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Barrowby's Future: Make Your Voice Heard

Barrowby could increase by over a third if 250 new homes are built Can our infrastructure cope with the extra demand?

What impact will it have on our village?

The SKDC Local Plan proposes that at least 250 new houses could be built in Barrowby over the next 20 years. This would change the character of the village; it would mean increased traffic in the village and on the roads into Grantham.

"Barrowby is big enough...
We want to remain a friendly, quiet village...
[H]ousing development would lose the village feel."

These were some of the comments in the BIG survey five years ago. There was support only for infill and small housing developments, and only as long as the infrastructure was improved to cope. There was little support for large developments: over 60% of respondents rejected developments of 100 houses or more.

Do we still feel the same?

The Parish Council is considering creating a Neighbourhood Plan to give Barrowby a voice in its own future. Under the Localism Act 2011, the village has direct power to develop this shared vision for our neighbourhood and to shape the development and growth of Barrowby.

So, if you have a view about how you want Barrowby to develop and how you want your village to look in 20 years' time, come along to a **Village Planning Meeting on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall to share your views with the Parish Council about the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan.

What would a Neighbourhood Plan mean?

- It would allow the village to influence planning outcomes
- It can set out a positive vision of Barrowby over the next 10, 15, 20 years
- It can provide strong evidence of the views of residents
- If approved, it will sit alongside the new SKDC Local Plan.

Burns Night

Nearly 80 people came to the Burns Night Supper on 4th February, raising £1,769 for All Saints Bells. Melissa, Stephen, Marie and Charlie thank all who helped through donations, running the event, catering and attending. Thanks also to the band and the enthusiastic dancers.

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Bill James pipes in the Haggis, "Great Chieftain of the Pudding Race" and some of the dancers



Potholes

As you may know, Lincolnshire County Council are responsible for managing and maintaining the road network, including potholes, pavement or road defects, flooding and drainage issues, grass cutting, obstructions, road signs and street lighting.

The Council have received money specifically for filling in potholes, so remember to report any potholes you see. There is currently an issue with the "Fix My Street" website, which may mean that queries reported there do not reach LCC, so please report any problems directly via their website at the address below:

https://highways.lincolnshire.gov.uk/highways/

Barrowby Royal British Legion: What Next?

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire. There were 545 replies out of 804 with 9 out of 10 replying positively to all three questions. 91% were in favour of the Parish Council seeking ways to fund the purchase of the site for the benefit of the village. Full details can be seen on www.barrowby.org.uk/phoenix

The Parish Council is aware of the need for urgency as the RBL headquarters are pushing the Barrowby British Legion Club for an early resolution to the future of the site. A working party was agreed to examine possible sources of funding and report back to the Parish Council.

A special meeting has been convened on Tuesday 28th February at 7.00p.m. in the Reading Room.

Scarecrow Festival 2017

Remember there is a Planning Meeting Thursday 2nd March – in the next issue we will let you know the theme and initial plans for the Weekend.

CASTLEGATE FASCIAS & WINDOWS

Fascias, Gutters
Windows, Conservatories

For More Information Call Mike on 01476 567075 07941 752272



Dog Mess: Pick it up and bag it!

There are new dog mess bag holders on Lowfield – please use them and remember that you must clear up after your dog throughout the village. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 28th February: Barrowby RBL Working

Party, 7pm Reading Room

Thursday 2nd March: Scarecrow Planning

Meeting, 7pm Reading Room

Sunday 5th March: Quiz at the White Swan

Monday 13th March: Parish Council public

forum 6.45pm Reading Room

Monday 13th March: Folk at the Swan, 8pm Monday 27th March: Singing at the White

Swan, 8pm

Tuesday 28th March: Mobile library, 12.15-

12.45pm Casthorpe Road

Tuesday 28th March: Village Planning Meeting,

Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Around the Parish



A successful year for Barrowby Memorial Hall

Barrowby Memorial Hall posted a surplus of nearly £3,000 for 2016, carrying forward a healthy balance of over £7,300 into 2017. Income due to bookings has increased and there has been a number of minor improvements. Tim Caunt thanked the committee for their support and hard work and welcomed the new President, Mary Whittaker, who takes over from the late Peter Bennett. The current committee were unanimously re-elected, with Tim remaining as Chair, Jenny Watson as Vice-Chair, Lesley Southam as Secretary and Mrs. Critchley as Treasurer.

There have been a number of changes to events taking place regularly in the Hall, as Kettlexercise has moved to larger premises: U3A table tennis, plus guitar and taekwondo classes are now weekly regulars. And remember the sequence dancing every Tuesday afternoon.

Scouts celebrated a very hectic December

Early December saw Barrowby Scouts visit St Wulfram's Church for a return visit after some years. Two of the Scouts renewed their promise up in the Bell Tower, creating a special memory for them. The Scouts then went up to the top to look at the bells actually working as they were being rung, wearing ear defenders as the bells are so loud when you are up close!

The Scouts were also very keen to have a go at bell ringing. They had a thoroughly good time and would like to thank the bell ringers. They also had a guided tour around the rest of the church and even went up to the library, which was a special treat.



Following on from the church visit the Scouts then visited Gravity FM to record a promotion for the Scout Christmas Post, writing the words themselves. It was quite a surprise to hear your own voice! Hopefully they will be invited back this year and maybe even to write and put on their own show for the radio! Sara, Scout Leader.

Sara also says, "We are gratefully accepting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers until early May if you would like to donate to the group, thank you".

By the way, have you noticed that the Scout Hut is also being used during weekdays? The local Princes Trust is now running courses there on a regular basis.

Barrowby WI has a packed year's programme for 2017

Barrowby WI started the year with a pleasant social evening, which centred around a lively bingo session made all the more enjoyable by our guest caller for the evening David Dean, with plenty of homemade snacks for supper. A good time was had by all.

The speaker for our March meeting will be the celebrated local photographer Richard Adams, who will be presenting his work set to music.

We meet every third Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. Interested ladies are more than welcome to come along as a visitor.

For more information send us an email at barrowbywi@gmail.com

All Saints' Church

Sunday 5th March

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for Healing

9.30am Morning Worship and Sunday Club

Sunday 12th March

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th March

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Families Service

Sunday 26th March MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

Get in Touch

Deadlines for forthcoming issues:

14th March for April issue

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Join the Grantham Canal Crew!

The Grantham Canal Society says: "The Trip Boat "Three Shires" runs on a regular basis between the berth at Woolsthorpe by Belvoir and the A1. This represents a major source of income for the society as well as being great fun for all those involved. This year they are keen to use the boat even more than in previous seasons but to do that they need to increase the number of crew. This is where they need your help. If you think you might like boats, enjoy talking to people and fancy being part of a crew then they have a great opportunity for you! To get more information or if you would like to join one of the crew training days please contact John or Mary via phone or email.

John Trigg - Senior Skipper, jctrigg97@gmail.com (07721) 939405

Mary Noble – Volunteer co-ordinator, volunteer@granthamcanal.org, (01476) 566578

This is a great opportunity to do something enjoyable whilst supporting a fantastic cause!"

Barrowby Helping Hands is a non-profit organisation to help those in need in Barrowby and surrounds. It is funded by donations; there is no charge for the help unless direct expense is incurred.



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