

BARROWBY NEWS

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BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Christmas is coming... and Barrowby is gearing up to celebrate with events around the village

The Parish Council is holding its annual Festive Fun at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 11th December from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Everyone is invited to meet Father Christmas and to enjoy Christmas refreshments.

Those who are over 60 are invited to a Christmas lunch by Barrowby Helping Hands the day before on Saturday 10th December from 1 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. There will be Christmas carols, crackers and raffle prizes as well as a lovely Christmas lunch.

The Scouts Christmas post is running as usual, with stamps on sale at Skinners from 21st November with the last collection on 14th December. Deliveries are to NG31 postcodes plus Barrowby and surrounding villages.

And finally, on Sunday 18th December there will be the traditional carols and a raffle at The White Swan.

Saying "Thank you" to the Volunteers! See back page



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Remembrance Poppies made by the Sunday Club children on display at Barrowby Church.



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Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

The Localism Act 2011 introduced the ability for Parish Councils and interested residents to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan to give communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.

The Parish Council recently commenced a process of consultation, and although the launch meeting was not well attended, there was considerable discussion about the SKDC Local Plan which details 250 potential additional homes which could be built before 2036. The proposed dwellings would be on the land adjoining the Scout Hut and Westry Corner. A properly constructed and approved Neighbourhood Plan would not overturn an existing Local Plan but would be able to potentially influence the planning outcomes. The proposed Local Plan is at this point a consultation document which is likely to move towards approval in March 2017. If you want to see details of the proposed plan go to the SKDC website at www.southkesteven.gov.uk and search on Local Plan 2036.

Barrowby Parish Council intend to hold some more events to encourage residents to share their views regarding neighbourhood planning with a view to moving towards the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan if sufficient interest is confirmed. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk at barrowbypc@hotmail.co.uk.

Barrowby School News

We have all enjoyed being back after the October half-term. Poppies, and other items for Remembrance were available at school and we marked Remembrance Day as part of our assembly. Paralympian Sam Ruddock was welcomed back to school to share his experiences from this year's Rio Paralympic Games. He showed us where he stayed in the Olympic Park and some of the sights of Rio. He was very honest in sharing his disappointment of not throwing as far as his personal best in his shot-put event. He told us how it is okay to feel scared, nervous and anxious: these are natural feelings but it is how you respond to these feelings, reacting in a positive not a negative way, that really makes the difference.

Barrowby School recently sought parents' views on a proposal that the school should convert to academy status and should join with others in the local area, which already have a strong track record of working together, to establish The GRACE Trust. (GRACE stands for the Grantham Region Academies Church of England Trust).

The School Governors believe that conversion to academy status will enable Barrowby CE Primary School, and the other schools in the Trust, to build on their collective strengths to provide enhanced opportunities for collaboration, and support excellent teaching standards. It will also 'future-proof' their ability to self-govern and make vital financial decisions that are in the best interests of the school.

DIARY DATES

Friday 2nd December: Barrowby Preschool Open Morning, Lowfield Pavilion

Sunday 4th December: Quiz at The White Swan

Thursday 8th December: By-election, Reading Room

Saturday 10th December: Helping Hands Christmas Lunch, Memorial Hall 12.45-3.30pm

Sunday 11th December Parish Council Christmas Event Memorial Hall, 3-5pm

Monday 12th December: Parish Council – Budget Setting Meeting

Sunday 18th December: Carols & Raffle, The White Swan

Saturday 7th January 10am-12pm: Surgery with County Councillor, Mark Whittington, Reading Room. By appointment only. Please contact 07982 128185 to book. Appointments are for a maximum of 15 mins.

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Around the Parish



Scouts

It was wonderful to see so many uniformed organisations attending the Remembrance Parade at Barrowby Church. There were four standard bearer parties and approximately 140 young people - who marched proudly in to the church on Sunday 13th November. It was the first time for many years that the local Scout and Guide groups attended the village church and hopefully it marks the start of a new tradition.

Allotments End of Season Awards

Barrowby Gardeners Association celebrated another successful season, with excellent community-based events such as the Annual BBQ, Scarecrow Festival and Annual Vegetable and Flower Show. Juliette Hurrell, Chair, thanked all committee members and plot holders for their help and support. Winner of the Best Kept Allotment was Mike and Julie Atter, with Nigel and Julia Jones in second place. Winner of the Best Use of Natural Resources was Tanya Walton, with Juliette Hurrell second. Winner of the Best Polytunnel/Greenhouse was Andy and Doreen Chapman, with David and Sylvia Markham second and Winner of Most Efficient Use of Space was Ian and Pippa Walker with Phil and Jane Cupit second. David Lightfoot won Best Newcomer.

Barrowby Preschool (for pre-school age children)

Friday, October 28th saw something very strange happening in Barrowby. All was a quiet, normal day, until *Crash! Bang! Pow!* there were Superheroes everywhere trying to save the day! The Superheroes had come out of hiding to help find the villain who was capturing the Barrowby Preschool Super Staff. The children carefully followed the trail to look for clues, and found many surprises on their way. Most made it safely back to Barrowby Sports Pavilion where they had more super-fun playing games and eating cake. The Barrowby Preschool Super Staff would like to say a big Thank You for coming to save the day, and helping raise £220 that will go towards the Preschool.

If you would like to come and join the fun, our next Open Morning is Friday 2nd December. We will be enjoying a fun-filled festive morning, please pop along!

Alternatively, for more information contact Jess Armstrong on 07415 450311 / barrowbypreschool@yahoo.co.uk We look forward to seeing you.

Terry Retford, Barrowby News Team

It was with great sadness that members of the Barrowby News Editorial Team attended the funeral of Terry Retford, founder member of the Barrowby News and the first newsletter designer and IT expert.

After living around the world, Terry came to Barrowby 25 years ago and he (with his wife Carole) was the driving force behind some of the recent highly successful community events: the tree planting on Lowfield, the Scarecrow Festival and the Remembrance poppies by the Reading Room.

He is greatly missed and our thoughts are with Carole and his family.

Scarecrow Festival

Can you help? Do you have a gazebo you don't want?

If so, the Scarecrow Festival organisers would love an additional gazebo to protect them from wind, rain and sun. Please call Brian on 07793 198948.

Thank you!

All Saints' Church

Sunday 4th December

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for Healing

9.30am Morning Praise and Sunday Club

Sunday 11th December

8.00am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Family Carols and Christingle

Sunday 18th December

8.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 24th December

10.30am A Birthday Party for Jesus!

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 25th December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Worship

Sunday 1st January

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for Healing

9.30am Morning Worship

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

Mondays: 10.00 Cane and Able Coffee Morning
John 01400 250475 or Veronica 593317

Fridays: 6.30 Fantastic Friday Youth Group
Phil 07904 492190

Get in Touch

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Celebrating our Best Kept Village success and a "Thank You" to volunteers

Around 30 villagers braved the freezing cold to share in the celebration of winning our category in The Best Kept Village competition and in celebration of all the work done by volunteers throughout the parish.

Brian Inglis, Vice-Chair of the Parish Council thanked all who work so hard giving their time, expertise and energies freely to the community. The list is long: the Bell Ringers and the Church, the Baptist Church, Fantastic Friday Club, Cane and Abel, the Barrowby News team and British Legion committee, the Helping Hands and Scarecrow Festival team (and helpers and participants), the organisers of Barrowby Showcase and Made-in-Barrowby, the committees of the Barrowby Gardeners, Barrowby football and cricket teams' with their managers and the committees that run the Pavilion, Reading Room and sports field plus all the uniform group leaders for the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Guides and Rainbows.

Brian also thanked everyone who had made such efforts to make their gardens tidy and colourful.

Richard Cross, Chair, also thanked Brian, without whom Barrowby would not have won and who works so hard keeping the village so tidy.

A village which took pride in its appearance...very impressed with ... all the public greens...the floral displays...were particularly noteworthy', 'really impressed with community effort – including the various activities undertaken (on) the allotments' '(village with) delightful gardens and tidy drives' 'delightful village and friendly villagers'....this is some of the praise from the judges over the three months of judging the competition this year.

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