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Yes or No to Barrowby taking control of the former British Legion site?

Over 50 Barrowby residents attended a meeting at the Memorial Hall to discuss the possible future of the site. Phil Cupit, Chair of the Barrowby British Legion Club committee, summarised the situation as it has evolved over the 5 years or so since the fire that devastated the building.

Ownership of the various plots of land has now been clarified and the land owned by the Barrowby British Legion has now been valued professionally. Barrowby British Legion Club has filed for legal access to these plots across the national Royal British Legion land and has registered these plots in Barrowby British Legion Club's name.

The national organisation has proposed to sell their land to the highest bidder, with the proceeds being placed in a trust for the benefit of local servicemen and their families. The land could therefore be used for houses or for other developments, such as retail, over which the Barrowby village would have little or no control. They have since intimated that they might sell the land to a public body such as the Parish Council. The proposal to be put before the village through a three-item questionnaire is whether the villagers support, in principle, the taking of the site into local ownership via the Parish Council and whether the village, therefore, would support exploration by the Parish Council of financial options in order for this to be able to happen.

There were a number of issues raised in a lively question and answer session, mainly regarding land ownership and land access, but also regarding the current state of the BL building, the potential costs of purchasing the land, the financial viability of the project (particularly as the land value cannot be made public) and the impact this would have on the Memorial Hall.

Representatives of the Memorial Hall, which is currently nearly fully booked, expressed their support for the project, as have the PCC and the local school.

As Phil Cupit said: "It is now time for Barrowby to have its say. Fill in the questionnaire and let the Barrowby BL know if you would like to keep the site for the benefit of the village or not".

Thanks were given to Phil and the committee for all their hard work.

See inside for other events in Barrowby over the next two months including **planning for the Scarecrow Festival** and the **AGMs of the Memorial Hall and Helping Hands**.

Are you interested in having a half plot on the Barrowby allotments? There is no waiting list at present so please call Julia on 07713 621672 if you would like to know more. Turn to page 2 for more about the Gardeners Association in 2017.

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Your SKDC Councillors - Cllr Hannah Westropp and Cllr Pam Bosworth

Barrowby has three layers of local government: Parish, District and Council Councils. The Parish Council's powers relate to local matters: litter, parks, dog offences and the Reading Room. They are not part of church administration and are the first place you should go. LCC covers Lincolnshire, providing around 80% of your services including social services, highways and trading standards.

SKDC covers a smaller area providing more local services including council housing, local planning, refuse collection and leisure facilities. Both sets of Councillors perform similar roles - their primary duty is to represent you, reporting back policy and decisions. Beyond this they balance the needs and interests of the political parties and the wider council area, taking part in policy or strategy reviews and scrutinising those that lead their councils. To contact your Councillors visit their respective websites or pop along to the next Barrowby Parish Council meeting.

2017: Be involved in community events in Barrowby - planning starts now!

Memorial Hall: Tim Caunt, Chair of the Memorial Hall committee invites everyone to the Barrowby Memorial Hall on Monday February 13th. at 7-30pm followed by a short committee meeting, tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. As Tim says: 'In the light of developments with the British Legion this could be quite an important meeting and we would encourage as many as possible to attend'.

Barrowby Gardeners Association: Juliette Hurrell was thanked for all her hard work as outgoing Chair and Nigel Jones was welcomed as incoming Chair. The allotments are the major community group in Barrowby, engaging over 300 residents with community events and the Saturday shop each year. The allotments have 55 plot holders, involving nearly 70 additional family members, 16 Associate members including Barrowby School and meeting over 150 more residents during the year at the shop, the BBQ, Scarecrow Festival and Village Flower and Vegetable Show. It works closely with local associations in Harrowby and on Barrowby Road and was featured in the national magazine of the National Society of Allotments and Leisure Gardeners and recognised by the Best Kept Village judges for its community efforts. The shop re-opens on Saturday 21st January, selling seeds, potatoes, onions, garlic and sundries at great discounts for plot holders and Associate Members. Come down for a coffee and biscuit and meet the committee from 10-12.

2017 Scarecrow Festival: Open Meeting

Having discussed the Festival with the scarecrow makers there will be a planning meeting for this year's Festival (Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd September) on Thursday 2nd March 7 p.m. at the Reading Room. This is open to everyone to share their ideas about the coming year and, as always, any help that can be offered prior to or during the weekend will be gratefully received. Contact Brian on 07793 198948 if you are interested.

DIARY DATES

Mon 23rd Jan - Wed 8th Feb: Temporary footpath closure between Casthorpe Road and Low Road. Alternative routings will be signposted.

Tues 31st Jan: Mobile library, Casthorpe Road 12.15-12.45pm.

Fri 3rd Feb: Preschool Open Day contact 07415 450311 / barrowbypreschool@yahoo.co.uk

Sat 4th Feb: Barrowby Burns Night Supper, Memorial Hall, 7-11pm.

Sun Feb 5th: Quiz night at the White Swan.

Mon 13th Feb: Parish Council, Reading Room, open session 6.45pm.

Mon 13th Feb: Memorial Hall AGM 7.30pm with refreshments.

Mon 13th Feb: Folk at The Swan, 8pm.

Wed 15th Feb: W.I. Memorial Hall 7pm.

Wed 22nd Feb: Barrowby Helping Hands AGM, 7pm at Fourways, Rectory Lane, Barrowby NG32 1BT.

Thurs 23rd Feb: RBL branch meeting, Reading Room.

Mon 27th Feb: Singers Night at The Swan, 8pm.

Tues 28th Feb: Mobile library, Casthorpe Road 12.15-12.45pm.

Thurs 2nd Mar: Scarecrow Open Planning Meeting, 7pm, Reading Room.



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Scouts Enjoy JOTI 2016

As last year, Barrowby Scouts took part in JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet), an international event that takes place every year in October. Our Scouts chatted with many other Scouts from countries across the world, including new friends in Japan, Egypt, Nigeria and India, which they found very exciting. They discovered what games are played in different parts of the world as well as other Scouts' favourite things about Scouting. The sheets of paper on the table in the photograph record the different JID codes that they collected from other Scouts that they contacted. Each Scout group has its own JID code and as they chat to other groups they collect the codes of those groups and share their totals at the end of the Jamboree. To top it off our Scouts had pizza and cup-cakes for supper, then bed, followed by bacon butties and cereal for breakfast the next morning. We will be collecting Sainsbury Vouchers again this year – running from 25th January until May so please help us collect for more equipment this year.

Thank you. Sara, Scout Leader.



Barrowby WI go back to the Middle Ages

In November, we were entertained by the Danserye Renaissance Group on a Medieval theme. Three performers acted out mini plays about witches and beasts, read poems and demonstrated dancing of the period: often in threes, the group could consist of the gentleman, his wife and his mistress! In December we enjoyed a visit to Grantham Tennis Club for a Christmas lunch: a good choice of food was on offer from traditional turkey to many other delicious items. We had a lovely 'pre-festive' time pulling crackers, wearing party hats and plenty of socialising.

On February 15th, our speaker will be Mr. Roger Graves who will be talking about St. Wulfram's Spire, Grantham, from where he has been privileged to take many photographs. Our meetings are held monthly at the Barrowby Memorial Hall on the 3rd Wednesday from 7 pm - 9.30 pm so come and give us a try.

We are a friendly group and we don't bite - well only the delicious cakes we sometimes have during refreshments! For more information contact us at barrowbywi@gmail.com



Preschool enjoy "Tuff Spot Tuesdays"

We have had a busy return from the Christmas break. The children have been enjoying learning about lots of different types of animals. Tuff Spot Tuesdays, where we recreate the natural habitat of different animals in our large trays, have been very successful. The children love getting messy as they explore different textures such as hay, soil, ice and water whilst learning. We have also been trying to recreate animal noises and movements, making animal art work and listening to our favourite animal stories. If your little one is nearly two, or you have a bigger little one getting ready for school, our next Open Day is Friday 3rd February, you are invited to join us for cake and a chat. Please contact Jess if you would like more information: 07415 450311 or barrowbypreschool@yahoo.co.uk

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All Saints' Church

Sunday 5th February

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

Sunday 12th February

Epiphany
8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th February

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Families Service

Sunday 26th February

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday Club
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

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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Ringling in the New Year



Barrowby Bell Ringers rang in the New Year with muffled ringing from 11.15 till 11.45. The muffles were then removed before striking 12 o'clock with everyone joining in to celebrate 2017. As this is a village tradition, many villagers went outside to listen to the bells ringing in the New Year. A small party was held in the tower following ringing to enable the Bell Ringers to celebrate the New Year. The average age of the ringers on the night was 28 with one ringer being well in their 70's which put the average up considerably!

Bell Ringing is sadly a dying art as in many towers there are no ringers under retirement age, so we are very lucky to have a group of young ringers. Barrowby Bell Ringers are always looking for new members aged 11 and over, no experience necessary. You can either turn up on a Wednesday evening 7.30-9pm or contact Melissa Blanchard, tower captain, at barrowby@sb.ldgcb.org.uk

If you would like to support the Barrowby Bells please come to the Barrowby Burns Night Supper to enjoy the traditional piping in of the haggis, with its neeps, tatties, and dessert, followed by dancing with Charlie's Ant ceilidh band, a raffle and the famous whisky roll.

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