

Barrow News

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Sunday Services

Feb 4th: 8.45am Holy Communion
 10.00am All Age Service

Feb 11th: 10.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th

6.30pm: Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 18th: 10.00am Morning Worship

Feb 25th: 10.00am Holy Communion

March 3rd: 08.45am Holy Communion
 10.00am All Age Service

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 1.30 in the Millenium Rooms. We are coming to the end of looking at Mark's Gospel, before starting a short course on Prayer, starting on 27th February.

Coffee Morning

Wednesdays in the Millenium Rooms from 10.30am

Jellies, our group for children 0-11 years with a parent meet in the Millennium Rooms at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday and at 9.30am for Jellies Breakfast on the 3rd Sunday during Term Time. On the 1st Sunday of the month, Jellies meet in church for the All-Age Service.

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COPY DATE FOR THE BARROW NEWS

LATEST 17th February for the March COPY If you have anything to be included please email barrownews@gmail.com or call 07824 345783

Dear Friends,

Whilst shopping in the January sales I noticed Easter eggs alongside heavily reduced Christmas decorations. I know retail is a vitally important part of our economy and that it spins faster and faster every year, but even so, Easter eggs in the January sales? But then I looked at the calendar and realised that Ash Wednesday (the start of Lent, the forty-day run up to Easter), falls on 14th February this year, only a couple of weeks away! Last year on Ash Wednesday we held a special service in church to mark the day of penitence, receiving ash mixed with anointing oil on our foreheads in the shape of a cross as a symbol of being sorry and repentant for our wrongdoings. The words used may sound a little sombre “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return”, but then we washed the cross symbol away as a reminder that we are forgiven, and blessed, and that our sins have been wiped away.

On Christmas Eve, we were welcomed into the absolutely packed White Horse to try and lead carol singing. I say “try”, because the singing starts to gain a life of its own after a while and I have genuinely never heard that note in We Three Kings, the one before “Star of Wonder, Star of Night” held for so long! There are some really good voices in the village (come and join the Community Choir!), but even then, I’m not sure we would be quite as welcome on Valentine’s Day, disturbing romantic candlelit dinners with the offer of an ash cross on the forehead! But just maybe it is right for the shops to be mixing Christmas and Easter together. The whole point of Christmas is to point towards Easter and perhaps to be reminded of our own mortality in the interim can’t be all bad. So, whilst I wholeheartedly recommend celebrating life and love with your partner, I also wholeheartedly invite you to our **Ash Wednesday service on 14th February**, which will finish with plenty of time for that romantic evening out. Happy Valentine’s Day, Happy Ash Wednesday!

Rev Julian

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And a huge *thankyou* to all those that help ,from contributing, to editing to printing and distributing

Thankyou

Bygone Barrow is a brand-new Facebook group, where the past comes alive through the memories and stories of our vibrant community.

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Join us in preserving the legacy of Barrow at Bygone Barrow, where every memory is precious.

Use the link below or search "*Bygone Barrow, Cheshire*" on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bygonebarrow>

St. Bartholomew's Church

KidsBank appeal update, February 2024

We adopted KidsBank as our chosen charity for 2023/24 in May last year and we have been raising funds and donations ever since. Many reading this article will have given cash or goods, and we want to thank you all for your fantastic support.

We thought you might like to know how the appeal has gone so far.

We have sent KidsBank

- £1,462 in funds raised by selling produce and at the charity concert in November
- - 66 large carrier bags of donated clothing, toiletries and nappies
- - 70 gifts for the One More Gift Christmas appeal

Which is rather wonderful, and just before Christmas we received a lovely email from the Chair of the charity to say

"What can we say, "thank you" does seem rather inadequate"

Our fundraising continues into 2024 and you can go on contributing! It's almost Lent, and perhaps you are considering giving something up for a few weeks? Instead of popping a bar of chocolate or a packet of biscuits into the shopping trolley, why not drop in a bottle of childrens shampoo, baby bath or a pack of nappies? Or a small pack of new undies for ages 2-12.

We are also sharing KidsBank's monthly wishlists on the Care for Barrow Facebook page so you can see what they especially need each month.

We are still collecting in church before and after service on Sundays (10am) or contact Kath Tatton on 01244 335319 to arrange a collection.

Once again, thank you from the heart. This appeal means a great deal to us and clearly also to many of you. Thank you.

Kath Tatton
Appeal Co-ordinator

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- Winter Jumpers (2-13)
- Long Sleeve Tops (7-13)
- Winter Dresses (3-12)
- NEW Pants (2-13)
- NEW Knickers (2-13)
- Slippers (ALL children's sizes)

Toiletries

- Children's Toiletries
- Deodorant

Other

- Size 1 and size 7 Nappies
- Maternity Pads
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- Moses Baskets
- Cot Beds (must include all fittings)
- Pressure Fit Stair Gates
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We are still collecting in church before and after service on Sundays (10am) or contact Kath Tatton on 01244 335319 to arrange a collection.

Coffee Morning

I would like to say a huge thank you to Richard Ell for turning up every Wednesday, come rain or shine, to lay on coffee and biscuits in the Millennium Rooms. He has, in the process, raised some £427.95 for

St Bartholomew's, banked in 2024.

Thank you, Richard. Rev Julian

Barrow neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Are planning a series of public consultation dates in the village, to find out your views on

What is important to you in the village.

What do you like?

What do you dislike?

What are the issues that affect you In Barrow?

Consultation Dates:

Saturday 9th March at The Village Hall 2.00-4.00pm

Wednesday 13th March at The Village Hall 6.00-8.00pm

Thursday 14th March 5.45-6.45pm Barrowmore Business Community in The Westminster Suite

Tuesday 19th March 6.00 -8.00pm Stamford Bridge Inn

Wednesday 20th March 6.00-8.00pm The Club at Hollowmoor Heath

There will be a free drink at the village hall on the 13th March, and we are putting some money behind the bar at The Stamford Bridge Inn and The Club, for the first few people to complete consultation.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Barrow
Parish Council

All parish council meetings are the 2nd Monday in the month except for August

BARROW DEFIBRILLATORS

There are two Defibrillators available to Barrow Village.

One located in the old telephone box at the Foxcote, on the B5132, adjacent to the junction with Broomhill Lane, Barrow, the other located on the wall of Barrow Primary School, Barrow Lane, CH3 7HW .



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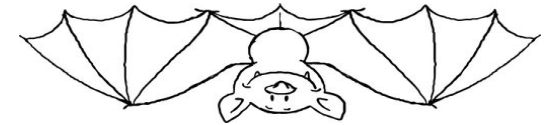
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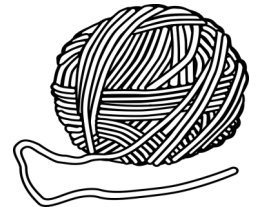


Knit and Natter

We will meet on 10th and 24 th February
in the Millennium Rooms from 2pm - 4pm with a brew
at 3pm.

Everyone is welcome to knit or natter or both!

Further information from Anne Law 01829 and Viv Lew-
is 01829 7412127



Wednesday Morning Coffee

Our regular coffee morning continues every week

from 10.30-12pm in the Millennium Rooms

Do come and join for a cuppa and chat

Every Wednesday morning from around 10am until noon (ish...it depends on the conversation!), Richard Ell provides coffee and biscuits in the warmth of the Millennium Rooms for whoever calls, with donations going to support St Bartholomew's.

do come and join us



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Barrow Ukulele Group

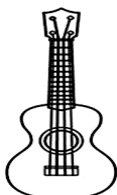
We have taken a well-earned break in January but we will be back, at the **White Horse, on Saturday 17th Feb**, with lots of new songs to share with you all.

We are only a small group but have bags of enthusiasm we're always open to new members.

If you're interested in finding out more just give us a call.

Contact Dave & Sarah

Tel: 07471942747



FOOTPATH COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 19th February

7.30pm in the Village Hall

All welcome

The Footpaths Committee is a sub-committee of Barrow Parish Council and meets in the Okell Room of the Village Hall approximately every six weeks. Minutes of its meetings are available on the Parish Council noticeboards and on both the Parish Council and community websites.

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Barrow Evergreen Circle

Our first meeting of the year will be on Monday 5th February at 2.00 pm in the Okell Room of the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Roger Devonshire who has done many interesting and exciting things to raise money for charity. He is going to tell us about his Wing Walking escapades at great height "on the edge of the clouds" so his pictures will be interesting. Friends and guests will be most welcome.

Members annual subscriptions will be due either this month or next and remain at £7.00.

Ann Cavenett



We welcomed in the New Year and also John Ball, who had talked to us last year on "Go Beyond", a charity providing children with respite care in the countryside, away from their normal troubled lives.

This time he spoke about his ascent of Mt Kilimanjaro, raising funds for the charity. The climb was tough, poor weather and diminishing supply of oxygen but the local guides were amazing.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th February at 2.00 pm. "The Upside of Lockdown", wildlife on the Wirral, as recorded by Roger Ellison. The competition is a "wild bird ornament"

If you are interested in joining Barrow WI or would simply like to know more about the WI, why not come along or contact Sally on 07501176212.

Sally Clarke



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| Question 1 | 600 miles |
| Question 2 | 125g |
| Question 3 | 7, 13 |
| Question 4 | 720, 120 |
| Question 5 | LONG LOOMS (b) MAIN STREET (c) LAMPITS LANE |

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Question 3

A bishop (placed on a square on an empty standard 8-by-8 chessboard) is said to see a square if that square lies on the same diagonal, but not including the square the bishop is on. What’s the fewest squares a bishop might see? What’s the most?

Question 4

The Six Nations is back throughout February and March. How many different possible orders could the six teams finish in? If Wales ends up finishing directly below England, how many different orders are there now?

Question 5

Which three roads in the village (to help you, they are connected) can be represented by the following cryptic clues:

Crazy mogollons! (4,4)

A bizarre burden being in the gathering before the hunt (4,6)

It’s preceded by a clout and followed by a sort of style (7,4)

Answers on page 27

BARROW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 9th December 2023 at Barrow Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Paul Rossington (Chair)(PR) Cllr Janet Walsh (JW)

Cllr John Okell (JO)

Cllr Andy Porter (AP) Cllr David Cunningham (DC)

Members of the Public 2 (MOP) Clerk – Tracey Whitlow (TW)

Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Katie Jones (KJ)

Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT)

Declarations of Members' Interests:

Janet Walsh – bowling club 23/90

Paul Rossington – planning application 23/03867/CAT

Public Participation: MOP who previously resided in the village to hand information to the PC for the history Group. PR thanked the MOP for bringing these documents.

Approval of Minutes: The circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13th November 2023 were approved & signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising – If not covered by agenda:

Police Newsletter – AP asked TW to forward the PCSO newsletter to the Barrow News for inclusion of anything specific to Barrow. TW offered to put on the PC website going forward.

Correspondence - Unless covered as an agenda item:

Ward councillors – Members Budgets

Cllr Margaret Parker & Cllr Graham Heatley have given the PC £250 for the Christmas activities and £520 for the flood protection activities from their Members Budget. Money yet to be received.

Planning:

22/00591/LDC Pear Tree Cottage Barnhouse Lane Barrow Chester Cheshire CH3 7JY. Application seeks a Certificate of Lawfulness to confirm the lawful use of curtilage land for residential purposes- **The appeal has been refused.**

23/03867/CAT The Nook Mill Lane Barrow Chester CH3 7JF Proposal: 2x Hornbeams (T1 & T2) - Reduce crown by up to 4m. Cherry (T3) - Remove as tree is dead. Cherry (T4) - Reduce height by 4m, due to storm height. **Resolved**

Reviewed with no objections.

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1. November cashbook & bank reconciliation approved & signed.

Monies received:

2. BPPFF donation £1050

Payments ratified/approved & monies received:

3. November payroll ratified.

4. Refund clerk for sand £229.30

5. Refund clerk for sandbags £97.03

6. BPPFF room hire – police liaison £20.00

7. Refund AP – Xmas tree £195.00

8. Refund MOP for refreshments at tree lighting £69.73

9. Grant to Barrow News approved £500

Noted that TW has transferred money from the ordinary account to the deposit account. Discussion took place regarding having a building society account as opposed to the deposit account as the interest would be higher. JO to look into this but might be difficult as the bank requires 2 signatories, and would create more work for banking, transfers and monthly bank reconciliations, which may outweigh any financial benefit.

Policy Review:

TW circulated a policy review schedule, to have all policies reviewed by 31.01.24

Highways:

Still no report received from Highways as promised at their walkabout. TW to email – after this length of time this is unacceptable. AP brought to the PC's attention a new sign in a neighbouring village showing a speed camera on the 30 mph sign – TW to contact the clerk to establish how they have managed to get Highways to put this sign up.

Current speed display signs are not always working – possibly due to hedges covering the solar panel.

DC to send TW the exact locations of the SID's for TW to contact Highways.

2024/25 Budget:

Reviewed, will be resolved at the January meeting – current indications are that the precept will be in the region of £26K.

Barrow Bowling Club:

Having declared an interest Cllr JW left the meeting.

The Bowling club have agreed that any changes necessary to the lease will have to be paid for by the bowling club. The bowling club is currently seeking the views of neighbouring properties before submitting an application for flood lights.

Freedom of Information Request:

All questions from the FOI requester have been responded to and are available on the website.

Working Groups & Sub Committees – updates:

1. **Footpaths:** No meetings taken place.
2. **Flooding Working Group/Community Resilience Planning**
 - Members budget application for £520 was successful, this will go towards sandbags and a water pump that will be for general use of the parish, in the case of further flooding. Sand and bags are expected to be delivered tomorrow. TW to order the pump.
 - Flood working group – AP reported that 2 landowners are working proactively to dredge the streams on their land, and have offered up land to be used for natural flooding. AP has a meeting tomorrow with another landowner. Environmental Agency want to lead on Barrow – All positive information.

BPPFF – update:

Bowling club are looking at the possibility of erecting a small pavilion. The Parish council feel that they could be making more use of the Pavilion – JO to discuss this further.

BPPFF are looking at replacing some of the playground equipment – this will require fundraising.

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

JT had circulated information to the PC regarding the options of whom to commission to take this forward. This was discussed and **Resolved** to appoint CNB Housing to take this forward.

All parish council meetings are the 2nd Monday in the month

except for August

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Uke'o'eke Night with the Cunninghams & Co. continues on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Come along and join the fun.

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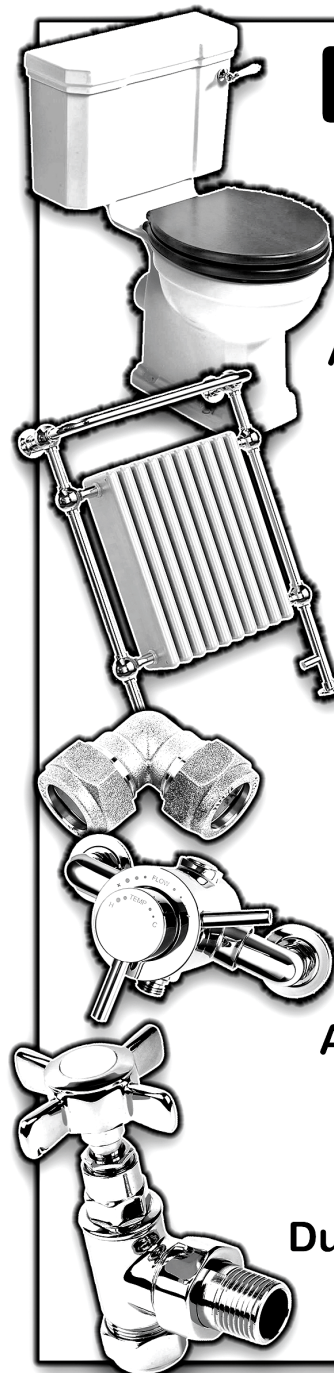
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