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NEWSLINK

Keeping you in touch with Barrow cum
Denham

Winter 2019



Parish Council News

We have had a relatively quiet period as a Parish Council and have been able to deal with some of the more routine issues affecting our Parish. We have seen the installation of the new larger combined waste bin at the bus stop near the recycling area. The new play equipment has been installed at the playing field. Once again, a big thank you to all who donated following the fire damage, which enabled this extra equipment to be purchased.

As you may be aware, we are trying to deploy the VAS (vehicle activated speed sign) to different locations around the village. One of the problems we face is that we only have access to the sign for one month in every three, as it is shared with two other villages. As a Parish Council we are conscious of the problem of speeding in our village and therefore give this matter a high priority. Consequently, we have resolved to purchase a VAS sign for the exclusive use of Barrow.

An issue has come to the attention of the Parish Council via the Village Hall Management Committee, is the problems caused by instances of inconsiderate parking blocking the pavement as it passes across the front of the Village Hall. I would personally ask anyone using the Village Hall carpark to avoid parking on this area of the pavement which is causing problems for pedestrians. In the meantime, we are costing some 'No Parking' lines to be applied in the problem area.

Whilst some improvements have been made, we continue to suffer as a village from poor drainage in certain areas. I can assure you that we keep chasing both Highways and the County Council to secure funding that will allow these issues to be rectified. Of note at the moment, is the roadway opposite the Brittons Road Pond, and the pavement and roadway from Johnson Road towards the village centre.

The Barrow Village firework display took place again this year, sadly the weather was not kind to us, and attendance was down on previous years. The display itself was as usual of a fantastic standard and Barrow has really grown a very good reputation in the area for putting on a terrific event. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Christopher James and Tom Wesley, who are stepping down from organising the display, for many years of their selfless work on this project. If anyone feels they might be interested in volunteering to help with the event in the future please get in touch, we would be happy to meet with you.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7:15pm.

Finally, can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and healthy new year.

John Pearson, Chairman—Barrow cum Denham Parish Council

Pheasants and other visitors by David Holmes

We get lots of pheasants in our garden in the autumn because they are seeking refuge from the local shoots. But why are pheasants so stupid? We all know about their lack of road sense, but in our garden instead of roosting in the thick ivy on the trees, they pick the thinnest, most exposed silver birch. Every year we have windfall apples which are left for the birds to eat, this helps them through the winter. Moorhens especially love apples. There are four who come in each day from the pond across the lane. Moorhens are very shy and run and hide in the ditch if we go in the garden. But the moment the coast is clear, they run back to the apples.

The triangle at Brockley Lane now has its official Roadside Nature Reserve numbered post for our colony of bee orchids. There are also new posts on the verges opposite the original orchid site by the double bends in Denham.

The litter goblins struck again in the early summer leaving car parts, wheels and tyres on the council car park. Many thanks to the helpful elves at ARW Services and Carrs BMW for clearing it away.

BARROW AND DISTRICT WI

Your friendly and welcoming WI meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Great speakers, craft sessions, monthly lunches, days out, good company and fantastic cake!

Ring Chris, 07977225579

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 Book Exchange:

December 2019

2019 has been another good year for the BBE. You may have noticed our very own Barrow telephone kiosk was commemorated in a wooden postcard sold in the Post Office at *Forelock and Load*: fame at last!

Donations of books have continued to flow in, and our children's book box is regularly topped up with attractive titles for young readers. Also the BBE Reading Group has continued to donate selected books during this first year.

Unfortunately we still experience book tsunamis when people leave bags and boxes of books even when the shelves are overflowing. However we're very lucky to have a team of BBE Friends who, quite invisibly, remove stacks of unwanted material and help to keep the shelves tidy. Huge thanks to them all!

If you are a member of the BBE community, in the countdown to Christmas, we'd like to invite you to wrap up a special book for Christmas (tagged to indicate contents eg. children's board book, spy thriller, biography, Christmas Cookery Book etc. etc.) and release it onto the shelves during December. Carol Ann Duffy's *Frost Fair* and several other Christmas -themed titles will be among these mystery Secret Santa books.

Happy Christmas. Happy Reading.

Ann Kronbergs

VILLAGE CRAFTS

The craft group goes from strength to strength, with a good number of members and some interesting activities. Some of our members have learnt how to knit, crochet, sew or make gift bags and boxes, whilst others have pursued their own projects. If you'd like to join this friendly and productive group, we meet in the Town Estate Room, 10.45am-12.15pm, second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Call Kirstie Ford on 07718922034 if you would like more information.

Newslink

Submissions for the next issue should be emailed to the Parish Clerk by **Monday 24th February 2020**.

Please limit the number of words to no more than 200.

We are always after new articles.

Neighbourhood Plan

Barrow-cum-Denham's Neighbourhood Plan is underway and this short note aims to provide you with a progress update.

The process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan can be thought of three phases: collecting data, analysing the data and reporting. We are in the first phase and this includes a number of activities including a heritage assessment; a housing needs assessment; a call for sites and a community consultation.

The heritage assessment is being carried out by external, independent consultants and they are considering the parish's (surprisingly large number of) listed buildings and scheduled ancient monuments which might impact planning matters. The housing needs assessment is also being carried out by external consultants and, working in conjunction with West Suffolk Council, this work aims to define the number and type of houses that are required to be built in the parish from 2019 to 2041. It's important to note here that the drive for more houses is not set by the Parish Council but rather by UK central government and specifically their national house-building targets. Our task is to determine Barrow-cum-Denham's fair share of the national targets. The call for sites is self-explanatory – it's a call to landowners within the parish to nominate sites that are available for development. The community consultation will be your chance to have your say about how the parish develops over the next twenty years. We are drafting a consultation questionnaire which will be made available on-line and in hard copy for those who prefer good old pen and paper. It will be open to all parishioners – not just adults - and the questionnaire contains around 50 multiple-choice questions about amenities, the environment, infrastructure and future development. It should only take a few minutes to complete. As well as specific questions there's also space for you to tell us more generally about what you think. There will be further information about how you can have your say once the questionnaire is finalised.

Cllr. Mark Howard

Barrow-cum-Denham PC

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 the month in Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7.00pm.

We'll welcome any new players of any ability.

For more information please ring Sylvia 01284 810577.

CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS' BARROW.

Saturday 14th December 10:30am in All Saints' Church. Help to decorate the Christmas trees. There will be decorations for the children to make and put on the children's tree as well as decorating the big tree. Refreshments provided.

Sunday 15th December 4:00pm in the Town Estate Room. Join with the village in singing your favourite Christmas carols either in the garden of the TER or inside, depending on the weather! Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies provided.

Sunday 22nd December 10:45am in the Town Estate Room Café Church.

Tuesday 24th December, All Saints' Church Christmas Eve

3:30pm Crib Service – a relaxed service for all the family

6:00pm Carol Service – readings and carols.

Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day.

Denham 9:00am Holy Communion

Risby 10:30 am Holy Communion

Great Saxham 10:30am All Age All Together Service.

All Saints' wish you a very happy Christmas and hope you will be able to join in some of the above.

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.

Throughout the year we have extremely interesting speakers on a diverse range of topics, plus a summer outing and members' social. Annual membership £10. Visitors are most welcome £3 per meeting. All enquiries to Sylvia Greening 01284 810270.

Programme 2020

14th Jan. Ruhleben – Berlin's Race Course to WW1 Prisoner of War Camp. – Caroline Holmes

11th Feb. Almshouses -Sarah Doig

10th March Gone for a Soldier –The story of William Booth - Geoff Hales

14th April Must Farm – Britain's Bronze Age Pompeii – Alex Fisher

Barrow and Denham Good Neighbours Scheme

Our volunteers provide occasional services, such as lifts to the West Suffolk Hospital, the surgery, the post office, the hairdresser, etc, minor DIY jobs/repairs, or help to fill in forms, to people in our community. Services are free except when a lift is involved, when we charge 40p per mile (present rate).

New members are always welcome - please contact us to find out more.

We also hold regular coffee mornings, an opportunity for both volunteers and users to meet up for a chat and enjoy delicious home baked cakes. Lifts are free of charge on these occasions.

Dates for the next coffee mornings, 10am:

Monday 13th January - at the Town Estate Room

Tuesday 4th February - at 'The Old Cowshed'

Wednesday 4th March - at 'The Old Cowshed'

Thursday 2nd April - at 'The Old Cowshed'

Please do just ring us if you would like to come to these but require a lift.

If you would 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 328 930

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.

Merry Christmas

The Parish Council would like to thank all our volunteer deliverers, who give up their time to bring your copy of Newslink to your door, and wish them a Merry Christmas

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