

BARROWBY NEWS

BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION Issue 100 January/February 2021

A PACKED BUMPER ISSUE TO CELEBRATE 100 ISSUES OF BARROWBY NEWS

From the first issue in June 2012 onwards the Barrowby News has reported on a host of annual events that have been inaugurated in our village, from the Scarecrow Festival to Barrowby Open Door. Have a look inside to test your memories of landmark events and commemorations, of village successes and ongoing sagas, of Barrowby's history and community groups.

BARROWBY STRIKES GOLD!

Third time winners of Best Kept Village gains us a gold litter bin

Barrowby has won the Best Kept Village three times: 2016, 2019 and 2020 (the last jointly with Allington). This is a tremendous achievement for a large, diverse village such as ours and is testament to the work of dedicated volunteers and the whole community for its commitment to keeping the village neat, tidy, and flourishing with events and social activities for all ages.

The question is: 'What will we get for winning it a fourth time?'



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Please help to keep our pavements and footpaths clear, particularly for those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. As the birds are not nesting, now is the perfect time to cut back hedges and vegetation which are encroaching on paths. Thank you for your help.

The broken play equipment on the Village Green is in the process of being repaired.

Barrowby Parish Council would remind users of the play area that it is for children up to 12 ONLY and continued inappropriate use by teenagers and adults may threaten its future. Thank you.

49 HOUSES: CHANGES GRANTED BY SKDC

South Kesteven District Council has granted the changes requested by the developers to allow for 49 small affordable houses, without garages, and space for a future retail outlet off Low Road.

This is disappointing as the MasterPlan required by the Planning Inspector has not yet been made public. Barrowby News will continue to keep the village up-to-date with developments.



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2012

June: First Issue in the year of the London Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

* Jubilee Fun Day raises £2,000 for Cancer Research

July: First Parish Council Open Door event

* First entry into Best Kept Village competition

August: First Scarecrow Festival has 16 entries with The Cooleys 'The Happy Couple' as Winners (photo)

November: Creating a legacy for the village and commemorating loved ones and family, planting 158 trees on Lowfields. Many

are still there and are now over six feet tall.

December: Christmas celebrations include Santa's Grotto at the Memorial Hall and Tree Festival at the church

**2013**

August: Scarecrow Festival and Church Open Gardens



Weekend saw many people out and about sharing the weekend with neighbours, and extraordinary talent and creativity on show – helped by the weather!

September: First Made-in-Barrowby where local artists and crafters showcased their talents

December: first Barrowby Village Carols – 20 villagers turned up in the pouring rain and promptly decamped to the pub for curry and mulled wine!

Parish Council Family Christmas Party at the Memorial Hall (photo)



2014

February - first conversation about defibrillators for the village – four defibrillators installed around the village in 2015

March - marking the outbreak of World War 1

August - first themed Scarecrow festival, with BBQ, tombola and activities on The Green



November - 'Lest We Forget' by 'Barrovian': our first 'Field of Poppies' outside the Reading Room (photo), and in the church

A WW1 supper, 'It's a Long Way', raised over £600 for the Memorial Hall and the British Legion

2015

March - partial eclipse of the sun, viewed by villagers on the Green

May - 2nd Open Gardens

August: Helping Hands' first Senior Citizens' tea party (photo)



October - consultation started on new playgrounds at Adamstiles and The Green

November - first meeting with villagers to discuss the future of the British Legion at Barrowby

December - Barrowby's first Advent Calendar with a difference, with Advent Windows lighting up daily around the village



SPOTLIGHT ON.....

OUR VILLAGE'S GROUPS AND EVENTS

Over the 100 issues many village groups and organisations have contributed to the Barrowby News

WI: In May 2015 the Barrowby WI celebrated their 50th birthday and have regularly sent details of their activities - here is their July 2019 encounter with Alpacas



BARROWBY SCOUTS: have chopped down trees, taken part in Jamborees, delivered the Christmas Post, met Chief Scout Bear Grylls, gone orienteering, won the District Camp competition...



BARROWBY SCHOOL have won many awards in the Swimming Gala, the Colsterworth Performing Arts Festival and other events

BARROWBY PRE-SCHOOL loved the snow, painted rocks built castles and celebrated its 50th anniversary in December 2019

BARROWBY BELL-RINGERS have rung in New Year, at Jubilee events, at the Armistice and opened up the bell tower at the Scarecrow Festival (photo)

ANNUAL EVENTS

**January/February**

- Burns Night with Charlie's Ant

May - Annual Parish Meeting and Litter Picks

August - Allotments BBQ



December - Parish Council Christmas Family Party and the Ceilidh for the Aegis Trust

**September**

- Scarecrow Festival and the Vegetable and Flower Show (pictured above)



THE BARROWBY PLOUGHBOYS:

January 2015. The first Monday after Epiphany Barrowby ploughboys would visit local houses asking people for gifts and money. In 1846 they wrenched off door knockers and their behaviour was so bad a Mummers Play was subsequently written about them!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

HISTORY OF BARROWBY

November 2019.

Barrowby beneath our Feet: talk given to the WI by the Grantham Archaeology Group was very well received, as have all the articles by Old Barrovian since 2013.



THE BARROWBY BASSOON:

January 2013, bought by a bassoonist in Stuttgart, inscribed 'Barrowby Parish' was thought to be part of the 19th century church band.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

There have been a number of individual and group successes over the years. Here are a few.

Brian Inglis volunteered at the 2012 Olympics

Ryan Crowson volunteered at the Commonwealth Games in 2014

April 2014 **Helen and Simon Lindley** of Lindleywood show their bird boxes to Alan Titchmarsh on his show.



A very successful White Swan cribbage team has picked up many trophies over the years

July 2019:

Barrowby Scout receives the coveted Chief Scout Gold Award

April 2015 **Annabel McCabe** wins Lincolnshire Young Bee Keeper



THE DEAD MAN'S PENNY:

July 2019.

Displayed in the Reading Room this WW1 Memorial plaque was donated by the local family of Private Alfred Edward Bonnett.



2016

April: highly successful Barrowby Showcase promoting local groups, businesses and village activities attended by over 200 residents



Lighting of the beacon to mark the Queen's 90th birthday



May - Barrowby Church Open Weekend

June: Helping Hands Over-60 Queen's Birthday

Tea Party: 'Well done for a lovely day' said one party goer



August - Scarecrow Festival and village BBQ

November: first discussion of a Neighbourhood Plan

* winning the Best Kept Village competition for the first time!

2017

March: first indication of 250 new houses for Barrowby

May: it was standing room only at the first meeting about the proposed housing - 110 residents attended

August - Neighbourhood Plan steering group set up



September - official opening of both new playgrounds

September - Scarecrow festival and BBQ on the Green

* Demolition of the British Legion Building

2018

June - First Neighbourhood Plan drop-in session

attended by
45 residents



August - wettest
allotment 'party on the
plot' ever!

**November** -

commemoration of the end of World War One: -
'There But Not There' silhouettes in the pews of the church to
remember those who died

- * Lighting of the beacon on 11th November
- * Ringing of the bells to commemorate the Armistice at 12.30

December - first successful charity Christmas Craft Fayre at
Memorial Hall raises over £500 for the Salvation Army

**2019**

January: Barrowby Cinema, later Barrowby Open Door, show
their first film '*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie
Society*' to a packed house and soon moves to the larger
Memorial Hall

- * Successful call for First Responders

May: Launch of Barrowby Volunteer Emergency Telephone
Service - **V.E.T.S. 01476 500180**

- * First successful plant and seed sale at the allotments

November: near perfect score scoops the Past Winners trophy for Barrowby in the Best Kept
Village Competition

- * Christmas Fayre raises £600 for local charities

**2020**

In a dismal year, Barrowby's community spirit has won through with a fantastic response to
the Covid crisis.

- The Community Resilience Group, coordinated by Phil and Jane Cupit, welcomed more than
80 volunteers to support the Barrowby Community by walking the whole village daily to check
cards in windows, collecting shopping, walking dogs and talking to the isolated and
vulnerable.

- Plot holders on the allotments dug, planted, harvested and delivered produce around the
village from June to September, in addition to their own plots. 'Thank you, you lovely allotment
people' said one elderly woman who lives on her own.

- Barrowby won the Best Kept Village award for the third time!

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR

Julia Miller, now ably assisted by Jane Cupit, has been Editor from the start and would like to remember Terry Retford and Jon Nix, who were founder members of the team, as well as those who have stayed with us, Stephen Hunt, and those who have come on board over the past 100 issues. The longevity of the newsletter has surprised us all, as it rapidly evolved from a short communication about events to becoming a catalyst of its own, bringing villagers together at social gatherings such as the Scarecrow Festival, sharing stories and memories of the village and village history, commemorating international and national anniversaries and celebrations, planting trees as a woodland legacy for the village. Reading past issues, the Barrowby News is a social record of one village, its successes and the successes of the residents as well as offering a pictorial history of Barrowby past and present.

Although 2020 has not been a good year for anyone it has been heart-warming to see that the community spirit, already praised by Best Kept Village judges, has been in evidence this year with the Community Resilience Group and community plots initiative. The support offered by neighbours to those in need reflects an attitude that has been here in Barrowby from the start and which we can see throughout the time the Barrowby News has been in existence.

Here's to 2021 and 100 more issues!

THANK YOU FOR OUR 100 ISSUES SAYS CHAIR BRIAN INGLIS

Thank you to all our contributors, advertisers, Scarecrow sponsors and fund-raisers over the past eight years and 100 issues. Parish Councillor Brian Inglis has chaired the Barrowby Newsletter Team (and subsequently the Scarecrow Festival Committee) from the start and says: 'As Chair of the Newsletter, it seems a long time since we started out with a small team that has changed slightly since the beginning. All are volunteers and all have enabled the village to have a newsletter to promote the numerous activities that have been organised in the village. My thanks go to all the team, past and present, for their involvement, and the numerous newsletter advertisers and Scarecrow sponsors who support us, and the work of the Scarecrow Festival committee and volunteers which has enabled us to remain independent'.

BARROWBY COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP

Our volunteers are still available to support the Barrowby Community. If you need help with shopping or prescription collection, dog walking or other reasonable needs, please contact us either by telephone: **07396 679945** or email barrowbyvols@gmail.com. This is not a 24 hr service, but a volunteer will respond to any requests as soon as possible.

NEWS FROM BARROWBY ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Regular readers of Barrowby News will know that our church is a busy community with lots going on. Early in 2021 we will be changing the old pews for more comfortable chairs to make the church more accessible to everyone – community groups, exhibitions, concerts and church events.

The church is currently online each week – you can keep in touch with what we're doing in church and in our community through the Barrowby News, through our webpage and Facebook page, and our YouTube channel, where you'll find our main Sunday services and other events. We're looking forward to the day when we can welcome everyone again in true Barrowby Church style. Look out for updates and information about community events in future editions of Barrowby News.

Services are at the usual times of 9.30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: 10.30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please email secretarygonbar@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

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