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NEWSLINK

Keeping you in touch with Barrow cum
Denham

Winter 2021



Welcome to the Winter edition of Newslink.

It was great to attend the Firework display organised for our Village along with around 1800 other people. This was the first year of planning by a new group of volunteers and I would like to congratulate them on a fantastic display. Significant funds were raised for the Village Hall. I understand that the organisers are keen to welcome more volunteers for next years event. People clearly travelled from around the area to attend our event and I hope that the disruption experienced on and around the local roads was short lived.

The memorial service was able to go ahead this year followed by a service of remembrance at the Church. Both events were well attended, and I would like to thank the residents who provided the traffic control in the Street and the Royal British Legion members for the staging of the event at the memorial. It was particularly moving to see a passing cyclist dismount his bike and take part in the service.

The Parish Council is happy to welcome two new Councillors. Kirsty Rawlings and Jane Steer have been co-opted onto the Council. They both bring a wealth of Village knowledge with them and are keen to contribute to our strong sense of community.

I am pleased to confirm that we have now got a new combined waste bin placed at the footpath beside the Cemetery, hopefully this will be used appropriately and reduce the instances of fly tipping that have happened in the past. Hopefully, weather permitting, the PC is planning soon to put up the Christmas lights onto the Horse Chestnut tree on the Green. Following the positive response to last years lights we have invested in some additional strings to improve the effect.

Despite the planning application being refused for 2 houses on the Three Horseshoes beer garden the application has returned. Please, if you have any opinions in support or objection to this application, use the Online system for contacting the Planners. This is essentially a new application so previous contact will not be considered. There has also been an application for Holiday let Lodges to the rear of the Weeping Willow Pub, again any responses to this application can be submitted via the West Suffolk Council Website.

Finally I hope that, Covid allowing, we are able to meet up with family and friends this year over the Christmas and New Year period. The Village Hall remains heavily booked for events over the coming months and as result of this, and the recent fundraising there are some significant improvements to the facility planned very soon.

John Pearson

Chairman Barrow Cum Denham Parish Council.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Since the last issue of *Newslink*, the Parish Council has received a detailed draft report from our consultants AECOM on site selection and criteria. Readers may recall that an essential part of a successful Neighbourhood Plan is for that plan to identify the most preferred site or sites on which any unavoidable development should take place. Not to do so would leave that decision entirely in the hands of the planning authority, West Suffolk Council, and make a nonsense of developing a Neighbourhood Plan in the first place. Of course, such a selection involves hard choices, and may not please everyone.

We responded in detail to the draft report from AECOM and their final version, taking our comments into account, is expected imminently.

Once the Parish Council has formally approved that report, the next stage is to finalise the underlying policies, most of which already exist in draft form, that the Plan will embody. This will be achieved in January, with the help of our other consultants, Planning Direct. Both of these consultants have been involved in the Neighbourhood Plan process from a very early stage.

Before then, we shall be meeting West Suffolk Council again, to learn what their final housing requirement figure, based on the new Government guidance, is. Currently, there is still a difference between what we believe the community must accommodate in the plan period, which extends to 2040, and what West Suffolk's indicative figures have been, although that gap has narrowed slightly, as West Suffolk has been revising its figures downwards.

With that stage achieved, and some other outstanding matters cleared up, we shall have a full working draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, which must then be put to the community of Barrow and Denham in a stage called 'pre-submission consultation'. The Plan must be put out to consultation and the comments of the community duly taken on board, before the Plan can be submitted to West Suffolk Council and ultimately to the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council will be discussing exactly what form the consultation will take shortly, but the objective will be to elicit the maximum participation in the exercise, so as many people as possible can give us their views.

Once it has gone through these hoops, and had the seal of approval from the Planning Inspectorate, voters in our civil parish will decide in a referendum whether to accept or reject the Plan.

Cllr Zigurds Kronbergs

Neighbourhood Plan Lead

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

The Parish Council are looking for a Newslink deliverer for Woodland Rise. If you are able to help please contact the Clerk on 07917 509009 or

barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com

The Barrow Book Exchange continues to thrive, despite the wintry weather, with generous donations of non-fiction and fiction books from the community.

Thanks to all the book browsers who churn the books and keep the shelves in apple-pie order. We're very grateful when you take away

boxes/bags of books: OXFAM and other charity shops are always pleased to receive our surplus stock.

Season's Greetings!

Merry Christmas Everyone

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FIREWORKS

After a year off due to COVID the Barrow Fireworks Display was another spectacular success this year, raising over £3000 for the Village Hall. The money will be going towards new outside lighting and a new kitchen in the front of the hall.

The organisers would like to thank all the businesses that donated time, money and resources to make the evening a success.



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Barrow and District Local History Society - After a successful return to meeting in person, with many of our existing members, visitors and new members joining us, the society will meet again in January 2022. Our talks all begin at 7.30pm in Barrow Village Hall (IP29 5AN), followed by tea, coffee and biscuits. All are welcome, membership is £10 for the year (due in January) or £3 per talk for visitors. Our next talks are

Tuesday 11th January - A short AGM followed by Caroline Holmes "Religious roots to riotous ingenuity – Bury's hidden gardens"

Tuesday 8th February - Alex Fisher "Must farm – Britain's bronze age Pompeii"

Tuesday 8th March - Peter Lawrence "Reading the timbers – the beauty of Suffolk and Essex timber houses"

Anyone interested in the society or any questions please contact BarrowHistoryClub@outlook.com

Barrow cum Denham Good Neighbours Scheme

Our volunteers provide services such as lifts to West Suffolk Hospital, the surgery, the post office, the hairdresser, etc, or will carry out minor DIY jobs/repairs, or help to fill in forms, etc.

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We have resumed our regular coffee mornings, open to all, so please make a note of the dates:

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Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

All Welcome!

Dates for your 2022 diaries are Thurs 20th January and Thurs 24th February

Please contact us if you need our help; 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 if at all possible.

Good Neighbours HELPLINE 07930 328930

BARROW FRIENDLY FOLK GROUP.

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Newslink

Submissions for the next issue should be emailed to the Parish Clerk
barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com by **Friday 25th February 2022**

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

Dear friends,

There's a lovely old song called 'What a Difference a Day Makes', the lyrics of which speak of sadness and loneliness turning into happiness, and a rainbow replacing the storm clouds of the day before.

Today, after all we've been through, perhaps we might borrow that idea, and reflect on 'What a difference a year makes'. This time last year, we were locked down, lonely and fearful, and praying for a vaccine to be developed. Christmas was virtually put on hold, and I recall that for my family - as for most families, I'm sure - it was the first time that we had ever spent this special time apart.

Hopefully this year is different. Whilst the storm clouds of Covid still hover around us, we are used to wearing masks, whilst of course maintaining common sense. At least this year our carol services will take place, and children will enjoy the crib services that have been planned. Friends and families can gather together to share the festivities, and perhaps reflect on how important relationships are.

The stripped back Christmas we experienced last year was, strangely, closer to the first Christmas than we might realise: that too was tough, as Mary and Joseph travelled a gruelling 90-mile journey on foot and by donkey, to register for the Roman census. Mary was full term in her pregnancy, with nowhere to settle down and give birth. They were desperate, burdened and confused, and yet God had His hand firmly on them. Shelter was found, and Mary was delivered of the Christ-child. Darkness turned to light, desperation into hope, and confusion into understanding.

What a difference a year made for them, as indeed it has for us. I wish you all a very happy, safe and blessed Christmas.

Revd Lynda
The Rectory, Barrow



THE BARROW BENEFICE CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 12th December

4pm at Risby

6pm at Gt Saxham

Sunday 19th December

3pm at Denham

4pm at Lt Saxham

Christmas Eve

6pm at Barrow

Crib services on

Christmas Eve

3pm - Barrow

3pm - Risby

Christmas Eve

1030pm - Late night Holy

Communion by candlelight

at Lt Saxham

Christmas Day

9am - Holy Communion
at Denham

10am - Holy Communion
at Risby

10am - Christmas Day
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