

BARROWBY NEWS

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NEW COMMUNITY ORCHARD TAKES ROOT ON THE WILLOWS

Barrowby has recently seen two exciting planting projects completed, with both the new Community Orchard on The Willows (Pastures Road) and a separate street tree initiative helping to create lasting green assets for the village.

The Community Orchard is now in place on The Willows, creating a wonderful new asset for the community and a space that residents can enjoy for many years to come.

Barrowby Parish Council would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the project such a success. From the early planning and organisation, through to the planting day itself, the orchard has been a real community effort.

The orchard has been planted with a selection of heritage fruit trees, helping to create not only an attractive green space, but also a lasting feature that reflects local character, supports biodiversity and can be enjoyed across the seasons. A number

of volunteers came forward to help with the planting and protection of the orchard trees, including several new volunteers who joined specifically to support the project. It was also lovely to see children involved on the day, taking part in a short workshop and writing messages of support using natural ink on cards that were placed in some of the planting holes.

The Parish Council is extremely grateful to all those who gave their time, energy and practical support. The orchard planting was supported by Boothby Wildlands, who provided guards and stakes; Crimson Kings, who supplied mulch; and Pancake Hill Woodland Management CIC, whose timber was milled locally in Bottesford and used for the fencing. Projects like this only happen because people are willing to get involved, and the community spirit shown through the orchard project has been fantastic to see.

NEW STREET TREES ADDED AROUND THE VILLAGE

Alongside the orchard project, ten new street trees have also been planted around the village. This initiative was supported by the Open Door grant, Lincolnshire County Council Highways and Grafton Nurseries. Nine volunteers were involved in planting the trees at various locations, with support from adjacent property owners, who have kindly agreed to help with establishment watering and weeding. As street assets, the trees are formally the responsibility of Highways.

In total, 22 people were involved in the combined planting activities on Sunday 29 March, including five parent-supervised under-16s. These projects are a great example of what can be achieved through partnership working, volunteering and community support.

Work is now in hand to complete the Parish Council webpage and site signage for the orchard, and it is planned that the Community Orchard will be formally opened at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 May.

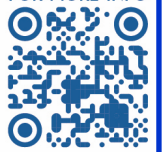


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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 6:30 p.m.
at The Willows (Pastures Road)

Residents are warmly invited to attend the **Annual Parish Meeting**. This year's meeting will also mark the **grand opening** of the new Community Orchard, making it a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate an exciting new addition to the village.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a chance to meet your parish councillors, hear more about the work of the Parish Council, and find out about the valuable contribution made by the many community groups across the parish.

It will be an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved, hear about current projects and future priorities, and learn more about the work taking place to support and improve village life.

Refreshments will be available, and everyone is very welcome to attend.

(Wet weather contingency venue is The Reading Room).

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THANK YOU FROM THE '20'S PLENTY' WORKING GROUP

Barrowby Parish Council would like to say a sincere thank you to all the residents who came forward to volunteer for the new '20's Plenty' Working Group. We were very pleased to receive such a positive response, and it is encouraging to see so many people willing to give their time and ideas to help make Barrowby that bit safer for everyone.

Road safety is an issue that matters to many people in the village, and the strong level of interest in this group shows the shared commitment within the community to improving safety for residents, pedestrians and children. We are looking forward to the first meeting of the Working Group and to seeing how this initiative can help support safer roads in Barrowby.

Thank you again to everyone who has stepped forward to get involved. Your support is very much appreciated. There is still time to join. Please email clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.gov.uk and keep an eye on the Barrowby Parish Council webpage for the date of the first meeting.

For more information on the wider campaign, you can view the campaign plan here: https://www.20splenty.org/campaign_plan

BARROWBY ACTION GROUP - RECTORY LANE GROUP

The Barrowby Action Group Rectory Lane sub-committee would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the objection to the proposal to build 90 houses on land east of Rectory Lane. Whether you made a donation, submitted an objection, or helped to deliver leaflets, your time and support are hugely appreciated.

With over 450 objections received so far, Barrowby residents are once again showing just how strongly they are prepared to stand up and fight to protect our village. The sense of community here is truly incredible.

The sub-committee would also like to thank Lyndsay, Kate and Gemma, founders of the Barrowby Action Group, for their tremendous support and invaluable guidance throughout.

For anyone who has not yet objected but feels strongly about the proposal, it is not too late! SKDC will accept comments up until the determination date - Tuesday 12 May - so if you missed the original deadline, or know someone who did, there is still time to submit an objection.

Planning reference **S26/0235**. Comments can be made in writing via email or letter, or SKDC online

<https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning-development-management/search-planning-applications>

BARROWBY FLOWER GROUP - HELPING TO KEEP THE VILLAGE BLOOMING

Barrowby Parish Council would like to recognise the excellent work of the Barrowby Flower Group, a wonderful group of volunteers who help keep the village looking beautiful, welcoming and cared for.

The group works hard to look after the flower beds around Barrowby, the hanging baskets at the Reading Room and the community herb garden. Their efforts make a real difference to the appearance of the village and are appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

We would particularly like to thank Phil Cupit, who is stepping down as lead volunteer, for all of his hard work, time and commitment. Phil has made a valuable contribution to the group and to the village, and we are very grateful for everything he has done. We are also delighted to welcome Ashley Fairburn, who is stepping into the lead volunteer role. We would like to thank Ashley for stepping forward and giving her time to support this much-valued community group.

One of the lovely things about the Flower Group is that there is no age limit on getting involved. Recently, a pair of 7-year-old girls helped with clearing leaves and preparing the community herb garden, showing that everyone can play a part in caring for the village. If you enjoy gardening, being outdoors, or simply want to help keep Barrowby looking its best, new volunteers would be very welcome.



To find out more or to express an interest, please contact the Clerk at clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Even if you have no experience with gardening, a member of the Flower Group would be happy to work alongside you and support you as you learn.

DIARY DATES - APRIL/MAY 2026

- Tues 28 April:** Memorial Hall Committee AGM 7:00 pm
Memorial Hall
- Wed 29 April:** The Barrowby News AGM 6:00 pm
The Reading Room
- Sun 10 May: Scratchy Beard Live and Local** 7:00 pm
Memorial Hall £16 adult £8 students
- Tues 12 May:** SKDC determination date deadline
- Tues 12 May:** 'Bank of Dave 2: The Loan Ranger' Open Door
7:00 pm Memorial Hall free film: Open Door AGM in interval
- Wed 13 May:** Parish Council AGM 6:30 pm at The Willows
(green on Pastures Road) and opening of Community Orchard - All welcome
- Thurs 28 May:** Barrowby Cricket sessions begin 6:00 pm
Lowfields
- Sun 31 May:** 'Playboy of the Western World' NT Live 6:30 pm
£10 (cake £3)

BARROWBY CRICKET CLUB - NEW SEASON BEGINS!



Barrowby Cricket Club are excited to announce that the fantastic **All Stars** (5-8s) and **Dynamos** (8-11s) cricket programmes will be returning for 2026!

These programmes are a brilliant way for children to get active, build confidence, make new friends, and enjoy the game of cricket in a fun and supportive environment. Whether they're picking up a bat for the first time or



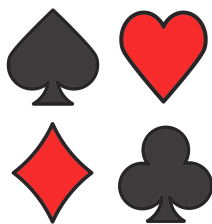
developing their skills, there's something for everyone.

Sessions begin on **Thursday 28th May** at 6:00 - 7:30 pm, and will run for 8 weeks.

Sign up at <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/barrowby>

Visit our Facebook page for more information: www.facebook.com/officialbarrowbycricketclub

GRANTHAM BRIDGE CLUB



Grantham Bridge Club meets on Monday evenings in Barrowby Memorial Hall at 7:00 pm (experienced players) and Wednesday mornings in The Reading Room at 9:30 am (gentle duplicate). All are welcome. Sessions are £3.00 including refreshments.

More details can be found at www.bridgewebs/grantham or by contacting the group at granthambridgeclub@gmail.com

GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION: TIPS FOR MAY



In the garden:

- Apply a high-nitrogen fertiliser to lawns and continue mowing regularly.
- Plant out garden-flowering varieties of chrysanthemums.
- Set out young dahlias once the risk of frost has passed.
- Hoe around sweet peas and other hardy plants.
- Lift daffodils and hyacinths to make space for summer bedding plants.
- Plan your hanging baskets and tubs and purchase plug plants

On the plot:

- In the greenhouse, plant cucumbers and tomatoes for a later crop.
- Fruit trees and bushes will need watering in dry weather to encourage fruit to swell: feed them with blood, fish and bone.
- Plant outdoor tomatoes and continue sowing lettuce, radish, beetroot, swede and cabbage.
- Leeks can be planted after the new potatoes have been lifted.

BARROWBY OPEN DOOR MEMORIAL HALL



Barrowby Open Door is a not for profit community group promoting social interaction. We show films monthly (generally released in the last 6 months) on our own screen in the Memorial Hall, and we are the smallest venue for National Theatre live events which are generally shown on the fourth Sunday of the month, 8 times per year.

Additionally Open Door hosts 2 Live and Local music events per year and generally do a children's craft event at Christmas, supported by the Parish Council.

We would welcome anyone who is interested in contributing in any way: helping during performances, making cakes, helping with publicity or even advising on films! Volunteers with us can contribute to the overall village feeling and it need not take up a great deal of your time!

To find out more come along to the AGM on Tues 12 May, to be held during the interval of the showing of 'The Bank of Dave 2'.

Or contact Charlie at housecorner@icloud.com



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BARROWBY SERVICES

Sunday 3rd May
 8:30 am Morning Prayer - BCP
 10:00 am Morning Praise

Sunday 10th May
 10:00 am Holy Communion and AGM

Sunday 17th May
 8:30 am Holy Communion BCP
 10:00 am All Age Service

Sunday 24th May
 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st May
 10:00 am Cafe Church

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.

More information on All Saints' Facebook page
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