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NEWSLINK

Keeping you in touch with Barrow cum
Denham
Spring 2018



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the meeting in February, the Parish Council welcomed a large number of parents who were very concerned about proposed changes to the school transport system. Having assured those present of their support, the council agreed to write to each member of the Suffolk County Council cabinet seeking an assurance that children from Barrow would suffer no discrimination in transport provision because the local primary school is part of the BSE 'All Through Trust'. To date we have not had the courtesy of a reply from any member of the County Council, although they did acknowledge our concerns in an interview with the Bury Free Press.

Parishioners will be aware of the serious problems caused by the A14 over-night closures, and the failure of Highways England to organise and manage an effective diversion route. The Parish Council has met with representatives of Highways England and we are seeking compensation for the damage caused to the grass verges within the village. Highways England maintain that they have no liability if drivers choose to ignore the signed diversion route. Nevertheless, we will continue to press our claim and update you in due course.

Another issue which a huge amount of concern, is the failure of the County Council to adequately repair the huge number of 'potholes' on our roads. The county highways department seem to have adopted a policy of only repairing some holes, whilst leaving adjacent ones unfilled. This seems to be total waste of public money and we have written to the County Councillor with responsibility in this area, Jane Storey, and asked that the policy be reviewed. We have also asked our own County Councillor, Karen Soons to follow this up.

Over the past few years we have had many discussions with the County Council about ways in which we can reduce 'speeding' within the parish. One of the main problem sites is Bury Road, where many individuals simply ignore the 30mph limit. Part of the problem is that the 30mph limit on the approach to the village starts some distance from the first dwellings, and there is a sense that the current signage is somewhat inadequate. Therefore, the Parish Council has agreed to fund some improvements along this stretch of road, and we hope that work will commence in the very near future.

Can you please note that the Annual Parish meeting will take place on **Thursday April 26th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall** when the Parish Council will give their annual report. The Parish Council is conscious that attendance at this annual meeting has declined year on year and therefore, we are considering changing the format of the meeting this year to much more of a **question and answer** session. We have invited individuals from the Police and both the Borough and County Councils, so please try and make time in your busy lives to come along, ask questions, and challenge elected representatives about issues that affect you and your family.

Finally, can I remind you that the Parish Council meets on the first Monday of each month (except January and August) at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. We welcome members of the public to our meetings so individuals and groups have an opportunity to raise matters of community interest before we begin the formal business of the meeting. We always have an item '**Public Forum**' on our agenda however if you do wish to raise an issue it is helpful if you can contact the Parish Clerk in advance so we can make sure we allocate appropriate time for discussion.

Graham Judge, Chairman—Barrow cum Denham Parish Council

[Barrow & Denham](#)

[Good Neighbours Scheme](#)

The Good Neighbours provide occasional services, such as lifts to the West Suffolk Hospital, the surgery, the Post Office, hairdresser, etc, minor DIY jobs/repairs, or help to fill in forms, to people in need in our community.

All these services are totally free, but when a lift is involved, then 40p per mile (present rate) is charged to cover the driver's costs. We also hold regular coffee mornings so that both helpers and users can meet for a chat.

Please volunteer to help – especially for jobs during the day or to hold the phone. If you would like to volunteer your services please contact us via the helpline number.

[If you'd like our assistance](#), ring the helpline number and leave a message – the phone-holder will get back to you to take details and arrange the assistance.

Please allow at least 3 days notice.

[Keep this number handy](#):

Good Neighbours **HELPLINE**

07930 328930

[Easter Crafts for Kids](#)

[Looking for something to entertain the kids during the Easter Holidays?](#)

Thursday 5th April

10am-1pm

Barrow Village Hall

Activities include:

Jewellery making and pebble decoration,

Bouncy castle and toddler area

£3 per child

For information ring

Chris James—01284 810277

[Community Award](#)

The Parish Council make an annual community award presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the life of the Parish.

This could be someone who has given outstanding service to one of the village organisations, been involved in major fundraising projects or given their time to improve village life.

To nominate someone, please send their name and a short summary of their achievements to Kat Bowe barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com by Friday 23rd March. The award will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 26th April

BARROW & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

The Barrow Garden Club meet mostly on the second Friday of the month at Barrow Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have a varied line-up of speakers followed by tea and cake and gardening banter.

Our speakers have now been booked for 2018. Our Secretary has, as usual, booked a superb line-up for the year. He has also organised two outings in June (Mickfield Hostas) and July (Kings Seeds Sweet Pea fields) all are welcome to join us.

Friday 9th March 2018 – “Self-Sufficiency from your Garden” by Nigel Start.
For those seeking the “good-life” visitors welcome (£3)

Friday 13th April 2018 – “All about Herbs” a talk by Zsuzsa Serer from Herbal Haven. Come and spice up your life with B G Cvisitors welcome (£3)

Friday 11th May 2018 – “Orchids” by Colin Thorburn. Learn how to tend, repot and rejuvenate. For all those with a taste for the exotic Visitors welcome (£3)

Come and join Barrow Garden Club, membership is only £10 a year.

If you require any further information please contact Kirstie Ford, 01284 811897. Happy Growing!

Newslink

Submissions for the next issue should be emailed to the Parish Clerk by **Monday 28th May**. The Newslink will be delivered week commencing 11th June.

The Parish Council are looking to improve our Newslink publication, if you would like to submit an article that you think would be of interest/benefit to the Parish please contact Kat Bowe barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com

Barrow Cricket Club

Spring is with us and so too is the anticipation of the glorious English summer ahead and what could be more glorious than a summer of cricket. Beautiful village cricket.

For those of you who may not be aware, Barrow proudly boasts a splendid village cricket team who plays a number of strictly friendly games throughout the summer against a motley collection of other local and touring sides. Our home games are played in beautiful surrounding in the National Trust park at Ickworth.

We are always keen to welcome new players to the club who have maybe played in former years and fancy a return to the game or maybe younger players who like the idea of playing without the weekly commitment of a league side.

If this sounds like fun to you please contact either Richard Ford on 01284 811897 or email richard@northstarcreation.com or Ralph Rawlings on 01284 811844 or email ralph.rawlings@btinternet.com. We'd love to hear from you.

The fixtures for the coming summer are:

Sun 29 th April (Home)	- Whepstead
Sun 6 th May Ousden (Home)	- Lidgate &
Sun 13 th May Hedingham (Home)	- Castle
Sun 20 th May (Away)	- Stansfield
Sun 3 rd June (Home)	- Howitzers
Sun 10 th June (Away)	- Whepstead
Fri/Sat/Sun 15/16/17 June	- Lincoln Tour
Sun 1 st July Park Cricket Festival	- Ickworth
Sun 22 nd July (Home)	- Stansfield
Sun 29 th July	- BBC Bush-
men (Venue either Ousden or Chadacre)	
Sun 26 th August	- Horringer
Challenge Trophy Match (Home)	
Sun 2 nd September	- Lidgate &
Ousden (Away)	
Sun 16 th September (Home)	- Kirtling

Barrow Book Exchange

It was in 2011 under the *Adopt-a-Kiosk* scheme that the Parish Council bought the old telephone kiosk for £1 and soon after a team of volunteers gave it a new coat of paint. Now, seven years on, the paintwork needs freshening up and we would like to invite both newcomers and those original volunteers to tackle the job once again in the Spring. Before this work starts, the overhanging tree branches will be cut back by a local tree specialist.

As a book exchange the BBE continues to receive regular book donations from the community and there's a stalwart team of volunteers who help to keep the shelves reasonably tidy. For any book lover there's always some undiscovered gem on the shelves to take home; to spotlight these curiosities and good reads, we're adding a *Book of the Month* review in *The Stile* magazine as from March 2018.

What to do about excess books has become a more pressing matter in recent months. Regularly volunteers fill their car boots with the surplus books, delivering them to charity shops in Bury St Edmunds. Water-damaged copies left on the floor of the kiosk are placed in recycling bins. A suggestion has been made to the Parish Council that a Book Recycling Bank should be positioned near the telephone kiosk as a solution to this problem.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS—If you'd like to help with the BBE kiosk redecoration project, please send contact details to:

barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com.

Some Garden Friends—by David Homes

If you would like some free entertainment outside your window, buy yourself a bird feeder. Hang it near enough so that you can see clearly what is going on. The birds will soon find your feeder and start the show. Some of my favourite visitors are long-tailed tits who usually go around in family groups. The record, so far, on my feeder is seven - all feeding at once. Soon they will be building their beautiful domed nest in the hedgerow. The nest is made of lichen and cobwebs, lined with feathers. It is so tight-a-fit that the birds have to fold their long tails over their backs when they go inside.

Sparrows are other visitors around the feeder. Their numbers have been in decline over the years partly due to loss of habitat. House sparrows (the name gives it away) like to nest under roof tiles. Modern buildings now tend to have close fitting roof materials so there is no room for sparrows. Our house roof is very old and the tiles have lots of gaps, so we have two large flocks of sparrows, front and back. On spring mornings the birds can be seen busily carrying beaks full of nesting material into the roof. There must be half the garden up there. ... On the plus side I just think of it as extra insulation.

Barrow First Responders

Barrow are seeking new Ambulance Community First Responders for the village and surrounding areas. We respond to local 999 calls and help stabilise casualties prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Training is provided by the East of England Ambulance, and you would be required to attend monthly training session at Barton Mills.

The hours you volunteer can fit around your current commitments

For more information please email. barrowcfr@gmail.com

Village Craft

An informal gathering of "crafters".

Meets every second and fourth Wednesday morning **10:30am to 12:30pm**.

In the newly refurbished **Town Estate rooms**.

Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, painting or other portable handcraft projects and enjoy the company of other creative amateurs, share your knowledge, your joy and enthusiasm, with likeminded souls.

Cost £3 per person to cover room hire and refreshments.

For further information contact Kirstie Ford, 01284 811897.

Carpet Bowls

Every Monday in the Village Hall - 2.15 for a 2.30 start until approx.4.30.

Beginners made welcome, why not come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon. For further information telephone Marilyn 01284 811565 or Carole 01284 810582 or just pop in to see us.

Horse Racing Evening

Saturday 7th April 2018

Barrow Village Hall at 7.00pm

8 Video Horse Races

Tote

Licensed Bar

Buffet Meal

All for the incredible price of just £10.00 per head!

"There's gold in those hills!"

All proceeds to support Barrow Cricket Club

This is a ticket only event and tickets are limited so please contact either Richard Ford on 01284 811897 or richard@northstarcreation.com or

Ralph Rawlings on 01284 811844 or email ralph.rawlings@btinternet.com.

Barrow and District WI

The Barrow and District WI meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 7.30 at the Village Hall. The brief delivery of 'WI business' is followed by varied and interesting speakers who keep us amused until tea time. Home made refreshments and a chat complete the evening. Visitors are welcomed at any of our meetings, with the exception of the January meeting when we will be out for our seasonal meal. If you'd like further information, please ring Angela Christopher on 01284 811127 or June Bunn on 01284 810743.

Barrow & District Local History Society

The Barrow & District Local History Society meets in Barrow Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month (*unless otherwise stated*) at 7. 30pm.

Visitors will always receive a warm welcome, £3 per meeting. Annual subscription £10.

Throughout the year we have extremely interesting speakers on a diverse range of topics, outings, a social event and Christmas lunch. We also have a library of books of both historical and local interest available at each meeting for members to borrow.

Programme

13th Mar. Fenland Past and Present: 1600 to present and future – Mike Petty

10th Apr. Specials Operations Executive, Nadine's Story – Joan Murden

8th May The Policeman's Lot – A Social View of Policing, from the Krays to the Crown – Peter Lawrence

12 June Outing to Blickling Hall, Norfolk. Non members our welcome to join us.

Please contact Brenda 811404

10th July The Hollond Family of Great Ashfield House – Dave Steward

All enquiries to Sylvia Greening 01284 810270

All Saints Church

Alleluia, Christ is risen; he is risen, indeed, alleluia.

Thankfully Jesus still has a continuing influence in our world.

When asked, "Do you believe that

Jesus Christ rose from the dead?" 88% of Christians said

"Yes" and 32% of non-Christians also said "Yes". What

should we make of these statistics and does Jesus' resurrection have anything to do with us?

Can the resurrection of Jesus Christ change our lives? The only thing

stopping us from answering yes is the stones in front of our

own tombs – those things in our lives that keep us from

really living. The stones could have names – guilt, fear,

weakness, hopelessness, despair. The disciples felt all these

emotions at the foot of the cross. All we need to do this

Easter is ask God to come again and roll away the stones.

This is the good news of Easter, the resurrection morning.

This Easter may we ask for our stones to be rolled away. Our

Easter Sunday service at All Saints is at 10.45 am. Do join us.

Revd Barbara Sherlock

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BARROW JANUARY DRAW WINNERS

£300	Bill Lake
£100	Barbara Greenwood
£50	Bruce Rand
£50	Barbara Sherlock
£50	Elizabeth Reed
£50	Sym Ruddock
£50	Andrew Pearce

Thank you to all 300 Club members for your continued support.

To join, or for further information contact: Mike Reed 01284 811220