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Keeping you in touch with Barrow cum
Denham

Autumn 2017



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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Vacancy

The council has still not filled the casual vacancy that was created by the resignation of Councillor Ponder. A number of individuals have enquired about the vacancy, but to date only one person has made a firm indication of interest. Whilst Parish Councils are the lowest tier of local government, they do, nevertheless, have an important role to play. In the context of Barrow and Denham, this means ensuring that the fabric of the village, particularly our 'village greens' are properly maintained. Whilst we have no formal decision making powers in respect of planning applications, we do have a significant role in the planning process. This is particularly important in relation to large scale developments of which there has been three in the last few years. So, if you think you can make a contribution to our work, and have an interest in the future development of the village and its facilities, then why not consider joining the Parish Council. If you want to know more about what the role entails, please feel free to give me a call on **810994**, or e mail me at graham.judge1949@gmail.com, alternatively, please register your interest with our Parish Clerk, **Kat Bowe**. Her details are on the back cover.

Speeding

In our last issue we reported on discussions that were taking place with the County Council in relation to the speeding issues in, and around, Barrow and Denham. To date these discussions are on-going, but the Parish Council are determined to find some acceptable solutions to the problem. Once we have some possible options agreed with the Highways Authority, we will post these on the Parish website

Whatever options we do agree, it is still the responsibility of every motorist to think carefully about their speed, both in the villages, and when approaching them; be that from the A14, Hargrave, or Saxham. Our concern is that there may, at some point, be a serious accident because of a speeding vehicle, so **PLEASE SLOW DOWN**.

Land East of Barrow Hill

In March 2016 the council held a public consultation meeting to discuss a planning application in respect of a new development on land east of Barrow Hill. Outline planning consent has now been granted for the construction of (i) 75 dwellings roads and open space and (ii) 1 hectare of B1 and B8 employment land. It is important to note that this is an 'Outline Planning Consent'. Once the land owner has appointed a developer, then we should have some further information relating to the timescale of the development, the type of dwellings to be erected, and information about road layout and site access. We would hope that any developer, together with the land owner, will be willing to hold an open forum within the village, to allow residents to make observations and raise any issues of concern. The Parish Council will be working very hard to facilitate such a process.

Graham Judge
Chairman

Barrow cum Denham Parish Council

The Church

Summer has gone by too quickly for most of us. At All Saints' Church we are looking forward to some new events that will begin in the autumn. On 13 September two new activities begin on Wednesday at the Town Estate Room – "Little Saints. Praise and Play", 9:15-10:30 am for parents and carers and children, 0-4 years and "Saints Alive", 3:30-4:30 pm for children, reception to Year 4. Messy Church will be moving to Sunday afternoons and will now be held monthly. The first Messy Church is on 10 September, 4-6 pm, at Risby Village Hall and on 8 October, 4-6 pm, at the Town Estate Room. All Saints will also be taking part in the TER Scarecrow Festival and on Sunday, 24th September at 4 pm at the church, there will be a Harvest Praise and Gift Day to conclude the weekend. Bring your scarecrows to church and dress up as your favourite film character. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

BARROW BOOK EXCHANGE AT 2

On the day of the Village Fête, Barrow Book Exchange celebrated its second birthday. A photographer from the Bury Free Press took a snapshot of the kiosk with its bunting and birthday banner and a journalist wrote a short article on the event.

We took the opportunity of asking people to complete a user survey that day and here are some of the points that were made:

- Frequent users visit the BBE 1-2 times each week, others 1-2 times each month.
- Frequent users also donate most of the books: at least 3 people reported having given, literally, "hundreds" of books in this two-year period, others had given up to ten books in this time.

Generally, users borrow one or two books at each visit, children tend to borrow 3-5. Here are some of the comments and suggestions people made:

"I think the books are always a great variety (I like to add more non-fiction at times.)"

"I think it's fab. Great way to expose the kids to new books and a great place to swap our books for new reads."

"Poster for Samaritans? ... it needs to be somewhere."

"Thanks to the BBE team!"

More feedback forms will be available at the kiosk during August and September and it would be great if other users would spare the time to fill them in. It is encouraging to see the positive response from people to this community project.

In answer to the question **"What improvements would you recommend?"** one person candidly remarked: ***"None – thought it would only last one week!!"***. This was certainly the view shared by some people in the village when this project was first launched. In 2011 under the *Adopt-a-Kiosk* scheme, the Parish Council bought the old telephone kiosk for £1. Under the leadership of Sarah Chrisp in her role as Parish Councillor, the kiosk was freshly painted by a team of people, but it waited until 2014 for the Book Exchange idea to get off the ground. The bookshelves were installed, a new concrete plinth made and it opened for business in July 2015 with many wary onlookers.

Since that date the BBE has remembered "big" events in small ways such as Shakespeare's 400th Anniversary or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It stands on the car park in Brittons Road, silent witness to the fact that books help to connect people in a community.

People have continued to be very generous with donations, but it is probably worth reminding everyone to donate A MAXIMUM of FIVE books at any one time. Lately people have been leaving large piles of paperbacks in the base of the kiosk which then have to be transported to charity shops in Bury St Edmunds or Cambridge. Books left on the concrete floor tend to get damp and they deteriorate quickly.

Village Craft - 13th and 27th September

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.

BARROW AND DISTRICT WI

The WI meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall at 7.30. Most evenings we have a speaker, followed by tea/coffee and some rather lush home-made refreshments. We also organise a few social events throughout the year – maybe a day out or a theatre trip.

As part of the wider Suffolk West Group, we have access to many varied activities – crafts, talks, sporting activities, days out and much more.

For more information ring June Bunn (President) on 810743 or ring Angela Christopher (Secretary) on 811127

[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



Newslink

Submissions for the next issue should be emailed to the Parish Clerk by Monday 27th November, for delivery week commencing **11th December**

Please try to keep articles/events to a maximum of 200 words.

BARROW SCARECROW FESTIVAL/SALE TRAIL

SATURDAY 23RD/SUNDAY 24TH



SEPTEMBER



10:30AM-4:30PM

ON THE GREEN - FOOD AND BOUNCY CASTLE, PUNCH AND JUDY/ CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER (SATURDAY ONLY), MUSIC (SUNDAY ONLY)
THE VILLAGE HALL - CHILDREN'S CRAFTS, TABLE TOP SALE, TEA AND CAKE (SATURDAY ONLY)
TOWN ESTATE ROOM – TEA AND CAKE (SUNDAY ONLY)

ADMISSION BY PROGRAMME/MAP, £4 PER FAMILY, AVAILABLE ON THE GREEN, 18 BURY ROAD, THE VILLAGE HALL (SATURDAY), TOWN ESTATE ROOM (SUNDAY)

SALE TRAIL ALL WEEKEND

ENTRIES FOR SCARECROWS AND SALE TRAIL TO BE IN BY SUNDAY 17TH

SEPTEMBER READY FOR PRINTING

RING CHRIS JAMES, 01284 810277

HALLOWEEN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER— **4PM-6PM**
TOTS TO 10 YEAR OLDS
£5 PER CHILD, INCLUDES HOT DOG, DRINKS AND FUN
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
RING CHRIS JAMES 01284 810277, FOR INFORMATION

EXHIBITION/SALE OF LOCAL ARTS AND CRAFTS

SAT. 4TH NOVEMBER, 2PM-5PM,
SUN. 5TH 10AM-4PM
BARROW TOWN ESTATE ROOM
TEA AND CAKE
RING CHRIS JAMES, 01284 810277 FOR INFORMATION

FIREWORK DISPLAY & BONFIRE

Saturday 4th November 2017
Barrow Playing Field
Gates open at 6:15pm, Fireworks at 7pm
Bonfire and BBQ
Admission: Adults £4, Children £1

Barrow Beer Festival 2017

The evenings are drawing in and the days are getting noticeably shorter. Soon the reluctant children will trudge back to school and we must gird ourselves for the darkness ahead. Before the girding proper starts however we have the 6th annual Barrow Beer Festival on Saturday 7th October to comfort us.

In much the same manner that the creatures of our hedgerows will feast upon the abundance of nature before the sleepy winter to come, we should do the same with beer, cider and wine. Food will be available to assist with all our pre-hibernation culinary needs, so let's make a great day and evening of it.

News from the Kremlin is that Vlady is still hoping to drop-in, so that will be nice. Please put the date in your diary and be sure to come along to what has become a much loved and well supported annual village event. As usual, all proceeds from the Beer Festival will go to the Village Hall's maintenance funds.

We are always looking for help on the day and if anyone wishes to offer their services could you please contact Richard Ford on 01284 811897 or email richard@northstarcreation.com or Mike Bannister 01284 811570 or email mwbannister@btinternet.com

**WEST SUFFOLK GROUP. RIDING
FOR THE DISABLED.
Fund Raising QUIZ NIGHT and
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

BARROW VILLAGE HALL-SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23RD 2017
TABLES OF UP TO 6 PEOPLE. 6-30
FOR 7-00 pm START
£10 -PER PERSON. RAFFLE. BRING
YOUR OWN DRINKS.

For tickets and to book a table
JEAN EVANS at Felton's Lodge 01284
810243

BARROW & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

The Barrow Garden Club meets on the
second Friday of the month at Barrow Vil-
lage Hall at 7.30pm.

Annual membership is £10 and entry for
visitors is £3 per visit. We have a variety of
speakers throughout the year, and enjoy
club membership of the RHS. The speakers
we have booked for the months ahead are
as follows:

Friday 8th September – Gardens of Cam-
bridge University by Rodney Tibbs

Friday 13th October – Kings Seeds, Seed
Production and Sweet Peas by Peter Miller
Friday 10th November – Vegetable Varieties
Today (Potatoes) by Mike Day

Friday 8th December – The Hidden History
of the Apple by Joanna Crosby

If you require any further information
please contact Kirstie Ford, 01284 811897

Happy Growing!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BARROW

Sunday 24th September at 4pm is our HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE & GIFT DAY SER-
VICE. All are welcome, especially if you are new to the village.

The weekend of 23rd & 24th September is the Barrow Scarecrow Festival, there will be
scarecrows dressed as film characters all around the village.

To follow this theme we invite you to attend our service dressed as your favourite film
character, it will be fun.

At this time of year we ask Barrow residents to consider making a donation towards the running
of our beautiful village church, not only to help us survive, but to grow and serve the needs of
our growing village. Please consider making a donation, however small. Contact the Church
Treasurer - Steve Pettitt Tel: 07711814820
email: steve@mattpettitt.co.uk or bring to the HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE & GIFT DAY
SERVICE.

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. The annual subscription,
still only £10, is due at the September
meeting.

Throughout the year we have extremely
interesting speakers on a diverse range of
topics, outing/s, August afternoon social
and Christmas lunch. There are also
opportunities to attend various lectures and
'all day' events in Suffolk. We also have, an
ever increasing, library of books of local
interest at each meeting, which members
are welcome to borrow.

Programme

12th Sept. Short AGM followed by- 'Old
Cupola – The High House of an Apothecary'
– Dr. Pat Murrell.

10th Oct. 'Country Cures and Superstitions'
– Andrew Sankey

14th Nov. 'Under Bury St. Edmunds' –
Martyn Taylor

12th Dec Christmas Lunch

also this year we will be having an
exhibition on;

**14th Oct. 11am. to 4 pm. Barrow Village
Hall. Free entry. Exhibition of
photographs, documents, newspaper
cuttings etc.**

All enquiries to Sylvia Greening 810270

Barrow Cricket Club

You are likely to be aware that Barrow boasts a marvellous cricket club. There is
nothing elitist or exclusive about Barrow Cricket Club, quite the opposite, we'll
consider anyone.

The club plays purely friendly village cricket against similar village teams from
near and far. We seek to play approximately 12 games per season, home and
away, and have developed a habit of organising a weekend "Tour" to some
unsuspecting location in June.

Our season is about to end but we will be holding midweek evening nets in Bury
St Edmunds through the winter months to ensure we launch into next season in
the peak of physical condition.

If this sounds like fun to you and you fancy all aspects of the beautiful game and
wish to get involved, please contact Richard Ford on 02184 811897 or email
richard@northstarcreation.com or Ralph Rawlings on 01284 811844 or email
ralph.rawlings@btinternet.com.

Town Estate Room Update

The trustees and management committee of the Town Estate Room are pleased to
say that we have received two more grants from the Suffolk Community Foundation
and Asda which are being used to complete furnishing the room and garden and to
put in the disabled access. We now have a custom built notice board that has been
beautifully made by a Barrow craftsman, and the border along the entrance has
come about thanks to the generosity of Mrs Olive Brinkley and Mr Colin Brinkley.

There are numerous regular events on offer including a monthly coffee morning
hosted by the WI, breakfasts for the gentlemen and ladies of the village on the first
and third Saturday of each month hosted by All Saints' Church, a monthly St
Nicholas Hospice Open House, a weekly "Little Saints Praise and Play" and an
afterschool club, "Saints Alive", both on Wednesday, a craft club and yoga. West
Suffolk College is offering "French for Beginners" an informal, fun class to gain a
basic grasp of the language that starts on Wednesday 27 September, 1pm – 2.30pm
x 10 weeks, £85.00. West Suffolk College is also offering "Make your own Christmas
wreath" on Thursday, December 14th, 10 am – 3 pm. There is already a lot
happening in the room and the trustees and management committee are keen that
more community activities are on offer. If you have any ideas for an activity (jig saw
puzzle club, games club, book club, film club, exercise club are just some of the
suggestions), please let someone from the management committee hear your
ideas. If you would like to lead an activity, we also need to hear from you (01284
811 675). This is a community centre for the villagers and run by the villagers. We
would be grateful for any ideas and offers of help.