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# 'TISTHE SEASON TO BE JOLLY! BARROWBY CELEBRATES THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

#### **Barrowby Parish Council Annual Christmas Party**

Step into a magical Winter Wonderland and get into the festive spirit at the annual Christmas Party hosted by Barrowby Parish Council. This year's event will take place on Sunday 10 December from 3 - 5pm at the Memorial Hall and all of the family are invited.

Food will be provided and a magician will entertain the children. There will be classic Christmas tunes and a 'special guest' in residence to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## Barrowby's Advent Calendar with a difference is back this year!

Starting from Friday 1st December a different Advent window will be lit up in the village every evening between 4 – 8 p.m. By Christmas Eve there will be 24 windows illuminated.

A list of participating houses and businesses will be available from Barrowby Church, The Cakehole,

Skinners, the White Swan and the Post Office.

**Helping Hands Christmas lunch** for over 60's will be held on Saturday 16th December at the Memorial Hall, from 1.00 p.m. onwards.

If you still need to register your place please call Simone on 07716961196.

The Scouts Christmas Post service is running again this year, with stamps on sale at Skinners from 20th November, and the last collection on Wednesday 13th December. More details on Page 2.

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#### **BARROWBY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Steering Group is continuing to build the framework for the development of Barrowby's Neighbourhood Plan. We are currently building a website and now have a Facebook page (Barrowby Parish Neighbourhood Plan) to help keep people informed of what we are doing.

During November we began our first consultation with all the village groups, clubs and organisations - asking them to help us identify what people both like and dislike about Barrowby, what improvements they would like to see over the next 15 years and any things they would not want.

The information from this will help to frame a formal questionnaire to all households in the parish which is planned for 2018.

#### **BARROWBY PRESCHOOL**

We are nearly in full swing getting ready for Christmas. We are busy getting covered in glitter creating Christmas cards and Christmas crafts.

The children have been brilliant at practising their Christmas performance - we will be having a Christmas Singalong at the end of term. I think all the staff and children are most looking forward to the Big Man visiting at our Christmas Party.

If you would like your child to join us in January, we still have a few spaces, please get in touch! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Everyone at Barrowby Preschool!

#### **Scouts Christmas Post**

Stamps cost 25p each, or 50p for large cards or calendars, and are available from Skinners, where you can also post your cards. The Scouts post covers all NG31 areas of Grantham, plus Barrowby, Great Gonerby, Harlaxton, Ancaster, Colsterworth and Bottesford.

Last collection date is Wednesday 13th December.

## CASTLEGATE FASCIAS & WINDOWS

Fascias, Gutters
Windows, Conservatories

For More Information Call Mike on 01476 567075 07941 752272

#### **DIARY DATES**

Sunday 10th December: Barrowby Church Family Carol Service 10.30am.

Sunday 10th December: Parish Council Christmas Event Memorial Hall 3-5pm.

Monday 11th December: Parish Council Budget Setting Meeting.

Saturday 16th December: Helping Hands Christmas Lunch Memorial Hall 12.45-3.30pm.

Sunday 17th December: Baptist Church all age Carol Service Memorial Hall 10.15am.

Sunday 17th December: White Swan Carols and Prize draw, 7.30pm.

Saturday 30th December: Charlies Ant Hogmanay Ceilidh for Aegis Trust at The Memorial Hall, 7pm. Saturday 30th December: Karaoke at The White Swan 7.30pm.

### **Around the Parish**

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#### **Barrowby W.I.**

Our speaker in October was Tony Butler and he brought unusual and exotic animals to our village hall for a hands on experience. The creatures ranged from a cute little African Pygmy hedgehog to a strange giant millipede, through to a scary scorpion with sting! We could touch or handle any we chose to, though the tarantulas and snake were perhaps less well received by some members.

A thoroughly enjoyable and memorable evening.

In December the WI group meet for a Christmas lunch together, instead of the usual monthly Wednesday evening meeting.



#### **Barrowby Gardeners Association - End of Season Awards and Winners**

At their Annual Dinner in November Barrowby Gardeners celebrated a bumper crop this year, despite the changeable weather. A highly successful BBQ and Annual Show have helped the financial situation and the site is in a good condition, with a newly painted container/shop, a new metal shed and a re-fettled wooden shed.

The judge of the Best Kept Allotments, Faith Ballam, was very impressed with the time and effort everyone spends on their allotments and with the quality and variety of produce, including black grape vines, many fruit bush varieties, horseradish, okra and red onion squashes.

The Best Kept Allotment competition was won by Nigel and Julia Jones, with second place going to Rob Shelbourn, third to Doreen and Andy Chapman, fourth place to Krys and Andy Fisher and fifth place to Julie and Mick Atter. Alison and Ivan Thorpe won the Best Newcomer Certificate.

Allotmenteers are already planning for 2018 and hoping for good growing weather next year. If you are interested in 'Grow Your Own' on the allotments contact Julia on 07713 621672 to go on the waiting list.

#### BARROWBY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

On 29th October Barrowby Baptist Fellowship celebrated its Silver Jubilee. Members past and present shared in a service of praise and thanksgiving for Harvest and our Jubilee. This was followed by lunch. You are warmly invited to join us for our Christmas Services:

Sunday 17th December - All Age Carol Service Sunday 24th December-Reflections on the Christmas Gospel Story and prayer Monday 25th December - Christmas Celebration All start at 10.15am in the Memorial Hall



#### **All Saints' Church**

#### **Sunday 3rd December**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for Healing

9.30am Morning Praise and Sunday Club

#### Sunday 10th December

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Families Carols

#### **Sunday 17th December**

8.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

#### **Christmas Eve 24th December**

10.30am A Birthday Party for Jesus with balloons, cake etc.

7.30pm Holy Communion

'Thy Kingdom Come' national event to pray for our country - the Church will be open 3.30-7pm for prayer - just call in.

#### **Christmas Day 25th December**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Worship

#### **Sunday 31st December**

10.30am Morning Worship

For more information or to arrange a lift, 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:**

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#### **Barrowby Bell Ringers**

Barrowby Bell Ringers will be ringing for the Christmas services at the church as well as ringing in the New Year with muffled ringing before midnight and open ringing after midnight on New Year's Eve.

As most people are aware it will be 100 years since the end of WW1 in 2018 and the CCCBR (Central Council of Church Bell Ringers) has decided that it would be a fitting tribute to try to replace the 1,400 bell ringers that were killed in WW1 with 1,400 new bell ringers.



Barrowby Bell Ringers are keen to take part in this initiative and are looking for new bell ringers to join their team, so that they and the new bell ringers are able to take part in the commemorations next November.

Anyone aged 11 and over would be welcome to join the band. Come along on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm in church or contact Melissa Blanchard Tower Captain barrowby@sb.ldgcb.org.uk for more information.

#### Charlies Ant Hogmanay Ceilidh for Aegis Trust - 30th December, Memorial Hall

Dance away the old year and welcome the new at Barrowby's White Heather Club Hogmany!

Please book a ticket and donate to Aegis via Charlie in advance or on the door, £8 or more.

Live All Star Ceilidh Band: Charlie's Ant with caller so all dances walked through and called! Light Supper provided and if you would like to bring some food to share, please let Charlie know!

Donation bar available with beer, wine and soft drinks with all donations going to Aegis Trust.

For more details please contact Charlie at cpj.charlton@tiscali.co.uk

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