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BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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This November there are commemorations across the country to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. In Barrowby there are a number of events taking place during November. Details are on page 2 but here is an article by Barrovian about some of the stories behind the fallen.

## “Lest We Forget” - by Barrovian

This year particularly our thoughts turn to remembrance and it is the Great War that evokes the strongest feelings of loss and sacrifice, though it is beyond living memory.

To a visitor, Barrowby might seem to lack a clear War Memorial but there are in fact several reminders of the conflict and Barrowby had good reason to remember.

There is a Roll of Honour in All Saints Church that lists 30 men with a Barrowby connection who lost their lives in WW1. This is roughly 20% of the men from the Parish who would be eligible for service, and a casualty rate that is double the national average for the enlisted.

A similar Roll of Honour was displayed in the British Legion until destroyed in the recent fire. The land on which the Legion was built was donated by Colonel Swan of The Grange as a personal act of remembrance.

The Memorial Hall dates from after WW2 so is more a recognition of that conflict although the original hut – now much modified – is thought to have been one originally used by the Machine Gun Corps at its training ground in Belton Park.

The final physical reminder is perhaps that now most forgotten and that is All Saints Graveyard. Two of the Great War victims lie there buried in Commonwealth war graves: Albert Gascoigne who served with the Grenadier Guards, and J Southern who was in the Machine Gun Corps. Southern died on the 19th November after the Armistice from wounds received earlier.

All the fallen deserve to be remembered but some of their stories are especially poignant. Frederick Gascoigne, brother of Albert, died at Jutland when the battlecruiser he served on blew up. His name is also on his brother's tombstone.

Richard Hornsby, born at The Grange, was lost at Gallipoli. His body was never found. It is likely that his death was a result of a fire in undergrowth started by our own artillery.

Charles Ogden died following an encounter between a U-boat and the transport ship he was on. Whether he died as a result of gunfire or was drowned when one of the lifeboats foundered on launch is not now known. Surprisingly he is buried in an Algerian cemetery.

These sons of the village paid with their lives. We do not have a clear record of how many other village men served with the forces and survived although we do know that by as early as September 1914 just one month after war had been declared 25 were enlisted. It is quite possible that upwards of 100 men saw service during the course of the conflict.

We do however forget the role played by those who stayed behind. Barrowby was then largely a farming village and the role of that sector in helping feed civilians at home and an army overseas was critical. Men and women in the village would play their part.

So to all our predecessors we owe a debt.

Lest we forget.



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## Commemoration events this month

*Barrowby will be marking the centenary of the Great War in a number of ways this November.*

Look out for the poppies outside the **Reading Room** from the weekend of the 8th November. 30 poppies will be displayed to represent the fallen soldiers of the village.

For more information about the 30, please visit the church web site: [www.barrowbychurch.org.uk](http://www.barrowbychurch.org.uk)

On Saturday 8th November from 7 p.m. **the church** will commemorate the War Centenary with an evening of music and poetry. There will be a collection for the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

There is another opportunity to support the Poppy Appeal at the 'It's a Long Way' supper on Sunday 23rd November from 6 - 10 p.m. at the **Memorial Hall**. There will be a 'Mess Tin' meal, music from Charlies Ant, song and poetry (with perhaps a little dancing) plus a bar. Tickets cost £10 and all profits will be shared between the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Barrowby Memorial Hall.

For tickets call Tim Caunt on 567360 or e-mail [cpj.charlton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cpj.charlton@tiscali.co.uk) or [brianinglis873@btinternet.com](mailto:brianinglis873@btinternet.com)

## New Faces at Barrowby School

It's already been a very busy start to the academic year, with the school welcoming 52 new Reception pupils and their families, as well as 3 pupils who have joined us in Years 1, 2 and 5 and a couple of new staff members.

The beginning of the school year is always 'challenging' and this year is no exception. Already we have

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### DIARY DATES

**Saturday Nov 1st:** Parish Council Open Morning, 9am-12noon, Reading Room.

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**Sunday Nov 2nd:** Quiz at The White Swan.

**Monday Nov 3rd:** Parish Council, 6.15pm.

**Saturday Nov 8th:** An evening of music and poetry to commemorate the start of World War 1 with a collection for the British Legion Poppy Appeal, at the Church from 7pm.

**Thursday Nov 13th:** Folk at The Swan.

**Sunday Nov 23rd:** 'It's a Long Way', 6-10pm at the Memorial Hall. Tickets £10 from Tim Caunt on 01476 567360.

**Sunday Dec 7th:** Father Christmas arrives, 3-5.30pm, Reading Room.

**Saturday Dec 13th:** Family Christmas Fun with Santa, Memorial Hall.

inducted our Reception and new pupils into our school, implemented and refined our 'Food Service;' published our school Local Offer, implemented our revised curriculum, devised and scheduled our extra-curricular club offer for this term, revised our Swimming offer for pupils in Year 2 up to Year 6 as well as sharing our experiences and enjoying being back at Barrowby!

The school was also delighted to renew its Basic Skills Quality Mark and more recently it was awarded the Artsmark and School Games Silver Mark for the first time.

Artsmark is the Arts Council England's flagship programme which enables schools and other organisations to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision. The School Games Silver Mark recognises the school's engagement and provision at providing a range of competitive sport.

-- Audra Midgeley

## Around the Parish



### Barrowby Scouts Remember

In September Barrowby Scouts joined other local groups on a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The Scouts learned about the meaning of the poppy and having been given the individual pieces that made up a poppy, they then had to make one. Having finished the poppy, the Scouts then had to take it apart and remake it, firstly using one hand, then remake it with their eyes closed and finally remake it using the hand they do not write with, so giving them a real insight into what it is like for those who have lost limbs/senses during war.

The Armed Forces Memorial brought home to everyone just how much sacrifice was made and how young some of the young men (boys) were when they signed up.

Scouts are collecting for Grantham Foodbank again this year and will be inviting members from Beavers and Cubs to join them in the collection. If anyone from Barrowby would like to leave a donation they can call Sara on 07803 936455 to arrange to drop off.



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### Helping Hands

Maybe it's a lift to the hospital and someone who will wait until after the appointment. Perhaps it's someone who will visit when the gas / water / electricity man is coming to visit and help make sense of what's going on.

Maybe you have a small gardening job or you need help with your shopping; maybe you are temporarily unable to walk your dog, do your ironing or washing. Or maybe you are lonely and just want someone to visit you, make a cup of tea and have a chat.



Whatever you need a Helping Hand for - we are here to help.

**Can you help?** We are proposing to establish a group of Barrowby volunteers who will help the people of Barrowby by offering this kind of support.

If you feel you could help by being a volunteer please contact Barrowby Helping Hands on 07716 961196 to discuss how you might help and how often you could support our fellow villagers.

And if you think you may benefit from Barrowby Helping Hands – watch this space in the next couple of months.

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### Barrowby Gardeners Association

The Barrowby Gardeners Association end of season results:

Best Allotment of 2014: Andy and Doreen Chapman

2nd: David and Sylvia Markham

3rd: Rob Shelbourne

4th: Julia and Nigel Jones

5th: Andy and Krys Fisher

Best Newcomers: Bob and Sheila Rogers



*Congratulations to them all*

The shop will remain open until mid November and then close until the early Spring in 2015

New members and applications for plots welcome



## All Saints' Church

### Sunday 2nd November

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for healing

9.30am Morning Prayer

### Sunday 9th November

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.45am Remembrance Service and Sunday Clubs

### Sunday 16th November

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Families Service

### Sunday 23rd November

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Morning Prayer and Children's Handbells

### Sunday 30th November – Advent

9.30am Holy Communion 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

## Remembrance Bells

As part of the Remembrance service and Barrowby Commemoration for World War One, the Barrowby bell ringers will be attempting a quarter peal on half muffled\* bells prior to the event at the church on 8th November. The peal will start at 5.45 and it will take about 45 minutes. Keep an ear out to listen!

-- Melissa Blanchard, Tower Captain.

\*Note: A half muffled peal is rung at remembrance services and at funerals

## Get in Touch

### Deadlines for forthcoming issues:

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

January: 12th

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