

Barbon & Middleton Village Newsletter

March 2024 Issue 1

Welcome to our 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 Barbon and Middleton including St. Bartholomew's Church, Barbon Parish Council and Barbon Village Hall. That said, we promise not to bombard you, as our intention is to send out quarterly newsletters detailing upcoming events & issues relating to Barbon & Middleton.



We will make available a small number of paper copies for those who do not access the internet. Please let Chris Brown know on 07540821564 if you would like a paper copy delivered.

If you have not as yet signed up for a digital copy and wish to do so, please visit barbon.org.uk

The aim of this first newsletter is simply to get some content out to you. Chris Brown & Merlin Hibbs (editors) are looking to create a slightly more swanky style with pictures for our next newsletter. We plan to use Apple's Pages programme. If you have expertise in using this please get in contact as we would be glad of the help.

**Please send in your news & events to newsletter@barbon.org.uk
By 15th May for inclusion in June issue**

Barbon Parish Council - Latest News

The minutes of December 11th2023 can be found at barbon.org.uk

**Next Parish Council meeting – 11th March 7.30pm
Please do come along and have your say!**

Speed Limit through Barbon Village: Following a number of concerns from Barbon residents, the Parish Council approached Westmorland and Furness Council (WFC) Councillor Hodgson regarding complaints of vehicles speeding through the village. New legislation now makes it easier for councils to request a 20mph speed limit. Barbon Parish Council registered an interest in this with WFC who are preparing a report outlining advice and solutions. We are hoping to take receipt of this by the end of March when we will make this document open to public consultation. The date of this will be circulated.



Parking in Barbon Village: WFC have been approached regarding parking issues in the village. This has been noted and although it is not within the remit of the Parish Council to take action, a letter has been sent to the cottage owners concerned to encourage responsible parking and not to block access for emergency vehicles.

Dark Skies: Barbon's support for the dark Skies project was confirmed. If you wish to know more about this please visit:

yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/looking-after/dark-sky

Street Lighting in Barbon: The Parish Council is in contact with WFC regarding the audit and maintenance of street lighting in Barbon.

Auction of land known as the Cricket Pitch.

Councillors have been approached by concerned residents regarding this. The Parish Council has no jurisdiction over the auction of this piece of land, and until any planning application comes before the Council, we cannot comment. However, if you are concerned and wish to form some form of cooperative with a view to buying the land, then you are entitled to come to the Parish Council meeting and ask for some sort of support.

News from St. Bartholomew's

Bell Ringing

St Bartholomew's Church in Barbon is a great location for learning to ring church bells. We have recently had a lot of work done in the tower. In the ringing room we have new heaters and improved lighting to make it more comfortable, especially in the winter.

The church was built in 1891-3 with a bell frame for 6 bells – but only 4 bells were fitted. In 2005 a further two bells were added, donated by a local parishioner. The spacious ringing room makes it particularly suitable for learning and practising.

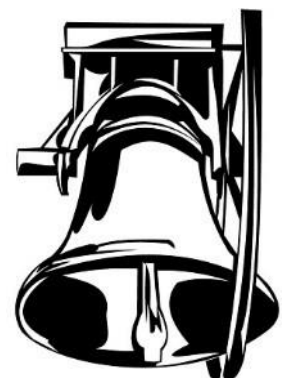
We really need some volunteers from Barbon and the local villages to help keep the bells ringing. We would like to ring for Sunday morning services, which is a large part of why the church has bells, but we need more ringers to be able to do this.

Anyone can learn to ring and the process is fun and rewarding. There's no commitment and you can only know what it's like by having a go. It's not physically hard work, strength is not required and Quasimodo is not representative of a typical bell ringer!

Find out more here: cccbr.org.uk/bellringing/learn

Also, please spare a moment to watch the short video about bell ringing on the bell ringing homepage barbon.org.uk/bells

For enquiries please contact bells@barbon.org.uk



Help wanted

A couple of years ago we buried the ashes of Marion Elizabeth Robinson in St Bartholomew's Garden of Remembrance. We now want to add her details to the memorial but have no family contact. If you have any details of the family, please can you contact Merlin.

News from Middleton

As you will probably be aware, the Church in Middleton is due to close soon. Because there are many churches in a similar position, it is taking a long time for the Church Commissioners to do their work and formally close the Church. Once it is closed it will become the responsibility of Carlisle Diocese to dispose of the building. The Churchyard will remain open.

We are looking for a contributor(s) from Middleton to help us with Middleton content for future newsletters. If you are interested please let us know.

Events

Regular Events in Barbon and 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

Other

2 nd Saturday of the month	All day	Antiques' Fair pop up café - proceeds of café to NW Cancer Research Group	Barbon Village Hall
Last Monday of the month	2:00 – 4:00 pm	St Bartholomew's coffee, cake and chat. All welcome.	Barbon Village Hall

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 11 th March	7:30 pm	Barbon Parish Council	Barbon Village Hall
Sun 31 st March	10:30 am	Coffee followed by Easter Communion at 11:00 am	St Bartholomew's

Sun 31 st March	12:15 pm	Barbon Easter Egg Hunt	Start and finish at St Bartholomew's
Sat 11 th May	2:00 – 5:00 pm	Bluebell Day	Whelprigg (details below)
Thurs 23 rd May	7:30 pm	Barbon Parish Council Annual Meeting	Barbon Village Hall
Sat 15 th June	All day	Barbon Hill Climb	Barbon Manor Park
Sat 13 th July	All day	Barbon Hill Climb	Barbon Manor Park

Other events/news:

Barbon & District NW Cancer Research Group

By kind permission of Mr Henry Bowring
Invite you to

Bluebell Day

at Whelprigg on Saturday 11th May
from 2:00 – 5:00pm

Entry £5 to include tea/coffee & cake/scone
Stalls: bric a brac, books etc



Barbon Bowls Award Night

The annual Bowls presentation was held at The Barbon Inn on Monday the 5th February. The winners of the 2023 season were:-

Spring Singles: M Wilkinson

Spring Doubles: M Wilkinson & J Pedley

Winter Singles: P Pattison

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Fancy a go? New members are very welcome.

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