



Barrowford Parish Council

Newsletter

Winter 2018

Cruck Barn Carol Service



This year's Cruck Barn Carol Service took place on Tuesday 4th December and was attended by around 100 villagers. Heavy road congestion within the village possibly reduced numbers, but nonetheless an enjoyable time was had by those attending. The service was led by the Rev. Julie Smith (St. Thomas's) and Mr. Richard Hoyle (Higherford Methodists) with Father Peter Wilkinson (SS Peter and Paul) saying the closing prayers.

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After the service refreshments were served in the Heritage Centre with the Churches supplying the mince pies.

The Carol Service is organised jointly between the three Barrowford Churches, with Pendle Heritage Centre kindly providing the use of the Cruck Barn and their tearooms, whilst the Parish Council provides and installs the PA system and illumination.

100th Anniversary of the Armistice



Councillor Allan Vickerman Laying the Parish Council's Wreath of Remembrance

2018 saw the culmination of four years' Remembrance of the First World War with the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice. This year's Church Service and Parade saw the highest attendances with an estimated 400 attending the Wreath Laying Service.

Whilst the Wreaths were being laid the Rev. Julie Smith and Cllr. Robert Oliver read out the names of the 144 casualties of the Great War from Barrowford.

Over the last four years the Parish Council has commemorated the fallen of Barrowford individually, displaying at both Holmefield House and the Library, in chronological order, pictures and details of each serviceman who died. This Commemoration on the 100th Anniversary of each death will continue into 2019, to mark the last serviceman remembered on the Memorial.

To mark the Centenary of the Armistice the Parish Council produced and distributed on Remembrance Sunday a booklet containing this additional information and, where available, pictures of the servicemen.



***The Rev. J Smith & Cllr. R Oliver
Reading out the Names of the Fallen***

The Council would like to thank Danny Crawford who acted as Parade Marshal and Andrew Peverly as lead Standard Bearer, as well as the assistance of the Armed Forces Support Group.

This year's Parade was in jeopardy right up to the last moment due to both the lack of Police personnel to steward the rolling road block and the ability of the Nelson Band to march up to St. Thomas's.

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Remembrance Sunday Special



**Mr. Peverly, Standard Bearer from the Armed Forces Support Group
Leading the Standard Party in the act of Remembrance**

In the event, many Police staff volunteered to come in unpaid to help out with the major parades across Pendle, and a bass drummer led the parade up the hill with the Band accompanying the parade from the church to the Garden of Remembrance.

The problems relating to traffic control while the parade is in progress may in time fall entirely on the Parish Council to solve. The Council will endeavour to provide the necessary resources to address the effect that staffing reductions in both the police and local government have on the Remembrance Day activities. This is important as significant anniversaries of the Second World War draw near.

Your Village Needs You! Can You Help?

Barrowford Parish Council would like to pay a tribute to the casualties of the Second World War on the 75th Anniversary in 2020, in the form of a booklet similar to the WW1 one.

If you have photos of any of the men commemorated on the War Memorial and would allow the Council to scan them for the booklet please contact Iain Lord at Holmefield House on 01282 696349 or email barrowfordpc@barrowford.org.uk



The Parade proceeding along Gisburn Road to the War Memorial

Transfer of Barrowford Memorial Park

After two years and a further Resolution of Pendle Borough Council, the transfer of Barrowford Memorial Park to the Parish Council, together with the freehold of land and buildings that form the Pendle Heritage Centre, took a step closer at the end of September. The transfer could be completed on the 1st April 2019.

A unanimous decision taken by all Borough Councillors at the full Council meeting on 25 September cut through the stone-walling and subsequent delays caused by the wording of the original resolution.

Cllr. Robert Oliver, Parish Council Chairman, told the November Parish meeting that "Mr. Mousdale at Pendle Borough Council reported recently that negotiations with Heritage Trust for the North West were progressing well and



that a positive outcome was expected soon."

The Parish Council's contribution in 2019-20 will increase to 75% of the total cost of Park Maintenance, with the whole cost being met in 2020-21. This will mean the Parish Council contributing £23,600 for 2019-20, a rise of around £9,900 more next year.

Silt Removal from the Park Lake Begins

An ongoing Project is being carried out to reduce the silt levels in the lake to increase water depth and clarity. The Project was conceived by the Friends of Barrowford Memorial Park with funding coming from generous donations of £10,000 from the Lifestyle Festival and £5,000 from the distribution of Barrowford Show Ltd assets.

The work is being carried out by a local contractor in conjunction with both the Borough and the Parish Councils, who jointly devised the scheme to enable work to be done within the money available whilst causing the least disruption to park users.

The scheme involved creating a bund area to the rear of the lake where the silt could be left to dry to a solid before being moved and the process repeated. The recycled silt and bund will be used to create a wild area. Cllr. Susan Nike, Chair of the Friends Group, said "The generous donations received have enabled the Friends Group to proceed with our long term Number One priority and improve the quality of the lake."



Bund Wall (above); Silt Extracted (below)



Victoria Park Updates & News

Volunteer Work Day

A volunteer work day was organised during the summer to plant the main flower beds near the Bandstand. The work was carried out by volunteers from the Friends of Barrowford Memorial Park, Barrowford in Bloom and members and staff from the Parish Council.

Due to funding cuts this area of the park was not planned to be planted by Pendle Borough Council but co-operation between various parties led to Pendle supplying their spare plants so that the volunteer groups and the Parish could plant the beds.

It is hoped that this process can be repeated next year and that the old Friends of Victoria Park group, which the Parish Council supported, can be reconstituted to help determine the future of this park.



Park Maintenance Contributions to Continue

Barrowford Parish Council contributed 25% of the total maintenance costs for Victoria Park during 2018-19 and the intention is to

maintain this voluntary contribution of 25% for 2019-20, allowing for a 7% increase in line with the increase for 2018-19.

Christmas Fayre Held at Holmeffield House



The Friends of Holmeffield House held their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th December. The event saw eight different stalls selling a variety of Christmas decorations and gifts.

The event was a success with members of the Friends group selling refreshments and Mince Pies. The event raised £101.50 towards the Friends funds. These funds are used to organise future events such as the Talking Heads play held recently, as well as new tables and chairs and repairs such as new flooring in the lounge.

Car Park at Holmefield House



The car park at Holmefield House is nearing completion after two years of planning and tendering. The new parking area has more than quadrupled the number of spaces, from 6 to 26, including 3 disabled bays. The work has been entirely funded by the receipts from the sale of the former council office and has required no additional burden on the parish precept.

The remaining works include a rail for the disabled ramp, signage for the entrance and exit, further landscaping and the planting of fruit trees in the area between the car park and Lucy Street. It is hoped that these works will be completed shortly, with the trees being planted at the appropriate time.

Users of Holmefield House do not now need to take up the scarce on-street parking in nearby streets. Cllr. Oliver, Chairman of the Council, said "I'm so pleased we've finally been able to make entering and leaving Holmefield House grounds by car much safer, as well as providing adequate space for the increasing number of users of the building."

The car park has low level illumination that gives adequate light to park whilst having a minimal impact on local residents. The lighting automatically comes on at dusk and switches off at 11pm.

The vegetable planters situated on the grassed area were not accessible through most of the construction phase and resulted in the sprouting broccoli going to seed. These flowering plants were retained as a food source for both insects and birds and will be removed shortly with the planters being re-used for growing vegetables for the Luncheon Club next spring.



Lime Tree to be Illuminated

The Lime Tree at Holmefield House is to be the latest addition to the festive decorations within Barrowford. The electrical installation has been completed and it is hoped the lights will be installed on the 11th December. The new lights will be colour changing, similar to the ones on the tree in Fountain Square.

Holmefield House Luncheon Club

A Luncheon Club is held every Tuesday at Holmefield House, which is currently attended by around 20 people who enjoy a two course meal and company for a fiver a week.

If you are interested in attending the Luncheon Club please call Iain Lord on 696349 or email:

barrowfordpc@barrowford.org.uk

Best Kept Garden 2018



***Mrs. Ashworth's Back Garden
Winner of the MacGregor Cup***

This year's competition saw an increase in the total number of entries across the board, but a notable drop in the Business Section. Given the prolonged drought through June and July most of the entries were in good order. The judging took place on the last weekend in July just as the weather broke, with torrential rain within an hour of finishing.

This year saw Mrs. A. Ashworth, a new entrant, winning the MacGregor Cup with a beautiful garden predominantly made up of white flowers contrasting with the green foliage in a challenging shaded location with little direct sunlight.

Higherford Residents Action Group won the Shelagh Derwent Bowl with an area alongside the old Malt Kiln Site. The group have been tending this area for several years and the perennial planting has grown, established and improved with time.

Mrs. Coates won the Gerry Lund Memorial Bowl with a raised planter area which is proudly placed in front of the house and boasted a wide array of vegetables from salad to beans to peas, onions and kale.

The judges were impressed with the standard of entries but would encourage more people to enter next year.

Best Kept Garden Results 2018

MacGregor Cup best Garden:

Mrs. A. Ashworth

Shelagh Derwent Bowl Best Community/Street:

Higherford Residents Action Group

The Gerry Lund Memorial Bowl for Best Allotment:

Mrs. J. Coates

Large Garden:

Equal 1st: Mrs. V. Austin 2nd Mrs. A. Ticehurst

Medium Garden:

1st Mrs. B. Parker 2nd Mr. J. Harrison

Equal 3rd Mrs. J. Hartley & Mr. B. Wilkinson

Small Garden/Backyard:

1st Mrs. A. Ashworth 2nd Mrs. G. Knowles

3rd Mr. S. Millington

Large Hanging Basket:

1st NP Eye Care Centre 2nd Mrs. G. Knowles

3rd Mrs. B. Parker

Small Hanging Basket:

1st Mrs. J. Dugdale 2nd Mrs. J. Coates

Equal 3rd Mrs. B. Parker & Mrs. J. Hartley

Community Group/Street:

1st Higherford Residents Action Group

2nd St Clements Court

Allotment/Vegetable Plot:

1st Mrs. J. Coates 2nd Mr. D. Lambert

Business:

1st NP Sher Eyecare Centre

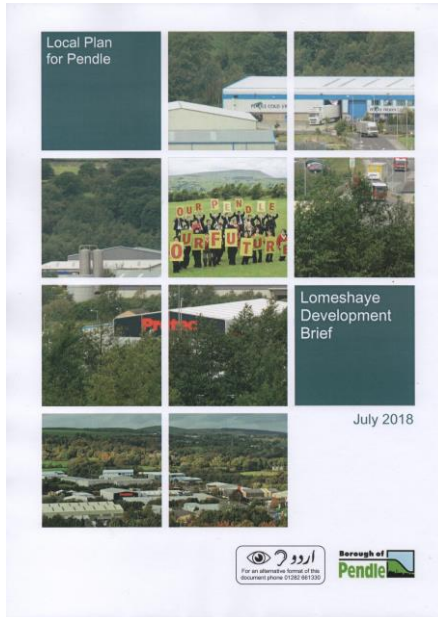
2nd Winston's Private Club

3rd Broden Lloyd



***Another View of Mrs. Ashworth's
Winning Garden***

Lomeshaye Industrial Estate Expansion



Phase Two of Lomeshaye Industrial Estate is designed to expand it up the hill to the A6068 villages bypass and create up to 1000 new jobs. Barrowford Parish Council representatives raised concerns about access to it as far back as 2015 when Pendle Council's Core Strategy was being examined. Unfortunately the Inspector (the same one who agreed on the Strategic Housing Site at Trough Laithe, despite Barrowford being only a Local Service Centre) took the view that access could be

from the bypass.

A Development Brief was drawn up by Pendle Council's Planning Department, showing access only from the bypass. This was vigorously objected to by all affected village Parish Councils who were - and remain - very concerned that an influx of heavy vehicles coming to the site from the M65 Junctions 13 (through Carr Hall) and 8 (through Higham and Fence) would make the bypass even more dangerous than it already is. We feel that heavy vehicle access should be only from the existing Phase 1 below the new site.

A further concern is that industrial buildings near the edge of the bypass will spoil the open country aspect of the road.

The Lomeshaye Development Brief came up for approval at Pendle's Policy & Resources Committee on 27 November. Supported by the Chair of Higham Parish Council, Barrowford Parish Council Chair Robert Oliver proposed that approval should only be given subject to a full access and highway impact report. The issue was discussed at length but unfortunately the proposal was not adopted and the Development Brief was approved.

Death of Former Parish Councillor

Brenda Norcross died suddenly on the 31st August 2018 after a short illness. Brenda served 12 years on the Parish Council before stepping down in July 2017, owing to ill health. She was often seen in the village walking her dog Archie and was well known to other dog walkers and village shopkeepers. She was a keen gardener and in the past helped with the planters in the village.

Councillors stood in silence to her memory at their September meeting, having attended her funeral in Colne and interment at the Barrowford Green Cemetery on the 12th September 2018.



Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan

What is our Neighbourhood Plan

The Barrowford Neighbourhood Plan (NP) (sometimes called Barrowford Neighbourhood Development Plan) is a way of helping our local community to influence the planning of Barrowford.

It will be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for our neighbourhood;
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built;
- Identify and protect important local green spaces;
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

Where does it fit in with other planning authorities?

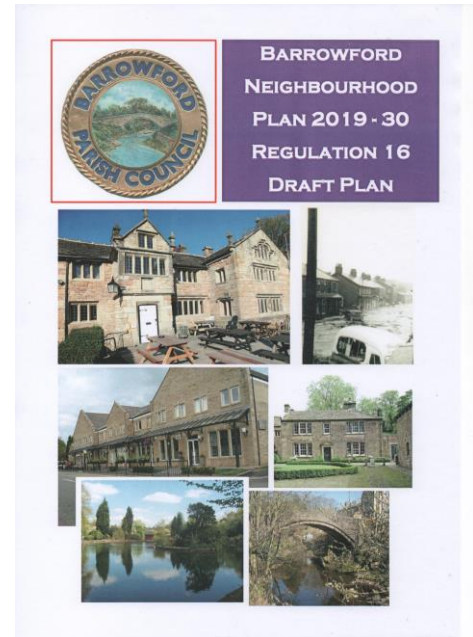
Although our NP is produced by Barrowford Parish Council on behalf of our local community, it has to mesh with Pendle Borough Council's Local Plan. In order for it to do this we need to submit our proposed plan to Pendle Borough Council (PBC) for their approval.

What stage are we currently at?

Over the past couple of years the Parish Council, with the help of planning consultants Kirkwell's, have worked to produce a plan that should provide benefits to Barrowford for the next decade, and more. The document has taken form over many revisions, been out to initial consultation with members of the public and other interested parties, and incorporated feedback via public submissions. The document was submitted to PBC for their appraisal and for them to continue the adoption process by tendering the document for a further, wider public consultation. But PBC planning officers found what they decided may be incompatibilities between our NP and their Local Plan, so we have spent a good deal of time addressing these issues in the past few weeks.

What happens next?

The NP is now ready to go back to PBC. We are arranging a meeting with their planning officers to iron out any further issues. We intend to submit the NP again in early January 2019. After this PBC will start the next phase of the adoption process by issuing our NP for wider public consultation and then



inviting an independent examiner to assess it. Subject to changes from that examination it is then hoped to put out the final NP for referendum in Barrowford at the same time as the May Pendle Council elections. It is then up to the residents of Barrowford to decide if they want to adopt the plan or not. If the plan is adopted it then becomes part of the wider development Local Plan of PBC.

Who pays for all this?

The costs incurred by the Parish Council and PBC are paid for by grants from central government.

Free Defibrillator Training

Mr Dave Holden who runs Holden Training at Barrowford has offered to give two free training courses in CPR and the use of a defibrillator to the people of the village.

The courses last for between 3 and 3½ hours and will be arranged in the New Year. They will probably be run at the weekend and are open to anyone interested who has the right length of time to spare.

If you are interested and available at the weekend please contact Iain Lord on 01282 696349 and then a course will be arranged.

Council Co-opts New Councillor

At its November meeting the Parish Council co-opted Laurie Peake as a councillor for Central Ward. This leaves one vacancy, following Cllr. Eric Jackson moving out of the area to be nearer family.

For anyone interested in joining the Council, a list of the Council's responsibilities and activities is available on the Council's website at

www.barrowford.net/parish-council/who-does-what as well of course as in this newsletter! For further information please contact the Council Clerk, Iain Lord, on 696349.

Elections for the whole Parish Council take place on the 2nd May next year, so taking a co-opted position up to that date should give an idea as to whether you want to stand for election then.

Additional New Roses for the Rose Garden

The Rose Garden at the junction of Gisburn Road and Hill Top is being planted with 20 additional new yellow roses.

The work is being carried out by the Barrowford in Bloom Environmental Group who in recent years have been carrying out improvements to the garden, the roses being supplied by the Parish Council.

Cllr. Susan Nike who is also a member of the volunteer group said "some of the existing roses were coming to the end of their useful life and needed replacing. and this will give new vigour to next summer's display of roses." The Rose Garden was created in the 1930's after the demolition of shops and houses.

Double Blast from the Past



This time a double Blast from the Past: the top picture shows the remodelling of the frontage of Victoria Mill in the 1950's to create Hanson & Jackson's garage and petrol station. The building was demolished to build the Fountains.

The bottom picture is Victoria House which stood opposite and was built by the Berry family who owned Victoria Mill.

Victoria House in its later years was used as a British Legion meeting room and gym before being compulsory purchased by Lancashire County Council as the proposed site for a nursery school - though that was never built.

The building which stood on the site of the Multi-Use Games Area at Barrowford Primary School was demolished in the 1960's, with the site being used for many years as a public car park before being developed into its present use.

The Berry family were also responsible for the building of Holmefield House.



Pendle Council Electoral Review

Pendle Borough Council recently resolved to reduce the number of councillors from the current 49 to 30 as part of their cost savings to meet Government cuts. The matter has been referred to the Boundary Commission who will make the decision after consultation.

The process begins with the Commissioners taking submissions from all parties represented on Pendle Borough Council as to the number of councillors each party would wish to see, then looking at the functions carried out by the council and deciding on an appropriate number of councillors.

This will be completed by February 2019 and then the process moves on to warding patterns. The Commission prefers 3 councillor wards, as this allows for continuation of the system used currently in most Pendle wards, with elections for Borough councillors (who have a four year term) held in three successive years, and for the County Council in the fourth year.

A public consultation on the shape and size of wards will be held from 26th February to 6th May 2019. It is important that as many electors as possible respond, saying whether they agree with the recommendations or would like to offer an alternative which would better represent their local community.

After this consultation the Commissioners will compile a set of draft recommendations, which may include slight variations in the number of councillors if this simplifies the pattern of elector numbers to each ward. A further public consultation on the draft will be held from 30th July to 7th October 2019. The final recommendations will be published on 3rd December 2019. By then it will be too late to submit a comment as the Order for the change will be made in March 2020.

In that year there will be an election of all Pendle Councillors under the new ward system, with County elections in 2021 and the first year of the three-year cycle starting in 2022.

These boundary changes may affect the shape and size of current Parish wards. Where necessary these could be altered to follow the new Borough ward boundaries and include alterations to the number of Parish Councillors within each new ward, but they will not alter the current total of 12 councillors.

The success of this process relies on local participation, particularly with regards to linked communities. For further information go to: www.lgbce.org.uk or email reviews@lgbce.org.uk or contact Pendle Borough Council.

Icy Blast from the Past



Two pictures of the Waterfall in winter the one above is pre-flood and could be either 1947 or 1963 (Thanks to Rodderick Gregg). The one below is probably from the late 1970's to the mid 1980's. We hope that this winter doesn't match these icy blasts and the Parish Council wishes you all:

***A Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year***



Parish Notice Board

Parish Councillors

Carr Hall Ward:

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Vice Chairman of the General Purposes

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Vice Chairman Cllr. Andrew Stringer Tel:

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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, BB9 8ND.

Holmefield House

Yoga Group Monday 9.30 &10.30am

Yoga Group Monday 2.00pm

Yoga Classes Monday 6.45pm

Luncheon Club Tuesday 12noon

Knit & Natter Tuesday 1.30pm

Dancercise Tuesday 1.30pm

Yoga Group Thursday 10.30am

Pendle Crafters Thursday 1.30pm

Car Boot Sale's for 2019 dates to be arranged.

Please check notice board for dates.

If you would like to run an activity or

community group at Holmefield House

Please ring Iain Lord on 696349

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Parish Council Meetings

Full Council 17th April 2019

12th December 2018 **GP Meetings**

16th January 2019 6th February 2019

20th February 2019 3rd April 2019

20th March 2019

All Parish Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at Holmefield House. A copy of the Agenda is posted on the Notice Boards 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.

Pendle Councillors

Barrowford:

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Blacko & Higherford:

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PCSO 7142 Trish Ashworth

Team Contact Number: 01282 472441

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MP Surgery at Holmefield House

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

Barrowford & Western Parishes

Area Committee

Chairman Cllr. Linda Crossley

There is a 15 minute Public Question Time at the start of each meeting where non-agenda items can be raised. All meetings start at 7pm.

Meeting Dates

10th January 2019

7th February 2019

7th March 2019

4th April 2019