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“Truly magnificent”:

Our record-breaking 4th Barrowby Scarecrow Festival

Hundreds of people visited the superb Barrowby Scarecrows during the 4th Annual Scarecrow Festival Weekend on 5th and 6th September 2015, helping us to raise nearly £2,000 for the costs of the Barrowby News - whilst having a lot of fun in the process!

The winning scarecrow - ‘*Yellow Brick Road*’ by Pauline Fox on The Drift (photo, above right) - was voted the top scarecrow out of thirty two by judges Anita and Ian Selby. Second-placed ‘*The Gruffalo*’ by the Davenport family also won the inaugural People’s Choice award (photo, below right).

The organisers would like to thank all the scarecrow sponsors:

Robert Holland, Helen’s Flowers, Galaxy Fishbar, Grantham Physiotherapy, Hodgson Wealth Management, Contour Specialist Fabrics, Lindleywood, Bickford Ltd., Plants by Anita, Dougie’s Cakehole, Grantham Vertu Honda, The White Swan and Jennie Lindfield.

Can you help in 2016?

We have already had people volunteering to help in 2016 but we need more. We really need people to help build the sponsor scarecrows for the Green, to sell programmes and to help set up and take down on the Saturday and the Sunday. Contact Brian on 07793 198948 or e-mail news@barrowby.org.uk



Congratulations to the winners! For a full list of winners and commendations with more pictures and a full report see page 3.

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Update from the Playground Meeting

On Monday 14th September the Reading Room was the venue for a successful public meeting concerning the establishment of the Barrowby Play Equipment Forum.

The forum arises from a Parish Council initiative to establish a group of Barrowby residents who will drive a community consultation exercise and make recommendations as to the type and style of play equipment which will be installed on the Village Green and the Adam Stiles play areas.

Concept drawings of possible play equipment and the Parish Council's "Terms of Reference" for the committee amply demonstrated the Parish

Council's commitment to providing high quality and stimulating play equipment for the youngsters of Barrowby.

It is anticipated that the funding for this project will come from charitable trusts specialising in providing community projects and, if necessary, the capital raised from the partial sale of land on the south side of Adam Stiles.

The committee is due to meet within the next few weeks when the consultation exercise is due to take place. If you are approached for your point of view please do not hesitate to offer it as we are looking to include as many people as possible in our community consultation exercise.

The reactive speed signs have been moved...

Did you notice? Do you think they are having an impact? Let us know via the Parish Council or at the next Parish Council Open Morning.

Parish Council Open Morning

A Parish Council Open Morning will be held on Saturday 31st October between 10am 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.

DIARY DATES

Sun Sep 27th: Inaugural Harry Lee Smith Memorial Football Match, Low Field, 10.45am Barrowby Tigers U16s vs Sleaford

Sun Oct 4th: Quiz at The White Swan

Mon Oct 5th: Parish Council 6.45pm Open Session

Sun Oct 11th: Grantham Canal Discovery Day, Carpenter's Shop Canal Depot, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir. 10am-4pm: duck race, boat trips and much more

Tue Oct 13th: Mobile Library, Westry Corner 12.15-12.45pm.

Wed Oct 14th 7.30pm Memorial Hall - Community Centre Open Door Meeting

Sun Oct 18th: 12noon Hog Roast, Barrowby Baptist Fellowship, Memorial Hall, High Road

Wed Oct 21st: WI Meeting, Memorial Hall 7.30pm, speaker Sally Picker, Police Crime Prevention

Sat 31st Oct: Parish Council Open Morning, 10am-12noon, Reading Room



Coco's Kitchen has moved to Barrowby!

Children's Cookery Parties

- cook a 2 course lunch or dinner
- cupcake making & decorating

Baking Workshops for adults & children

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Lyndsay Sadler - 01476 562629
www.cocos-kitchen.co.uk

4th Barrowby Scarecrow Festival Weekend

2015 broke records, not only by raising more money than ever, but also with more scarecrow sponsors. Yet again the village BBQ was sold out and stalwart Parish Councillors and other helpers served nearly 300 burgers and salads in an hour and a half, whilst being serenaded by local ceilidh band, Charlie's Ant, followed by family dancing on the Green.

The Green on Saturday also hosted a successful tombola, a local allotment produce stall by the Barrowby Gardeners Association, our first second-hand book stall (with thanks to all those who donated books and those who bought the books), and the sale of local crafts and children's books in the Reading Room by Made-in-Barrowby. Stallholders at this very successful event included Jo Beet, Carol French, Sarah Harper and other talented village residents. Sunday's garage sale was also a success.

The organisers would like to thank all those who made the scarecrows, all of which were of a tremendously high standard, all the helpers on the day and behind the scenes and everyone who came to see the scarecrows, visit the stalls, hold the garage sales and share in the BBQ, creating a true community spirit in the village. If you have any ideas for next year, please call Brian on 07793 198948.

The final results were:

Overall Winner:

Yellow Brick Road - Pauline Fox

Second place and the People's Choice:

The Gruffalo - The Davenport Family

Third place:

A Dance with Dragons - Paula and Jess Hayes

Commended

Packed Full of Useful Stuff - Doreen Dowsett

Fantastic Mr Fox - Sue Devonshire

Charlotte's Web - The Collinson family

The Cat in the Hat - The Kinnear family

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. Thank you to our judges Anita and Ian Selby who visited all the scarecrows, provided the photographs and stayed for the BBQ.



Around the Parish



Barrowby W.I.

At our recent meeting, rather than having a guest speaker, we gave the floor to our members to present their crafting talents. The quality of work was outstanding and very varied, from delicate lace work, knitting and crocheting through to fine embroidery, clever picture making, upholstery, willow basket and lavender weaving.

Members took delight in explaining the techniques they had used and with plenty of humour highlighted the ups and downs of getting things right. This gave us a most enjoyable and sociable evening, and certainly demonstrated the hidden talents in Barrowby.



New members are very welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at the Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. Our next meeting is 21st October with Sally Picker.

Inspired to get baking from the GBBO?

From October, Coco's Kitchen will be running a series of workshops in Barrowby on basic and advanced cupcake making & decorating, useful techniques for decorating girls' and boys' birthday cakes, sugarpaste modelling and Christmas cake decorations. The first workshop will run on Monday 12th October from 10am – 1pm and will cost £35, to include all ingredients and materials. Coco's will also be running Half Term Cookery Sessions for children on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October. Sessions will run from 10am to 12.30 pm and from 1.30pm - 4pm. We will be making fresh homemade pizza and pasta in the morning and making & decorating cupcakes in the afternoon. Places cost £20 per child per 2.5 hour session for children aged 6 and over, or a reduced rate of £35 for the whole day. See advert on page 2 for contact details to enquire about booking and venue.

Scouts

The Scouts' Summer Camp, originally due to be held at Dukes Covert, Ancaster, was switched to the Scout Campsite at Cotgrave, following the Ancaster fire and proved to be a great success. Saturday morning was beautiful with sun, birdsong and no wind, enhanced by a home-cooked breakfast from the Scouts. The day was packed full of activities including an Archery session, Orienteering and an on-site Obstacle Course. The pop water rockets were enjoyed as much this year as last. The Scouts had to cook every meal for themselves and of course there was the washing up afterwards which they all took part in. How they loved that part!

Needless to say, they slept slightly better the second night. Indeed, one Scout told his parents he had only had 4 hours sleep all weekend. The Leaders got just as little sleep as he did!

It was a great pleasure to be able to invest 5 new Scouts whilst at camp, making their promise around a make shift flag pole. The orange and blue tent in the photograph is the one we ordered through the Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers, so once again many thanks to those who donated their vouchers to the Scouts.



Annual Vegetable and Flower Show



Despite a very difficult year in terms of the weather – cold and dry until just now, and thieves stealing and vandalising many plot holders' best produce the week before the event, the Barrowby Gardeners Association held another successful Annual Vegetable and Flower Show on 12th September at the Memorial Hall.

The Show was a great success – there were over 175 entries and once more we had many new entrants, particularly from the younger families in the village.

The Auction was a triumph thanks to Andy Fisher's auctioning skills. One bunch of tomatoes fetched a staggering £6 and enjoyed a well-deserved round of applause! Over £150 was raised for the Association funds.

Barrowby's Krys Fisher scooped the most points, winning the Bowls/Musson Challenge Cup and Arthur Pearson Rose Bowl (Open and Ladies Most Points), the Ron Thompson Challenge Cup (Members' Most Points), the Roger Taylor Trophy for Flowers, the Alan Abbott Cup for Dahlias, the Jim Glover tankard for the Best Dahlia and the Barrowby Top Tray. (*middle right*)

The John Sharpe Memorial Trophy for Best in Show was won by Elizabeth Sileby for her highly creative vegetable cupcakes (*top right*), Nigel Jones won the Reg Holloway Challenge Trophy for Best in Show (Vegetables) and Barbara McCoy won the Barrowby Challenge



Cup for the Association's Best Other Vegetables. This year saw the inauguration of a number of new classes for children and Annabel McCabe was the first Junior Champion with the most points.

Congratulations to all the winners.

The Association would like to thank Downtown Garden Centre who sponsored the main prizes and Skinnors who donated two raffle prizes.

More News from Around the Parish



Community Centre Update

Apologies first, as it has been a while since the Village Consultation Exercise that was carried out to gather the views of the Barrowby community on the way forward for the Community Centre joint venture. Since March a lot has happened and things are moving, even if it seems at a slow pace:

- Rebuild costs have been sent off to the insurers so that they can finalise their sums
- Deeds found for the land ownership
- Meeting held with Royal British Legion County Management Board (CMB) hierarchy
- RBL CMB letter to RBL Barrowby Branch with an Agreement in Principle for its support for the project
- Possible donation of the land owned by the RBL to the community of Barrowby.

The insurers of the RBL Club want to pay out for the rebuild and to close off the claim, but they need to know that the Barrowby RBL Club is still strong and wishes to continue with the rebuild; because of this a new Club committee has to be formed. A possible chairman has been asked to form a committee, but this will need to be formulated properly, and whoever it is will require the support of others from within the local community.

To this end it is asked of those current RBL members who live in Barrowby, those who would like to join the RBL so as to become a member of the newly forming Club and/or committee, or anyone that would just like to get more information on the Community Centre joint venture, that they attend an open door evening on **Wednesday 14th October at the Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm**. Attendees will be able to talk directly to individuals involved in the Community Centre project and get a better and more current update. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be available on the evening.

--Steve Carter

RBL Barrowby Branch Treasurer

Harry's Memorial Football Match - Sunday 27th September, Lowfield

Kick off at 10.45am.

Barrowby Tigers U16s vs Sleaford

All of you who knew Harry Lee Smith when he was at Barrowby School or at the Kings School, will be very welcome at the first Harry Lee Smith Memorial Football Match to keep his memory alive and to celebrate his passion for football (particularly Manchester United!). There will be a trophy that will be awarded every year in honour of his name. The winner's trophy will be presented by Steve Hynard, Chair of Barrowby Football Club.

Reminders!

Helping Hands

Barrowby Helping Hands are increasingly busy within the Barrowby Community, helping residents out in a variety of ways.

If you need help with small jobs, GP or hospital visits, shopping, prescription collection, meter reading, small DIY jobs, gardening, etc. - either planned or emergency - just give us a call.

Barrowby Helping Hands - 0771 696 1196

Defibrillator Training

Remember the defibrillator training?

The first action is always to ring 999 and then you will be taken through the next steps.

If you are unsure come to the next Parish Open Meeting on Saturday 31st October and ask one of the Parish Councillors..

Hedgehog Welfare

By Ralph and Judith Poore



It is always a thrill to see a hedgehog snuffling in your garden at dusk but it is becoming rarer and rarer as hedgehogs are decreasing in numbers. This is particularly caused by road deaths but can also be due to illness and infections from ticks etc.

There are a number of Hedgehog Hospitals in the East Midlands and our nearest hedgehog care facility is Hedgehog Welfare at Foston.

We found our small hoglet, Pierce, sleeping during the day on his own in the middle of our lawn. This is not the usual behaviour for hedgehogs so we contacted Hedgehog Welfare and took him to Foston.



There he was cared for by Janet Peto and her team of volunteers, first in intensive care and then in a walled garden.

After his treatment and when he had put on weight we had him back in a hedgehog box in the garden. We have not seen him since but if anyone should see a hedgehog with a white mark on his back that is Pierce and we would be glad to have news of him.

Hedgehog Welfare are having their Annual Fundraising event at Foston Village Hall on Sunday September 27th from 13.30 to 16.15pm.

Pop along and learn more about these helpful garden creatures and how you can ensure their survival.

Remember do not feed them bread or milk and be careful when disturbing piles of leaves in case they are hibernating.

POLITE REMINDER:

If you have hedges or bushes next to paths please do trim them so that pedestrians can walk safely and comfortably past them without stepping into the road. Thank you!

Barrowby teenagers join Newsletter team

Meet the new members of our Barrowby News team: Imran Esmail who is at King's School in Year 11 and Jenny Roberts who is at KGGS in Year 12.

Imran says: "My name is Imran Esmail. I am a student at King's School and I am helping with the Parish Council as part of my Duke of Edinburgh Award. While I have been helping I have noticed how much the Parish Council do around the village and I would urge any other students to help out in your free time."

Jenny says: "I'm Jenny, and I'm very excited to be taking part in this newsletter and getting involved with the Barrowby community. I currently attend KGGS and am interested in music, literature and piano."

All Saints' Church

Sunday 4th October

8.00am Holy Communion
9.00am Prayer for Healing
9.30am Morning Praise and Sunday Clubs

Sunday 11th October

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Club

Sunday 18th October

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Families Service

Sunday 25th October

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Morning Prayer 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

10.15am - Worship and Sunday School

Mondays

10.00am - Cane and Able Coffee Morning

John 01400 250475 or Veronica 593317

Fridays

6.30pm - Fantastic Friday Youth Group

Phil 562856

Barrowby Bellringers on tour

During the weekend of 21-23 August, Barrowby Bellringers went on a ringing tour of the Lincolnshire coast.



We all camped at Anderby and visited four towers on Saturday and another one on Sunday. Some of us also rang for service.

It was a valuable experience for everyone, especially the youngest ringers who only started learning to ring a few weeks ago. The weekend was enjoyed by all both ringers and non-ringers.

If anyone wants to join Barrowby Bellringers, just turn up on Wednesday evening 7.30pm at the church, full training will be given.

-- 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:

news@barrowby.org.uk

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