

# BARROWBY NEWS

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## Family Christmas Magic

Between 60 and 70 little ones and their families crammed into the Reading Room to celebrate the start of Christmas with Family Carols led by local singers, a Magician Show and Santa (see picture). Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event, which included a free B-B-Q, serving burgers and hot dogs, mulled wine and mince pies.

## Which book will be the next Harry Potter or Hunger Games?

This year's hot favourites for the children's book choice of the year are being voted for NOW in Barrowby. Our school children are choosing their favourite books of the year as part of the Red House Children's Book Award. This children's choice award is the only book award voted for solely by children and over the years has spotted many a hot new talent in children's books, including Harry Potter and the Hunger Games.

The Lincolnshire Children's Book Group was started by Barrowby mums who wanted to share reading for pleasure with their children. It is now one of a select group of national Award Testers, giving our village children the chance to read new books, vote for their favourites and, if lucky, meet the authors at the glittering Award Ceremony in London. So if your children come back from school raving enthusiastically about



The Demon Dentist or Bay Aliens Got My Teacher you will know why!

And if you are a lover of books for children or want to encourage your children to read join the group and have the chance to meet some of the best and newest children's book talent at the National Conference, which this year is at Grantham 10-12 April. Meet award-winning authors including Frank Cottrell Boyce, Philip Ardagh, Non Pratt and Jonathan Stroud. To take advantage of conference membership discounts call Julia on 07713 621672 or visit [www.lincschilrensbookgroup.org.uk](http://www.lincschilrensbookgroup.org.uk).



We wish all our readers a Happy New Year and thank you for your support in 2014.

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## Our Winter Skies

In December winter is well and truly with us, so who would want to sit in the garden on a December night when the temperature is below freezing? The answer of course is a keen astronomer.

So why be out in the cold in the first place? In the northern hemisphere some of the best must-see sights are only in the sky during the winter with the constellations of Taurus, Gemini and Cancer are all high in the sky throughout. Each have various objects worthy of note but the constellation of Orion the Hunter is the one which stands out above all of the others. It is bright and easy to find in the southern sky and most people recognise the three bright stars of Orion's belt.

On a clear night if you look a little way down from the central belt star, you should see a faint misty patch which marks the Orion Nebula (see picture below), an area of glowing gas in which new stars are being born. A small telescope should show four of them at its centre. This nebula is one of the few deep sky objects which show some colour, with most people reporting a faint green or blue colour.



*The Orion Nebula*

Just below the left hand star is another famous object, the Horse Head Nebula, although to see this you need a large telescope.

If you continue down the belt stars line, you will eventually come to Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, although because it's quite low down from our latitude it may not look special.

The area of the sky around Orion is full of interesting objects and a personal favourite is just off to the left, the Rosette Nebula, which looks just as its name suggests. The central star cluster is easy to spot in a small telescope but the nebula itself requires a larger telescope.

Also climbing higher in the sky from East to West is unmissable Jupiter. It is always rewarding to watch the four main moons as they orbit the planet, sometimes casting their own shadows on its face.

So if you look out of your warm living room on a clear frosty night and see someone wondering around in the next door garden showing a passing resemblance to the Michelin Tyre man, it probably means you are living next door to an astronomer. Why not put on an extra few layers of clothes and go and ask what they are looking at, I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

*For more information about the sky or telescopes call David on 0788-1452384.*

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## Around the Parish

### Barrowby Scouts in Global Jamboree

Along with another group, Barrowby Scouts took part in a JOTA/JOTI-Jamboree on the air/internet, helping them to achieve their Global Challenge Badge. The Jamboree is a worldwide 48 hour annual global Scouting event where members can safely contact each other around the world. Barrowby Scouts contacted 38 countries, including Namibia, Ukraine, Brazil and the Azores, as well as several different places within the UK. We have put the countries on a map ready for next year when we will try to contact different countries.



### Calling all those with a dash of tartan...

It is that time again, for the annual Burns Night Supper with Charlies Ant on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7.15 – 11.30 at the Memorial Hall, this year all proceeds will go to the Belltower Fund for the church. Tickets will be available from [cpj.charlton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cpj.charlton@tiscali.co.uk) or 594803 and prices will include a traditional meal. There will be a bar and raffle.

## Events to come for 2015

### Charity Christmas Ceilidh

Dance off the Christmas excesses and support the Aegis Trust, with Charlies Ant Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December at the Memorial Hall. The event runs from 7.30 to 11 p.m. and the ticket price of £10 or £30 for a family includes a buffet supper. There will be a bar, whiskey roll and raffle. Contact [cpj.charlton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cpj.charlton@tiscali.co.uk) or [joybower@hotmail.com](mailto:joybower@hotmail.com).

### Do you remember the Barrowby Ploughboys? This year they will be here!

Tradition has it that on the first Monday after Epiphany, Barrowby ploughboys would visit local houses, asking people to remember them with gifts of food and money. Their behaviour one year was sufficiently (in)famous to have a Mummers Play written about them. At The White Swan Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January there will be music from 8 pm. and the Bourne Borderers Morris will be performing the Mummers' Play from 9 p.m. Entry FREE.

### Dates for the Diary

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Ceilidh in aid of Aegis Trust, 7.30 – 11pm, Memorial Hall

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan: Parish Council 6.15 pm NOTE: change of date

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan: Barrowby Ploughboys 9p.m. White Swan

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Burns Night Supper, 7.15pm Memorial Hall

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## All Saints' Church Barrowby Services

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Clubs

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30 Families Service

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Morning Prayer and Children's Hand Bells followed by lunch.  
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 or 01476 562865**

## Helping Hands – can you give up a few hours of your time a year?

Barrowby Helping Hands welcomes anyone interested in helping the less fortunate in our village. There is no onerous commitment: up to

3-4 times a year only, doing light work, befriending, helping with calls or form filling etc. We will only ask you to do what you are comfortable doing and you would not be out of pocket. We would train you, give you photo ID, insure you 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability and DBS check you. Are you willing to help? If so, or if you want to know more, call us on 0776 961196. Thank you.

## 'It's a Long Way'...a moving commemoration of World War One

Tim Caunt and Charlie's Ant are to be congratulated on organising a very moving evening of songs, poetry and descriptions of the Great War, which was held as a very successful fundraiser for the Memorial Hall and the British Legion Poppy Appeal last month.

Starting from the early volunteers, who lied about their age, through witness accounts of the Christmas truce, marked by the singing of 'Silent Night' in English and German, and a poignant account of 'Tommy Atkins' at the 1916 Battle of the Somme, to a medical officer's experience at Gallipoli and Melissa Blanchard's Last Post, local villagers and former army staff read testimonies and poetry from Wilfrid Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, Laurence Binyon and others to ensure that the fallen of the First World War were not forgotten.

More than £600 was raised on the night for which many thanks to all who came. Thanks also to those who cooked, cleaned, decorated, played the music, managed the bar and contributed before and during the event.

*Tim Caunt and Charlies Ant*

## Deadline for the next issues

**January: 12<sup>th</sup>**

**February: 12th**

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