

BARROWBY NEWS

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THE WHITE SWAN BARROWBY FAREWELL TO JOHN - AND A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

Barrowby residents turned out to say a final farewell to John Fairhurst, the landlord of The White Swan, on the day of his funeral Friday 22nd August. John's family have expressed their appreciation for the wonderful tributes that have been paid to him.

The running of The White Swan has passed into new hands, with Emma Shuttleworth, a lifelong resident of the village, taking over the reins.

Emma first started working for John at The Swan in 2006, but left after 5 years to focus on raising her young family. However as Emma says, The White Swan was a place where you were always welcome, and there was always a smile to greet you back. Emma returned to work for John over 4 years ago, and really enjoyed being back behind the bar, even when the job demanded some busy late nights!

As Emma says, she hadn't ever thought she might one day be running the pub - 'I think it makes it more exciting when it wasn't the initial plan to take over, especially when it's not something I saw myself doing. I think John knowing that someone local was taking over made him happy. He made sure I knew certain things and gave me ideas for which I will always be grateful'.

WHAT ARE EMMA'S PLANS FOR THE WHITE SWAN?

'We are getting the kitchen refurbished soon, so hopefully we will have a new menu out, and can get ready to open up to serve food again. I want to get the place looking fresh, with a new colour scheme and new light fixtures. I want to keep it as a traditional pub, but with a new lease of life. I think this is important to the regulars and to myself'.

The White Swan has always had a good reputation with the CAMRA society (Campaign for Real Ales), and Emma wants to maintain this. She has been trying out new ales, which seem to be going well, and the feedback from regulars has been really helpful, along with their suggestions as to which ales they might like to try next.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There has already been a disco and karaoke night. There is a quiz night coming up on the 21st September. Emma is hoping to get a band booked for October, and to run another quiz. There is a disco booked for New Years eve, and a Christmas raffle.

WHAT ABOUT LOCAL GROUPS AND PUB SPORTS TEAMS?

The White Swan has a crib team which plays weekly on Tuesdays. John Fairhurst was a keen crib player, and the team numbers have grown since the summer, when a feature appeared in The Barrowby News and several residents responded. The new season begins on Tuesday 23rd September. The White Swan now has a new darts team which plays on a Thursday evening, and also one that will soon be starting on a Monday evening. The local allotment and camera groups hold regular meetings in the lounge; and on every 2nd and 4th Monday the singers group meets and can be heard practising and singing a variety of songs.

The Swan has had enquiries from the local football teams/coaches for their regular yearly meets. Emma is pleased to see what the pub means to people as an informal and friendly place to meet.

Emma is ready to welcome everyone to The Swan. As she says; 'It's never easy taking on any new venture. I've learnt very quickly, and I've had a lot of support from some lovely people, who have become quite a reliable team whose support is really appreciated'.

The Barrowby News team wish Emma every success in her new role, and we hope that The White Swan continues to be a traditional village pub with much to offer to regulars and new visitors alike.



Emma Shuttleworth
The new landlady at
The White Swan
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BARROWBY EVENTS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 10 am - 3 pm

Once again The Barrowby Events Christmas Fayre and the Barrowby Christmas Charity Fayre will come together for another Christmas Market in the village.

The Memorial Hall, The Reading Room and All Saints' Church will be bursting with a host of talented local and independent sellers with lovingly hand made and beautifully sourced gifting ideas for Christmas.

Outside you'll find lots of hot food and drinks, and in the church you can support the charity raffle and tombola raising vital funds for Grantham Food bank this year. Please come along and support this great local community event for our village.



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MEET YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Barrowby Parish Council are very pleased to welcome 2 new Councillors to the team

Michael Brown

Michael has called Barrowby home for the past 16 years. Passionate about supporting those in the community who may face challenges, he is particularly keen to improve access into Grantham through better bus services. A proud dog owner, Michael is committed to promoting responsible pet ownership and encouraging shared, respectful use of the village's public spaces—fostering good relations between dog walkers, footballers, and all who enjoy Barrowby's amenities. He also has a personal interest in the village burial ground and is dedicated to ensuring that it remains a well-maintained and respectful place for all.

Jean-Pierre (JP) Durand

JP lives in the village with his wife and two children who attend the local primary school. With a strong interest in conservation, he is an active member of RAGS (the Recreation and Green Space group) and has recently taken up a role in helping to develop Barrowby's Neighbourhood Plan. JP is passionate about ensuring that future planning and development remains in keeping with the village's character, helping to maintain the charm and community spirit that make Barrowby special.

BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS AN INCREASE IN ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In recent weeks, Barrowby has unfortunately seen an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour.

Incidents have included:

- Vandalism of pre-school outdoor equipment
- Graffiti on the football stands on Lowfields
- Trail bikes being ridden around the cricket and football pitches
- A daytime burglary in the village
- Theft of car keys from a home, followed by the theft of the car itself
- Damage to a pole on the village green by a motor vehicle which subsequently left the scene
- Removal of a safety cap from the roundabout on the Village Green, meaning the equipment cannot be used until a replacement part has been sourced and fitted.

These incidents cause high levels of disruption and distress, and also costly damage to our community facilities. The Parish Council and local police are urging residents to remain vigilant and to report all incidents of anti-social behaviour or crime, no matter how small, by calling **101** (or 999 in an emergency). Reporting helps the police to build a clearer picture of what is happening in our area and ensures resources are directed where they are most needed.

Please Report any suspicious activity to Lincs Police on: 101

By working together as a community, we can all help to protect our village and keep Barrowby safe.

BARROWBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

At last, after many obstacles and hindrances, Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan has finally been submitted to SKDC for final consideration before being sent to the Planning Inspector for sign off. Once this is done it will be put to a referendum of village residents, and if 50% +1 vote in favour of its acceptance, the Neighbourhood Plan will have full legal status.

The Neighbourhood Planning Group would like to express its sincere thanks to all villagers who have taken part in the formulation of the plan, and the several consultation exercises over the years, that informed the policies included in the plan.

BARROWBY NEWS DELIVERY CHANGES

Regrettably for the time being this will be the last issue of the Barrowby News to be delivered to individual households on The Colleys estate.

Residents of The Colleys will be able to access a copy placed each month in the Parish Council noticeboard on the green at The Colleys - and there are always spare copies which can be picked up at the Co-op on Low Road, Barrowby and at The Memorial Hall on High Road, Barrowby.

An online copy can be accessed on the Parish Council website - just go to

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DIARY DATES - OCTOBER 2025

Mon 22 Sept: Mobile Library 3:00 - 3:30 pm Car Park Co-op Low Road

Sat 27 Sept: Barrowby Baptist Fellowship Quiz night 6:00 pm Memorial Hall Teams max 6 £2 per person

Sun 28 Sept: 'Inter Alia' NT Live Open Door 6:30 pm Memorial Hall £10

Sun 05 Oct: Bezique - Live and Local Open Door 7:00 pm Memorial Hall £16.00/£8.00 U18

Sat 18 Oct: Harvest Supper Baptist Fellowship 6:00 pm Memorial Hall

Mon 20 Oct: Mobile Library 3:00 - 3:30 pm Car Park Co-op Low Road

BARROWBY CUBS - SUMMER NEWS



Barrowby Cubs attend an adventure camp. They spent 2 nights camping at Wyville, starting with a night hike around the local area listening for different animals. The cubs split into 2 groups for their activity day on the Saturday, walking from Wyville to Harlaxton Wharf whilst the other group canoed from Denton Wharf to Harlaxton Wharf before swapping over.

The morning was lovely sunshine; however the weather soon changed and they had a very wet afternoon.

The cubs expanded on their team work skills by working together to paddle along the canal and keeping up moral when the weather turned.



The Cubs canoed on Grantham Canal, watched carefully by a family of swans

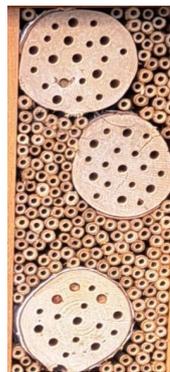
BARROWBY'S BUG HOTELS HAVE THEIR FIRST RESIDENTS



If you look carefully, the bug hotels now installed around the village have started to attract their first residents.

Do you know where these bug hotels are in the village?

Have you managed to find them all?



Everyone really enjoyed the camp and all are looking forward to their next one.

Who might have moved In here?



CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENING A GREAT SUCCESS

A HEARTFELT THANKYOU!

The team at All Saints' Church would like to extend their deepest thanks to the wonderful Belvoir Wassailers and to everyone who came along to support the recent fundraising concert at the church in July.

It was a fantastic evening of music and community spirit, and thanks to your generosity, an amazing £1,044.97 was raised. Every penny will go towards a much-needed new PA system for the church which will make a real difference for future events and services. Your support means so much – not just for the church, but for the whole village community.

HARVEST SUPPER - BARROWBY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER MEMORIAL HALL 6:00 pm

This Year the Harvest festival will take the form of Fish and Chips with cake / fruit to follow. There will also be refreshments of tea, coffee and soft drinks,

If you are interested please contact Shevaun on 07753507924 before October 10th. There is no charge but there will be a retiring collection for Grantham Passage.



GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION: TIPS FOR OCTOBER

DAHLIAS: Cut top growth when caught by frost, then lift with a fork and stand upside down to dry out. Store in a frost-free place.

GLADIOLI: Lift corms before the winter frosts; when dry, store in shallow boxes.

BULBS: Complete planting.

PLANT OUT: Wallflowers.

NEW LAWNS: Lay turf on prepared soil.

EXISTING LAWNS: Aerate and scarify, hollow-tine, and apply autumn fertiliser.

VEG PLOT: Plant winter and spring lettuce, plant spring cabbage, lift beetroot and cut marrow, and store in a frost-free place. Start to prepare the plot by either digging or using green manure.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

The Barrowby News is currently delivered to around 1000 households within Barrowby village and the wider parish.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BARROWBY SERVICES

Sunday 28 September
10:00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 5 October
8:30 am Morning Prayer - BCP
10:00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 12 October
10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 19 October
8:30 am Holy Communion - BCP
10:00 am Families Service

Sunday 26 October
10:00 am Morning Prayer

Children's and Young people's groups : Term time only
Every Sunday apart from the 3rd Sunday:-
Creche, and **Sunday club** for School aged youngsters.
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