BARROWBY NEWS

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BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Well done for a lovely day!" - The Queen's Birthday Tea Party

Barrowby Helping Hands brought the over-60's together in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 11th June for a tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Food, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by over 60 people, with dancing, live music from the 50s & 60s by Tooz Company, a raffle and a prize quiz.

It was a wonderful way to help people to meet each other. At the end, young and old joined to sing the National Anthem. "It was lovely to be able to meet old friends and to have a little dance as well" said one and there were promises to meet again at the next event, which will be a Christmas meal in mid-December.



Looking For Scarecrow Ideas?

The next Barrowby Scarecrow Festival takes place on the first weekend in September and you should find your application form in the Village Link. If you are struggling to think of designs for your traditional Scarecrow you will find some web site addresses on the insert full of ideas for you. There will be the usual tombola, bookstall and BBQ on the Green on Saturday. Call Brian on 07793 198948 if you have any items to donate. We are also hoping to have music on the Green on Sunday. If you can help with setting up, making sponsored scarecrows, or with the BBQ, please call Brian.

Royal British Legion: Updates and Club Nights

A meeting of Barrowby British Legion Branch and Club members held on 12th May was well attended with 40 people present to listen to an update of the progress towards finalising an insurance settlement and the response of the National British Legion. Disappointment was widely expressed at the attitude of the Royal British Legion in their seeking to seize all the property and financial assets of the Barrowby British

Legion Club and to apply these resources to their national campaigns rather than apply the assets to local needs.

A somewhat acrimonious meeting between local representatives and national officers of the British Legion, held in January 2016, had indicated that the national British Legion did not recognise the hopes and aspirations of the Barrowby community as being relevant to their plans to sell off the Barrowby British Legion site to a developer. *continued on page 3*

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are your eye checks up to date?

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Annual Parish Open Meeting

The Annual Parish Open Meeting was attended by about 25 people and a range of issues were discussed. The Chair reported that the key areas of focus for 2016/17 were facilitating the RBL Barrowby Club in addressing issues regarding the derelict building and surrounding land, implementing the maintenance plan for the Reading Room, completing the playground installation, consulting with SKDC and LCC regarding issues with parking and potholes, supporting Barrowby Showcase activity, and consulting with the village. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council will continue to support the Barrowby News and the Barrowby website.

Best Kept Village Competition

The judges for the Best Kept Village competition were spied in the village on the 7th June. Thank you to the many of you who have taken a lot of time and effort to look after your front gardens, hedges and trees. We do not know if we are in the top 50% of our group and go through to the next round. Please keep an eye on the noticeboards to see the result. If we do get through, the next round will take place during July.

The Allotments

Despite the atrociously wet weather in early to mid June, the strawberries and raspberries are now ripening and the hard-working allotmenteers are starting to see the fruits of their labours. You can share in the bounty by popping down to the shop on The Drift, on a Saturday from 10-12 to buy freshly picked lettuce, fruit and early vegetables. There is currently NO waiting list for a plot. And put the Annual BBQ date in your diary now – Sunday 14th August – followed by our Annual Flower and Vegetable Show on Saturday 10th September with many classes for children as well as flower arranging, cut flowers and our famous Auction of Produce.

W.I. celebrates 2 birthdays!

At Barrowby WI we recently celebrated our 51st birthday. For the occasion we had a special cake printed with a picture of our recently finished wall hanging. Our speaker for the evening was Fiona Hopper from Hoppers Jewellers, who enlightened us amongst other things about the various precious stones used on their jewellery.

Our wall hanging is to celebrate 50 years of Barrowby WI and was started last year. It has been made by many of our members demonstrating their craft skills, each of the 20 squares depicting scenes and life around Barrowby village. When framed we intend to have our work of art displayed in the Memorial Hall.

Our next regular meeting will be in August, at the Memorial Hall, for further information please email us on barrowbywi@gmail.com



Barrowby Pet Services Call Julie on 07505009344 Visits-Home Sits-Walking and Boarding

DIARY DATES

Sunday 3rd July - Quiz at The White Swan Monday 11th July - Parish Council Open Forum, 6.45pm, Reading Room Monday 25th July - Singing at the White Swan

Thursday 28th July - Royal British Legion, Club Night, Reading Room, 7.30-9.30pm

Monday 8th August - Parish Council Open Forum, 6.45pm, Reading Room

Sunday 14th August - Allotments BBQ, 12noon-3pm

Around the Parish

Barrowby Scouts

On a very busy weekend for some of the Scouts, after the Barrowby Showcase on Saturday came caving on the Sunday for two of the older Scouts together with the Adult Leaders. We set off at 9 am from the Scout Hut to Matlock to meet our instructors and some Explorers from another unit. Once we were all together off we went to our very first Caving expedition. With a touch of nervousness and a great deal of excitement, we drove through the winding back roads - once we had arrived there was no turning back. This was it. After putting on our safety gear, which included boiler suit, belts, wellies and hard hat and a light, we walked to the top of a rocky slope only



to have to make our way down the boulders, passing some rock climbers en route. Arriving at the cave entrance we then had to slide our way down - which was an experience! After a safety briefing, we travelled into a larger part of the cave where you were able stand up properly and walk around quite freely. There were some parts that you could only walk doubled over and even scramble on our tummies through a very low entrance into another part of the cave. Some parts of the cave were dry and some parts were really wet which in turn made it a bit muddy. It was certainly an adventure, one the Scouts would love to repeat.

Royal British Legion: Updates (continued from front page)

The meeting considered the fact that the site was originally gifted to the people of Barrowby for the benefit of the people of Barrowby. It was unanimously agreed that Barrowby British Legion should fight the proposals to sell off the site and seek to acquire it for the benefit of the village. The Acting Chairman reported that despite the Parish Council attempting to have the whole site declared an Asset Of Community Value, SKDC had declined this status as it has been more than 3 years since the Club was in use. The Committee, has, however, had the car park, the beer garden and the garage registered with the Land Registry as belonging to the Club.

A new Club Committee was elected with Phil Cupit being elected as Chairman, Kate Kinnear as Secretary and Fiona Marshall as Treasurer.

It was proposed and agreed that the committee should apply the Club's resources to seeking legal advice as to how we might prevent the seizure of the land by the National British Legion. It was also agreed that the Committee should negotiate an early settlement of the contents insurance claim to finance the proposed legal costs.

Proposals were put forward for regular, monthly club nights which would enable members to meet in the Reading Room and engage in a variety of club activities. The dates of these meetings are listed below. It was emphasised that it is vital that the club is seen to be thriving despite having to relocate to other temporary accommodation. The club recruited three new members during the course of the meeting and 14 members turned up to the first Club Night held on May 26th. New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining should either come along to the next club meeting or contact Kate Kinnear on 07934843078.

Club Nights last Thursday monthly in the Reading Room 19.30 to 21.30

Proposed Club Activities are:

Thursday 30th June Club Night Thursday 28th July Pub Games
Thursday 25th August Treasure Hunt Thursday 29th September Quiz Night
Thursday 28th October Race Night Thursday 25th November Film Night

All club nights are informal and of a drop-in nature.

Light Refreshments are served in return for the purchase of an entry ticket. Please feel free to attend as a guest.

All Saints' Church

Sunday 3rd July

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

Sunday 10th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Club

Sunday 17th July

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Families Service

Sunday 24th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Morning Prayer followed by lunch

Sunday 31st July

9.30am Holy Communion

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

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Church Heritage Weekend

The Church Heritage Weekend generated considerable interest from a good attendance of both church goers and non-church goers. There was a general view that the proposals were sensible but some caution needed to be exercised in some areas. Consultations are continuing with the Diocese and Heritage Board and Barrowby News will keep you up-to-date.

Red Cross Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Red Cross coffee morning in the Memorial Hall on May 11th which raised £387.

-- Christine Wright

Remember the defibrillators

In an emergency:

There are four automated external defibrillators (AED) in the village sited in yellow cabinets at the following locations: The entrance to the footpath that leads from Hedgefield Road to Adamstiles, The Reading Room, the bus stop on High Road opposite Reedings Road and at the entrance to the Lowfields adjacent to the Drift.

The AEDs are safe to use and will only shock a casualty if it is needed. An AED gives clear audio and visual instructions on how to use it. Call 999. You will be told by the emergency call handler of the location of the nearest cabinet and the access code to open the cabinet.

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