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NEWSLINK

Keeping you in touch with Barrow cum
Denham

Summer 2018



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It is with great sadness that I have to report on the death of Stan Bullock, a former Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, and Chairman for many years of the Village Hall Management Committee. Stan was also active in other organisations within the village, such as the Bowls Club, and the Garden Club and willingly gave up many hours of his time in the service of our community. In a world where so many people are happy to sit on the sidelines, by his actions, Stan was an example of what we mean when we talk about community service. Our thoughts and condolences go to his family.

On a happier note, we were delighted to hear that our Parish Clerk, Kat Bowe gave birth to a daughter Georgia, Naomi, on the 14th May. Congratulations to Kat, and husband Matt.

The excessive amount of rain we have endured over recent months has, once again, highlighted the serious problems with drainage that affect certain areas of the village. Council minutes dating back many years demonstrate that this is not a new problem, but it certainly appears to have worsened in the recent past. The Parish Council has been very active in pursuing the County Council to take action on our behalf but, as always it comes down to resources. In an attempt to find some sort of a solution, the Parish Council have indicated that they might be able to allocate some funding from their own reserves if, **and it is a big if**, the County Council are prepared to allocate some of their budget to Barrow. Following a recent meeting with the County we are waiting for a formal response, but even if they do agree to make resources available it is unlikely to be until the financial year 2019/2020.

At the meeting in May, the Parish Council were updated on an increase in police activity in the village, some of it involving anti-social behaviour. There was some disappointment that we no longer have a regular police presence at our monthly meetings, and our representatives will be raising this at a forthcoming public meeting organised by the Police & Crime Commissioner for Suffolk.

The Parish Council has now received details of the formal planning application for 75 new homes on land East of Barrow Hill. A public consultation meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 31st May, and the comments and objections raised by members of the public will form part of our formal response to the planning authority. Whilst we cannot guarantee that any of these will be incorporated into the final planning decision we hope that Hopkins Homes, the developers, will take note, and work with those most affected by the development.

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, and we welcome members of the public to our meetings. So that individuals and groups have an opportunity to raise matters of community interest before we begin the formal business of the meeting, we have an item **'public forum'** on our agenda. 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

The Church—After more than seven years as the rector of The Benefice of Barrow, I have announced my retirement from parish ministry. My last service in the benefice will be on Sunday, 2nd September at 10.30 am at St Giles Church, Risby. This will be a benefice service to celebrate the feast day of St Giles.

It has been my privilege to serve the villagers of Barrow as well as the villagers of Denham, Great and Little Saxham and Risby. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives and to take those personal and touching services – baptisms, marriages and funerals in addition to Sunday services – over the years. I have enjoyed working in the schools and preschools, holding monthly communion in Autumn Close, watching teddy bears parachute off All Saints' Church tower, seeing the Town Estate Room become a community centre for Barrow and visiting so many of you. The benefice will be in safe hands during the interregnum (vacancy); I have competent and caring churchwardens who will see that services continue and that all the occasional offices are taken by experienced clergy. I look forward to the three months remaining of my ministry in the benefice and will continue to make pastoral visits, officiate at services, work in the schools, wave to new and old friends from my Mini and pray for your continued well being. With every blessing,

Barbara Sherlock

Barrow Book Exchange

It has been business as usual in the old telephone kiosk on Britton's Road with plenty of book donations filling the shelves and children's book box. Volunteers have continued to keep the books reasonably tidy. The time has now come to move ahead with the redecoration project.

Since the kiosk was adopted in 2011 by the Parish Council (under BT's *Adopt-a-Kiosk* scheme), it has incurred minimal expenditure: £1 (for its original purchase) and the cost of painting materials. Now, however, we need to improve the glazing of the kiosk to make it more waterproof and to insert a Book Exchange sign above the door. Funding for this work will need to be found before the repaint can begin.

Since a refurbished telephone kiosk will be an enhancement to this part of the village, we are really hoping that more people will come forward to lend a hand. **If you'd like to help with the BBE kiosk redecoration project, please send contact details to:**

barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com.

Village Craft

An informal gathering of "crafters".

Meets every second and fourth Wednesday morning **10:45am to 12:15pm**.

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.

Newslink

Submissions for the next issue should be emailed to the Parish Clerk by **Monday 27th August**. The Newslink will be delivered week commencing 10th September.

Barrow Cricket Club - Ickworth Park Cricket Festival 2018

Following the success of last year's inaugural event I am please to announce that the 2018 Ickworth Park Cricket Festival will be held on Sunday 1st July at the beautiful Horringer and Barrow cricket ground in Ickworth Park.

The central event of the tournament will feature a four-way competition between the mighty forces of Barrow CC, Whepstead CC, Barrow Buccaneers, and last year's champions, Horringer CC.

In addition to the feast of competitive and manly action to be served by the above teams we will this year be adding a fun-filled "Soft Ball Cricket" tournament open to ladies of all ages from 14 and above and of all athletic abilities. This will be a great fun opportunity for creatures of the fairer sex to give the mysterious game a go under the watchful eye and tutelage of representatives from Suffolk County Cricket. This form of the game is apparently accompanied by music and prosecco too! Who knows where this chance might lead?? We really wish to encourage participation in this new feature and I ask any ladies who are keen to please get in touch and register we can explain in more detail, or just get involved on the day. All necessary equipment will be provided and all I suggest is some suitable footwear and a sense of fun! The "Soft Ball Cricket" is due to start at noon.

Throughout day there will food, refreshments, various stalls, a licensed bar and a safe area for the children to run around and enjoy themselves.

The 1st match will start at 10.00 so please come down at any time.

At approximately 4.00pm there will be the draw in our Grand Raffle promising some quite splendid prizes to those clever folk who have invested in tickets. Tickets will be available to purchase throughout the day.

All funds raised by the festival on the day will be shared between the Ickworth Park Cricket Group and Barrow and Horringer Cricket Clubs.

I would like to offer a very special mention and thank you to Sheridans Estate Agents who for the 2nd year have kindly sponsored the marvellous event and make a great difference to the day. Their involvement is much appreciated

We look forward to seeing you there and anyone requiring further information or wishing to invest in raffle tickets should 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 or Tim Jones on 01284 735234 or email timhjones@btinternet.com.

Barrow Town Estate Room


The ideal venue for so many occasions, the Town Estate Room will accommodate 32 people seated around tables, and up to 50 when tables aren't required. This light and airy space has a fully equipped kitchen, and is connected to Wifi, making it ideal for meetings, training sessions etc. There is also an extensive garden area complete with two picnic tables for people to spill out into the sunshine. If you would like to get involved with this great village project, or for more information please contact Chris James, 07977225579, email ter.barrow@hotmail.com



Barrow Tennis Club Open Day

Sunday June 17th

11 til 3



Anyone welcome, Barrow resident or not.

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We have rackets to lend and special balls for children so come and give it a go.

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We are on the playing field behind the village hall, any time between 11am and 3pm.

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Join us! Juniors £20, Adults £50, Seniors £35 or family membership for £90 per annum.

All Saints Church Flower Festival 2018

Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th June

Saturday 23rd 11 am to 4 pm.

Floral displays in church

Cake stall, Tombola, raffle. Art exhibition in marquee with refreshments.

Sunday 24th 12 noon to 5 pm.

Floral displays in church, raffle, cake stall, Tombola and refreshments.

POSH TEAS in Town Estate Rooms in centre of village.

To include, sandwiches, scones and cakes. Time: 2 - 5 pm
Cost £7:50 adults, £3.00 children

Booking recommended. :2-3, 3-4 and 4-5 pm

Contact barbarasherlock@btinternet.com.
Tel: 811675

Newslink is changing!

Barrow cum Denham Parish Council is making changes to *Newslink*.

Newslink will continue to be delivered to every household in Barrow and Denham free of charge four times a year, as it always has been, but the Parish Council has decided to increase the number of pages, so that we can explain in greater detail what issues we are dealing with when the need arises, but also, and more importantly, to give you, the readers, the opportunity to let everyone else in the two villages know what you are doing and what concerns you.

Tell other readers about any aspect of village life past or present that you've discovered or that you appreciate. If you run or are involved in a club or society, tell us what you do, when you're doing it and why you enjoy it. Or perhaps you have a good idea and would like to ask like-minded people to join you? Then again, you may think some things could be done, or look, better? Air your views here. Remember, *Newslink* goes to every household and you don't have to subscribe to receive it.

Do bear in mind, however, that the Parish Council is strictly non-party political, so no political manifestos or commercial advertising, please. And remember also that if you have an urgent issue that you think the Parish Council can help you with, contact a Parish Councillor by e-mail, phone or in person.

Otherwise, it's over to you!

Cllr. Zigurds Kronbergs

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE TOWN ESTATE ROOM

Yoga, Tuesday 9.30am-10.30pm, Thursday 7pm-8pm

Meditation and relaxation, Wednesday 7.30-8.30, Friday 9.15am-10.15am

Mens' Breakfast – 1st Saturday of the month

Ladies' Breakfast, 3rd Saturday of the month

Toddler Play and Praise – Wednesday 9am-10.30am

After School Club – Wednesday 3.00pm-4.30pm

Village Crafts – 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 10.45am-12.15pm

Community Coffee Morning – one Thursday a month, variable weeks

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.

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.

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.

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!

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

07 930 328 930

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. 30 pm. Visitors welcome, £3 per meeting. Annual subscription due in September £10.

Throughout the year we have extremely interesting speakers on a diverse range of topics, outing/s, an August Social 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:

12th June – Outing to Blickling Hall

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

14th Aug. – Afternoon Social, including a book stall and raffle, at the home of Keith & Brenda, [25, Johnson Road, Barrow](#).

11th Sept. – John Clare, rural poet – Mark Mitchells, followed by AGM

Things to watch out for in Barrow and Denham

As I write this towards the end of May, nature has been making up for lost time after the beast from the east. The orchids in Denham are now starting to appear along the road on the left hand side past Keeper's Lodge and before the Denham Estate entrance. Orchids are very fussy and prefer the poorest of soils, perhaps that is the reason they have never colonised the other side of the road. For the past three years there has been a small colony of bee orchids growing on the grass triangle at the corner of Brockley Lane and Barrow Road. They are happily living on a mixture of road dust, sand and chippings, please do not pick them as they have a very complicated lifecycle and will probably not return if picked. I am happy to see that the greenfinches are back in Denham Lane, these birds have been suffering from disease for several years and their numbers dropped considerably. You should spot them in your garden, they are quite a large finch slightly bigger than a sparrow and, of course, their name gives it away - they are olive green. Listen for their cry, it sounds like a creaking door. I am sure you will have seen buzzards circling over Barrow and Denham, but have you seen the red kite? It is longer and slimmer than a buzzard, his wings look a bit like an M and his tail is V shaped which he twists from side to side just like the ribbons on an old-fashioned Mary Poppins *let's go fly a kite*