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# NEWSLINK

Keeping you in touch with Barrow cum



Jubilee Edition

#### Dear friends,

At her coronation on 2nd June 1952, the Queen took the Coronation Oath, swearing allegiance to the countries she would govern, and also to protect the bishops and clergy of the Church of England, saying: "The things which I have here promised, I will perform and keep. So help me God". What a well-respected, well-loved and faithful servant our beloved Queen has been ever since that day.

Over the past few months, plans have been put together to make the Jubilee weekend a truly memorable one. We have so much organised: a street party, tea parties, a Big Breakfast, beacon/bonfire lighting, barbecues, live music, a flower festival, and an array of 'scarecrow' characters dotted throughout Barrow. We are delighted that BBC Radio Suffolk presenters Mark Murphy MBE and Lesley Dolphin have agreed to join us on Saturday 4th June, and they will certainly be kept busy not only in Barrow but in Risby and Lt. Saxham as well; they will be judging competitions, dedicating trees and no doubt sharing plenty of tea and cake!

On the Sunday, there will be a civic service in All Saints Church, Barrow, to thank God for the Queen's reign and all she has contributed to our country. Please do join us.

In support of the Queen's Green Canopy tree-planting project, we have already started choosing species to suit the areas selected, including ones that will provide blossom and fruit for our struggling insects and wildlife. The Festival of Suffolk is keen to see over 775,000 trees planted, equating to one for every resident of the county.

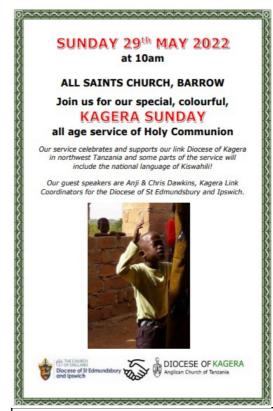
We do hope you will want to join in with all the planned events over the weekend and support your local community. The Jubilee Planning Committee have opted to raise funds over the weekend, where possible, for the Ukrainian Appeal.

If you would like to find out more about what is going on throughout the county of

Suffolk, just look on the Festival of Suffolk website: https://www.festivalofsuffolk.org

We look forward to seeing you around the village over the Jubilee weekend! Let's make it a really special occasion to mark a momentous point in our country's history!

Revd Lynda, Barrow Rectory



## BARROW FRIENDLY FOLK GROUP

We are a group of local musicians who play folk, traditional and popular tunes and songs. We meet every 1st Sunday of each month in the main hall of Barrow Village Hall at 7.00 pm. We'll welcome any new players of any ability.

Our next charity concert is on Sunday May 29th in Barrow Village Hall at 7.00pm. It's in aid of Cancer Research. Everyone welcome.

For more information please ring Sylvia 01284 810577

#### **Barrow Cricket Club**

The glorious English summer is showing its face once more and with the new summer comes a fresh season of friendly village cricket for Barrow Cricket Club. Barrow CC will celebrate 10 years of playing cricket this summer and in that fun-packed decade we have evolved into a well-supported and celebrated local side. This past Sunday saw the start of our season and a victory against our old friends at Whepstead CC. Barrow CC are on a bit of a golden streak at present and you'd need to go back to September 6th 2020 to find the last time we lost a game a of cricket!

If you fancy getting involved with your local cricket club, please take a look at

www.barrowcc.co.uk and see what's happening this summer. We have 16 fixtures in the plan, a three-match weekend "Tour" to the lovely Chiltern Hills in June and on Sunday 17th July we will hold the annual Ickworth Park Cricket Tournament which is a great day out for all the family with a four-way tournament of cricket and fun and games for all, in the beautiful grounds of Ickworth Park.

If you wish to find out more, or are interested to get involved in any capacity please contact either Richard Ford on 02184 811897 or email richard@northstarcreation.com or Ralph Rawlings on 01284 811844 or email ralph.rawlings@btinternet.com.

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We also hold regular coffee mornings in the village hall, 10am - 12am, open to all, make a note of the dates, we look forward to welcoming you!

The next coffee mornings are on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May, and Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June





### BARROW VILLAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2nd - 5th June 2022

## Thursday Evening, 2nd June

Bonfire, burgers and live music in Barrow village playing field

FREE ENTRY

## Friday, 3rd June

An afternoon Royal Tea Party in the Rectory Garden at 3pm.
Reservations essential

### £5 per person

Proceeds to the DEC Ukrainian Appeal

## Saturday, 4th June

With special guests:

Mark Murphy MBE & Lesley Dolphin from BBC Radio Suffolk!

9-11am: The Barrow Big Breakfast at the Village Hall 1-5pm: The Three Horseshoes Family Event Including burger and banger BBQ, face painting, plant stall, tombola,

children's entertainment and more.

Plus...

Dedication of commemorative Queen's Jubilee trees & unveiling of the village Jubilee Bench

## Sunday, 5th June

11am: Civil Service in All Saints Church 12pm: The BIG Picnic Lunch on the Village Green 7pm: Folk Music and Refreshments in the Village Hall

THEME: 1950s - Please wear something that harks back to the 1950s



Scarecrows around the village all weekend Flower Festival in the church Jubilee times past photographic display in the church

## **Lighting of the Beacon**

Come and join us at this family event.

Thursday June 2nd 6pm till 9pm

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Bonfire

BBQ and Hog Roast

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- (a) West Suffolk Council would not accept any figure below the 170 citing 1) national obligations, 2) district-wide capacity constraints in other locations, and 3) the seniority of Barrow's Key Service Centre status above other settlements.
- (b) that if we persisted with a plan allowing for only 77, the likely outcome was that that number and the associated sites would become additional to the 170, not displace it. This was a very unsatisfactory stance for West Suffolk Council to take, indicating that unless we worked collaboratively with the Council, we faced compounding the risk of disproportionate development.
- 11. At this stage, we are not prepared to accept the figure of 170 without first seeking ways in which it can be challenged. We are taking advice from our consultants and, if necessary, legal advice.
- 12. First soundings suggest that there may be avenues that we can explore. We have asked West Suffolk Council to provide us with the precise method whereby they arrived at the 170 and we are asking them to clarify what basis in law they claim to the assertion that if we proceed with the 77 or any other figure below 170, we are at risk of adding to the 170 and not displacing it.
- 13. We do not necessarily accept the sites proposed by West Suffolk Council. Our consultants are currently examining a number of options and will report to us by the end of May. The sites proposed by West Suffolk Council are genuinely open to consultation and we are confident that if we put forward alternative sites with objective justification, we can persuade the Council of our case.
- 14. Both the Neighbourhood Plan and West Suffolk Council's Local Plan have to be submitted to the Planning Inspector for approval. The difference between the two plans is that the Neighbourhood Plan must undergo one more stage a Yes/No referendum of all electors in the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- 15. West Suffolk Council does not anticipate being able to submit its plan to the Inspector before the end of 2023. This gives us considerable leeway.
- 16. Once we have agreed on the figure of new dwellings we need to plan for, we can finalise our plan policies and submit the Neighbourhood Plan to you, the community, for consultation, called in the jargon 'Regulation 14 consultation'. That consultation period lasts six weeks and we are looking at ways we can engage the maximum number of people in that process.

Cllr Zigurds Kronbergs, Lead Member for the Neighbourhood Plan Barrow cum Denham Parish Council, 28 April 2022

#### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to apply or would like more information please email <a href="mailto:barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com">barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com</a> before 31st May 2022

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT**

- By way of introduction, I'd like to stress that a Neighbourhood Plan can do
  many things for the community that it represents. It can rule on where development should go, what the design criteria should be, what types of housing
  should be provided and many other things. What it cannot do is to say that
  there shall be no further development at all. That was never an option.
- 2. Many of you will have seen the report in the local press about West Suffolk's plans for 170 new homes in Barrow, to be built on two sites. 150 on the site to the south of Bury Road (designated BD13 in the draft Neighbourhood Plan) and 20 on the site south of Denham Lane (BD9).
- These are West Suffolk Council's preferred sites in its emerging Local Plan for the plan period, which runs until 2040 and will be open to consultation in the forthcoming consultation period (26 May to 26 July). That consultation is West Suffolk Council's consultation, not ours.
- 4. Many of you will know that our Neighbourhood Plan Group has been working on the basis that we need to provide for 77 new homes. The sites for those homes have not yet been formally decided.
- 5. That figure of 77 differed from the indicative figure of 159 given to us by West Suffolk Council in 2020; a figure that was reduced to 148 in 2021.
- On advice, we preferred our figure because we considered the methodology
  West Suffolk Council had used in arriving at the 159 and then 148 was fundamentally flawed. We challenged West Suffolk Council's figures, but that dispute
  was never resolved.
- 7. The figure of 170 that we are now faced with is called the Strategic Housing Requirement (SHR) and is arrived at by a different methodology. This is a top-down methodology which starts from the SHR for West Suffolk as a whole and then allocates that figure to towns and villages. Barrow, being a Key Service Centre, ranks with the other Key Service Centres second in the hierarchy, below the towns of Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket, Mildenhall and Haverhill.
- 8. We were originally promised by West Suffolk Council that it would give us this figure in December 2021, but it kept postponing the meeting until finally offering a date of 26 April which we accepted.
- 9. However, we were incensed that the Local Plan figures had been made public before that meeting. We made our feelings known to the Leader of West Suffolk Council, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning and, of course, our own District Councillor, Ian Houlder. We have yet to receive a satisfactory answer from the first two gentlemen.
- 10. Be that as it may, at the meeting on Tuesday, we questioned whether the figure of 170 was set in stone. We were told the following:

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#### **West Suffolk Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation**

Many readers will already know that West Suffolk Council proposes to allocate **170** new houses to Barrow for the period to 2040 and that the sites it would prefer these houses to be built on are land to the south of Bury Road (neighbouring Dale Tree Road and Lion Green) (150) and land to the south of Denham Lane (20 houses).

These are West Suffolk's plans, NOT those of Barrow cum Denham Neighbourhood Plan. We are still planning on the basis of 77 new homes on sites yet to be chosen.

West Suffolk's proposals will be open to consultation from 09:00 on Wednesday 26 May until 17:00 (5pm) on Tuesday 26 July.

Please make your views known to West Suffolk's planners. The more people respond, the more West Suffolk will have to take notice.

Those of you with access to the internet should go to <a href="https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/Planning Policies/local plans/west-suffolk-local-plan-review.cfm">https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/Planning Policies/local plans/west-suffolk-local-plan-review.cfm</a> to find out how to respond. There will also be a live chat facility from that webpage. Otherwise e-mail <a href="mailto:planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk">planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk</a> or telephone 01284 757368 to register your interest.

Our Neighbourhood Plan, which West Suffolk's Local Plan must pay heed to if it is approved before the Local Plan will be out for consultation in turn later in the year. West Suffolk does not anticipate having its plan finalised before the end of 2023 at the earliest.

Dear residents, as a fellow resident of Barrow I would like to campaign for consideration of the local wildlife and pets. On March the 9th my husband and I witnessed a speeding driver plough through a heavily pregnant deer in Barrow and leave her in pain and distress without any care at all. Which we found hugely distressing and upsetting to see. This is not the first time we have seen many speeding drivers using Barrows roads as a race track and ploughing through countless ducklings, ducks, deer and cats. I understand we are all busy people however could we not just lower our speed and spare a thought for the wildlife who do not understand speeding vehicles. And if we do happen to run through an animal, could we not do the wickedly cowardly action of leaving it in distress but to either take it to a vet of which there are many in the local area or wait with it until the RSPCA, or the Police are called and there on hand to help.

There is of course an obvious lack of signage in Barrow for Crossing Ducks, Slow Deer crossing, however this could be dealt with and could help considerably in making a difference.

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