

BARROW UPON TRENT PARISH NEWS

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St Wilfrid's Transformation Project

Now we have finished the building work on St Wilfrid's we wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the people who have supported the project. The Open Days on Good Friday and Easter Saturday were attended by many people who had carefully booked their time slots as requested, and were able to see the results of the many months of hard work by the builders.

It was great to be able to share the church with everyone after the long wait of the last year. An Easter Service took place also but had to be an invitation only event as social distancing rules meant that only a few people were able to attend.

Please don't forget to keep an eye on the St Wilfrid's Barrow Facebook.

We hope that 2022 Easter will be back to normal!



Infinity Garden Village

Many of you will have seen the planning applications that were recently discussed and permitted by Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council regarding the provision of a large double roundabout junction on the A50 on Deepdale Lane.

Despite assurances, and the inclusion of the creation of a green way on Deepdale Lane in several development documents, it was proposed in the planning application that the southern route to and from this new junction would be via Deepdale Lane towards Barrow. This would inevitably result in the increased use of Deepdale Lane, causing increased traffic on the canal-side lane and over the bridge.

This proposal will be pushed back at all of the IGV Liaison meetings and pressure placed on the developers to continue with their original proposals.

Greenacres

We were recently made aware of an issue at Greenacres lake when a dog was severely injured when swimming in the water.

The dog suffered a cut that required extensive stitching to its paw; the injury appeared to have been caused by broken glass, or something similar.

Please be aware that bottles and other dangerous items may have been thrown into the lake by visitors.

The Parish Council has decided to ban any further fishing in the Greenacres lake.

Flooding



Barrow upon Trent was again hit by extensive flooding in January / February. A Flood Liaison Zoom meeting was held with South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent to discuss the effects of flooding around the South Derbyshire area, and requests made for the mapping of the flood areas to be updated and corrected.

The development of the East Midlands Freeport, including the East Midlands Intermodal Park at Egginton, was raised, especially regarding the effects of this massive development on future flooding in this area.



The subject of the unreliability of the river gauges at Willington and Shardlow was also broached; the Environment Agency gave assurances that they were aware of the problem and were taking steps to make the information given to us in flood times more reliable.

The Parish Council received a very kind offer of help from the Sikh community in Derby. They have offered to be available if ever needed to provide food or help in times of extreme floods.

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Christmas Decorations

Following the very successful outdoor Christmas lights trail in the village last December, we hope to repeat this next year. It was very well received by the many people who walked around the village to enjoy the lights. Thank you to everyone who took part.



News from Sale and Davys



You will have noticed that throughout the pandemic and lockdowns Sale and Davys has remained open to key worker and vulnerable children. During our most recent lockdown we had 37 children in school, which is just over a third of our pupils. The rest of the children were accessing their learning remotely. Remote learning can never replace face to face teaching, but we ensured that all the children at home had regular contact with their teacher through live lessons and daily blogs. We were encouraged that 99.6 % of our pupils accessed the live lessons and children regularly submitted their work on the learning platform for their teacher to mark. This would not have been possible without the strong dedication and commitment of both staff and parents.



On March the 8th we were delighted to welcome back all our children. There were so many smiles and happy faces as the children walked in. We are still operating in 'Bubbles' and dinners and Collective Worship take place in classrooms but the school is once again buzzing with children's voices and laughter, which is how it should be.



This term we are having a strong focus on English, maths and PE teaching and we have also planned some exciting events over the coming weeks. Today is Comic Relief and children have been invited to dress up as a book character or to wear red. The children always enjoy dressing up and today is no exception as you can see from the photos!



During the last week of term we have our 'House Easter Bonnet Challenge'. Children from all four school houses will be designing and making Easter Bonnets at home for a special parade around school. Prizes and team points will be awarded for the most creative bonnets! We are also hoping to hold a short socially distanced outdoor Easter Service for the children - weather permitting.

We all hope that the Summer Term will bring lovely weather and hopefully a more normal school life as restrictions are gradually eased. This will allow us to continue to promote resilience and a love of learning in our happy and caring school.

Yours sincerely,
Sarah Briggs.
Headteacher.

Sale and Davys Playgroup



World Book Day- we had a pyjama day and shared our favourite books with our friends.

The children enjoying playing outside now that the weather is getting warmer. We can not wait to get back out in the community, visiting our allotment in the Village and the local park.

If you are interested in a space for your child at Sale and Davys Playgroup then please contact us on saleanddavysplaygroup@outlook.com or calling 01332 703300.

Session Times and Prices

9am-12pm £15.90

9am-1pm £21.20

9am-4pm £37.10

Parish Council Update

The Parish Council has continued to meet during Lockdown, like many groups and organisations via zoom a new skill which we have all learnt! It's meant that we have continued to address any issues in the Parish. The help network was set up at the beginning of the lockdown and is still available if you need assistance with shopping etc. Thank you to all who volunteered. If anyone is still struggling please contact the Clerk Alison on 01332 700142 and we can arrange for somebody to call.

With Christmas now a distant memory we would like to say a big thank you to all families and households who joined in with the 'Winter Window land' and decorated their front windows and gardens. It brought a very festive sparkle to the Parish and was enjoyed by everyone. The icicle lights on the cottages looked wonderful and thanks to Arran Nash & Miles Burton for putting them up and taking them down. We hope to do it all again next December so you can start planning your display now.

The weather since Christmas has certainly been changeable and seen the Parish experiencing both flooding & snow, thankfully neither caused too much trouble.



At the February meeting we welcomed and co-opted a new councillor Mrs Michelle Gardiner to the Parish Council, Michelle has lived in the area for a number of years and will be a great asset to the Parish Council.

There have been one or two big planning applications that could have a large effect on the Parish and the Parish Council have made representation on your behalf to ensure the applications have the least impact on the Parish as possible.

There has been an increase in Anti-Social behaviour during recent months, but the local police have stepped up patrols resulting in fines and prosecutions. Arlestone Lane & Merrybower continue to suffer from fly tipping we are incredibly grateful for all that the residents to reporting this and litter picking themselves.

The Parish Council continue to maintain the Cemetery and keep it looking neat and tidy. We would just like to remind everyone that it has been the policy for several years now to remove any dead flowers and wreaths at regular intervals and all Christmas Tributes are removed in the last week in January. Due to health and safety reasons any glass, pottery or breakable objects placed in the cemetery will be removed immediately as these can cause harm to wildlife and out contractors when they break. These items will be removed and placed in storage for collection contact the Clerk for details.

The Susie Dixon Park will soon be used for socially distanced exercise classes once Covid restrictions allow. Hopefully, Football will return soon and continue through this summer.

We have continued to maintain the Parish Cottages and keep them in tip top condition. Currently there is 1 empty cottage if anybody is interested please contact Alison the Clerk.

Local Elections are due to take place on 6th of May and anyone not wanting to visit the polling station in person is encouraged to apply for a postal vote. Visit <https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/voting-and-elections> or phone South Derbyshire District council on 01283 595795.

The Parish Council continue to work towards making Barrow upon Trent a great place to live and if you have any comments, suggestions or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with either one of the councillors or Alison the Clerk.

Dates for the next Parish Council Meetings

6th April
10th May
1st June
20th July

The Clerk has a new email address:
clerk@barrowupontrentparish.co.uk



Barrow upon Trent Village Hall

The Committee would like to provide a quick update on recent improvements to the Village Hall. We have taken advantage of the Covid lock down to replace the old carpets in the hall with newer carpet tiles, we are hoping any spills / stains will now be easier to remove by replacing the tiles, which in turn will keep the hall looking smart.



The parquet flooring also required attention, with dancing and keep fit groups attending over the years, along with playgroup operating daily it became necessary to keep an eye on the wear and tear of this beautiful floor. During February we made the decision to have the floor sanded and re sealed, this looks wonderful as you can see in our photographs.

To make the hall more welcoming we have displayed large canvas prints of local Barrow scenes from years gone by, we hope these will be enjoyed by those who visit. An upgrade to the electrical system (consumer unit) has also taken place, and we are currently looking at replacing the radiators (some of which have leaks), with more cost effective/efficient appliances.

As you can see the Committee have been working hard during the past year to keep the hall a pleasant and safe building for Parishioners to use.



We hope that once the Covid restrictions allow – the hall can once again offer activities and amenities that Parishioners can enjoy. A quick reminder below of our rental rates (which are very reasonable):

£6 per hour for people living in the village
£8 per hour for non-Parishioners
£10 per hour for Business user

Please stay safe, and we hope to see you for activity / party events etc hopefully later in the year.

With our best wishes the Village Hall Committee
For bookings, please contact Steph Shilton 07812 343840

Barrow upon Trent WI



Zoom Meetings

14th April

Speaker Julia Hickey will talk to us about Florence Nightingale Shaw, Florence Nightingale's god-daughter who had a very interesting career working as a nurse around the world but sadly achieved a more lasting fame as a victim of an unsolved murder following the Great War.

12th May

Speaker Emma Beaver talking about the fashion life-cycle, how a product gets from runway to customer, trends for spring/summer 2021 and advising on how to flatter your figure.

9th June

Our first actual meeting of 2021 is a planned outdoor get together (weather permitting) with picnic. Friends and previous members very welcome. Details to follow.

We would love to meet some new members in the future when we are able to get together as before. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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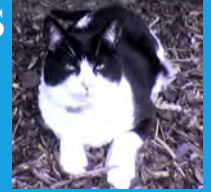


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