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NEWSLINK

Keeping you in touch with



Winter Edition 2022

Welcome to the winter edition of Newslink.

I am pleased to see the completion of resurfacing work to the access on The Green, the previous surface had been problematic for several years and had become difficult to pass in places. The Parish Council has invested in a long-term solution at this location.

The current issues with the cost of living have once again brought a response from our Village. The Parish Council has agreed to donate more funding to Barrow Good neighbours to help with their Village wide work. We also would like to thank the Reverend Lynda Sebbage for her efforts relating to supporting Parishioners. More information can be found regarding warm spaces later in this issue.

The Village hosted another very successful firework display this year with record attendance, thanks go to the organising committee for their hard work and to various local companies who donated equipment for the event. I am aware that the event brings a certain amount of disruption with it especially parking issues. I apologise for this and hope that it was only for a brief amount of time.

Remembrance Sunday was once again well supported with several wreaths being laid on behalf of Village and district groups. There were some reported problems with drivers refusing to respect the temporary road restrictions which is disappointing, and we will look at how this can be improved the situation in future.

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to progress, and more information can be found in this edition of Newslink. It has been encouraging to see elevated attendance at recent Parish Council meetings as residents realise the importance of this process and the consequences for the Village of the final outcome.

It is with huge sadness that the Parish Council received the resignation of our Parish Clerk. Having done a tremendous job for more than 6 years including steering the Village through the unprecedented extra demands of our Covid response, Kat has reluctantly decided that with the pressures of extra other work and the demands of a young active family she can no longer devote the time needed for this role. The entire Parish Council thank her for all she has done and wish her every success in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

John Pearson—Chairman, Barrow Cum Denham Parish Council.



The Barrow Benefice

CHRISTMAS SERVICES for 2022

Sunday 4th December

10am - St Nicholas Patronal Festival at Lt Saxham.

Supporting the Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal

4.30pm Café Church

Christingle, Barrow Village Hall (with refreshments)

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 11th December

4pm at Risby

4pm at Lt Saxham

Saturday, 17th December

3pm at Denham

Sunday 18th December

6pm at Gt 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 all-age service at Gt Saxham

The Parishes of Barrow, Denham, Gt & Lt Saxham & Risby

Denham – Burglary

Officers are appealing for witnesses and information following a burglary of a farm Business in Denham.

In the hours of darkness sometime between 6:30pm Saturday December and 7:30am Sunday 4th December, unknown intruders have driven a vehicle and rammed the gates to a yard in Denham.

Once in the grounds, padlocks to outbuildings and sheds were cut to gain access. Electrical and petrol tools, and a quantity of scrap copper was stolen.

Do you live in the area and have any security systems that may have captured any images of anyone acting suspiciously?

If you have any information about this incident, please contact Suffolk Police quoting crime reference 37/77039/22.

Website – <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update> or call 101



The Barrow Benefice
Parishes of Barrow, Denham, Risby,
Gt & Lt Saxham

Carol singing!

Come and join us and spread the cheer!

Monday, 12th December, from 7pm – Barrow,
meet at Simpson Way

Tuesday, 13th December, from 6pm – Gt Saxham,
meet close to Barrow Rd, near noticeboard.

Wednesday, 14th December, from 6pm – Barrow,
meet at Orchard Way
FOR DOORSTEP CAROLS along with BBC Radio Suffolk!

Thursday, 15th December, from 6pm – Gt Saxham,
meet close to Barrow Rd, near noticeboard

Friday, 16th December, from 7pm – Risby,
meet in Crown & Castle

Wednesday, 21st December, from 7pm – Barrow,
in The Three Horseshoes
and then from 8pm in The Weeping Willow

Funds raised will go towards our
Hardship Fund AND Gatehouse -
aiding our communities during these
difficult & challenging times.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

The Parish Council are seeking a new Parish Clerk.

For more information please contact Cllr John Pearson

john.pearson@barrowcumdenhampc.com

Barrow-cum-Denham Neighbourhood Plan – Update for December '22 Issue of Newslink

Following on from the extraordinary meeting held on the 18th October 2022, at which a vote took place to select our preferred site, (Barrow Hill was selected), we arranged a meeting with West Suffolk, which took place on the 28th October 2022.

This was attended by Cllr's John Pearson, Richard Ford and Ralph Rawlings from Barrow, and Ann-Marie Howell, Marie Smith from Planning of West Suffolk.

We formerly advised West Suffolk of our decision and our opposition to the Bury Road site, stating our reasons why, which includes coalescence with Burthorpe, proximity to historic and listed buildings, benefits to the community, concerns regarding access to Bury Road

With regard to the Denham Lane site, which is for 20 dwellings, this is of particular concern to the Parish Council, and in our view is totally inappropriate for the area. Our objections are similar to those of Bury Road with particular concern relating to access onto the Barrow/Denham Lane which is very narrow and therefore hazardous to pedestrians as well as motorists. West Suffolk claimed that 10% of development has to be on land less than 1 hectare. We pointed out that this can be achieved through infill and that there was already planning permission granted for some 9 dwellings. This was unacceptable to West Suffolk and unlikely to pass Planning Inspectorate requirements. We have since discovered that the 10% can be applied to the whole of West Suffolk and does not necessarily have to be from a specific development such as ours

At this stage West Suffolk are not prepared to budge from their original decision and in our view are not adopting the spirit of the NP process; they should be supporting the local community.

We will continue to challenge their decision and are engaging with Planning Consultants and seeking further advice.

In addition, we have obtained legal advice from solicitors specialising in planning law and who are well versed in the NP process. They believe we have grounds to challenge West Suffolk's decision. Based on this, we have sent a letter to West

Christmas is a time for angels, but I don't think we make enough of them. Have you ever wondered why we pop one on top of the Christmas tree? Or why children love to dress up and take the part of the angel in a school or church nativity? And I wonder why we only seem to find angels at this time of the year, and not the rest of the year? After all, angels are perpetual, and not just reserved for a few days in December!

During the lead up to Christmas, if you look carefully around the village, you may see a number of different shapes, sizes, colours and finishes of angels hanging in people's windows, and certainly if you come to church you will see them there. This year, we are encouraging people to make an angel or two and display them, so that we can fill our places with the love and joy of Christmas that was heralded by the angel Gabriel, who brought the incredible news to the Virgin Mary that she was with child – the Christ child no less. The Messiah. What a shock that must have been for this young woman!

Look out for the neon-lit angel outside Barrow Church, glowing in welcome when you come to one of our services during Advent and Christmas - as I hope you will. Our Christingle service and crib service will follow the theme of angels too, and we even have chocolate angels to hand out to the children! Please do join us for our '*Instant Nativity*' at Barrow Church on Christmas Eve at 3pm. If you wish, you can come dressed as an angel, shepherd, king, sheep, star..... and be part of the Christmas story!

Angels aren't just for Christmas, but wherever you see one, do remember that during the season of Advent and Christmas especially, they bring glad tidings of joy. I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas

Rev'd Lynda, Rector

MICROWAVE/SLOW COOKER PROJECT

If you, or someone you know, are living in our parishes of Barrow, Risby, the Saxhams or Denham and would like some help with economical cooking ideas, menus, and kitchen equipment, then we may be able to help. We have a small budget set aside for the purchase of slow cookers and microwaves that offer a less expensive way of cooking.

For further details, please contact Rev'd Lynda 01284 811280

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 barrowcumdenhampc@gmail.com

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Suffolk Council copying in relevant District Councillors, including the Leader of the Council. At the time of writing this update, we have not yet received a response from West Suffolk.

Our objective is to continue engaging with West Suffolk and to resolve this matter amicably, without the need for further legal action. It is our intention to complete our NP draft mid - January 2023 and commencing the consultation process with the community by the end of January. This is for a 6 week period and is your opportunity to provide your feedback and comments to the Parish Council. These comments will be incorporated into the plan. The plan will be submitted to West Suffolk prior to their scheduled full council meeting on the 23rd March 2023. Further details regarding the consultation period will be provided once the details have been finalised which we envisage will be in a Special edition of the Newslink to be published and delivered to each household around the middle of January 2023.

Ralph Rawlings

6th December 2022

KEEPING WARM THIS WINTER

With the nights drawing in and the cost of heating escalating, what can be done to help our community during these difficult times?

The Three Horseshoes pub in Barrow have kindly offered a warm space in their front bar area for people to come in and sit, have a cup of tea, read the paper, chat, or simply be still.

This is an opportunity for our village to help each other.

The pub 'warm room' is available to everyone, Wednesdays – Sundays

from 12.00 to 2.30pm.

Please feel free to drop by and use this area.

If you, or if you know someone in need, this autumn/winter, please contact Revd Lynda on 01284 811280 as there are some funds available in addition to the generous contributions of food through our Community Pantry Scheme.

Barrow and District Local History Society

The society begins a new year with a full programme of talks, and will meet again in January 2023. Our talks all begin at 7.30pm in Barrow Village Hall (IP29 5AN), usually last around 45 minutes followed by tea, coffee and biscuits. All are welcome, membership is just £10 for the year (due in January) or £3 per talk for visitors. Membership includes all nine talks in the year, access to an expansive local history library, discounted summer trip (last year was to Holkham Hall), and a summer and Christmas social. Our upcoming society talks are:

Tuesday 10th January - A short AGM followed by Caroline Holmes on "Castles, Palaces and Houses of Queen Elizabeth II"

Tuesday 14th February - Frances Saltmarsh on "Fig leaves to feather boas - fashion from prehistoric times to modern day"

Tuesday 14th March - Colin Wilkinson on "Sea battles and seduction - The life and consequences of Augustus Hervey"

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

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 50p per mile.

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 if at all possible.

Keep this number handy: **Good Neighbours**

HELPLINE 07930 328 930

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

We also host regular coffee mornings, an opportunity for both volunteers and villagers to meet up for a chat and enjoy delicious home baked cakes. Lifts are free of charge on these occasions. Please do just ring us if you would like to come to the coffee morning but require a lift.

Dates for the next coffee mornings, in the village hall from 10am, are:

Thursday 15th December - *and rumour has it that Santa will be calling in...*

Thursday 26th January

Thursday 23rd February

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