

BARROWBY NEWS

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Barrowby Christmas Fun and exciting New Year events and initiatives

Christmas came early to Barrowby with a highly successful Christmas Fair (page 3), Helping Hands Christmas meal (page 3) and the Parish Council's family Christmas party.

And remember the **Ceilidh for the Aegis Trust** on Saturday 29th December and a new event also on 29th December at the Reading Room 2 p.m: **Christmas Ceilidh for Kids** (page 2)!

And there are plenty of other exciting new initiatives for 2019 – a unique landscape project, a brand-new Community Cinema and a Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire in the early New Year.

Santa Came to Town!

Sunday 9th December saw Santa arrive in Barrowby with his sack of Christmas presents. The Memorial Hall played host to approximately 50 children, and their parents, who eagerly awaited Santa. Once arrived, he listened attentively to the requests by the children for their Christmas treats. The afternoon was completed by a performance by Billy Biscuit from Doncaster who entranced the children with his display of magic, which culminated in the magical appearance of a white rabbit. Parents

enjoyed the festive refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies, while the children enjoyed squash, fruit juice and fairy cakes.



Caroline Johnson MP visits Barrowby

Members of the Neighbourhood Plan team and the Parish Council met Caroline Johnson MP on December 14th to give her an introduction to Barrowby and the impact of the proposed new housing.

Caroline saw the existing parking and traffic problems in the village, and was rather taken aback at the scale, density and impact of the proposed housing. She was very supportive of our work and concerns, and we discussed options for seeking to change, and improve, SKDC's plans.

We will keep you informed of developments.

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Opening Night at Barrowby's Own Cinema!

We are preparing to start a Barrowby Community Cinema with showings once a month, initially in the Reading Room. We hope to show fairly recent films after midday, probably on a Friday.

Due to the costs involved (each screening of a film has to have a licence and there are additional equipment costs), there will be a charge of about £5.

This venture is not for profit and we are awaiting final confirmation of support from the Parish Council. If the initiative is well supported, we may be able to offer an additional screening per month.

We welcome any enquiries, offers of help or queries to Marie and Charlie Charlton 01476 594803.

PARISH NEWS

Change in Parish Precept

In January 2019 the Parish Council has to put forward a view to SKDC of the precept for the financial year 2019/20. After discussion, the Parish Council is proposing that the Parish Precept should be raised by the equivalent of £3.82 on Band D* properties, with a similar increase planned for 2020/21. This represents little more than 1p per day.

This increase is required due to the last three years during which we have spent reserves in order to maintain services to the same level without increasing the precept. If we are to continue maintaining the Burial Ground, the hanging baskets and flower-beds at the Reading Room, the flower beds on the village approaches, the mowing of grass areas and litter picking around the village to their existing standards we need to

budget accordingly.

One change that we are seeing is that several of the services previously paid for by the District and County Councils are no longer affordable as continued cuts to local government budgets bite even harder and the availability of discretionary grants and services to parishes are cut. Consequently the Parish Council has conducted a review and will continue to look forward to challenge expenditure, and is actively investigating ways of increasing income.

Council Tax is normally referred to by quoting Band D* charges. From the Band D charge it is possible to calculate the charges for all the other bands from A to G.

Band A is one third of Band D and Band G is 5 thirds of Band D. So if Band D =9, other bands would be A=3, B=5, C=7, **D=9**, E=11, F=13, G=15, H=18.

Appeal for a First Responder in Barrowby: You Could Make a Difference!

In November a village defibrillator was used by a member of the public to save the life of someone who had a heart attack in the Reading Room. Two ambulances with para-medics and a First responder were alerted, and attended the lady as soon as possible. Unfortunately, because Barrowby has no trained First Responders, the nearest available came from Harlaxton. Meanwhile the defibrillator had already been used by a person attending the Reading Room. On this occasion had the services of the FR been essential, it would probably have proven too late because of the distance to be travelled from Harlaxton. The Casualty Officer in Lincoln remarked that without

the defibrillator, the patient would have died before she left the Reading Room.

These events highlight two points:

1. That the defibrillator offers a chance of life to those suffering a cardiac arrest
2. We need First Responders resident in Barrowby.

If you feel that you might be able to be one of ten local First Responders, or would like to know more before committing yourself, please contact Becky Heyward, the Parish Council Clerk, on 07710 087124 or barrowbypc@hotmail.co.uk in order to be invited to an initial meeting where more information will be available.

If you are willing to help, you will be greatly appreciated, have no personal liability and will be offered free professional training.

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DIARY DATES

Saturday 29th December: 2–3.30 p.m. Reading Room **Christmas Ceilidh** for Kids, Young Families and Daytime Folk. £3 each, £10 per family of 4, call Charlie on 594803 to pre-book.

Saturday 29th December: 7–10.30 p.m. Memorial Hall **Ceilidh** for Aegis Trust, call 594803 to book

Monday 7th January: FINAL Helping Hands AGM 10 a.m. Fourways (see page 3)

Wednesday 9th January and every Wednesday:
Mummies and Babies exercise 10 am Scouts Hut
Children 5+ exercise 5.15 pm Scouts Hut

Wednesday 9th January: Mobile library, 11.30–12.00
Casthorpe Road

Monday 14th January: 6.45 Open session Parish Council

Wednesday 16th January: 7.30 Memorial Hall WI

Monday 28th January Barrowby Veterans Association 7.30
Reading Room

AROUND THE PARISH

WI Entertainment!

What a fun evening we had at our November meeting! Entertainment was provided by Tom Lane with Teri & Nigel, with a theme of Christmas customs and songs, some of which we could sing along to. Their elusive 4th member, Morris, made an appearance during the final song, *Auld Lang Syne*. Altogether they were very interesting and entertaining.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 January 2019, at the Memorial Hall, a social evening with Scottish Country dancing and a shared supper. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Successful Christmas Fair raises over £500 for Salvation Army

Barrowby Christmas Fair was well-attended and the organisers are delighted to report that it raised an amazing £515 for The Salvation Army. Stalls included Forever Living, Poppy Cuts, Avon, Hand-made crafts, FudgieMama, Usborne Books, Jaisie Designs, Pearl Rocks Jewellery and L and J Clothing.

Many thanks to several local businesses who made generous donations to the raffle including Tesco, Co-op, Oldrids, Barrowby Computers, The White Swan, Skinners, Houghtons Jewellers, Living Health, Belton Woods, Lunch Box and Yummy Mummies.

The tombola was also a great fund raiser thanks to so many donations.

The Barrowby branch of the WI made a great contribution to the success of the event by providing tea, coffee and lovely home-made cakes.

Thank you for all your hard work. Thanks too go to all those involved in organising and helping on the day but most of all to the people who attended without whom the event would not have been such a success.

Hopefully the Christmas Fair will become an annual event.

A Winning Year for Barrowby Residents in the Best-Kept Allotments 2018

Barrowby Gardeners celebrated the end of a challenging year for growers by congratulating the winners of the Best Kept Allotment for 2018: Barrowby residents Sylvia and David Markham. Everyone who won in this year's competition came from the village: Andy and Doreen Chapman were 2nd, Julia and Nigel Jones 3rd, Allan and Carol Freeman 4th and Mike and Julie Atter 5th. Julia and Nigel also won Best Polytunnel/Greenhouse. The only non-Barrowby winners were Mary-Clare Steele and Charles Roach, who were chosen as Best Newcomers by the committee.

And if you want to benefit from growing your own, being out in the fresh air and being part of a welcoming and thriving community, we have a couple of half plots available for 2019. Call Julia on 07713 621672 for more details.

A Successful Final Helping Hands Christmas Party

There was another successful Helping Hands Christmas Party, enjoyed by all but sadly the last one they will do. The good news is that the volunteers will hopefully be putting on another meal next year - so watch this space!

Barrowby Helping Hands AGM is to be held on the 7th January 2019, 10am, in Fourways. Regrettably this will be our final AGM as from this date, Barrowby Helping Hands will cease to be an organisation. **Please do not try and ring the help line**

mobile number after this date and discard any magnets you may have.



All Saints' Church

Sunday 6 January

Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Prayer for Healing

9.30am Morning Praise & Sunday Club

Sunday 13 January

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion & Sunday Club

Wednesday 16 January

2.00pm Worship, tea and cake

at Redlands, Low Road

Sunday 20 January

8.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Families Service – Christingle

(no 9.30am service)

Sunday 27 January

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30 Morning Prayer and Lunch

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 Abel Coffee Morning

Fridays: 6.30 Fantastic Friday Youth Group

Contact: John Dyson 07554 440652

Get in Touch

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Raise Funds for St Barnabas Hospice

Recycle your Christmas tree and raise much needed funds for the hospice at the same time! Last year over £10,000 was raised in Lincolnshire so help us to increase this for 2019 by registering by 6th January.

Tree collection will start from Sat 12th January.

Visit <https://stbarnabashospice.co.uk/events/tree-cycle/> to register.

Help in a unique landscaping project in Barrowby

The Grantham Archaeology Group will be mapping Barrowby's Parish Boundary during 2019, systematically identifying and recording features of archaeological and historic interest as part of a regional project. If you would be interested in helping the Group with this unique landscape project, please contact Nigel Jones on n.jones23@btinternet.com

Memorial Hall AGM: bookings available

The Chairman welcomed a few new faces to the meeting and first described the hall's history before stating that the Memorial Hall has had a good year with the help of their wonderfully loyal hirers. Funds have been used to replace the kitchen extension roof and there is a new central heating boiler. The cloakroom areas will be repainted before Christmas with the rest of the interior being repainted early in the new year. The Hall will also be adding a dishwasher to the kitchen which was kindly donated by a village resident.

The committee are striving to keep the hall available for the village community and there are available days/evenings.

Booking forms are available in the foyer of the hall.

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