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 Editorial

# Barrow station safe – or is it?

'Ivanhoe Line's future is safe' ran the headline in the Loughborough Echo on 27th January. The story explained that despite Leicester City Council withdrawing its funding, the future of the rail link between Loughborough and Leicester calling at the villages of Barrow Sibleby and Syston was secure. Central Trains announced it was committed to keeping the service going and felt that by including the villages' route in its timetable through to Nottingham, passengers could look forward to an even better service.

It is disappointing that the City Council pulled the plug on its funding because it felt that Leicester was not getting enough out of the investment. After all People using the line either to get to work or for leisure purposes are spending money in shops, bars and restaurants and generally adding to the prosperity of the city.

However, there is now a further potential threat to the Ivanhoe Line's future, Only days after the Echo's article, The Leicester Mercury was claiming that

'Transport ministers have revealed isolated rural stations could be closed to make cuts in the government's £6 billion-a-year rail subsidy.' Central Trains revealed the worrying statistic that Barrow was in the top three least used stations in the county, along with Bottesford and South Wigston.

No plans have been revealed yet but Barrow Voice will be keeping a close eye on any developments



## News

## The Parish Plan – a short update

**By now, every household and shop in the village should have received a two-page summary of the Parish Plan recommendations. Also, there has been an exhibition in the Parish Council office where members of the Steering Group explained the ideas and the next steps. If you missed either of these, there are copies of the summary and the Parish Plan Report in the Library and the Parish Council office. Contact me (tel: 416204) if all else fails.**

The report has been discussed with the county and borough authorities and sent to them for formal comment.

This means that they have to read the report (!) and formally write to us commenting on the recommendations. They may say that some things can't be done – or can't be done quickly – but the process ensures that our needs get listened to and put on their agendas. We have already had useful suggestions and offers of help from many of the authorities. I am convinced that good will come of this process and that we will see improvements to the village that, otherwise, would not have happened.

The Steering Group's job, now, is to help to get the village Action Groups up-and-

running. We are doing this in collaboration with existing village organisations, in particular with the Parish Council and the Community Association.

It is a slow process – we started in July 2004 – but worthwhile. I hope by the time of the next Barrow Voice we will be able to tell you what the authorities said in reply to the report and, hopefully, tell you that the Steering Group has been disbanded because its work is finished!

*Arthur Gardner,  
Chair of the Parish Plan Steering Group*

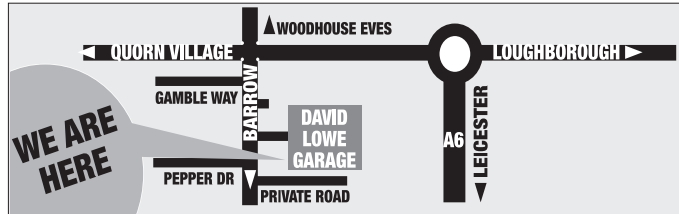


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News



## Willow Way Development – progress so far

Work commenced just before Christmas on building the distributor road between Cotes Road and Nottingham Road. Both ends were started simultaneously and a muddy track very quickly connected the two, passing across Strancliffe Lane just north of Kimbers Farm. Pedestrian access along the footpath from Willow Road to Strancliffe Lane has been protected and, at the time of writing, you are still able to walk it. You should also be able to ride a horse across the protected crossing above Kimbers, to continue along Strancliffe Lane.

Once the road has been completed, the building of houses will start, in batches of 60. Ian Althorpe, of David Wilson Homes said “I expect there to be roofs on houses by June”.

Meanwhile, there is still no real clarity to report on the monies that should become available as 106 “Community Gain” from the development (see December issue of Barrow Voice page 5). The Parish Council is continuing to press for decisions that reflect the views of residents, especially in connection with health provision and an improvement in traffic and pedestrian flow across the Soar Bridge.

The Parish Council is also working very hard to try to exclude construction traffic from the village centre.

*Judith Rodgers*

## An invitation from Barrow Scouts

We cordially invite residents to our Activity Day, to be held at our headquarters on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2006 commencing at 2pm.

We will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official opening of our HQ and would particularly welcome all past uniformed and lay members to join the present group at this event. The Barrow Guide Company will also be taking part as they have been using the facilities for the past five decades.

The afternoon will consist of various displays and activities by the present membership, together with various static exhibitions depicting the last 50 years of scouting within the village. The event is being sponsored by Brett Landscaping and Building Product which now operates the site on Sibley Road, where the original pre-cast scout HQ was manufactured by the then John Ellis Ltd.

The afternoon will commence with flagbreak at 2pm with Mr Derek Catt, the Leicestershire Scout County Commissioner in attendance. We hope many of you will be able to join us during the afternoon.

*Trevor Ranson*  
Group Scout Leader

## 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of twinning

The Twinning Association will be hosting a visit from our friends in Marans at the end of May, when we will be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We would like to put on an exhibition of photographs & memorabilia from the original school exchanges, that I believe go back to the 1950s. The loan of any items would be very much appreciated. Contact Kathryn Timmons on 01509 416168 if you can help.

A short service will be held in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm and all will be welcome.



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## People

# 'ello, 'ello, 'ello

Steve Morris introduces PC Andy Houghton

**A new year in Barrow has heralded a new beat bobby for the village, as PC Helen Thompson moves over and makes way for PC 718 Andy Houghton, who is now the man to contact over police related issues in the village.**

Andy works out of Quorn Police Station, but now has direct responsibility for Barrow and the Wolds villages, under the new Neighbourhood Policing Plan, set out by the force in the latter part of 2005.

Having been at Quorn for nearly 18 months working as a General Duty Officer, Andy has had an insight into the make-up of the village, including the crime and social issues that exist. Having very nearly bought a house in the village before settling in nearby East Goscote, when the opportunity came to police the village came his way, he had no hesitation in accepting the challenge.

As soon as you engage Andy in conversation you won't fail to notice his endearing Welsh accent, which comes with being a native of Aberystwth, where he spent his formative years gaining a university degree in Human Geography. Later, he decided on a career in the Air Force as a pilot, but unfortunately he failed to meet the final requirement, and had to look elsewhere to fulfil his ambitions. With an O-level in law it was a girlfriend who suggested he would make a good police officer, so Andy warming to the idea, began researching which force he would like to apply to, and when he approached Leicestershire in August 2002 they quickly saw his potential and offered him a position.

Andy appreciates that his time will have to be divided between Wymeswold, the Wolds villages and Barrow, but has done his homework, and has no wish to make any drastic

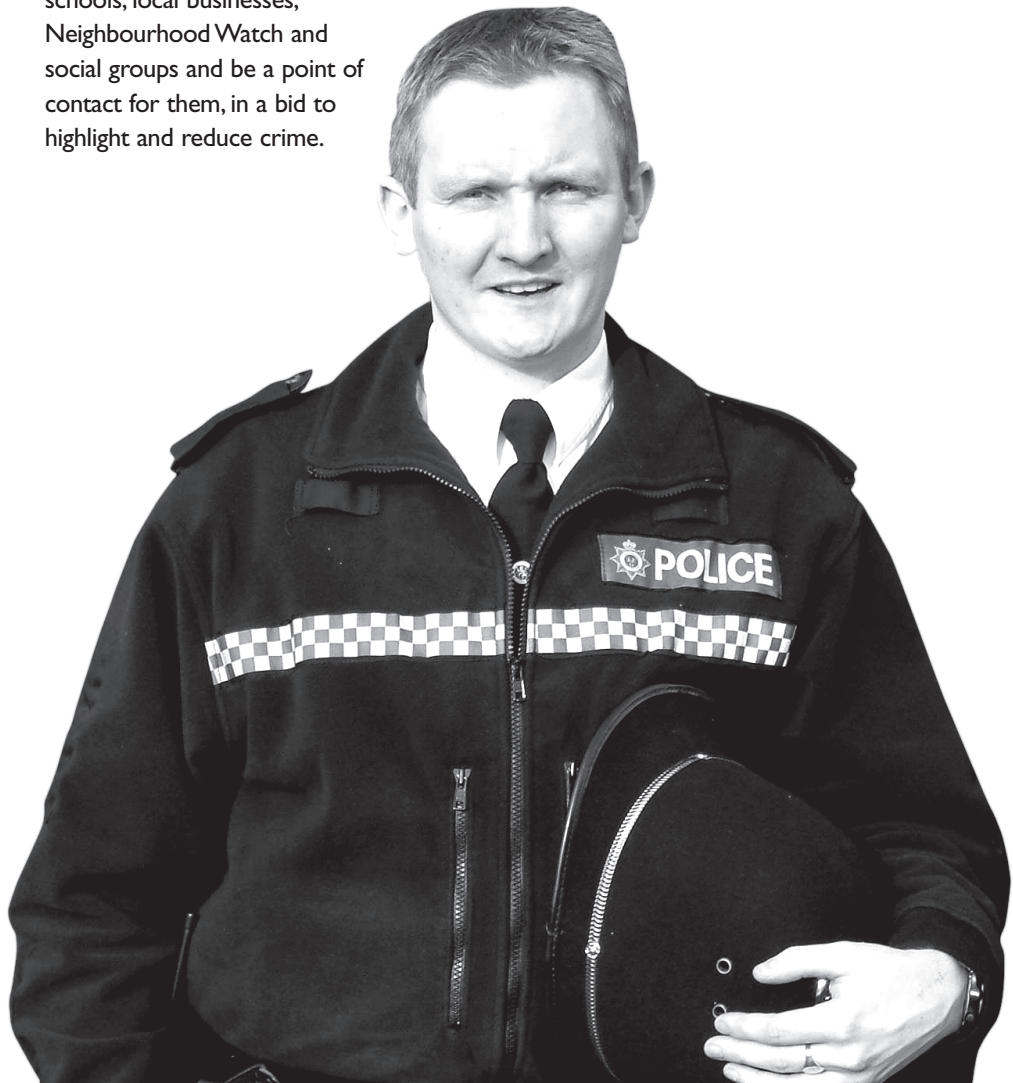
changes to the way the village has been policed in the past, wishing to maintain, if not enhance, the good reputation the villages have enjoyed with the police in recent times.

His focus initially will be on the problems that affect village residents the most. That means imposing himself on the small minority who affect the quality of life of the law abiding citizens. He has identified as being high on his list all kinds of antisocial behaviour. That includes a clampdown on under age drinking, and the more serious incidents of inconsiderate parking.

Andy will be working very closely with a recently appointed, and soon to be seen, Community Support Officer and hopes to build an intelligence network with schools, local businesses, Neighbourhood Watch and social groups and be a point of contact for them, in a bid to highlight and reduce crime.

Andy wants to keep the profile of the police high in the village, with as much public contact as possible, so he fully intends to be seen walking his beat in an effort to get to know the locals, face to face, and become part of the village scene.

You can contact him in a number of ways, firstly by dialing the public number for the Leicestershire Constabulary, which is 0116 2222 222 and if he is at work he will call you back, or you can ring the police Voicemail system, follow the instructions and use his ID number 0718 to leave him a message. Finally just put a note in the Neighbourhood Watch box in the Post Office, with a contact number.





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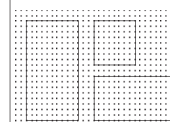
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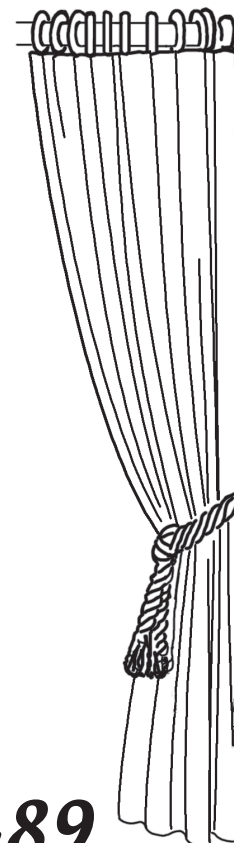
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## Features

# Why I can't spend my money in Barrow

I have been a resident of Barrow on Soar all my life (apart from 9 months when I moved to Quorn!) I love this village and its friendly inhabitants and I have always enjoyed shopping, eating, drinking and using the many facilities Barrow has to offer. Well, unfortunately now I can't. What's changed I can hear you asking, is it the lack of shops? No. Is it because I can't buy what I need? No. So why can't I spend my money in the local village high street shops and pubs? OK, stop guessing, I'll put you out of your misery, it is because I am disabled!!

Many of you know me, (probably as that mad woman on her scooter!) I am often to be seen, whizzing around Somerfield (the only shop I can get in!) or the doctors or library, the only other two places I can access in the whole High Street. Now, I am not going to name all the places I can't get into, (too numerous to mention and you know who you are) but I will mention everywhere that is accessible and everyone who helps me to remain as independent as possible and to use my village. I am sure that everyone has heard of the Disability Discrimination



Act by now, which asks that all reasonable endeavours should be taken to make premises accessible. I know that Barrow shops have steps, and I don't expect everywhere to build ramps etc (not, that I haven't asked) but with just a little bit of thought, common sense and the right attitude, so many more places could be accessible to me and the growing number of disabled people in this village. Don't forget that one day it might be you or a member of your family in this situation.

So, come on everyone, if it is not possible for me to get into your shop or business then at least put a bell on the outside of your doorway with a note saying something to the effect of 'Please ring if you require assistance'. Then I wouldn't have to sit outside in all weathers, waving frantically to attract your attention or accosting the first person I see to either hold open extremely heavy doors, or even to go into the shop in question to let the shopkeeper know I am outside. How would you feel? The parish council offices have provided a sign and a bell (that was low enough for me to reach!) but some kind person has pinched the bell. Plenty of shops now have handrails, which is great and the staff at the Post Office are extremely helpful. The

Hunting Lodge is a delight for me, not only can I get in and out unaided but they have a fully accessible loo, that isn't locked, (yes some places are) cluttered with highchairs or cleaning materials. After several teething problems I can also report that the Community Centre is also totally accessible with a lift up to the School Hall and a disabled loo.

I would like to apologise to anyone who is disabled-friendly, whom I haven't mentioned. If you do make any alterations, add doorbells or signs etc please let me know and I can do a follow up article.

Thank you for reading this.

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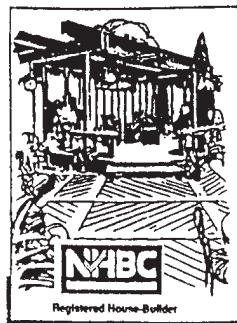
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Features

# A new Face for the Greyhound Inn, Burton

## Back to its original character.

The Greyhound Inn on Melton Road in Burton was taken over last September by new proprietor, Graeme Watson. A major refit followed, aiming to return the 200 year-old building to its original character. Old beams have been scraped free of black paint, brickwork and fireplaces exposed and the interior is now an attractive and characterful place to sit over your single malt whisky (there are 20 different ones to chose from) or a meal.

## A man with a mission.

Graeme is a man with a mission. He is dedicated to the view that "small is beautiful" when it comes to business. He feels very strongly that huge supermarkets are bad for society and lead to many social ills. All his supplies are sourced locally, or if they can't be, then they still come from small family

firms. He gets his meat (organic, of course) from a Loughborough butcher (I must introduce him to David Smart's sausages), vegetables from Syston, wine from George Hill and ice cream from Thurmaston. Coffee comes from a Glasgow coffee merchant but at least it is certified by Fairtrade and the Rainforest Alliance. The Greyhound is an Everards pub which, as a local Leicestershire brewery, also has a family ethos.

All food served in the restaurant is made on site apart from the ice cream and the bread. He does have a microwave but it's hardly ever used.

And his chefs have knives not scissors so his food is fresh and not frozen.

You might say that Graeme is selling a philosophy to his customers. That is plain when you read his menu.

## Promoting healthy eating

He is also passionate about the importance of promoting healthy eating amongst children. He is an ambassador for Springboard, a national charity that encourages children to eat healthily by involving them in the cooking process and finding out about food. You may have heard him on Radio Leicester talking on this theme.

## Events at The Greyhound

Graeme's plans for the Greyhound include a series of special events such as a seafood night with wine tasting, a French food night, Spanish Tapas night and barbecues and hog roasts in the summer. You can enjoy live music, mostly jazz, blues or folk, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.

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The competition is open to Barrow Voice readers over 18. A phone call will let you know that you have won and will give details of how to redeem your prize. In the event of a tie, all winning entries will go into a draw on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The editor's decision is final.

**1. Who played Willy Wonka in the Barrow production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?**

(Local Pages / Young People / Barrow Youth Theatre)

**2. Who was moving to Barrow?**

(Local Pages / Village History / Oral History / Moving to Barrow)

**3. What is the name of the river that divides our twinning town, Marans, in two?**

(Local Pages / Leisure / Barrow and District Twinning Association)

**4. Who are the Barrow Belles?**

(Local Pages / Sport / Barrow Belles)

**5. What is the new name for Barrow Community Association?**

(Local Pages / Barrow Community Association)

Don't forget to take a look at the Greyhound Inn's Guest Recipe on the back page of BarrowVoice

## Webbie Wonders – Animal Antics

It's amazing the things that animals get up to, or so these sites would have you believe

<http://www.greatherthings.com/Art/AnimalAdvice/>

gives you advice on how to live your life, with cute and funny photos to prompt you

Whilst animals on <http://www.cartalk.com/content/timekill/lamejokes/animal.html> are just the subject of excruciatingly awful jokes

<http://www.chesapeakestyle.com/animal/animal.html>

is more wordy, but even I was taken by the story of the Wiggly Giggly Baby – I am sure there is much on the site to delight all those more enamoured of animals than I

<http://www.gagreport.com/bizarrenews%20category%20-%20funny%20animal%20stories.htm>

has more stories of animal behaviour – but this is one site not for children!

Safe and clean sites with funny animal stories seem to be in short supply – let us know if there are any that you recommend

Laura Hegarty



# Walking the line

**Terri Davies gives an introduction to field walking.**

As the latest village Archaeological Warden, I have been asked to write something of what this entails. I am now responsible for organizing a team of 14 field walkers, taking over from the former Warden, John Frostick. We are looking to pick up any 'man-made' items or items not naturally occurring in fields. We try to walk on good warm or clear dry days, but it can quickly change while we're out there. Maybe you're asking yourself why on earth would we WANT to do that?

Fieldwalking is an archaeological survey system not only used in Leicestershire, but on a national basis. We walk the fields of the parish to discover historical information about the area. The fields where new housing is to be built in the village have been surveyed, though not by fieldwalking, before any building could be initiated. A possible Iron Age round enclosure ditch was found. This could mean a dwelling, or just an enclosed field for 'domestic' animals.

The fields are usually too big to be walked in their entirety, so we use a grid system to locate finds in the field, and give us a reference point if we have to return another day. When we've walked the field and picked up anything we believe significant, we bag it, and label the bag by said grid system for location and consequent analysis. The 'loot' is then taken home, washed and identified before contacting the County Archaeological

Services for their scrutiny and analysis. If there seems to be anything of significance, the information can then added to the national Sites and Monuments Register. This could lead to excavation, but only if the 'site' seems to be of any real importance, though with the use of remote sensing devices (or geophysics for those who watch Time Team), excavation now may not become essential.

By looking for and collecting 'man-made' items from the field, we can help build up a picture of any settlement or industry from Prehistoric times to the present. We can ascertain maybe where ancient settlement began, how it might have spread or not, and begin to question why, and whether people were farming in the area, or just passing through. The kind of items we are looking for while walking are anything not 'natural, eg worked flints, found just outside our parish in fields near Walton. These have been dated to the Paleolithic (pre-Ice Age) era. (see photograph – hand axe) As flint is not natural in this area, it has probably been brought here by an ice-sheet: post-Ice Age they could have been brought here by man. Other flints from Walton and around Barrow are from the Neolithic age (see photograph – the scraper is Neolithic to Bronze Age and 'fabricator' from the Neolithic era). These tell us someone was hunting, scraping the innards from the skins, and cutting them to shape.

Broken pottery we find, may tell us that farmers of the past have thrown away

their broken pots to help open up the soil. No change there, then! But it IS interesting to find out how long ago they were doing that! The pot fragments indicate the type of pot used, possibly what it was used for, maybe even the types of food/drink, where the pot was made, what they were made of and indicate the wealth of the locals, and whether/where they were 'trading'. The fact that there was farming tells us somewhat about the climate, that it was warm enough for farming and the kind of farming being carried out. The range of artifacts (pot, etc.) that is found can tell us whether the field/area in question was in continuous use, or just sporadic.

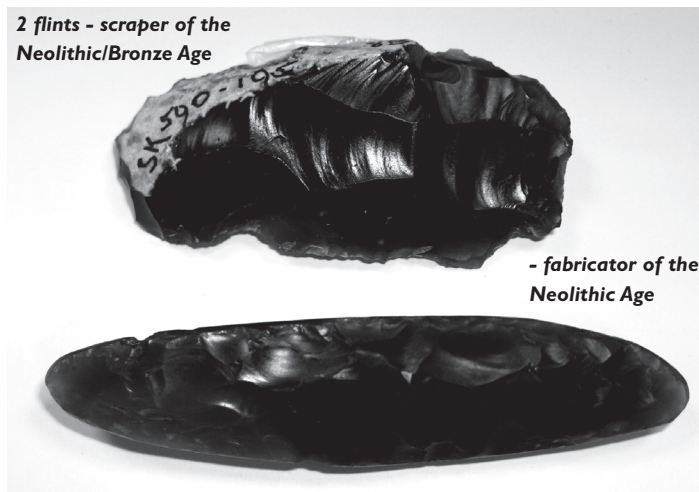
Surprised how much information can be found from just walking the fields?

Our aim, as a group, is to walk all, or most, of the parish fields to complete a historical record. So far, the team has covered 10 fields in Barrow, with an extra 6 in Walton-on the-Wolds parish, and is looking for more. We do not disturb the ground, we just walk across (preferably) ploughed fields, with the owner's permission so as not to destroy/disturb the crop. If you see a line of people in the fields on a Saturday morning, you now know what we are doing and why. If you have any fields available that we could walk over; or if you want to join us, you could contact me .....

**Terri Davies**  
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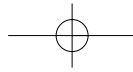


*1 flint – hand axe which has possibly become blunt and been 'retouched', or reshaped*



*2 flints - scraper of the Neolithic/Bronze Age*

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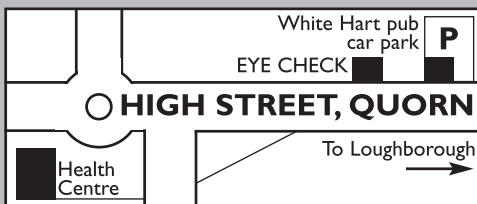
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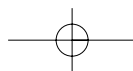
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## Arts

# Meat and two veg – a cocktail of adventure and song

Centre Stage makes its sixth visit to Barrow on Friday March 17th. Popular Cartoon de Salvo Theatre Company will be visiting Barrow again with their inspired play *Meat and Two Veg*. This is part of the Leicestershire's acclaimed Rural and Community Touring Scheme, Centre Stage, which brings live professional events to village venues.



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It's seaside Britain in the wake of the war, in a tale derived from *Twelfth Night*, and *Violet – or is it Vince?* – is confused. Her mother and father seek refuge in strong tea, but before their very eyes, rock'n'roll is brewing. Only a boat full of skiffle players can untangle the knot – but will they ever reach Blighty?

Slapping a lick of rainbow paint on monochrome 50s England, Cartoon de Salvo presents its acclaimed tall tale of

games around a washing line and has treats in store for the audience.

The appeal of Cartoon de Salvo is unmatched – audiences for this much-loved theatre company span all walks of life and, most excitingly, all generations.

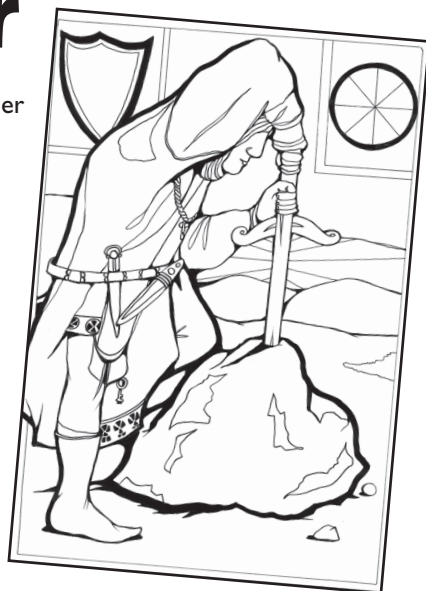
Be sure not to miss *Meat and Two Veg* – it's just the best! If you've visited any of our earlier Centre Stage shows or if you've heard other people talking about them, you know you'll be in for a real treat.

The show starts at 7.30 in Humphrey Perkins Community Centre on Friday March 17th. Tickets cost £6.00 and £5.00 (concessions and children) but if you buy in advance, you will benefit from a special discounted rate of £5.00 and £4.00. Tickets can be bought from The Paper Shop, High Street, Barrow or from Judith Rodgers on 01509 412063 or [rodgers\\_david@hotmail.com](mailto:rodgers_david@hotmail.com)

## Competition winner

Henry North was the winner of our December colouring competition and won tickets for the panto *Excalibur*, performed by the Barrow Panto Group.

*Well done Henry, hope you enjoyed the show.*



[WWW.BARROWVOICE.CO.UK](http://WWW.BARROWVOICE.CO.UK)

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Arts



## Excalibur! 2005/6

By Ginny Willcocks

### The Panto Group's production

This year's panto was Excalibur, a spoof of the story, "The Sword in the Stone." It tells the story of the young Arthur, who accidentally pulls the sword from the stone, and his mother, fearing terrible trouble for her son, tells the wizard, Merlin, that his friend, Derek, did the deed and thus Derek is declared King. As you might imagine Derek is not suited to this task at all and after a number of years it transpires that Arthur is the rightful ruler but by this time the kingdom has been over run by marauding Scots.

Arthur has to retrieve the Treasures of Britain to help defeat these northern raiders.

Arthur and his knights set off on their quest, assisted by the TB detector which looks extremely similar to Dr Who's Tardis, and they retrieve these treasures from Australia, Yorkshire, Malibu and Sibleby!

The story finishes with the threat of a battle between the fearsome Scots and Arthur's knights which is replaced with a fight between the Scot's Champion and King Arthur's Champion. After the fight the two sides make friends and live happily ever after "Oh yes they do!"

This was the 10th panto performed by the village Panto Group and it included all the usual audience participation, slap stick, fights and chases and some lovely songs to sing along with. Bob Mee and his back stage crew did a wonderful job once again with excellent scenery and props.

Thanks must go to Marie Slater and Jan Smith for their musical direction and to Jonno, Ollie and Richard for the light and sound, to Rose and Tilly for their sewing, to Keith Chaplin, Judith Rodgers and Nick Carter our small but very able band. Then last but by certainly no means least to Sue Rodgers for her tireless dedication in sorting out costumes, coaching, advising and stage direction and linking the production team together.

Hope you all enjoyed the show. The group haven't yet decided about their next production for 2007, auditions and rehearsals will begin at the end of August. If you would like to join the group you will be most welcome. You can ring either Judith Rodgers on 412063, Sue Rodgers on 416533 or Ginny Willcocks 413996.





# Honk!

## Youth Theatre production

**Carol and Gordon Kenneth did it again with the Youth Theatre's production of "Honk" last November. Those of you who went along to see the show cannot fail to admire Carol and Gordon's achievement with this group of young people. They produced a colourful, lively, tuneful show performed with enthusiasm and zeal by the 40 children, ranging in age from 7 to 17.**

The title does not really give too many clues, if any, regarding what the story is all about. Basically it tells the tale, in songs and dances, of The Ugly Duckling as per the Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tale. The adult production of the show

won the Laurence Olivier Award for the Best New Musical in 2000 and this production was the junior version of the same show. The music was, in my opinion, very Jazzy and consequently difficult to sing along to but these Barrow youngsters picked it up brilliantly, with the expert assistance of David Spiller on the piano and Marie Slater who coached them with their singing.

Some notable performances are certainly worth a mention, Abi Crossley, as the long suffering Ida, the ducklings' mother, sang and acted brilliantly as did Ollie Caver as her husband Drake. Izzy Fortuin who played the part of Blizzard has a truly beautiful voice and who will ever forget Andy Kenneth's

wonderful portrayal of "Ze Cat" and Luke Penrose as the cheeky bullfrog. Finally, well done to Alex Norris who played the lead character, "Honk", so well. His rendition of "Different", when he was lost, brought a tear to the eye. Well done all of you and once again I'm certainly looking forward to next year's production which I have just discovered is to be the Disney version of "Aladdin".

**By Ginny Willcocks**

# Community Association's Sell Out Dance Tour To Buenos Aires!

**Let the sequins sparkle! Perfumes mingle in the air. Spot lights spin around the room. Darren and Lilia step on to the dance floor... left, right, left, side, toe.**

Well, OK. It was my husband and me and a sell-out room full of Barrow residents at the Community Centre for BUSCA's very own Come Dancing Event. The Barrow Ballroom and Latin American Dance Group led us on a dance from Vienna to Buenos Aires, New Orleans to New York. And to think at the beginning of the evening my husband had complained, "Don't expect me to be able to do it. You know I can't dance." Aching feet apart, it was all made so easy - even those of us with two left feet soon learned which left one to put

first....left, other left, left, side, toe. With each dance broken down for us into small manageable bits and slowly put together everybody was soon having a go at, and enjoying, the waltz, rumba, tango and rock 'n' roll. Friendly people in easily identifiable T-shirts mingled on the dance floor to offer helpful hints as we trod on each other's toes. We had plenty of time to try out our new skills to dance tunes. Bumping into people, was just another form of introduction... left, right, left, side, sorry!

Towards the end of the evening we were wowed by an enthusiastic display of Lindy Hop dancing popular in the 1930s. Even my flat-footed husband was heard to say "I'd love to get onto the dance floor and be able

to do that". Well, he can put his feet where his mouth is... all three of them. The Barrow Upon Soar Ballroom and Latin American Dance Group hold lessons every week in Sileby. Anybody interested in learning new dances - for a wedding, a graduation ball or just for fun, can find out more by getting in touch with John Perry on (01509) 416549 or Sue Rodgers on (01509) 416533.

By the end of the evening, we knew enough to go home and have a quick tango round the kitchen before crawling into bed and falling asleep to sweet dreams of ... left, right, left, side, toe.

**Karisa Krcmar**



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# Directory looking for a home cont from last issue (Barrow Voice 102)

This is the second part of the Barrow entry in the *History, Gazetteer and Directory of Leicestershire and the small county of Rutland 1846* by William White. Part I was in the last edition.

If anyone is interested in acquiring this book (value approx £200) or giving it a good home and keeping it as a resource for the village, please contact Judith Rodgers on 01509 412063.

BARROW HOSPITALS, - In 1688, Dr. Humphrey Babington, in order that the name of his uncle Theophilus Cave, might be preserved in Barrow, devised to Thomas Babington and five others, and their heirs, the impropriate rectory of Barrow, Stables Farm, and other property in Barrow, Quorndon, and Mountsorrel; in trust to build a house in Barrow, for the maintenance of six poor widowers or bachelors, who should be called Theophilus Cave's Beadsmen, and be selected from amongst the aged and impotent persons of good character, in Barrow and Quorndon, in the proportion of five out of the former, and one out of the latter, "unless greater need should be;" each of whom, upon his admission, to have a good suit of blue cloth, edged and faced with white; and a load of coals, and £8 yearly; and to be provided with a nurse when sick. And, in further trust, to pay 40s. yearly to the vicar of Barrow, for preaching two commemoration sermons on Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday in Oct.; and to pay 50s. on each of the said days, to the vicar and-churchwardens,

for distribution among the poor, 30s. in money, and 20s. in bibles. And, in further trust, to keep in repair the chancel of Barrow Church, and the arms in the windows; and to pay £10 yearly to Sir Thomas Parkyns and his heirs; £10 to Edward Storer and his heirs; and to dispose of the surplus rents in augmenting the salaries of the beadsmen.

In 1802, the charity became the subject of an information by the Attorney-General, and it was ordered by the Master of the Rolls; that the surplus rents should be applied towards the support of five additional beadsmen, and that an increased allowance should be made to the whole number, and that the hospital should be altered and enlarged for the reception of the five. new beadsmen. The rental of the estate having greatly increased, a new scheme was sanctioned by the Court of Chancery, in 1825, for the extension of the charity to the support of an almshouse, for poor unmarried women, and empowering the trustees to increase the number of almspeople, either men or women, from time to time, as the funds would allow. Under this authority they erected the Women's Hospital, at the cost of more than £2000, including £400 paid for 3190 square yards of land; £150 for furniture, and about £350 for law expenses. This hospital is a neat building of two stories, and contains 12 bed-rooms, one common room, and a washhouse It is intended for 12 almswomen, but hitherto the number is limited to seven. The Men's Hospital is a stone building, and contains 14 rooms, but the inmates are only 11 in number. Both the men and the women have each a weekly stipend of 7s., and a yearly allowance for coals and clothing. Lord Ranchiffe, as representative of the two families named in the donor's will, receives £20 a year from the Charity Estate, which now yields about £390 per annum, and consists of 301A. 2R. 24P., the Rectory House of Barrow, and several cottages and other buildings. About 200 acres are in Barrow, and the rest at Quorndon, Charnwood Forest, and Mountsorrel. In addition to the estate, the charity possesses £1973 three per cent. reduced annuities, and £977.17s.11d. three per cent. consols; the dividends of which swell the total yearly income of the charity to about £475. T. G. Babington, Esq., C. W. Packe, Esq., the Rev. J. Babington, and others, are the trustees.

CLARKE'S CHARITY. - In 1717, Joseph Clarke devised to the Trustees of Barrow Hospital, two closes at Burton-on-the-Wolds, and various lands and common rights at Loughborough; upon trust, to pay yearly 15s, to the vicar of Prestwold; 15s to a schoolmaster for teaching one or more boys of Prestwold and Burton; and £10 for apprenticing a poor boy, or relieving poor members of certain families name in his will, alternately; and to apply the surplus rents and profits in





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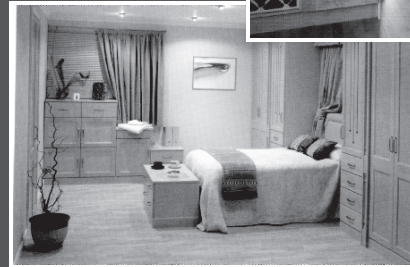
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## Old Barrow

apprenticing one or more poor children yearly, to be selected one year from Grantham, the second year from Loughborough, and the third year from any Parish within four or five miles from Loughborough at the discretion of the trustees. Some of the families named by the testator, having become extinct, and others being too wealthy to claim participation in the charity, a new scheme was sanctioned by the Court of Chancery, in 1825, for its future application. The charity estate now consists of 20A. 2R. at Burton, 20A. 39P. at Loughborough, and 5A. in Charnwood Forest, let for £101. 7s. 10d. per annum; to which are added the dividends of £304. 17s. 9d. three per cent .consols. Out of this income about £54 is applied yearly in apprentice fees, and £20 is distributed among the poor descendants of Rebecca Bousett, and £10 among, poor members, of the Tether and Clarke families; and 15s is paid to the minister, and 30s. to the schoolmaster of Prestwold.

**BISHOP BEVERIDGE'S CHARITY.** - In 1706; the Rt. Rev. Beveridge, D.D., Bishop of St. Asaph, who was born here in 1636, left to the Trustees of Barrow Hospital, an estate, then of the yearly value of £53, in trust to pay yearly £16 to the vicar of Barrow, for reading prayers, morning and evening; 40s. to the clerk, for ringing the bell; and 40s for distribution among the poor housekeepers; and to give the clear surplus rent to the curate of Mountsorrel, for reading prayers every morning and evening, and instructing the children of his chapelry once a week. By a contingent devise, an estate called the Hall Orchard, passed to the trustees, about 1760, in trust for augmenting the salaries of the vicar of Barrow and the curate of Mountsorrel. The trust estates now comprise 118A. 2R. 25P. of freehold land, let for about £200 per annum, of which the curate of Mountsorrel receives about £150; the vicar of Barrow, about £36; the clerks of Barrow and Mountsorrel each £2; and the poor of Barrow £2. The writings of Bishop Beveridge are numerous, and highly esteemed by the clergy.

**BARROW TOWN LANDS**, which have been vested, from an early period, for repairing the bridges, highways, wells, and causeways, were exchanged at the enclosure, and now consist of 30A. 39P., in Barrow, and 2A. 3R. 17P. in Charnwood Forest, let at rents amounting to £36. 10s. per annum. In 1680, James Jackson left a yearly rent-charge of 24s., for schooling six poor children, and it is now paid by Mr. Stone, to a mistress, for teaching six children to read. The poor of Barrow have 20s. a, year from Rawlin's Charity; a bible yearly, from Hickling's Charity; and £20 a year, left by George Perkins, in 1799, and said to be charged on an estate here, now belonging, to the Chapman family, and formerly to the testator.

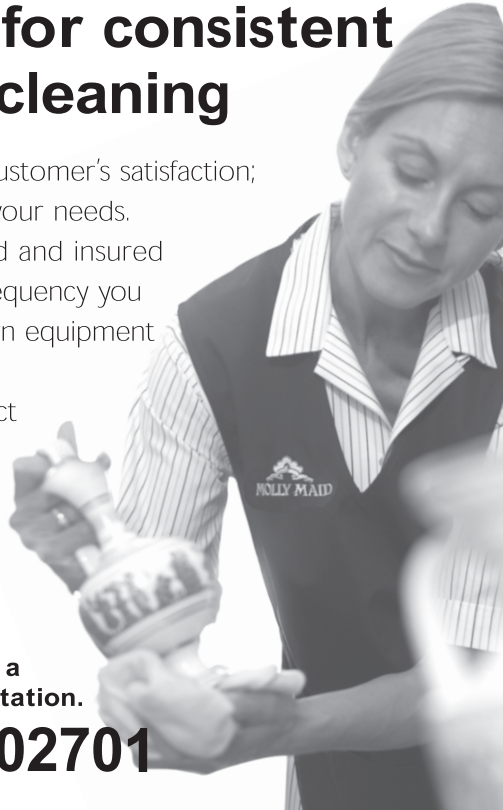
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**Village Life****BUSCA****Barrow Upon Soar Community Association**

As we happily think of the onset of spring and the coming of Easter, the events committee has been reflecting on yet another very successful New Years Eve Ball. The event was a sell out and we have had positive feed back on how enjoyable it was.

The Come Dancing evening we held only a week later was an overwhelming success, with many requests to repeat it as soon as possible. Unfortunately the availability of the hall means it will be some time before we can arrange another such evening.

Before Christmas we did have enquiries about the family disco that we had held on previous years. As the last one had been so poorly supported we regretfully decided not to organise one on New Year's Eve. However as 99.9% of the events committee are of a mature age, we would welcome and support anyone of YOUNGER YEARS who may like to take on the organisation of a family disco in the future.

Suggestions have been made that we hold May Day celebrations or a mid summer festival, and many people would like another river festival. Once again if there is anyone that would like to get involved in organising any of these events, please get in touch with anyone from the events committee (telephone numbers from me) and you will be welcomed with open arms.

**Forthcoming Events**

March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Theatre from Centre Stage, Cartoon de Salvo "Meat & two Veg"
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Ball, dance to the Judy Nicol Band.
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Summer dance with the Judy Nicol Band.
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Village bike ride.
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn dance with Just Us.

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## Sport



# Loughborough Shotokan Karate

## – yet another good year

Loughborough Shotokan Karate club, now into its fifth year at the Barrow Scouts Hut, continues to go from strength to strength. For 2006 there have been a few class changes, notably for the young ones class of 5 to 7yrs, now moves to Sundays and there is a brand-new **BEGINNERS CLASS** for **ADULTS**. So come on mums and dads you have no excuses now for not keeping that New Year resolution to get fitter, leaner and healthier. Karate is a great way to do all these things, including the benefit of learning how to look after yourself, using a very old and trusted martial art form. (Karate is not a quick fix; it takes many years of practice and dedication to master the true art)

As the title suggests, 2005 was another very successful year for the club. Again they proved worthy opponents at the annual inter-club competition against their sister club Leicester Shotokan. Barrow members took home an impressive 15 trophies equal to that of the Leicester club, but missed out on the trophy for the "Most Successful Club" when the points were tallied up for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

Throughout 2005 the club continued to progress, with members advancing through their grades, as they gained in knowledge and Karate skills, ending the year in style when on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 18-year-old Henry Bellingier became the club's first member to achieve the coveted Black Belt (1<sup>st</sup> Dan).

Club instructor Pete Statham (4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt) with 27 years of experience in training, teaching and

competing in Shotokan Karate, said how pleased he was, and how well the club and its members have developed over the year; adding that not only is he hoping for more Black Belts this year but also the club has a new group of emerging talent, in the form of last year's beginners. Many of these will soon be able to move up and join the higher grades on the intermediate class.

Leicester Shotokan concentrates on the very strong and powerful Japanese based discipline of Shotokan Karate using striking, blocking and counter attack techniques for self-defence purposes. At the club this is taught on a steady building process. Initially students are shown the basic principles of Karate. They are then guided through a tried and trusted training system that builds and develops into one of the most powerful forms of Martial Arts.

If you're interested in finding out more about Karate lessons for adults or children,

Pete Statham would be delighted to hear from you. You can reach him on 0116 2996484 or 07719 975099

**Club: Loughborough Shotokan Karate Club**

**Venue: Barrow-Upon-Soar Scouts Hut**

**Meet:  
Every Sat at:  
9:30am (beginners)**

**10:30am (intermediates)**

**11:30am  
(New adult beginners class)**

**Sun at  
9:45am (Karate for 5 to 7yrs)**

**10:30am (Children extra training)**

**11:30 (Adults & advanced grades)**

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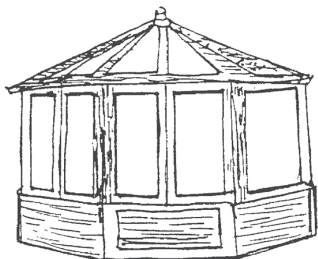
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## Sport



# Ashes series inspires local cricketers

There can be few readers of *Barrow Voice* who failed to be captivated, if only for a brief time, by the 2005 Ashes Test series against the Australian tourists. To hear matches discussed by those who have had shown scant, if any, previous interest in cricket and for them to agree that this sport can be exciting, was quite amazing. All of this trickles down to the grass roots of the game and we have certainly felt this at our local village club.

The 2005 season was one of the most successful for the club both on and off the field. The Saturday 1st XI, playing in the Premier division of the Leicestershire Club league, ended in fifth position (7<sup>th</sup> in 2004). With ex-County player David Millns as captain, this young side produced some top class performances finishing behind some of the more experienced sides in the League from Loughborough, Market Harborough and Lutterworth. The Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, captained by Steve Grew, won the 'full house'. They topped their division (five) in the League and are promoted for the 2006 season and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI League Cup in an entertaining final against Leicester Banks CC. Then, in the last match of the season the club won the Loughborough Charity Cup by defeating Kegworth Town CC by one wicket in another 'adrenaline high' match.

In Thursday evening senior cricket the club retained its Premier division status but will not be entering the Thursday league competition in 2006, although will enter the Joe Orton Thursday evening League Cup. The club will defend its Charity Cup title with the preliminary rounds of evening matches and the final will be held on a Sunday afternoon in September.

### Clubmark

But it has been in junior cricket where the club has accelerated its position to be at the forefront of junior cricket in the County. Last summer the club finally achieved Clubmark status following recognition as a Focus Club. Clubmark is awarded by the ECB (national governing body for cricket) and is in recognition of a club's high standard of coaching and welfare, particularly for young players. The award was gained through a great deal of hard work and the club is delighted with its achievement. The club now has around 100 young players, from U.7s to U.15's, boys and girls, receiving high quality coaching and care. Two teams will be fielded at most age groups. The younger age groups take part in soft ball Kwik cricket and progress to the hard ball game at U.13. We are close to saturation point for youngsters but the level of interest and revival in the game is a very positive sign.

### Chance to Shine

During this winter, the club has been further recognised for its involvement with junior cricket by being chosen to take part, along with Hinckley Amateurs CC in the 'Chance To Shine' initiative.

This is sponsored by The Cricket Foundation, an independent charity. Overall, the project aims to reach a third of schools in England and Wales in the next 10 years with a mixture of corporate, private and government funding. The purpose is to rejuvenate cricket in schools with clubs sending their qualified coaches into local schools and perhaps more teachers will be encouraged to take up the sport.

At this time we are making full use of local indoor net facilities for both seniors and juniors, but all cricketers look forward to the summer and we are ready to make the best use of new practice facilities at the Nottingham Road ground. These facilities were sponsored,

in part, by the Lords' Taverners whose generous support is acknowledged.

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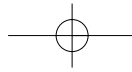
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  - 14<sup>th</sup> Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Conservative Club, 7.30pm
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Meat & two veg, Cartoon de Salvo Theatre Co, Humphrey Perkins High School, 7.30pm
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning, Church Rooms, 9-11.30am
  - 25<sup>th</sup> WI Spring Fair, Bishop Beveridge Club  
HT Wives Jumble Sale, Church Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
  - 31<sup>st</sup> Whist Drive, Holy Trinity Church Rooms  
Centre Film: Wallace & Gromit "Curse of the Wererabbit", Scout HQ, 7.00pm
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- 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church minimart & coffee morning, 10am  
Spring Ball with Judy Nicol Band, HPHS
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Trinity Men's Group, Talk by a ranger from Watermead Country Park, Church Rooms, 8pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Baptist Church Luncheon Club, 12.30pm
  - 10<sup>th</sup> WI (to be arranged), Bishop Beveridge Club, 7.30pm
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Holy Week Service 8.00pm HT Church for Wives, Mothers Union & Men's Group
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Trinity coffee morning, Church Rooms, 9-11.30am
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  - 17<sup>th</sup> Cossington's Secret Gardens, 11-5pm
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- 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Trinity Church teddy bear bungee jump
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Barrow Scouts 50 year celebrations, Scout HQ, 2pm onwards  
Methodist Church minimart & coffee morning, 10am
  - 8<sup>th</sup> HT Men's Group, Talk by David Dipple on Fairtrade, Church Rooms, 8pm WI, Resolutions Meeting, BB Club, 7.30pm
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Community Association AGM, Community Lounge, HPHS, 7.30pm
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  - 20<sup>th</sup> HT coffee morning, Church Rooms, 9-11.30am
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> HT Wives: Walk to Quorn & Mountsorrel, 7.15pm start
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Methodist Church minimart & coffee morning, 10am
  - 5<sup>th</sup> HT Men's Group, river trip from Sibley Mill, Meet 18.45 hrs
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Baptist Church Luncheon Club, 12.30pm
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Trap Charity Music Festival in aid of Barrow Youth Theatre (20%), Air Ambulance (40%), Dreams Come True (40%), 2-11pm  
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  - 12<sup>th</sup> WI, 'The work of the air ambulance', Mrs Barbara Quinn, BBClub, 7.30pm
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- 1 Fillet Smoked Haddock
- 1/4 pt Cream or milk
- Small bunch chives – chopped
- Grated Parmesan
- 1oz Butter



- Skin the haddock and remove all the bones and then poach lightly in the cream.
- Drain, flake the fish and set aside separate from the cream.
- Melt the butter in a pan over a medium heat and stir in the rice.
- Gradually add the hot stock stirring regularly over about a 10 minute period.
- If the rice is not cooked when you run out of liquid simply add a little hot water and continue cooking.
- When the rice is cooked add the haddock and a little cream.
- Add some parmesan, chopped chives and season to taste.
- If the risotto is a bit dry again add some stock or hot water to get a soft slightly wet consistency.

Enjoy, **Graeme Watson**

