

Barbon & Middleton Village Newsletter

September 2024 Issue 3

Welcome to our 3rd village newsletter. Our aim is to keep you, the residents of Barbon & Middleton, up to date with what is happening in *your* area. In this newsletter, you will find information concerning St. Bartholomew's Church, The Parish Council & the Village Hall. We promised not to bombard you, and we hope you did not mind us sending out a couple of extra messages highlighting upcoming events.

If you cannot access the internet, please let Chris Brown know on 07540821564 and I will arrange to have one delivered. There are also a limited number of copies at the Church and the Village Hall.

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Please send in your news & events to newsletter@barbon.org.uk By 15th November for inclusion in the December issue

Barbon Parish Council - Latest News

The minutes of May's Annual Parish Meeting & Barbon Parish Council meetings can be found at barbon.org.uk

Next Parish Council meeting – 9th September 7.00pm Please do come along and have your say!

Update on issues raised at the **Annual Parish Meeting:**

Speed Limit through Barbon Village. Unfortunately, Barbon Village has not been allocated funding for 2024/25. Highway Officers to progress Traffic Plans with Parish Councils from 9th September in the hope of gaining funding.

Co-option of new Councillor: It was resolved to co-opt Jacquie Huddleston to the Council to fill the vacant seat; she then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Respect Meeting- travellers. This was cancelled but reports of damage to water gates and fencing, and heavy littering at Hodge Bridge has been noted and sent to Westmorland & Furness Council.

Highways. The following has been reported to the relevant department for their attention:

- Give Way Lines missing at Hodge Bridge.
- Stop Sign entering Village: upside down



News from St. Bartholomew's

We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful Church in our village, which stands in a lovely setting and is open every day for private prayer and reflection. Please feel free to come in and sit for a while. We have services at 10:30am every Sunday and welcome all who would like to join us. In our prayers each week we pray for world events and issues of concern and also, if asked, will include prayers for our friends and neighbours in the village. If you would like us to include prayers for you or your family members who are going through a difficult time then we would be happy to include them in our prayer times. Just contact - Merlin Hibbs (merlin@hibbs.org.uk 07901 684547) or Rachel Pedley (jped@btinternet.com 07813 933213)

Events

Regular Events in Barbon & Middleton

Weekly

Mon	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Post Office	Barbon Village Hall
Mon	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Indoor Bowls	Barbon Village Hall
Tues	2:00 – 5:00 pm	Bridge	Barbon Village Hall
Wed	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Healthy Steps	Barbon Village Hall
Thurs	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Bartholomew's Tower
Sun	10:30 – 11:30 am	Church Service	St Bartholomew's

Monthly

1 st Sunday	8:00 pm	Pub Quiz in aid of NW Air Ambulance	Barbon Inn
2 nd Saturday	All day	Antiques' Fair and pop-up café.	Barbon Village Hall
Last Monday	2:00 – 4:00 pm	St Bartholomew's coffee, cake and chat. All welcome.	Barbon Village Hall

Dates for your Diary:

Fri 8 th Nov	TBC	Back & Beyond Live music	Barbon Village Hall
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Village BBQ

It seems a while since the village came together at our annual BBQ, but what a great time was had by all. This event is organised by the Village Hall Committee and is a thank you 'get together' for the wonderful residents of Middleton & Barbon. You might not remember, but the sun did indeed shine on that day as the photos testify.



A huge thank you to those who supplied, cooked and served the scrumptious food, and Rob who entertained us so wonderfully.

Barbon WI Show

What a great day it was, and what talent there is in our small village! If you didn't make it, you missed a wonderful display of handicrafts, art, flowers, baking and vegetables, all of which were produced in the most challenging of summers!

Our judges were rightly impressed at the quality of exhibits, (we had 49 exhibitors) with the overall winner being Tiggy Mason with 39 points. Congratulations Tiggy! 2nd was Janet Greenwood with 23 points and Lois Clarkson came in 3rd with 25 points.

Mabel Livock and Tyson Cliff were the winners of the Children's Cup and Janine Trinder bagged the coveted People's Choice Cup.

The Show is open to all in the village, or anyone who has a connection with the village including WI members. Make a note for next year's show date which will be on 2nd August 2025 and get your entries in early!

Rachel Pedley

Annual Sheep Show & Sheep Dog Trials

This year's Barbon Sheep Show and Sheep Dog Trials was a great family day out, on Saturday 17th August 2024 at Barbon Manor Park, one of the smallest and most traditional gatherings. The day included a Sheep Show, Stick Show, Sheep Dog Trials, Marquee Lunch and Children's Craft and Sports, and we had a great turnout from visitors and locals, and great weather!!

We had a great turnout of sheep from local farmers, which were judged by Ethan Clark (Roughs), Chris Pye (Mules & Leicester's) and John Thompson (Lowland and Fat Lambs).

Maddy Watson and Sam Sedgley won the Young Handlers Classes, K. Milburn & A. Devlin won 5 trophies with their Rough and



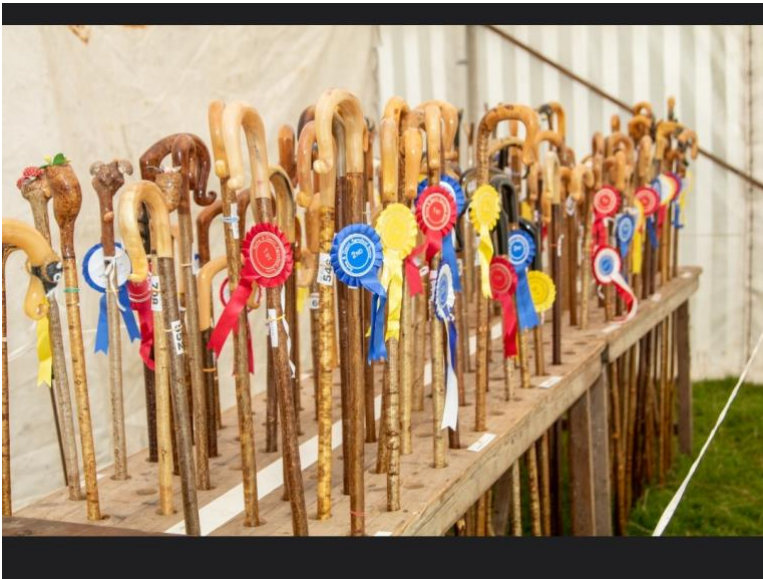


W Sedgley with Champion Mule



K Milburn with overall champion

Lowland Sheep as well as taking Overall Champion. WA & GR Sedgley won Champion Mule, with N & L Allan winning Champion Leicester lamb.



The stick show had some great entries G. Smithson taking away 3 trophies including champion stick and G. Rennie taking the 'Presidents Choice' trophy.

SheepDog trials this year was judged by John James, with 69 entries. Results below:
1st – Michael Longton with Nero (78), 2nd Tom Rome with Jessy (77), 3rd Thomas Huddlestone with Lidl (76), 4th Carol Mellin with Ben (75), 5th Meg Hutchinson with Katie (71), 6th Ricky Hutchinson with Chrissey (70), and 7th Phil Rigby with Anya (66).

The children's sports had an amazing turnout of children from the local area, with a few new young children turning up and taking part!

Big thank you to everyone on the committee who helps before, during and after the event. Also thank you to our President, Rachel Pedley for the speech and help during the day.

We thank everyone for their continued support and help over the years, visiting the show and donating raffle prizes and sponsorship.

See you all next year!

Clare Thompson - Barbon Show Secretary

Local History

The article on Barbon's Georgian Gem; Becksides, was so well received that we thought we would continue to delve more deeply into more local history of our wonderful village.

The influence of the Reverend James Harrison in Barbon by Mike Kingsbury

James Harrison was the Vicar of St Bartholomew's Church in Barbon for 55 years, from 1872 until 1927, and was responsible for the construction of many of the buildings in the village.

His most notable achievement was the building of the present church, completed in 1893. This was at least the fourth church on the site and was constructed to replace a smaller church built only 80 years earlier, the entrance porch and vestry of which still remain at the back of the present-day churchyard.

The new church with seating for 190 people was built because the village's increasing population, due to the coming of the railway, required larger premises. The architects were Paley and Austin of Lancaster, and the total cost was £3,500. James Harrison also provided 4 bells for the tower by Taylors' of Loughborough (2 more were added more recently). He was responsible as well for the installation of the church tower clock in 1902.

James was born in 1838 in Kirkby Lonsdale, the son of the Green Dragon Innkeepers, and was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. His first role in the Church was in various places in the North of England as Curate, before moving to Barbon in 1871, initially as Curate being appointed Vicar a year later. As part of the move, he had built a remarkably large and fine vicarage on School Lane, largely paid for by public subscription. There is an 1871 date stone on the gable facing the road though it can only be seen from within the garden.

James Harrison's initials can be found on two buildings in Barbon, the first being the Reading Room, which he financed the building of in 1884 using his own money on land donated by Lord Shuttleworth. This remained in use until the 1960's after which it was converted into a dwelling.



The other structure where his initials can be seen is the lych gate, dated 1872-1915, at the entrance to the churchyard. A lych gate is a roofed gateway to a churchyard, formerly used at burials for sheltering the coffin until the clergyman's arrival. Barbon's lych gate was designed by Hubert Austin, whose firm were the architects for the church, and made by then Barbon based Carr and Bleasdale, who still trade from shop premises in Kirkby Lonsdale.

James died in 1927 age 89 and there is a stained-glass window in the south aisle of the church dedicated to his memory, with the adjacent window on the right dedicated to the memory of his wife Mary (b1834 – d1914), both made by Shrigley & Hunt of Lancaster.

Benchmarks?

Do you remember the article on benchmarks in the last issue? Did you recognise where these two marks were in the village?



The mark on the left is on St Bartholomew's Church at the south-east corner (the corner nearest the big ash tree).

The mark on the right is at Gatesgarth opposite the old Methodist Chapel.

Well done if you spotted them. If you want to look back at the article there is a link to old newsletter issues on the front page of <https://barbon.org.uk>

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