

# BARROWBY NEWS

BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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## BARROWBY RECREATION AND GREEN SPACE GROUP

The Barrowby RAGS (Recreation and Green Space) Group have been at work installing the last of their Bug Hotels. You'll find this one at the village green, accompanied by some shrubs specifically chosen to attract and benefit pollinating insects.

If you have any ideas for nature positive developments you'd like to see around the village, feel free to email your thoughts to [barrowbyragsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:barrowbyragsgroup@gmail.com) and we'll see what we can do as we work on further projects to benefit both nature and the parish.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE HOUSING AND LAND USE – LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION NOW OPEN

SKDC has launched its Regulation 18 public consultation on proposed housing and mixed-use site allocations. This consultation runs from **Thursday 3rd July to Thursday 28th August 2025** and gives local residents, including those in Barrowby, a key opportunity to help shape the future development of our area. Following feedback on the draft Local Plan earlier this year, SKDC is now consulting on updates to proposed sites and additional new ones aimed at meeting future housing needs. This includes land potentially allocated for housing, employment, and community facilities.

Residents are encouraged to review the proposals and submit comments. You can view the consultation documents online at

[www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview), or in person at local libraries and council offices.

### Public Engagement Opportunity: Drop-In Event:

Chat with planning officers in person at

Grantham Market – **Sat 2 August (10am–1pm)**

To submit comments email: [planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk).

All responses must be received by **11:59pm on 28 August 2025**.

This is a vital opportunity for Barrowby residents to have their voices heard on how and where development should take place in our area. Please take the time to review the plans and share your views.



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## BARROWBY BUS SERVICE CHANGES

The bus service number 6, which used to operate between Bottesford, Barrowby and Grantham, was withdrawn from service on Sunday July 20th because of low passenger usage. There is now a regular bus loop service, no. 86, run by Vectare buses, which is running every hour directly to and from Barrowby to Grantham bus station (stand 10). The service operates Monday to Saturday (reduced Saturday timetable).

First pick up 8:30 a.m. at the White Swan, last pick up at Bus Station 16:25 p.m. (There is no pick up from Grantham at 15.20 because of school transport). The pick up/drop off points in Barrowby are at all of the regular bus stops in the village.

Normal prices and concessions (including bus passes). For more information and a timetable, go to the website at

<https://bustimes.org/services/86-grantham-barrowby-village>

This is now the only bus service between Barrowby and Grantham - the more it is used by residents the better the chance it will be maintained as a regular bus service for the village.

Call Connect is still available as an on-demand service. Contact them on 0345 234 3344 or use their app.

## SAD NEWS

As we go to press we are saddened to hear of the death of John Fairhurst, landlord of the White Swan Barrowby for the last 33 years.

John was a local legend in the CAMRA community as a keeper of fine ales. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

Around 30 parishioners attended the Annual Parish meeting on Wednesday 25th June, held at the Sports Pavilion. They were able to meet representatives from a number of local groups and organisations, including the Barrowby RAGS group, Grantham Canal Society, Open Door, Barrowby Bellringers, Cane and Able, Barrowby PreSchool and Barrowby CofE School, Barrowby Scouts and Cubs, Martial Arts, and the developers Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon. The evening started with a discussion led by the Parish Council chair Nigel Eaton regarding the proposed change of use of the Few Trees property on High Road, from a residential property to a home for vulnerable children. Local and district councillors were on hand to answer questions and to explain the planning process. Objections to the change of use have mainly been made by both residents and the Parish Council on the grounds of safeguarding concerns, with the site location not felt to be appropriate for vulnerable children (near A1 sliproad/ A52). The application will now go to full planning for consideration.

### BARROWBY PRESCHOOL NEWS

Barrowby PreSchool currently has spaces beginning in September for children aged 2 to 4. Funded places are accepted. Barrowby PreSchool has long been a cherished part of the village. It is a place where young children can grow, play and begin their learning journey in a safe, warm and supportive environment. Children enjoy a rich mix of indoor and outdoor activities, and everything is tailored to each child's pace. The staff are experienced and caring, and place a strong emphasis on learning through play.

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### BARROWBY WHITE SWAN CRIBBAGE TEAM CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL SEASON



**The White Swan Cribbage team after another successful season**

The team won the Grantham and District League title as well as winning the 6 A-side Competition and finishing runners up in the Pairs Competition. The team's fixtures are usually on Tuesday evenings during the winter months beginning at the end of September through to March. New players are always welcome and if anyone is interested, they are urged to contact the team captain, Maddie Giles, on 07850485926.



**Landlord John Fairhurst holding the Porky Eales trophy**

### LEARN TO PLAY CRIBBAGE!

*Become a member of a thriving village activity.*

*Learn to play Cribbage – an ancient card game – once played by gentry – now played by a modern-day elite of all ages and genders.*

*Training sessions and tutorials at The White Swan Barrowby every Tuesday in August - 8:00 p.m. - from 5<sup>th</sup> August until 9<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Come and try cribbage with a friendly, welcoming group.*



### DIARY DATES - AUGUST 2025

**Mon 28 July:** Mobile Library 3 - 3.30 pm Co-op Car Park Low Road (no service in August)

**Tues 5 Aug: (to Tues 9 Sept):** Cribbage for new players 8:00 pm The White Swan

**Sun 31 Aug:** Canal Society Produce Fair 10–3 pm Woolsthorpe Depot

**Tues 9 Sept:** 'Mr Burton' Open Door 7:00 pm Memorial Hall £5



**GRANTHAM CANAL SOCIETY PRODUCE FAIR**  
**WOOLSTHORPE DEPOT (near The Duck, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir)**  
**SUNDAY 31st AUGUST 10:00 - 3:00 pm**  
**LAST THREE SHIRES TRIP: 2:30 pm**

Volunteers from The Grantham Canal Society very much look forward to welcoming you to their Woolsthorpe depot, on **Sunday 31st August**, where they will be holding their annual **Produce Fair**. If you tend to have a glut of garden produce around this time of year, you could take it along to their Bring and Buy stall. You can saunter around the numerous stalls, enjoy a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake or even grab a tasty burger from the BBQ.

The Canal Society's trip boat 'The Three Shires' will be running 30-minute cruises during the day on a turn up and ride basis. If you have not done this before, a trip is highly recommended – top tip though is get your ticket as soon as you arrive, because the trips are very popular. A trip will cost £5 per adult/£3 per child, babies in arms free. Tickets will be available from the depot, with the boat departing from lock 18 which is the usual mooring spot. Lock 16 is leaking badly, which is why the canal is currently dry near The Duck.

To find out more about The Grantham Canal Society go to [www.granthamcanal.org](http://www.granthamcanal.org). The website is packed with information, including the history of the canal, the 10 year restoration plan, and an online guide to the whole canal between Nottingham and Grantham.

### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING LOCAL TO DO IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?

There are 13 local walks available to download from the Parish Council website which cover Barrowby Village and the surrounding area. They cater for all abilities and interests. There are 11 short and longer walks in and around Barrowby, and 2 Heritage Walks; 1 shorter one within the village, taking in the historic core of the village; and a second longer walk within the wider parish environs extending to the canal. Both walks are accompanied by historic and interesting information. Visit [Parish Walks - Barrowby Parish Council](http://Parish Walks - Barrowby Parish Council) to find out more.



### BARROWBY CUBS CLEAN UP

As part of the Big Green Week, Barrowby Cubs went on a litter pick around the field, the shop, and towards the A1. First impressions

were that the village was clean; however, upon closer inspection, they sadly found a lot of litter around. This included many cigarette butts around the outside of the Co-op shop, lots of food packets and drink cans around the bus stop, and numerous small wrappers and a reusable vape around the edge of the field. The cubs would encourage everyone to safely dispose of all their rubbish in an environmentally friendly way. If out and about, if there are no litter bins available then the best way is to take your litter with you and dispose of it at home.



### GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION - TIPS FOR AUGUST

When we talk about August it seems like Autumn is just around the corner. But meanwhile we have to look after our plants and produce as they put on a summer flourish.

- Ponds - keep replenishing and keep removing excess leaf growth on lilies.
- Container plants - feed weekly and water regularly.
- On the veg plot – sow spring cabbage and winter lettuce.
- Water runner and french beans and check for blackfly.
- Pinch out growing tips of greenhouse tomatoes and cease feeding.
- Plant rooted strawberry runners.
- Prune plum trees when harvesting has finished.
- Cut back fruited blackberries and loganberries to ground level and tie in new replacement shoots.

### BARROWBY BELLRINGERS PERFORM AT THE RINGING WORLD NATIONAL YOUTH CONTEST

On Saturday 5th July 4 Barrowby Bell Ringers took part in the Ringing World National Youth Contest in and around Birmingham. They set off at 8.30 am to ring Walsall's 12 bells. For several of the team this was their first experience of ringing on more than 8 so it offered them a new challenge. Next up was a visit to Erdington to ring their competition piece on an interesting ring of bells. They then headed to Birmingham city centre to ring on the 16 bells at St Martin's in the Bullring. This is one of only 2 towers with 16 bells in the UK (the other being in Dublin) so it was a very rare experience for them and they all rang really well. It is very different ringing on 16 to ringing on 6 which is what most of the Barrowby band are used to. While at St Martin's they also took part in a handbell workshop and were taught an interesting way to ring a simple method (plain hunt) on 12 bells. The team then moved on to Moseley and had a ring on the 10 bells there, before getting the bus back to St Martin's for the results.

The team (The Lincolnshire Poachers) came joint 11th in their competition (advanced Call Changes on 6). Overall, there were 39 teams who took part on the day in 5 different competitions. They stopped for a well-deserved MacDonalds before heading home!

If you are aged 11 and over and are interested in learning bellringing, you can come along on a Wednesday evening 7:30 pm at All Saints' Church Barrowby. Alternatively to find out more, email [barrowby@sb.ldgcb.org.uk](mailto:barrowby@sb.ldgcb.org.uk)



## DID YOU KNOW?... Facts about Barrowby

Previously known as Steven Gutter, the origin of the name of Barrowby's village green is unknown, although 'gutter' as a name usually refers to a water channel. Until the 1940s it was enclosed by a stone wall, with cattle belonging to Mr Griffin the village butcher grazing inside! The trees were planted in the 1990s to replace large sycamore trees which had reached the end of their lives by the 1970s.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BARROWBY SERVICES

**Sunday 3 August**

8:30 am Morning Prayer - BCP  
10:00 am Morning Praise

**Sunday 10 August**

10:00 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 17 August**

8:30 am Holy Communion - BCP  
10:00 am Families Service

**Sunday 24 August**

10:00 am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 31 August**

10:00 am Cafe Church

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## BARROWBY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

Barrowby Memorial Hall

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### Cane and Able

**Monday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Join us for coffee, cake, chat and activities. A friendly, social group for the over 60s.

**Wednesday 12 - 1:30 p.m.** (Once a month) Soup lunch.  
Contact: Jenny – 07773 185620

### Fantastic Friday Club

**5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. (Years 4 - 7)**  
Entry £1.00  
Contact: Chris - 07861 166434

## Get in Touch

**Deadlines for forthcoming issues:** 19th August for September 2025 issue.

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