

Barrowford Parish Council News

Summer 2015

Third Annual Armed Forces Day Held at Holmefield House



Cllr. Robert Oliver with members of the Royal British Legion, Army Cadets and the two Chelsea Pensioners at the opening

As his first civic duty as the new Chair of Barrowford Parish Council, Cllr. Robert Oliver officially opened the RBL Armed Forces Day at Holmefield House at 11am on Saturday 20 June. The celebrations had in fact started on Friday evening with a 'Motown meets Northern Soul' disco event presented by DJ's BO, Roman and Guests.

Saturday saw a wide array of stalls with several displays and events throughout the day, including a marching competition, a folk group and craft displays. A wide range of food stalls offered everything from Indian samosas to Hungarian sausages. Two Chelsea Pensioners came up from London as guests of the event and they spent the day meeting and talking to people, answering questions on their roles and duties. Despite the almost continuous wet weather there was a small stream of visitors throughout the day.

Barrowford's own World War 1 re-enactor Scot Knowles was on parade, dressed as a volunteer from the 11th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment commonly known as the Accrington Pals. Scot brought all the equipment used by a Tommie during WW1, which he had laid out in one of the tents, and talked to visitors about the men and their equipment, allowing people to handle items such as their rifle, bullets and other implements of trench warfare. In the evening a social with acoustic music was held in the marquee.

A spokesperson from the Royal British Legion, who

organised the event, said: "This is our third year of the Armed Forces Day and we had managed to attract more stalls and events, but unfortunately turnout was low due to the weather. We are hoping that next year's event will see a fine day and allow us to raise more funds for the day to day running of the Nelson and District Branch."

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Pendle's "Core Strategy" for the future nears completion

The background to Pendle Council's plans for Barrowford

The most important piece of planning policy to affect the future of Pendle will shortly be finalised. Six years in the making, and following several public enquiries, the Core Strategy reached the Public Inquiry stage earlier this year. It is the key document replacing the 2006 Pendle Local Plan. It represents all aspects of Pendle Council's aspirations for the Borough until the year 2030, setting out policies for housing, employment, conservation, open space, green belt and more.

For housing and employment needs, the Core Strategy breaks down Pendle into three zones:

- **M65 Corridor:** Nelson, Colne, Brierfield and Barrowford
- **West Craven:** Barnoldswick and Earby
- **Rural Villages:** Fence, Higham, Foulridge, Trawden, Laneshawbridge and the Pendleside villages.

Starting from the presumption that the M65 corridor should bear the bulk of all development within Pendle, each zone has been allocated targets for both housing and industrial land depending on infrastructure and its position within the planning hierarchy. The M65 Corridor has been targeted to provide 70-75% of all development land needed within the life of the Core Strategy.

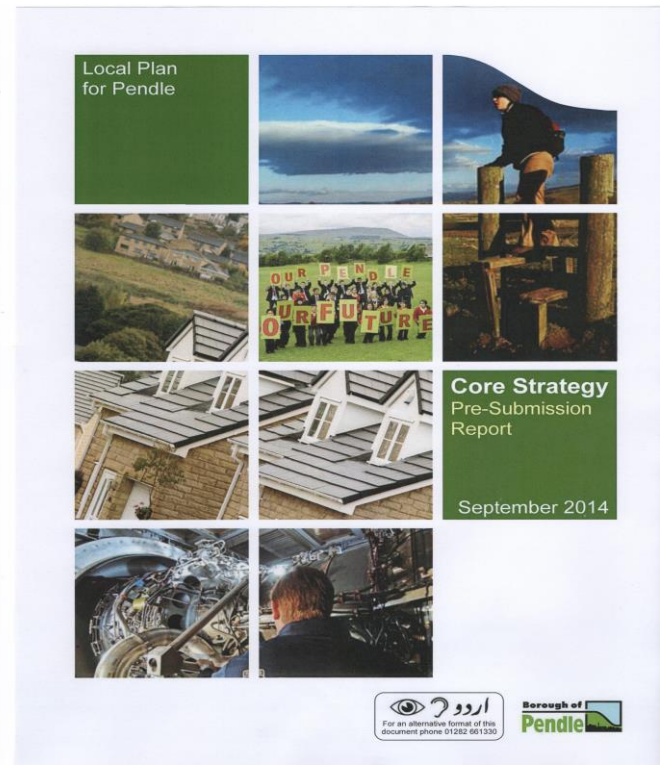
Major concerns – and alternative proposals - expressed by Barrowford Parish Council

Barrowford Parish Council has been greatly concerned by its inclusion in the M65 Corridor and during the 2012 consultation proposed the creation of a fourth area covering the Padiham bypass together with Fence and Higham, as these villages have more in common with Barrowford and align more closely in the local hierarchy than Nelson, Brierfield and Colne.

This suggestion, with its supporting evidence base, was dismissed after the consultation, as it would have reduced the possibility of larger developments for both housing and employment in the proposed area.

At this time a significant review of the draft Core Strategy was carried out following the release of more up-to-date statistics on which some of the strategy was based. The revised draft still highlighted Barrowford as being in the M65 Corridor with only an overall percentage for development within that area.

As Barrowford is the smallest part of the M65 grouping and on a lower tier of the planning hierarchy, the Parish Council asked for the overall total for development to be broken down between the three



towns and one village, suggesting that a figure of around 10-12% would be a fair expectation of Barrowford. Once again the Parish Council's proposal was left out of consideration.

Housing Market Renewal in run-down areas ceases – 'brownfield sites first' policy goes

At the start of the recession house-building across Pendle all but ceased, with many sites being abandoned uncompleted. The last few years have seen house-building begin again, but completions across the borough have been few and in no way cover the number required in the old Local Plan. The removal of the Housing Market Renewal government funding to renovate or renew substandard properties within Nelson and Brierfield also ceased. In addition, changes to national planning policy meant the previous presumption of re-using brownfield sites first was gone. On top of all this, the introduction of viability testing of sites means that builders expect to develop locations with a healthy return on their investment and that significant public funding will be needed if the brownfield sites within the M65 Corridor are to be developed.

In order to keep the Strategy on track and ensure early development that would meet the shortfall of new builds, Pendle's planners decided to allocate an additional large Strategic Housing Site in the plan. It was decided that the site owned by Peel Investments at Trough

Laithe in Barrowford was the most advanced in terms of applying for planning permission and so could be started within the first few years. Trough Laithe was therefore included - as the only Strategic Housing Site - for the final consultation.

The Parish Council remains very concerned that, due to the lack of viable sites within the M65 corridor, the pressure will be put onto Barrowford to provide more and more housing land to meet Pendle's targets, given the reluctance of the Council to break down the targets on a town by town basis.

Representatives from the Parish Council re-emphasised all the Council's concerns at the Public Inquiry in April this year.

What Next?

The Core Strategy is the first document in the new two-part Pendle Local Plan. Every other planning document is built on the principles it sets out, regarding the development and use of land in the Borough.

After the current consultation on the modifications highlighted at the Public Inquiry closes on 17 July, the Inspector will look at the plan over the next

few months and modify it as he feels necessary. It will then come back to Pendle Council and if they approve his recommendations the Core Strategy will become adopted. Part 2 will provide additional detail to assist with the interpretation of the policies in the Core Strategy. It will address two aspects:

Site Allocations

The plan will identify areas of land within Pendle for specific types of development, such as housing and employment. It will also show which areas are to be protected from development up to 2030.

The purpose is to ensure that sufficient land is available in sustainable locations to meet the aspirations for growth set out in the Core Strategy.

Development Policies

The Development Management policies in the Local Plan will contain detailed guidance to ensure that a number of objectives can be achieved. In broad terms these are:

- ensuring that Pendle has the right mix of homes, workplaces, shops and open space to meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors
- managing the impact on transport and the environment.

These policies will provide the basis for assessing planning applications in Pendle over the next 15 years.

Major Strategic Housing Site planned at Trough Laithe



The Strategic Housing Site includes almost all the fields from Wheatley Lane Road down to the Riverside Business Park

Parish Council opposition to the inclusion of this large Strategic Housing Site at the Public Inquiry into the Core Strategy was based on the grounds that this type of development was usually sited within the higher Key Service Area tier of the Local Hierarchy. This was disputed by the head of planning at Pendle who intimated that as it was so near to Nelson it would have greater impact on Nelson. It appeared that due to the need for this site to be included to meet the requirements of the plan in the early years the Inspector was happy for this it to be included in the final adopted Core Strategy.

The Parish Council intends to fight:

- for the best design, layout and materials
- with the maximum amount of financial benefit to help mitigate the impact of such a large site on traffic and local infrastructure schools, medical services, open spaces and public transport)
- to ensure that the 20% affordable housing offered by the developer is not diminished by future financial viability studies.

An application for a Scoping Agreement prior to submission of an application for outline planning permission was submitted in June by Peel Investments. The Scoping Agreement agreed with the Borough gives a definitive list to Peel Investments as to the subjects and depth covered by any supplementary documents submitted with the planning application. These include impact studies covering ecology (flora and fauna) including where necessary bats, badgers, toads, rare plants and protected ecology systems), highways and traffic, flooding and drainage and the impact on local services including schools.

Trough Laithe Developers Peel Investments Hold Open Day at Holmefield House

Peel Investments, the owners of the Trough Laithe site, held an open session at Holmefield House on 24 June where members of the public could look at their plans and talk to their representatives.

The previous week, 2,500 leaflets highlighting the event were delivered to properties within Barrowford and the affected villages.

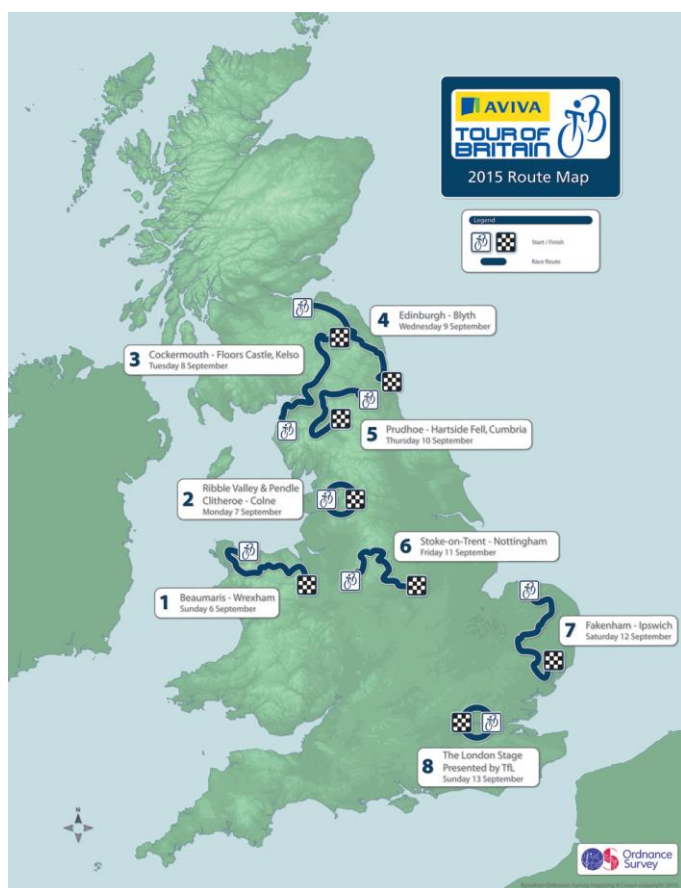
The five-hour session was attended by around 200 people. Peel Investments had four people answering queries and explaining the proposals but there were four recurring questions and observations.

- Why is this being located within Barrowford?
- Why so many houses?
- What about traffic congestion around junction 13 and on the Padiham by-pass?
- What about the lack of schools and other infrastructure?

The Outline Planning Application is expected soon and will probably go to the October Area Committee Meeting. This is likely to be moved from Holmefield House due to the possibility that large numbers of interested parties who will be attending and possibly speaking on the application.



Tour of Britain Cycle Race Coming to Barrowford



Barrowforders should take the opportunity to see a large international bike race come to the village when Stage Two of the 2015 Tour of Britain Cycle Race races through on Monday 7th September. The stage is a 162km route around the Ribble Valley and Pendle. The stage it will start at Clitheroe and after racing over and around some of the steepest road will finish in Colne. The route sees the race come through Blacko into Barrowford down Gisburn Road before turning up Pasture Lane.

Cllr. Oliver (a fair-weather cyclist) said: “There are numerous vantage points along the route and this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see an internationally important cycle race passing through Barrowford. Traffic disruption will be kept to a minimum by using a rolling road closure, which will inevitably cause delays for a short period as the race progresses through Higherford and Barrowford. But I’m looking forward to the race attracting lots of visitors and tourists to the area.”

Pendle's Devolvment of Services to Parish and Town Councils

Government cuts to Local Authorities in recent years and the decision by the Executive at Pendle not to impose a Council Tax rise for the previous four or five years have led to Pendle Borough Council being strapped for cash.

To save money Pendle Council decided it could no longer provide certain non-statutory services and called a series of meetings with representatives of Parish and Town Councils. Those attending were informed that these services were being devolved to their Councils as they were not subject to the Government's rate increase cap of 1.9% and so could significantly raise their precepts to cover the additional costs. These devolvments are purely on a take-it-or-leave-it basis and if a Parish is not prepared to

take on a service it will cease.

So far Barrowford Parish Council has taken on providing a Community Centre at Holmefield House, the Luncheon Club and Festive Decorations. Meetings are to be scheduled soon to discuss further devolvment of services including Play Areas and MUGAs, Bus Passenger Shelters, Roadside Seats, Local Rights of Way Maintenance and eventually Parks.

Parish and Town Councils have been put in the unenviable position of deciding which services they feel are essential to the life of their communities while trying to absorb the extra cost without huge increases in the precept paid by local residents.

Parish Council saves Fleece Toilets at 11th Hour



Fleece Toilets with For Sale sign removed.

At a recent meeting with officers from Pendle early last month, the Chairman and Vice Chairman said that they would like to review the situation with the Fleece* public toilets in the centre of the village and see if the Parish Council could afford to take on the running costs. Officers said that a decision was urgently needed as the building was up for sale by sealed bids and the ultimate future was in the hands of the Executive at Pendle.

The Parish Council responded to a report from the Chairman and Clerk with an affirmative. There has been an agonising wait for the Executive meeting because the officers recommending that Pendle should take the highest bid which was in excess of £78,000. But members of the Executive, who are still keen to see public services retained where possible, went against officers recommendations and voted to transfer the toilets to the Parish for a nominal fee of £1 to pay the first two years, rates as had been the case elsewhere.

The Parish Council will assess the condition of the toilets, which have been closed for fourteen months, and bring them up to a reasonable standard to enable reopening as soon as possible.

Cllr. Windley, Vice Chairman of the Parish Councillor, said: "I am delighted with the Executive's decision and will help to raise money if any major work is required through local business sponsorship".

**Named after the public house that occupied the site.*



Front View of the Fleece Pub in the 1920's, the steps to the left are the only feature that still exists.

Holmefield House the First Three Years



The main lounge at Holmefield House during the insulation phase and after completion ready for the Luncheon Club

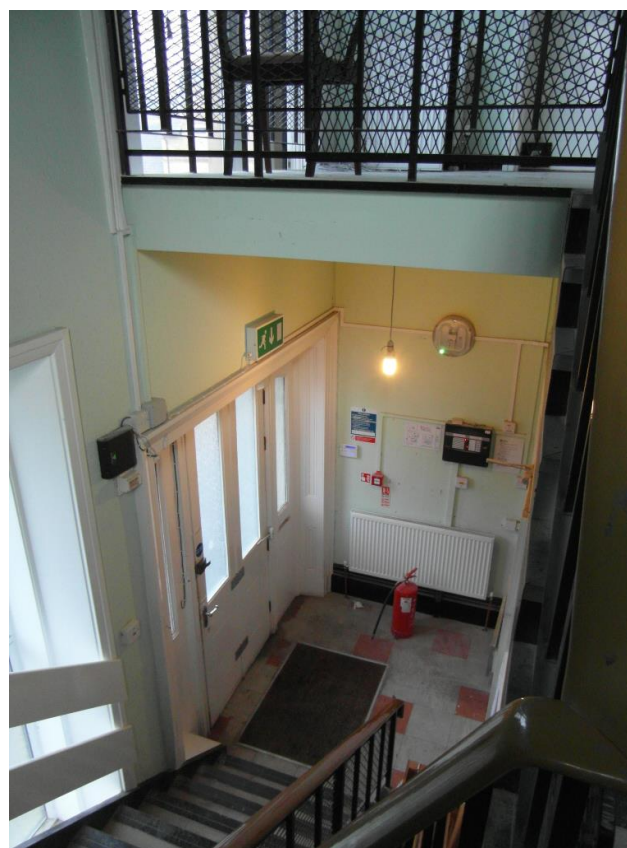
It is hard to believe that it is just over three years since Barrowford Parish Council acquired Holmefield House from Pendle. During this short period the building has been transformed from an inefficient redundant office building into a user friendly community centre. The old interior has been completely revamped and in the process made both thermally and lighting efficient to minimise future running costs.

The building has seen the outer skin internally insulated and draught proofed to improve thermal efficiency, whilst all the lighting was transformed to LED units, gone is the old inefficient boiler replaced with a modern smaller unit. Most of these changes are not immediately visible but make a massive difference to the running costs.

The whole interior has been re-plastered with new lowered ceiling and covings, a warm palette of colours for the décor give the building a light welcoming appeal to all users. The last phases of the refurbishment work saw the removal of the 1960's steel bannister to the main stair case which was replaced with a wooden one sympathetic to the original building. A chair lift was installed to improve access to both the Council office and the upstairs meeting room.

The re-roofing and internal insulation was installed by a Earby based firm whilst all other renovations were carried out by local tradesmen with the help of the Parish Council's own workers. The downstairs and the new kitchen upstairs were completed first to allow use by the Luncheon Club and Pendle and Parish meetings. As work has progressed the facilities became available to other groups and activities, with the diary rapidly filling.

The total cost of the renovation work on Holmefield House to March 2015 was £137,936.50 but with generous donations and grants from The National Lottery, Lancashire Environmental Fund, several departments at Lancashire County Council, Pendle Borough Council, The Friends Group and other organisations totalling £85,530.50. The Parish Council was able to create a user friendly building that is both light and airy whilst being fuel and environmentally friendly with a low carbon footprint, for the same cost to the precept payer of minor renovations.



The stairwell as it was before renovation



Opening of the Royal British Legion Office



New RBL Office in the Annex

Annex at Holmefield House Converted to Royal British Legion office

The annex at Holmefield House, which had once been the Multiple Sclerosis Society's office, was in a near derelict state and unusable when the Parish Council took it over. At that time the Nelson & District Branch of the Royal British Legion were in urgent need of offices but had a small amount of income. The RBL, with the help of the Parish Council, applied to the Asda Foundation for funding and with the support of Asda Colne were awarded a £20,000 grant. With the refurbishment being overseen by the Parish Clerk, the same dedicated team of tradesmen and Council workers created a stylish, modern and thermally efficient office.

This project had a triple benefit, giving the RBL a permanent home, giving the community a fully refurbished building which otherwise would not have been usable for several years, and providing a rental income to the Parish (partially offset to reflect the RBL's grant contribution to the restoration costs).

Work to the Grounds at Holmefield House

The final phases of the work needed at Holmefield House cover the outdoor areas. Given the increased usage of Holmefield House and the size of the groups now using the facility, the lack of on-road parking and the scant existing provision within the grounds of Holmefield House, it was clear that additional parking space was required.

The Parish Council decided to look at developing the area adjacent to Gisburn Road which would accommodate a further 14-20 cars. This seemed to be the best use of the land available as it would leave the large field intact and available for larger village functions such as Armed Forces Day, (village fetes, possibly the occasional farmer's market and other suitable village events).

The creation of a car park in the suggested area would leave a triangle of land which the Parish Council agreed could be used for raised beds and fruit trees to grow produce for the Luncheon Club. The RBL and two other local organisations have shown an interest in helping with this project. This area contained three self-seeded sycamore trees, a conifer, a birch and two flowering cherries. The Council sought the opinion of the Tree Officer at Pendle Borough Council who indicated that there was no valid reason not to fell the trees except in the nesting bird season.

This year's work programme allowed a window of opportunity in early May to fell the trees in the corner abutting Gisburn Road so that the raised beds could be constructed in time to grow a viable crop for use by the Luncheon Club. But owing to complaints regarding possible nesting birds the work was stopped. It is hoped that the work will be restarted and completed later in the year to enable the proposed fruit trees to be planted this autumn and the raised beds to be used for next year's growing season.



and after renovation

Parish Councillor needed!

Three Barrowford Parish Council seats remained unfilled following the Town and Parish Council elections on 7 May. The Council immediately advertised the vacancies and two have now been filled. The remaining one, representing Higherford ward, is still open. If you're interested in being on the Council, please get in touch with the Clerk on 696349.

Parish Council sad to lose three stalwart Councillors

At the recent Parish Elections in May two former Chairmen of the council and the vice chairman of the GP committee stood down. Cllr. James Begley served the council for fifteen years, the last two as the Chairman. James stood down to concentrate more time on his family, particularly his grandson living in Lincolnshire. Cllr. John Pope served for eight years and was the Chairman from 2010 until 2013. John chaired the Parish Plan and brought it to fruition. He was also instrumental in the acquisition of Holmefield House. John stood down when his move to Skipton precluded him from standing in Barrowford. Cllr. Peter Maltby served for four years on the Council and was the vice chairman of General Purposes up to his standing down. Peter took a keen interest in Holmefield House and much of the publicity work has been done by him. Although he stood down from the council to do some travelling, he is still involved with both the Friends of Holmefield House and the Barrowford in Bloom groups. Members of Barrowford Parish Council are sorry lose such a wealth of talent and wish them all the best in the future.

Are you Green Fingered? But have No Garden?

Have you ever fancied growing your own veg but don't have a garden? Lowerclough Street Allotments could be the answer. The site is divided into raised beds with communal greenhouses and a hut. If you have never been a gardener this may be your entry into vegetable growing.

There are two sizes of bed to let. Each comes with a section of polytunnel and the use of a communal hut. Unlike a conventional allotment there is no need for fencing, hut or greenhouse. All you need are your hand tools and a hose pipe as taps are dotted about the site. So why not give it a go!

If you are more ambitious there are still a very small number of conventional allotments available on other sites. If you are interested please phone Iain Lord on 696349 or email:

barrowfordpc@barrowford.org.uk

Best Kept Garden Competition

The competition has been running for over twenty years and shows off some of the best in Barrowford. There are eight different classes to enter, ranging from small back yards to large gardens, allotments or vegetable plots to community gardens or streets, not forgetting businesses and hanging baskets. The wide variety of classes allows easy entry with judging not being to the rigours of RHS standards! Entry forms are available from Holmefield House so either ring 696349 or call in and pick one up. Entries need to be returned by Wednesday 27th July 2015 with judging taking place over the weekend of 1st/2nd August. Entrants will be notified of their results within a few days of judging. At the informal presentation night held later in August competitors can meet and discuss gardening in the pleasant surroundings of Holmefield House.



V.E. Day Celebration at the Luncheon Club

The Holmefield House Luncheon Club celebrated V. E. Day with festive fayre, a display of wartime memorabilia, posters and bunting. Wartime music and dancing followed. Organiser and Cook Mary Wilding said "The event was enjoyed by all who attended with a real party atmosphere; we hope to hold further themed lunches over the next few months."

The Luncheon Club is held on Tuesday at 12 noon. There are currently a few spare places and the cost is £4.60 for a two course meal. If you would like to attend or would like more information please ring I. Lord on 696349.

Barrowford's First Lifestyle Event a Huge Success!



The first event held Saturday 4th July had everything from a sunny day to live music, numerous food and trade stalls. Many with plenty of samples and tasters for the different produce, also Barrowford schools put up art displays and some were part of the morning's musical entertainment.

The public attended in large numbers and the whole event was a great success. One Barrowforder said that it was a 21st century event which appealed to all ages. It is hoped that this event will become an annual Barrowford event and will follow on from this year's success.

Improvements in Barrowford Park

Joint working is the way forward

Following the successful collaboration between the Friends of Barrowford Memorial Park, the National Lottery and the Parish Council to create the viewing area at the fish pass, another project to improve the waterlogged area to the rear of the War Memorial Garden has been carried out. The work involved new drainage and a new wide path and was organised and carried out by the Parish Council in co-operation with the Parks Department and the Friends. After the construction phase Lee Johnson from the Parks and several members of the Friends Group have carried out extensive new planting in the area.

There have been several meetings regarding toilet provision within the Park at the instigation of the Friends Group and it was decided to reinstate the former disabled toilet at the Bowling Pavilion as a unisex toilet. The necessary work will, it is hoped, be funded by a grant from Pendle's Barrowford Area Committee, with the Parish Council taking on the role of cleaning and routine maintenance. Sue Nike, Chair of the Friends Group, said: "If everything comes together the toilet will be open in time for the Tour of Britain Cycle Race."

Parish Council website

Village webservers will have noticed that the Council's website has been out of action for some time. It is hoped to have it up and running again by the end of July at www.barrowford.net. you can also follow us on Twitter (@BarrowfordPC). If you have any appropriate photos of the village you would like placed on the home page banner, please get in touch on 696349.



New footpath to rear of Memorial Garden

Dangers of Children Climbing on Roofs

Children as young as ten have been climbing on the high walls and Annex Roof at Holmefield House. Not only is this dangerous but the children are breaking and damaging slates on the roof with the repair cost being having to be met by the precept payers of the village. If your children play on the field commonly known as "the canteen" at the back of Holmefield House, please try to ensure that they are not engaged in these dangerous aerial acrobatics. Holmefield House has security cameras and if damage is done then the Council will take steps to recoup any repair costs from the parents.

Local Community Group News

Friends of Holmefield House

Anybody living in Barrowford who wishes to take an active interest in Holmefield House may become a member. They can elect the members of the Management Committee who work with the Parish Clerk to try and make best use of the facilities of the community centre for the residents of Barrowford.

As well as raising funds to improve the facilities at Holmefield House the Friends initiate events which will involve a wide range of residents. Past events have included a bat walk, several 'Bake It' events, a weekly 'Knit and Natter' group, hanging basket workshops, table-top sale, and coffee mornings, etc.

Most events have just been to encourage Barrowford residents to meet and engender a community spirit but funds raised have also contributed to additional facilities such as the stair lift, sound system and information screen.

Barrowford in Bloom

Gisburn Road is getting more colourful with new planting by the Barrowford in Bloom Group adding to the work the group does on tidying up and greening neglected parts of the village to create an attractive environment for residents and visitors alike.

The proof of the pudding is that the group has won 4 successive Silver Gilt Awards for Barrowford in the North West in Bloom competition in the last 4 years. The judges clearly think it is an attractive place and it is little wonder that it is a popular with visitors.

The people behind this, the 'Barrowford in Bloom Group' are a friendly bunch who actively involve local businesses, schools and other groups to provide the expertise, enthusiasm and voluntary help required to ensure that Barrowford is a clean, green and welcoming place that continues to attract visitors and who contribute to the local economy.

For further information on how to be involved ring Joyce Roscoe on 693189.

Royal British Legion

The Nelson & District Branch has offices at the Annex at Holmefield house and is there to help ex-servicemen and women, their relatives and dependants. If you need help or advice or wish to become a member, (membership is open to all) please contact us on 613132 or if it is an urgent matter you can contact the Branch Secretary Janice Taylor on 07505706457

Office Opening Times:

Tuesday 11am to 2pm

Wednesday 10am to 12 noon

Thursday 10am to 2pm

The third Saturday morning of each month we hold a coffee morning between 10am and noon; this includes a book sale. If you have any books to donate please bring them along to the next coffee morning

Friends of Barrowford

Memorial Park

The Friends Group have regular work days to tidy up and improve the park. Previous work has included laying fresh bark chippings on paths, removing unwanted plants such as docks and nettles from the bog garden.

The latest scheme in cooperation with the Parks Department has been to remove and prune back older shrubs around the Memorial Garden and bowling green and replace them with bee and butterfly attracting plants and shrubs. This was partially paid for by a £500 pound grant from the Green Partnership Awards.

Notice of Group Meetings are posted in the information board at the park entrance and new members are always welcome. For further information you can contact either Susan Sunderland (secretary) on 693156 or Sue Nike (Chairman) on 692122.

Friends of Victoria Park

The Park Pavilion Café, is currently opened from 12 noon to 4pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, is going from strength to strength.

Pendle Youth Orchestra will be performing in the Bandstand at 7pm on Wednesday 15th July.

If you want to join the friends group, pop into the café or ring Pat Kelly on 693245.

Higherford Residents Action Group

Higherford Goes from Strength to Strength

Higherford Residents Action Group continues its work to improve its neighbourhood. Having completed the radical improvement scheme at the Malt Kiln site, it has more recently moved on to tidy up and plant part of the semi-derelict garage colony next to Higherford Bridge, including rebuilding a length of the dry-stone wall alongside the footpath.

It has also arranged to fell a number of trees along the riverside, to open up views of the beautiful old packhorse bridge, an ancient scheduled monument, as it approaches its 400th anniversary. Both these schemes were part funded by Local Member grants from Lancashire County Council.

The group has also facilitated a new Higherford notice board at the Malt Kiln site. The notice board was made and donated by a local resident, John Webster. It is also still trying to do something about speeding on Barnoldswick Road.

Many of the Group's activities are funded through the Higherford 100 Club (£1 per month). If you would like to join, support future activities or just know more please contact the Group at higherford@hotmail.co.uk

Holmefield House

Weekly Activities at Holmefield House

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| Yoga Classes | Monday 6.45pm |
| Luncheon Club | Tuesday 12noon |
| Knit & Natter | Tuesday 1.30pm |
| Age UK Dancercise | Tuesday 1.30pm |
| Age UK Yoga Group | Thursday 10.30am |
| Pendle Crafters | Thursday 1.30pm |

Monthly Surgeries and Other Events

Carer's Link monthly Carer's Café
1-3pm Tues 25th Aug, 1-3pm Wed 23rd Sept

Citizen Advice Out Reach

Public Meetings

Pendle Borough Council's

Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee
commencing at 7pm.

Chairman Cllr. Linda Crossley

There is a 15minute Public Question Time at the
Start of the meeting where non agenda items can be
raised.

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| 9 th July 2015 | 6 th August 2015 |
| 10 th September 2015 | 8 th October 2015 |
| 5 th November 2015 | 3 rd December 2015 |
| 7 th January 2016 | 4 th February 2016 |
| 3 rd March 2016 | |

Community Safety Partnership Meeting Dates:

These meetings are open to the public and give an opportunity to raise Police matters, nuisance and traffic issues. The meetings are attended by both Local Council officers and the Police and start at 6.30pm.

26th July 2015

22nd September 2015

17th November 2015

MP Surgery at Holmefield House

On the third Saturday of each month Andrew Stephenson MP holds a surgery at Holmefield House Gisburn Road. Members of the public are seen by appointment. To make an appointment please ring 01282 614748

Your Pendle Councillors

Barrowford:

Cllr. Linda Crossley Tel: 760199

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Cllr: Chris Jowett Tel: 07825640330

Blacko & Higherford:

Cllr. Noel McEvoy Tel: 544365

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Lancashire C. C. Help Direct

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Your Local Policing Team

Community Beat Manager P C Mark Dibb

PCSO Rosie Bennett

Team Contact Number: 01282 472441

Email: Pendle.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Who does what in Local Government?

An easy guide to who provides what

Lancashire County Council: The County Council, where the bulk of your Council Tax goes, is responsible for many of the county wide services such as:

Highways including road maintenance, street lighting, signage, parking enforcements, adoption of unadopted roads, resident parking schemes and infrastructure projects such as bypasses.

Local Authority Schools including repairs and renewals

Health & Social Services

Trading Standards covering everything from explosive storage to counterfeit goods.

Pendle Borough Council: The Borough Council takes the next largest slice of the Council Tax and is responsible for;

Local Planning most local planning applications (a few exceptions are dealt with by county). Planning applicants can appeal to the Building Inspectorate

if they feel the Borough has reached the wrong decision.

Environmental Health and Refuse Collection this includes inspection of catering establishments and food retailers, recycling and vermin control.

Council Tax Collection and Housing Benefits Currently, **Parks and Play Areas** currently because there are plans to devolve this service to parishes and towns.

Barrowford Parish Council: the lowest tier of local government; currently providing;

Holmefield House community centre; a luncheon club; winter and summer plantings along Gisburn Road; festive decorations throughout Barrowford including Higherford and Carr Hall; 190 allotments; Remembrance Day activities and the installation work for the Cruck Barn Carol Service; and from later this year public toilets. The Parish Council also assists numerous other local groups with their activities which improve and enhance Barrowford.

Parish Notice Board

Parish Councillors

Carr Hall Ward:

Chairman Cllr. Robert Oliver Tel: 699271
Vice Chairman Cllr. Royce Windley Tel: 614475
Cllr. Jeff Gibson Tel: 606984

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Cllr. Andrew Stringer Tel: 01282 798031
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Central Ward:

Cllr. Pat Thompson:
Cllr. Eric Jackson Tel: 691546
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Sue Nike Tel: 692122
Cllr. B. Norcross Tel: 692623

Higherford:

Cllr. Mick Waddington:

Council Office Opening Times

The Council Office is open to the public on: Tuesday: 1pm until 3pm, Thursday: 10am until 12 noon, Saturday: 10am until 12 noon. If you wish to contact the Council clerk outside these hours Email:

barrowfordpc@barrowford.org.uk or Tel: 696349, or write to Mr. I. Lord, Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford Lancashire BB9 8ND.

Parish Council Meetings

Full Council

15th July 2015
19th August 2015
16th September 2015
21st October 2015
18th November 2015
16th December 2015
20th January 2016
17th February 2016
16th March 2016
20th April 2016

G. P. Committee

1st July 2015
2nd September 2015
7th October 2015
4th November 2015
2nd December 2015
6th January 2016
3rd February 2016
2nd March 2016
6th April 2016

All Parish Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at Holmefield House, a copy of the Agenda is posted on the Notice Board at least five days prior to the meeting. If you wish to speak on any agenda item please contact the Clerk on 696349 before 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Or if you wish to raise an item not on the agenda there is a 15 minute public question time at the start of all Full Council Meetings when these items can be raised.

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And Finally a Blast from the Past



This edition's picture shows a group of Free Masons outside the White Bear. The picture was probably taken either before the war or just after as seated second from left on the first row is Learie Constantine the famous West Indian Cricketer who played as Nelson's pro during that period. If anyone recognises any of the other faces please could you let us know?