season came to an end on Sunday 14th September with a thrilling tie away to Grantham Town Cricket Club, which led to our team's promotion!

A huge thank you goes to all players, families and sponsors for supporting us this season, and keep an eye out in the spring for news of the pre-season practice.

-- Oliver Keeling, Barrowby Cricket Club.

Scouts: New Term, New Challenge

The end of August saw our Scouts camping at Dukes Covert; the weekend buzz word was "self development" in which Scouts set up camp, prepared their own meals, washed and cleared up after themselves.

They also had to make a pioneering project. Later during the camp they made water rockets which proved great fun to test, along with homemade kites and learned a new style for a campfire. Great times were had by all.

And many thanks to all of you who helped us reach our voucher total for our tent! (See the photo).

Any young people between the age of 10.5 and 14 years are welcome to come along and join us every Wednesday evening at the Scout Hut.



Debunking Gardening Myths

By Ian Walker



Any of us who pretend to be gardeners listen to Gardeners Question Time or watch Monty Don on Gardeners' World to pick up tips and handy hints. We also ask other people for their advice. But sometimes we can get caught out by advice that might not be as accurate as we thought.

Here are two gardening myths debunked by Barrowby Gardeners' Association member, Ian Walker.

Myth 1: Watering is best done in the evening

Water does evaporate more slowly when it is done in the evening BUT because it stays longer it makes it easier for slugs to move around and for fungal diseases to develop. So is it better to water in the morning then? Morning watering dries out quickly on the surface but, if done properly, the soil remains moist underneath.

So what *is* true? What is necessary is thorough watering, preferably on soil with a reasonable amount of organic matter. And what is also true is that it is more or less useless to sprinkle small amounts of water on a regular basis, as this results in high loss from evaporation and is actually less healthy for plants.

Another myth is that watering in sunlight damages leaves. This has never been proven and, realistically, any rain shower on a sunny day would cause immense harm but doesn't.

Myth 2: Leaving legumes in the soil after harvesting adds nitrogen to the soil.

By the time of final harvest the plants are dying off. Hardly any nitrogen is left – about 3 percent according to Chris Beardshaw – and the plant is still trying to feed the foliage.

If you do intend to leave the foliage for a while cut stems at soil level and just leave the roots.

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Notice of Road Closure of Casthorpe Road

Period of closure: 8/10/2014 to 3/11/2014 (1 week in this period). Alternative route: Casthorpe Road, Main Street, Low Road, A607, Main Street (Denton) and Casthorpe Road

Coming Issues

Our **November issue** will be a special one this year, commemorating the start of the Great War and looking at its impact on the villagers of Barrowby. There will be a number of events taking place in the village during the month: poems and song at the Church on the evening of 9th November, the linking of 30 poppies (to commemorate the 30 fallen from Barrowby) at the entrance to the village on Casthorpe Road, the placing of a wreath on the door of the Reading Room and the creation of a poppy field outside the Reading Room on or around 11th November.

Can you help? Could you help make any of the poppies for the poppy field?

Were any of your family in Barrowby at the time of the War?

Call Brian on 561617. Thank you.

And then it will be Christmas...!

Please send any items for the December Christmas issue to news@barrowby.org.uk.

Thank you.

All Saints' Church

Sunday 5th October

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for healing

9.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Clubs

Sunday 12th October

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday Clubs

Sunday 19th October

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Families Service

Sunday 26th October

8.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm One World Week Service

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

Over £500 raised so far, but a long way still to go: Bell Tower report

The church bell tower was open during the Barrowby Scarecrow Festival Weekend, with many people having their first go at ringing the bells over the two days.

Some expressed an interest in learning to ring, so it is hoped that our numbers will soon be increased.

Donations over the weekend amounted to over £120 towards the frame fund. Thank you.

Sponsor money for the onesie bike ride is still being collected, but so far over £300 has come in (see last issue). Barrowby Bell Ringers have so far raised over £500 towards strengthening the frame, but there's still a long way to go to the target of £3500. Anyone who wants to donate towards the frame can do so by visiting our website www.barrowby-bells.uk/wp or ringing 07834 708980.

Thank you!

-- Melissa Blanchard, Tower Captain.

Get in Touch

Deadlines for forthcoming issues:

November: 12th

December: 6th *Please note the earlier date due to Christmas*

E-mail your news items and events to us at:
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