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NEWSLINK

Keeping you in touch with Barrow cum
Denham
Spring 2017



The Parish Council are grateful for the support of Hopkins Homes and Pigeon Investment Management Ltd for sponsoring this publication.

Welcome to the March issue of 'Newslink', the first of 2017. As the days lengthen we will no doubt hear the sound of lawnmowers emerging from their winter hibernation and begin to see the 'Spring' flowers that have been planted around the village greens bringing some much needed colour to our lives after the gloom of winter.

Firstly, can you please note that the Annual Parish meeting will take place on Thursday April 20th at 7.00pm in the village hall when both the Parish Council, and other organisations and individuals, give their annual reports. I am delighted to say that we will welcome the Mayor of St Edmundsbury, Councillor Julia Wakelam as our guest this year. The Annual Parish meeting is your opportunity to come along and ask questions and raise issues relevant to the parish, so please try and make time in your busy lives to come and hear what is going on in your community. I acknowledge that as we now live in the age of 'social media' people are provided with another forum to voice their observations and complaints about the world in general, and the parish council in particular. This is something all public bodies have to accept and acknowledge, however, it would be nice if some of the more vociferous critics came to our meeting in April.

As part of our continuing efforts to improve communication with parishioners we have redesigned and re-launched the parish council website. We have done this in conjunction with the other village website 'Barrow Life'. The Parish Council website will carry information about the council, agendas, minutes, dates of meetings etc, whilst 'Barrow Life' will provide information on more social activities and general information relevant to the village. Most importantly, both websites will carry an easy link to the other. The new website address for the Parish Council is barrowcumdenhampc.com

Over recent months, the Parish Council have tried to keep parishioners updated on the state of play with our two local pubs and it great to be able to report that work has now started on the re-furbishment of the 'Weeping Willow'. I am sure that once the work is completed, and the pub has re-opened (hopefully by mid-summer) it will be a tremendous asset to the village.

Another issue which I know is of concern to many people, is the possibility of a telephone mast to be located behind the telephone exchange in Bury Road. Consequently, we have arranged a public meeting, on Monday 20th March to hear peoples views. See inside for further details.

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

Town Estate Room Update

The Town Estate Room's (TER) Open House on 4 February was a success. I hope that everyone who came was impressed with the refurbishment done by Valiant's. The work that began in September has been completed, and we now have a splendid building that will become the village's community centre. The building will also be available for hire. Hopefully within the next six to eight weeks, we shall be open. There are still some health and safety matters to be addressed. We have applied for a grant to make the building accessible for wheel chair users. We also need tables, chairs and more kitchen items and again are hopeful that gifts and a grant will make that possible in the very near future. Future plans for the centre include a weekly morning coffee for villagers, Saturday breakfasts, one for the gentlemen and one for the ladies, an after school club, a Little Saints' toddler Praise and Play, adult education and hospice Open House for a start. Villagers are coming up with ideas how to use the centre. We will need volunteers to help with the coffee mornings. If you are interested in helping, please contact Revd Barbara Sherlock (811 675). She is compiling a list of volunteers. **Do save the weekend of 10-11 June.** On Saturday after at 3:00 pm, the Bishop of Dunwich will dedicate the building. Teddy bears will be parachuting off All Saints' Church Tower the morning of the 10th and gardens will be open around the village Saturday and Sunday. If you want to enter your garden, start planning now. Chris James can be contacted now (810 277) if you know you want to open your garden that weekend. There will be a separate flyer at a later date to register your garden entry. And on **Tuesday, 11 April, 10 am - 1 pm**, there will be a TER sponsored Easter Fun Day in the Village Hall. In addition to crafts, there will be a bouncy castle. The charge is £3 for the first child and £2 for each sibling.

Village Craft - STARTS Wednesday 22nd March

An informal gathering of "crafters".
Every **OTHER** Wednesday morning **10:00am to 12:00pm**.
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 & 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.



Good Neighbours
Helpline



Newslink

Submissions for the next issue should be emailed to the Parish Clerk by **Monday 29th May**, for delivery week commencing **12th June**.

The next issue deadline is Monday **28th August**, for delivery week commencing **11th September**.

Items should be approximately 200 words maximum, preferably using Word. Editorial rights remain with the Parish Clerk.

Barrow Book Exchange: two key points

Through rain, wind and snow the BBE has continued to provide users with a wide choice of books. Cookery and gardening tomes, popular and literary fiction, biographies and self-help manuals have been kindly donated.

Also there's a great choice of children's books in the box at ground level thanks to generous donations. For parents and grandparents with learner readers at home, why not detour to the BBE to churn through our wide selection of picture books alongside the fiction and non-fiction for older readers?

Once or twice the BBE has been snowed under with books left in boxes and carrier bags near the door. Often the damp conditions have spoiled the books so, at the risk of sounding repetitive, please remember to follow these TWO points when you visit the BBE:

Only exchange a maximum of FIVE books per visit.

More than FIVE books? Please take these to the charity shops in Bury St Edmunds or Cambridge (eg. RSPCA; OXFAM; AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL).

Thanks to everyone who is helping to make the BBE a fun part of the community life of Barrow and Denham.

BBE Team

Public meeting with Matt Hancock (West Suffolk MP)

Friday 21st April 2017, 7pm for 7:15pm at Barrow Village Hall.

To discuss the broadband and mobile phone signal in Barrow and surrounding areas. **All Welcome**

Annual Parish Meeting

**Thursday 20th April
7pm**

Barrow Village Hall

All are welcome, and encouraged, to attend. This is your chance to hear first hand what has been going on in your parish, as well as meeting members of your Parish Council. Reports from various village organisations will be presented on the night, with a question and answer session during the evening. The Annual Community Award will also be presented.

Barrow Cricket Club

It is nearly that time again and the gentlemen of Barrow Cricket Club are girding their loins once more for action ahead.

For those of you who are drifting in the wilderness and not aware of the heroic summertime activities of Barrow Cricket Club, we are a friendly village club and during the course of the summer we play other similar friendly village teams from the surrounding area and also play host to a few touring sides. We play approximately 12 games throughout the summer season and our home games are played in the beautiful setting of Ickworth Park in Horringer. Our season will start this year on Sunday 30 April at home to Lidgate & Ousden CC.

A new venture this year will be the inaugural Ickworth Park Cricket Festival on Saturday 01 July where the Barrow team will be joined by 3 other local clubs to play a day-long tournament and the pursuit of silverware! Look out for more details of this family event as the summer rolls-on.

The ethos of the cricket we play is strictly to enjoy the beautiful game and to have some fun and we are always looking to welcome new players, or people who wish to get involved in any capacity that cricket offers.

If you are keen to get involved and enrich your summer please contact Richard Ford on 02184 811897 or email richard@northstarcreation.com or Ralph Rawlings on 01284 811844 or email ralph.rawlings@btinternet.com.

Public Meeting

Proposed 15 metre

Telephone Mast

**Monday 20th March
7pm**

Barrow Village Hall

Please join your Parish Council to discuss the planning application to install a new Telephone mast behind the telephone exchange next to the Weeping Willow Public House.

All welcome.

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. Often in January and July we will meet for a meal or an outing.

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.

If you would like to come along one Tuesday you will receive a warm welcome. Or ring Chris James, 01284 810277 for more details.



Little Acorns Baby and Toddler Group

Every Monday during term time
9:30-11:30

Barrow Village Hall

£1 for under 1's

£2 for over 1's

Includes drink and snack

Please come along

Barrow & District Local history Society

The Society meets in Barrow Village hall on the second Tuesday of each month (*unless otherwise stated*) at 7.30 pm.

Visitors will always receive a warm welcome £3 per meeting. Annual membership £10

Throughout the year we have very interesting speakers, outings, our August social and Christmas lunch.

There are also opportunities to attend various Day Schools and lectures in Suffolk. We also have a small library of books of local interest at each meeting, which members are welcome to borrow. All enquiries to Sylvia Greening 01284 810270

Programme

11th April The Angel Roofs of East Anglia – Michael Rimmer

9th May The Rise and Fall of the East Anglian Herring Industry – Mark Mitchells

13th June Daytime outing to Wimpole Hall – Time and cost tbc. Non-members welcome.

11th July Stowmarket's 1871 Gun-cotton Explosion – Sue & Steve Williams

BARROW & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

As we reach that time of year when the beds call us to dig, we reach for seeds to sow and plan our gardens for the year, why not join Barrow Garden Club? Meet like-minded gardening folk who enjoy getting dirty, share tips and experiences, seedlings and cuttings.

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.

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. In the Autumn we receive seed catalogues, which when ordered as a club, enable us to get considerable discounts (up to 30%) on seed prices. The speakers we have booked for the months ahead are as follows:

Friday 10th March 2017 – Butterfly Gardening by Dr Ian Bedford

Friday 7th April 2017 – Understanding Pruning by Anne Tweddle

Friday 12th May 2017 – The Day of the Daylily by Paul Dyason

Saturday 12th July 2017 – Summer Village Show

If you require any further information please contact Kirstie Ford, 01284 811897. Happy Growing!

A message from the Church

Winter has been difficult for many this year. Most of us have endured it because we knew that it would not last for ever and something better would happen. The hope that Easter and spring give is what helps us face the rigours of a long, dark and miserable winter. Easter especially provides an enormous injection of hope. I hope you will celebrate with the All Saints' family the joy of Easter and the knowledge that God's love is stronger than death and the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of all Christian hope and helps us endure the trials of life. The American poet, Emily Dickinson wrote: *Had this one day not been, or could it cease to be – how smitten, how superfluous were every other day.* Easter Sunday's service is at 10:45 am. We look forward to welcoming you to this special celebration.
The Revd Dr Barbara Sherlock