

BARROWBY NEWS

BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Barrowby Scoops Best Kept Village Title with a near Perfect Score!

A score of 146 out of a possible maximum of 150 Points ensured that Barrowby was the winner of the 'Past Winners' category in Lincolnshire's Best Kept Village competition 2019.

The village received two visits in August, and was judged in a total of 10 areas, including overall appearance and condition, green spaces, public, private and business premises, and overall community effort. The judges had high praise for Barrowby residents: **"People obviously put a great deal of effort and time into caring for their village"**.

The judges awarded maximum points in the areas of Public Domain/Street Scene, Green Spaces, and Public and Religious Premises. The churchyard was commended for being "well maintained with a wildlife area managed" - and the allotments and children's play area were both mentioned for being well looked after and maintained.

It was particularly pleasing for the village to have been awarded maximum points for Overall Community Effort, with the organisation of the Scarecrow Festival and the Annual Produce Show mentioned.

The Parish Council would like to thank all householders (and dog walkers!) for playing their part in ensuring that Barrowby was looking at its best when the judges visited. Barrowby will receive a certificate and brass plaque which will be displayed in due course. The result is testament to the pride we all take in our village, gardens and our wider community spaces. Thank you!!



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Christmas is Coming!

Village Events:

Christmas Charity Craft Fair Saturday 23rd November

Following last year's very successful event, we are holding another Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November in the Memorial Hall, from 10 to 3. This year we are raising funds for The Alzheimer's Society and Grantham Passage. There will be refreshments, craft stalls, Avon, games, food stalls, tombola and a raffle. If you can donate items for the tombola and raffle, or wish to help on the day please contact Jo on 07972 646042. Thank you.

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Community Speed Watch

The Parish Council is considering a Community Speed Watch scheme to tackle speeding issues in Barrowby. This involves using highly visible passive notices and battery powered speed indicators to reinforce the speed limit. Drivers' speeds are captured by authorised local volunteers at approved locations. The registered keeper of any vehicle caught exceeding the speed limit is sent a letter from the police.

The Parish Council needs a team of volunteers if Barrowby is going to be able to run a Community Speed Watch scheme. This is **three squads of three people** willing to commit both to initial training and to data capturing on a regular basis (at least once every three weeks). If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, please contact Becky, the Parish Clerk, on clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.org.uk.

Plastic Free Barrowby: If you are interested in setting up a plastic-free community initiative read about it in next month's Barrowby News or contact clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.org.uk

**What are the results of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire?
Meet Community Lincs, OpenPlan and the team on Monday 2nd December**

With a response rate higher than average Barrowby residents are making their views clear:

What people like about Barrowby: friendly; open spaces; surrounding countryside

What is most important to people in Barrowby: open spaces; meeting places – almost 75% would support a new community facility; outdoor facilities for older children; all the shops are important; many would like to see a doctor's surgery.

New houses: Over 70% want **no more** than the proposed 49 houses; little support for further greenfield development; 3 bedroom houses and bungalows preferred.

Keep: Separation from Grantham; rural views; integrity and character of village.

What else did we say? What happens now? Come to the drop-in session from 4–8 p.m. at the Reading Room to have your say and discuss issues and problems in the parish.

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 12th November: 'Rocket Man', 7.00 pm Memorial Hall

Wednesday 13th November: Mobile library 11.30 – 12.00
Wong Gardens

Wednesday 20th November: WI 'Seasonal Canapés' with
Manor Farm Cookery School, 7.30 pm Memorial Hall

Saturday 23rd November: Charity Christmas Fair
10 – 3 Memorial Hall

Monday 2nd December: Questionnaire feedback and workshop
Reading Room 4–8 p.m. with Community Lincs and OpenPlan

Friday 6th December: Open Door and Barrowby Church
Christmas meal 12.45 Memorial Hall See page 4 for more

Sunday 8th December: Parish Council Christmas Party
2 – 5 Memorial Hall with Santa, entertainer ALL WELCOME

Sunday 15th December: afternoon: 'The Snowman' and
'The Snowman and the Snow Dog'; evening: 'It's a Wonderful
Life'. Memorial Hall. Via Eventbrite or Charlie (page 4 for contact)

AROUND THE PARISH

WI – BARROWBY BENEATH OUR FEET

Barrowby has been lived in for over 10,000 years. Over 30 WI members and guests were enthralled to learn about the flints and scrapers of the Stone Age, the ploughed out burial mounds of the Bronze Age, the flour grinding stones of the Iron Age and the possibility of as yet undiscovered Roman remains all lying beneath our feet in the parish.

Using maps and showing some of the finds over the years, local resident Nigel Jones, and John Gorrey, both members of the Grantham Archaeology Group, described how archaeologists use old maps, photographs and laser detection from the air, field walking and metal detecting to identify features in the local landscape to show how Barrowby has been inhabited over the millennia. Some of these features are being lost through housing development and Nigel hopes to return to the Parish Boundary Project to identify the old boundary markers in cooperation with local landowners.

There are 9 Stone Age sites, one is a ring ditch near the canal by the A1, and two ploughed out Bronze Age burial mounds, one of which is on the left hand side along the Drift towards Harlaxton. The local area was very important in Roman times and members were interested to see Roman wall plaster that has been found at a site not 5 miles from Barrowby. Nigel and John are convinced that Barrowby (Anglo-Saxon for 'farmstead on the hill') was lived in throughout the Iron and Roman Ages before 'coming alive' in the Anglo-Saxon period. An Anglo-Saxon cross in the church wall and a coffin are two remnants of a time when Barrowby was in a wealthy landscape and was a thriving village of 300 people. To learn more contact Nigel on 07801 905690.

The next WI meeting is 20th November at 7.30 at the Memorial Hall where members will learn how to make Seasonal Canapés.

Fourth consecutive Gold Mark for Barrowby School

Barrowby CE Primary School has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. This is the 4th consecutive year that the school has been awarded this honour. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

The school has also launched a new provision in school: 'The Old School Room Breakfast Club', offering care for the children between 7.45am - 8.45am. Please visit the school website to learn more:

[www.https://www.barrowby.lincs.sch.uk/](https://www.barrowby.lincs.sch.uk/)

The annual RBL Poppy Appeal started on 25th October this year and culminates on 11th November. Barrowby is aiming to set a new record this year of £2,600.00. Please support the appeal generously. If you are able to help as a volunteer, please contact Karen Muxlow on 07549 177018 or gunnerkaren34@gmail.com. Thank you.



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All Saints' Church Barrowby Services

Sunday 3rd November

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9.00 a.m. Prayer for Healing

9.30 a.m. Morning Praise and Sunday Club

Sunday 10th November

10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service and Sunday Club

Sunday 17th November

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Families Service

Sunday 24th November

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sunday Club

11.30 a.m. Memorial Service followed by lunch

For more information, or if you need a lift to any service, just ask.

Glenys Robertson 07508 241977 or

Paul West 07879 417566

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Barrowby All Saints' Church: update

It's been well over six months since Barrowby Parish went into a vacancy, following the retirement of Rev. Peter Hopkins. So how are things going?

We're very happy to say that there's a lot of good news: we are continuing to maintain our pattern of services, with only a few minor amendments, and our church family is working and worshipping together faithfully. Our children's and young peoples' groups continue to flourish, as do our Families Services, and a particular joy this summer has been the Confirmation of another five of our young people.

We held two very successful events this summer – the Strawberry Tea, and the Scarecrow Festival – where we saw record visitors. Phase 1 of the re-ordering of the church interior is now complete, and we have a lovely space to use at the back of church. Phase 2 – the replacement of the rest of the 'pews' with chairs – is planned for the Spring and grants are being applied for.

Progress towards being able to advertise for a new Rector is slower as there are a number of important decisions to be made before we can do so.

Barrowby Baptist Fellowship

We meet in the Memorial Hall. All welcome.

Sundays: 10.15 Worship and Sunday School

Mondays: 10.00 Cane and Abel Coffee Morning

Fridays: 6.30 Fantastic Friday Youth Group

Contact:

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or

Veronica Townsend

(Church secretary Barrowby Baptist Fellowship)

01476 593317 or vjtowsend18@gmail.com

Barrowby Church and Open Door Christmas Meal

Join us for festive fun on Friday 6th December from 12.45 for 1.30 at the Memorial Hall, with carols for all to sing, in support of the Hall and Church funds. All groups are invited.

To reserve your place call Charlie on 07982 107692 or via Eventbrite. There is no ticket – donate on the day.

Get in Touch

Deadlines for forthcoming issues:

09th November for December issue

Email your news items and events to us at: news@barrowby.org.uk

Call us on 07793 198948

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