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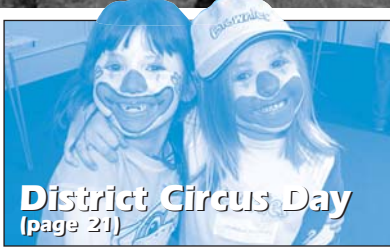
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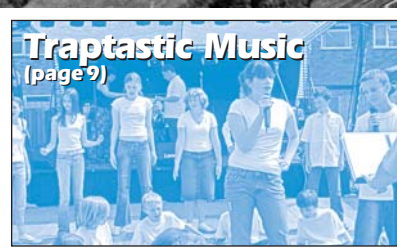
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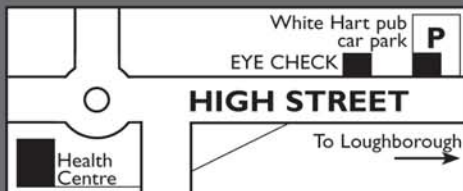
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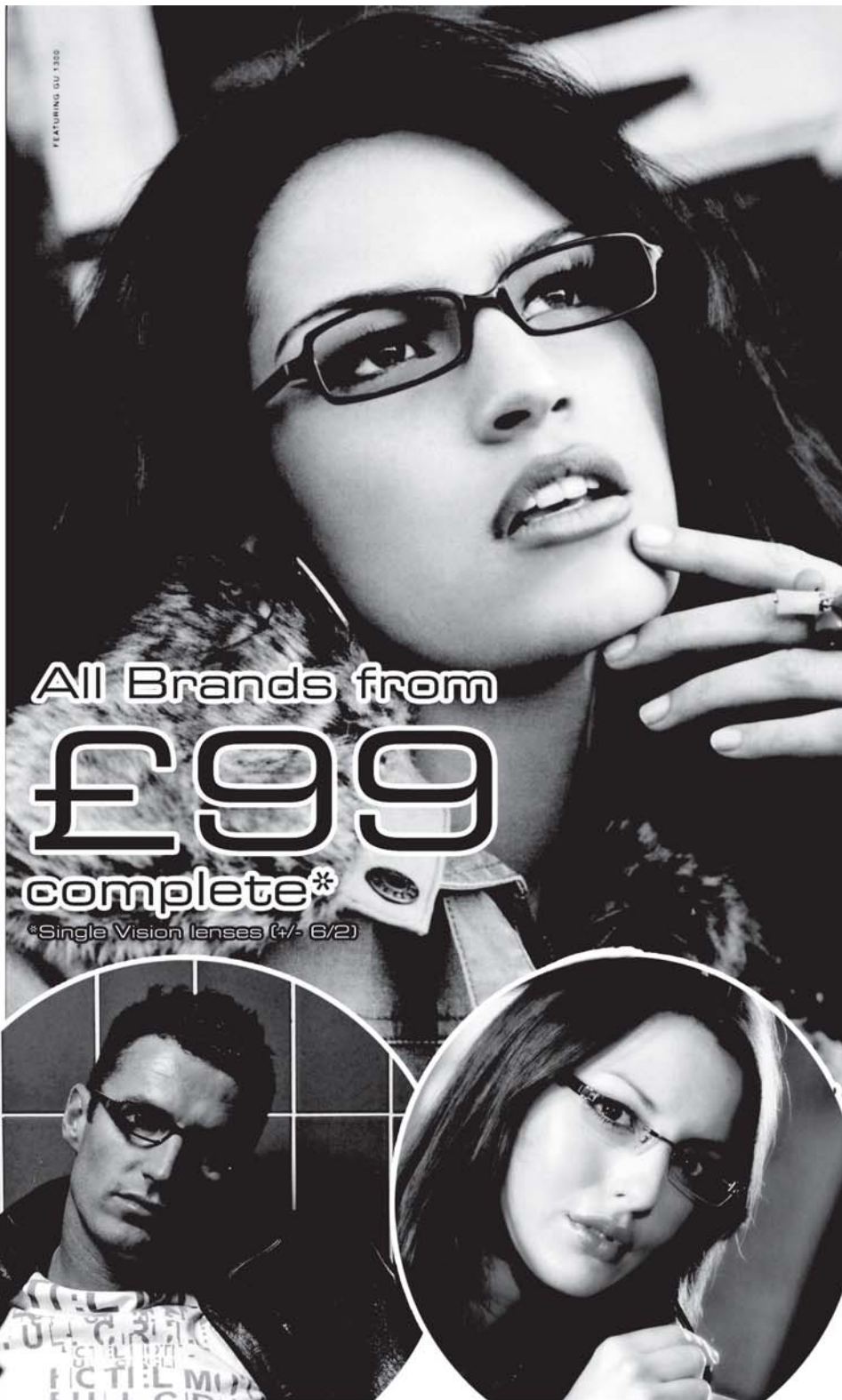
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Three seasons in one

This edition takes a look at summer events, updates you on what is happening this autumn and previews Christmas festivities in the village. It just goes to show how much there is going on in Barrow at the moment. Is it time to think about a new community building? Inside is an invitation to get involved in this ambitious project. The volunteers taking forward recommendations from the Parish Plan share news of their progress and even if you are not a fan of 'Time Team', have a look at the story of the 'big dig' at the Willow Way site.

If you have any comments on this issue, or ideas for future editions we would love to hear them. Full contact details are on the back page.

Frances Thompson

The article in the summer edition of BV regarding NHS care at Soar Valley Dental Practice caused some misunderstanding which resulted in a number of enquiries at the surgery for which we apologise. If anyone would like to clarify the services which are offered, please contact 01509 413965.

Village Directory and Welcome Pack

The Parish Plan identified a desire for better information to residents and visitors about village amenities and for help to newcomers to become involved in the community life of Barrow.

The Barrow Voice Team, under the umbrella of the Community Association, plans to address these two issues by creating a Welcome Pack which will be given to every new resident of the Willow Way development (and other newcomers) as they move in. It will also be available free as a Barrow Directory to any existing resident who would like a copy. The Welcome Pack and Directory will be based on an updated and expanded version of Who Goes, the guide to community groups which the Community Association has produced in the past. You will find lots of extra information about village facilities and amenities and hopefully, it will be a really useful source of local information. The Barrow Directory will also be available in a down-loadable version on the village website, www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk

We have been successful in gaining funding for this project and we aim to have the Welcome Pack and Directory printed by the end of September. So expect to see fliers around the village telling you all about it (again!) and telling you where to pick up your copy (library, Post Office, Paper Shop, etc).

Aerial Photo (front cover)

This aerial photo was taken by Peter Stephens of Birch Avenue on a flight in a light aircraft early in the summer. You can see very clearly the relationship of the new development to the rest of the village. The Miller Homes part of the site is just visible towards the bottom left corner. It all looks very different in September.

Peter also took the aerial photo which shows the site of the archaeological dig (see article by Terri Davies and Arthur Gardner),

Thanks to Pete for thinking of Barrow Voice.

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Archaeological Finds at Willow Way



Fig 1.

In the last Barrow Voice, the archaeologist responsible for checking the Willow Way development, Danny McAree, asked for anybody who had information of the lime working in Barrow. Here's why..

It is a condition of new building developments that the developer must pay for a detailed archaeological examination of the site. This is to record anything of importance before it is destroyed by the building work. Danny McAree of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Service led the excavation.

Figure 1 is an aerial photograph of the site, spanning two fields either side of Strancliffe Lane. Some parts of the site have had the topsoil stripped off to enable Danny and his team to see and get at the archaeology underneath. Danny will be writing a report, which we will see in a few months time and he is also offering to give us a presentation on his work at Willow Way. This article is a taster based on

conversations with Danny about the areas marked A, B and C in fig. 1.

Area A revealed remains of what Danny thinks is an Iron Age hut surrounded by small fields. Other such huts have been found in Barrow, showing that people have lived here for thousands of years. In the centre of the hut was found a burnt and broken stone. Despite the fact that the period is known as the Iron Age, few people could afford iron, so they would mostly cook in pottery bowls filled with water, which they boiled with stones heated in the fire - the origin of 'pot boiler'!

In Area B they found red circles of burnt soil, along with traces of coal. Not a lot to see as you notice in fig. 2, and these have since been built over.

These burnt circles are the remains of an early form of lime kiln also known as "sod" or "clamp" kilns, and are evidence of small-scale lime workings in the Middle Ages. Maybe a few men would rent a field and dig for limestone which, locally, was about 3-4 metres below ground. They dug out the limestone ("delved" for it) and made a simple kiln nearby. This was made by digging a small, round hole which was filled with kindling and coal, then covered with limestone and sods of turf in alternate layers and lit. It would have smouldered for days before the limestone was sufficiently dry to become quicklime for use as a kind of fertiliser on their fields, or as mortar for building.



Area C is the most exciting. Here Danny found the limekiln shown in fig.3. This is a sophisticated type of kiln, which may have been used in the mid-1800s (exact dating awaited). Peter Yates is shown in the photo to give it scale! The half that has survived shows the cone shape: Danny suspects that the top half was an inverted cone, so that the whole thing would have looked like an egg. Steps lead down to the base where Peter's standing. The kiln was lined with bricks - the "eggshell" - but most of these have been removed and possibly reused, when the kiln was no longer needed. So, what you see is the mould of the kiln, like a giant fossil. It was surrounded and supported by quarry waste back-filled around the brick lining. You can also see the vertical slots in the walls. These are the remains of internal flues, taking heat up into the middle of the kiln. This one would have been loaded from an open hole at the top, alternating with layers of coal and limestone. A fire was lit at the bottom and the burning controlled so that the fire did not escape from the top. As the limestone dried and crumbled, it was

removed at the base, so more coal and limestone could be tipped in at the top. This type of kiln was kept burning for weeks as a continuous process, and would produce a very high grade quicklime.

Another kiln of the later style was found nearer Cotes Road, between Strancliffe Lane and Brooker's Nursery (fig. 4), which

shows the approach to the kiln. You can see the steep ramp, revetted each side by rough stone and brick walls which were usually removed before the abandonment and back-filling of the kiln. These bricks were often reused on the next kiln.

[Other types of kiln were found, but did not photograph satisfactorily, so we have not described them here]

The surprising fact is that Danny found over 30 kilns, of at least 4 types, in these two fields. Together they show that limestone was being worked in Barrow over many centuries. Apparently, they are intriguing kiln specialists, as ours are a little different from most other kilns found around the country. Danny is convinced that other fields - if explored as thoroughly - would show similar evidence of lime-working. What's more, although we have maps of old lime-workings around Barrow, most of the kilns found so far are NOT shown on the maps! So there must be more out there, waiting to be found. That's why Danny is asking for any information we can give him such as old photos or memories of the kilns. The information might help him piece together missing details - like was the kiln really as egg-shaped as he thinks? He is away in China for a while, looking at the terracotta army, so this could give you time to recollect anything. If you do remember, please contact me (Terri Davies, Archaeology Warden, 18, Cotes Rd.) and I can pass it all on to Danny. Thank you in advance.

Terri Davies and Arthur Gardner



Barrow wins best village award again

News came through at the end of August that Barrow has again won one of coveted Leicestershire and Rutland Best Village Awards, for 2006. So will we keep the street trophy that you see at the entrance to the Three Crowns car park? Last year's competition was sponsored by Leicester Mercury. This year the sponsors are Calor (Gas) and DEFRA so perhaps we will get a new one.

Run by the Rural Community Council, this annual competition is no walk-over. Councillor Marie Slater along with the Clerk prepared our "bid" which was then followed up with an in-depth scrutiny of our application by the judges. You may be interested to know that this competition is no longer about "pretty villages". The appearance of the village is just one of the things that the judges are looking at. The main thrust is "building community life" and it is here that



Barrow scores so highly. The activities of Barrow's very successful Youth Theatre had been chosen for an entry to the Young People Category and judges met some of the young members who talked with huge enthusiasm about the group. The Youth Theatre has been awarded Best Village Award Young People's Project.

Ten years of twinning

Our French visitors arrived on a beautiful warm sunny day, with England looking her very best, just what was required for the celebrations that marked the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter in Barrow.

As the area around Marans is very flat, we had arranged a trip to Derbyshire, so that our French friends could see the wonderful scenery we have on our doorstep. In true English style Friday brought a change in the weather, so we viewed the beautiful well dressings at Tissington whilst sheltering under umbrellas from the persistent rain, but this didn't dampen our enthusiasm for the intricate designs of this unique art form. After an excellent lunch at Baslow, we went on to Chatsworth House where we all enjoyed the splendour of the house and gardens. Our tour around Derbyshire took in some spectacular views that would have looked even better had the weather been kinder

Our formal celebrations took part on Saturday evening when we had a short re-dedication service and reflected on the many friendships that had been

made over the previous 10 years. Contact with ex pupils of Humphrey Perkins School had been made and it was both interesting and funny listening to accounts of those first exchanges going back to the 1950/60s. After the service there was an informal reception hosted by the Parish Council, followed by the official dinner at Humphrey Perkins. The menu had been arranged to show the best of English cooking and Tom the chef did us proud; the meal was excellent and drew compliments from our guests - praise indeed. Afterwards there was plenty of time to look at the many photographs and displays and have a good chat. It's amazing how much you can communicate with just a little knowledge of each others' language. During the evening Ted Rodgers, on behalf of the Parish Council was presented with a beautiful hand-carved solid wood chair that will



no doubt take pride of place in the Parish Council offices.

Sunday morning came all too quickly and we were all gathered on the Three Crowns car park, saying our goodbyes and waving them on their way to Birmingham airport.

We are all eagerly looking forward to next year when we will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Charter in Marans and where, from past experiences, we know our host will provide splendid celebrations.

The Twinning Association is always pleased to welcome new members. If you are interested, please contact Kathryn Timmons on 01509 416168.

Val Gillings

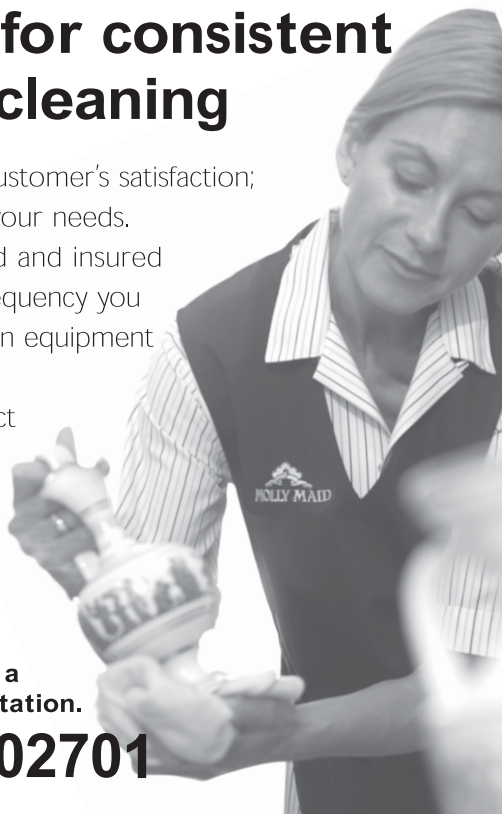


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Landlord Nigel Toon said:

'On behalf of myself and Jean I would like to thank everyone who helped with the event, from glass collectors to performers and fundraisers. In particular, thanks must go to Dave from AC-DC Entertainments for the loan of the stage, to Vern Wager for his magnificent fundraising efforts and to the originator and organiser of the event, Malcolm Wagg. Both Vern and Malcolm have done the job for the last four years and are now taking a back seat for a well-earned rest. Also, special thanks to all our 25 sponsors and everyone who bought raffle tickets.

'We raised at least £5,500 this year, giving a total of £20,500 over the past four years. However, with Vern's departure we desperately need

someone to co-ordinate and take a leading role in the fundraising effort. Anyone who could help in any way should contact me at the Trap (01509 412615).

'The money this year was split between The Air Ambulance, Wish Upon A Star and Barrow Youth Theatre. Two individual donations of £500 each, and a wonderful £350 from the Bradgate Arms helped to swell the total. We feel that the event is now large enough for a major sponsorship from a local company. It is a pity that this year Barrow's three largest employers managed only £300 between them. Any businesses that would like to become involved next year should contact me as soon as possible. You couldn't have put a blade of grass between the people attending, who were spilling out into the street.

The recipients of the funds couldn't believe the size of the event, one being, according to Jean, 'gobsmacked and flabbergasted'. Indeed, the representative from Wish Upon A Star came for 20 minutes but stayed for two hours!

'The only things that are paid for out of the donations are the airfares for the raffle grand prize and the printing of the raffle tickets themselves - any friendly printers or travel agents out there?

'Finally, we must thank everyone who attended - particularly for their patience and good humour when queuing at the bar. The event went off with not one moan, no trouble and no aggravation. See you all next year!'

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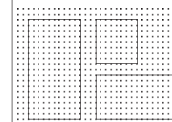
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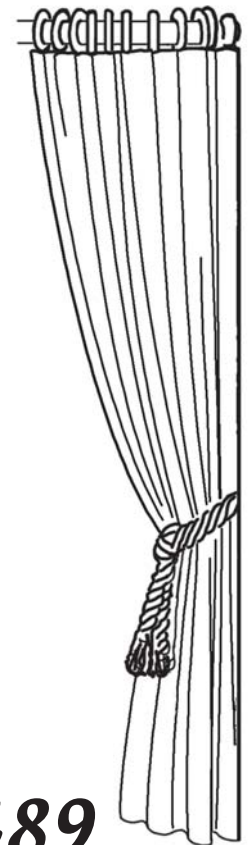
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Parish Plan - we hear from the Action Groups

In the June edition of Barrow Voice, we reported on the early progress of responses to some of the recommendations of Barrow's Parish Plan. It is exciting that there is so much further progress to report this September. Of course, there's still a huge amount of effort needed to achieve some of the 'wishes' that you identified back in summer 2005. All the groups that you will read about below would welcome new members to help with the task.

One very positive thing that I would like to report is all the new friendships that have formed amongst these various Action Groups. People who perhaps haven't been involved in this sort of activity before are finding that they are enjoying the sense of purpose and...community! If you would like to get involved, phone me, Judith Rodgers on 412063.

Youth

A small team of determined volunteers is currently focusing on finding out what our teenage residents would most appreciate in the way of leisure activities and facilities. Some of us are 'old fogeys' and although our hearts are in the right place, we feel to be out of touch with how today's youngsters tick.

We have a second disco planned for Saturday 14th October and we will be very interested to see how it goes. We are collecting other suggestions, such as a Café Evening with (non-alcoholic) cocktails and an X-Factor evening. Over the next few months, it is going to be vital to get ideas and feed-back from the Young People themselves.

Any offers of help or ideas would be gratefully received by Lionel Woodhouse on 413232.

Sports

In the June edition of Barrow Voice, the Sports Action Group reported its considerable interest in the latest attempts by Humphrey Perkins High School to build a Sports Hall on school premises. The Governors have made it quite clear that such a facility would be available for use by the community when not in use by the school. In our report, we noted the importance of dialogue between the School Governors and members of the community in the early planning stages of a multi-use Sports Hall. We are delighted to report that this idea has been welcomed and Alan Willcocks, a member of the Sports Action Group is now a member of the Sports Hall working party. The Chair of the Community Association, Judith Rodgers, who is also a Community Governor, is also part of the team. The next meeting of the Sports Action Group will be on Monday 25th September at 7.30 in the community lounge. Do come along if you are interested in influencing decisions.

Over the next few weeks and months, a lot of hard work will be put in by all concerned to try to secure matched funding to build a 'proper' sports hall that is of a high enough specification to be of great value to a wide range of sports groups. Things all sound very encouraging and exciting and perhaps, this time, Barrow really will get the sports hall that it has been seeking for so long.

Heritage

This has been slow to get off the ground due to the pressure of other things but Arthur Gardner is determined, now, to get it moving. By the time you read this we should have received a substantial grant from the Countryside Agency - about £18,500! - to undertake a range of projects in and around the village. (More about this in the Winter edition of Barrow Voice.) Arthur is going to fix a public meeting for all who might be interested in helping. Also, he wants to try and restart the 'Local Studies Society', under the auspices of the Community Association, as a forum for research and learning about local history, the environment, archaeology, or whatever. The aim is to produce guidebooks, exhibitions and the like to make people more aware of the local heritage as requested in the Parish Plan surveys.

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Business Forum

Barrow upon Soar is set to become an even better place to shop and trade following the formation of the Barrow Business Forum.

The Forum has been set up with the aim of promoting Barrow as a place to do business, by ensuring that Barrow residents and other businesses know about the range of skills and services available within their village, and to give businesses a co-ordinated voice to express their views on village matters.

There are over 200 businesses which the forum is aware of operating in Barrow including all the local shops plus a wide range of other businesses providing such diverse services as sewing machine repairs, soft furnishing, accountancy, boating, web design, computer services, child care, gardening, electricians, plumbers etc, etc etc.

Having a thriving business community is essential to the general well being of any village; it provides local jobs, shops - which make life easier for all residents and particularly the more vulnerable who may not have ready access to transport, not to mention local tradesmen to carry out repairs and services on properties. Using local businesses is generally easier and friendlier than having to deal with someone many miles away.

One of the first tasks of the Forum will be to produce information about businesses in Barrow for distribution to residents, including families moving to the new Willow Way development. Lists of local businesses will be available at various places around the village so, whatever you need, you should be able to find a local business to

help. The aim is to also provide a mediation service so should any resident have a dispute or problem with a Forum member they can ask the Forum to intervene to try to resolve the problem - yet another reason for using a local business which is a member of the Forum.

For businesses, not only will the Forum be a cost effective way of promotion but the intention is to provide access to business advice and help and to explore the various grants and other assistance available from a variety of sources.

Any business in Barrow interested in joining the Forum should contact Barrie Atkinson on 01509 414498 or by email to barrie.joyatkinson@btopenworld.com

Traffic

Back in June of this year after the consultation period resulting from the Parish Plan, a group of villagers met at the Community Centre and in July the Barrow Traffic Action Group was formed.

The group is open to any villager who would like to see the village traffic problems improve and currently we are about 30 strong. The Plan highlighted the strong feeling amongst local residents.

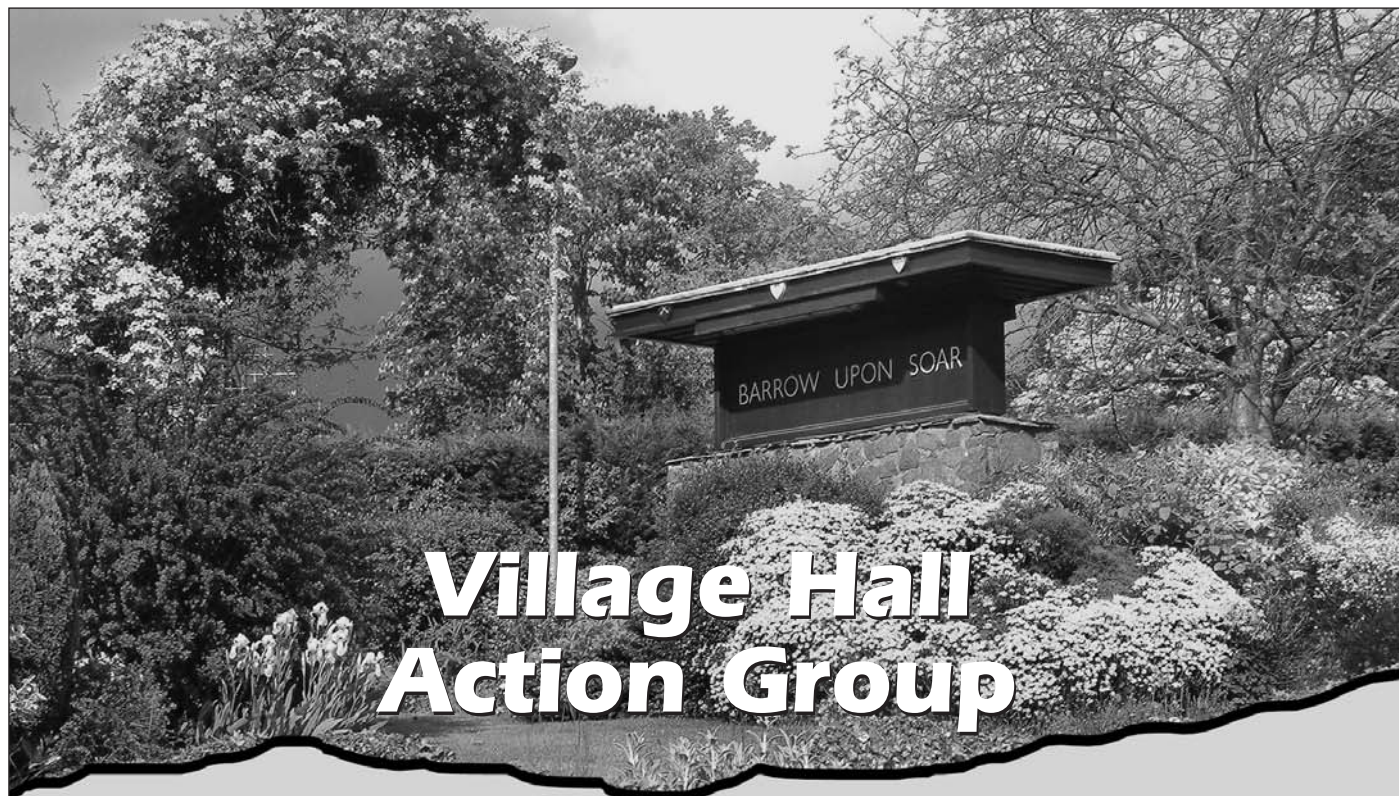
Meetings are every third Tuesday in the month at the Bishop Beveridge Club, at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

(Please note that if you wish to report a traffic problem or make a complaint, the Traffic Action Group is probably not the correct route. Instead, phone any of the following numbers: Parish Council Office on 01509 416016, the Roadline Freephone number 0800 626203 or the Police on 0116 222222)



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Village Hall Action Group

A brand new village hall? It could happen!

The parish plan survey indicated that the issue of social facilities in Barrow is very important to the community. An Action Group has been set up and at the time of writing members of the group are looking for possible sites in and around Barrow. They are also exploring various sources of funding.

This is an ambitious project; make sure it fulfils **your** needs.

We need **your** help.

A short questionnaire has been circulated soon to identify areas of use for a village hall. Please help us by filling it in.

Plus

Why not consider joining the Action Group, if you haven't done so already. No special skills required just lots of enthusiasm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th October in Bishop Beveridge Club at 7.30pm.

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Barrow's Golden Couple

The Barrow Voice team would like to share with you the Golden Wedding celebrations of one of the founder team members, John Thursby. He and Joan recently celebrated their 50 years of married life surrounded by family and friends.

At 78 and 72 respectively, John and Joan haven't always lived in Barrow. John, a native of Peterborough, did his National Service in Catterick camp and post-war Germany as a radio mechanic. He says he enjoyed the experience and it led to him studying electrical engineering at Loughborough College. He reminded me that those were the days of glass valves..."how things have changed". After working for Crompton Parkinson, he moved to Brush Electrical Machines in Loughborough. He retired from Brush in 1992.

Joan was born in Dovercourt, near Harwich. At five years old, she experienced the trauma of war-time evacuation, spending two unhappy years, separated from her family and living in rural Gloucestershire. At 18, she went to Southlands teacher training college in Wimbledon to study music and arts and crafts. Her first job was infant teaching in Chelmsford, with 48 new entrants in her very first class. She commented "nursery schools and playgroups didn't exist in those days and children weren't ready for school in the way that most 5-year olds are today. Those early days were hard for children and teachers."

John met Joan at a Methodist Youth Group in Wimbledon. Joan invited the whole group to tea in Southlands, including John. They married in 1956 in Chelmsford Methodist Church, where the toast to the happy couple was made in Britvic orange! After 12 years of married life, they moved to their current house in Thirlmere Road, Barrow. Their two children, Anne and Phil, were born in Chelmsford and they now have four grandchildren, Hannah, Ross, Simon and Kieran.

Joan returned to teaching as a supply teacher at the (then) Cotes Road Barrow Infants School under Helen Lungley. She



enjoyed a number of happy years there but changes in rules governing supply teaching led her to leave teaching. She worked at Wrights in Quorn and then Barrow Health Centre as receptionist and then Practice Manager.

When I asked John and Joan to tell me about their activities in Barrow outside of work, I was unprepared for the sheer extent of their involvement, both past and present. I knew, of course, that both are "pillars of the Barrow Methodist Church". John seems to have held all possible positions at some time and is still the Property Steward and in charge of hiring. Joan has been organist for the past 35 years and also plays for funerals and weddings at Holy Trinity Church. "It's not me that's the problem with the Vidor; it's the organ" she said, wryly. She, like John, has played a key role in many church activities and is currently 'Marmalade Queen' for the monthly Methodist MiniMart. She has also been heavily involved in producing Roger Jones' Christian musicals as a combined venture of all the Barrow Churches. This will include 'Simeon' that is planned to be part of the festivities at the beginning of December, marking the start of the Christmas season.

Outside of the Church, John has also been central to many Barrow institutions. He helped in the building of the Community Centre back in the 1970s and he was the first Community Association Treasurer. He remembers collecting the £1.00 annual subscription from any resident who wished

to be a member. The practical problems of this system quickly led to the current practice where every resident is a member but there are no subscriptions. He has also been involved with Barrow Voice since its beginning. He was a Parish Councillor for 28 years, particularly involving himself with the management of the playing fields and Barrow Charities. He has been involved with the WEA (Workers Educational Association) since the Barrow branch was formed and he is currently Chairman. He thus helps to set up non-vocational educational classes such as local studies, archaeology, heritage and natural history. Last, but not least, every Wednesday morning, he goes off to Loughborough to manage the Barrow group of Teamprint. This organisation uses premises attached to the Methodist Church in Royland Road and prints posters, booklets, village magazines and leaflets for local community groups and charities. Charges are at cost and if you are interested in Teamprint's services or if you would like to offer help, ring John on 412467.

You can see that there's still a lot of life left in this Golden Couple. They illustrate very well the community spirit that is so strong in Barrow. If the village would benefit from a particular activity or service, they don't sit back and expect someone else to do the work; they get right into the action...and stick with it. So, "Thanks, John and Joan. You're both Barrow Champions!"

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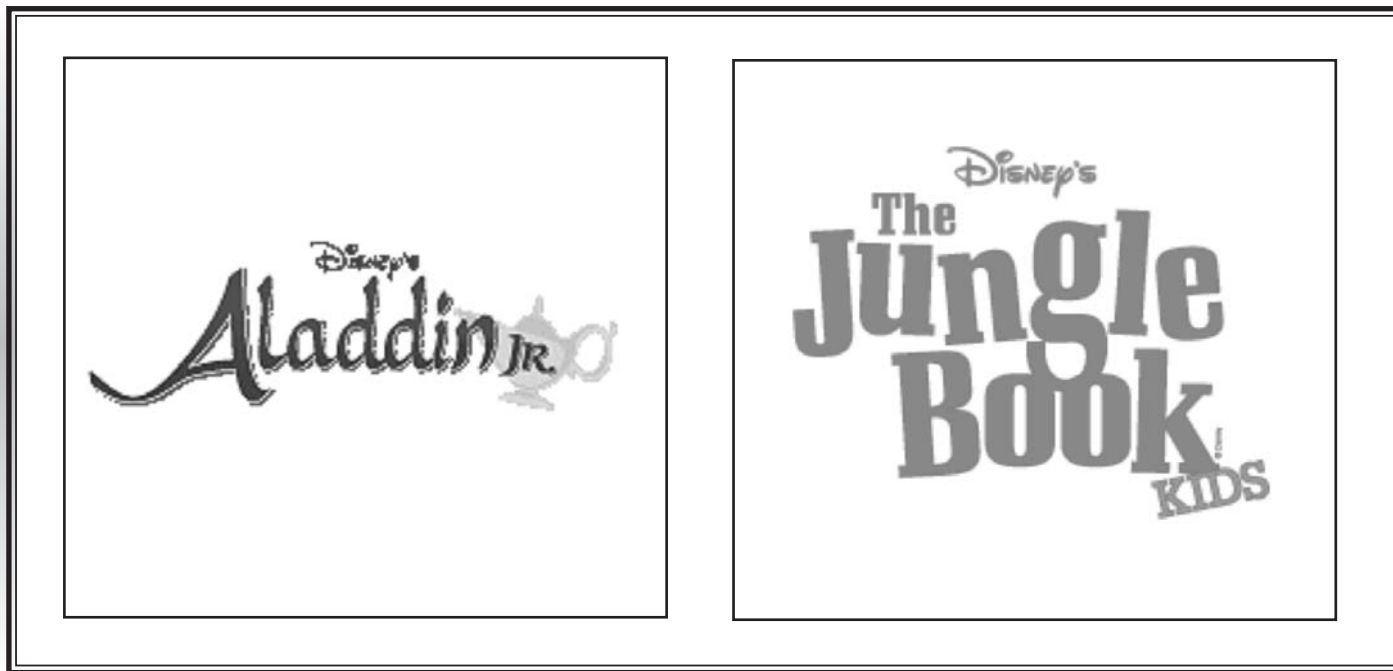
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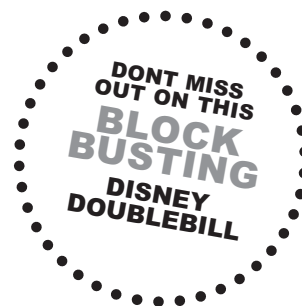
Barrow Youth Theatre is proud to present a Disney double bill featuring all your favourite Disney songs and characters. Aladdin Junior and The Jungle Book Kids have been specially adapted and shortened for performance by young people and we know you will not be disappointed in this first for Charnwood.

Disney's Aladdin has all of your favourite characters in this stage version of the Disney hit, including Aladdin, Jasmine and of course the Genie. Filled with magic mayhem and flying carpet rides, audiences' spirits will soar with excitement. Most of all, the tuneful Academy award winning score with songs, including "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me" will certainly make this musical a favourite for many years to come.

The "Jungle book Kids" invites you to join Mowgli, Baloo, Bageera, King Louie, Colonel Hathi and the gang as they swing their way through madcap adventures and thwart the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan. Specially adapted from the beloved film, this musical includes all your favourite tunes like The Bear Necessities and I wanna be Like You. With colourful characters and that toe tapping jungle rhythm, the "Jungle Book Kids" is sure to be a crowd pleaser for audiences of all ages

Barrow Youth Theatre was an award winner in the recent Loughborough Echo / 3M Community Awards. Along with generous donations and grants from Barrow's Trap Pub, The Loughborough Students Rag, Barrow Parish Council, Charnwood Borough Council and David Wilson Homes, we are continuing the ongoing development of the group with the purchase of our own sound system. We are extremely grateful to everyone concerned for this financial boost.

Please ensure you make a note in your diaries now for this blockbusting Disney double bill. Ticket prices are £6 and £4 (concessions). Performances are at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre on Friday 18th of November at 7.00pm and Saturday 19th November 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm. For any advance block booking enquiries or to reserve tickets before our October release, please phone Carol or Gordon Kenneth on 01509 620572 and tickets will be on sale at The Paper Shop, High St, Barrow.



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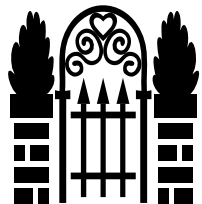
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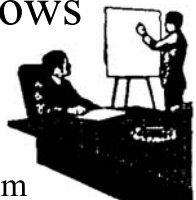
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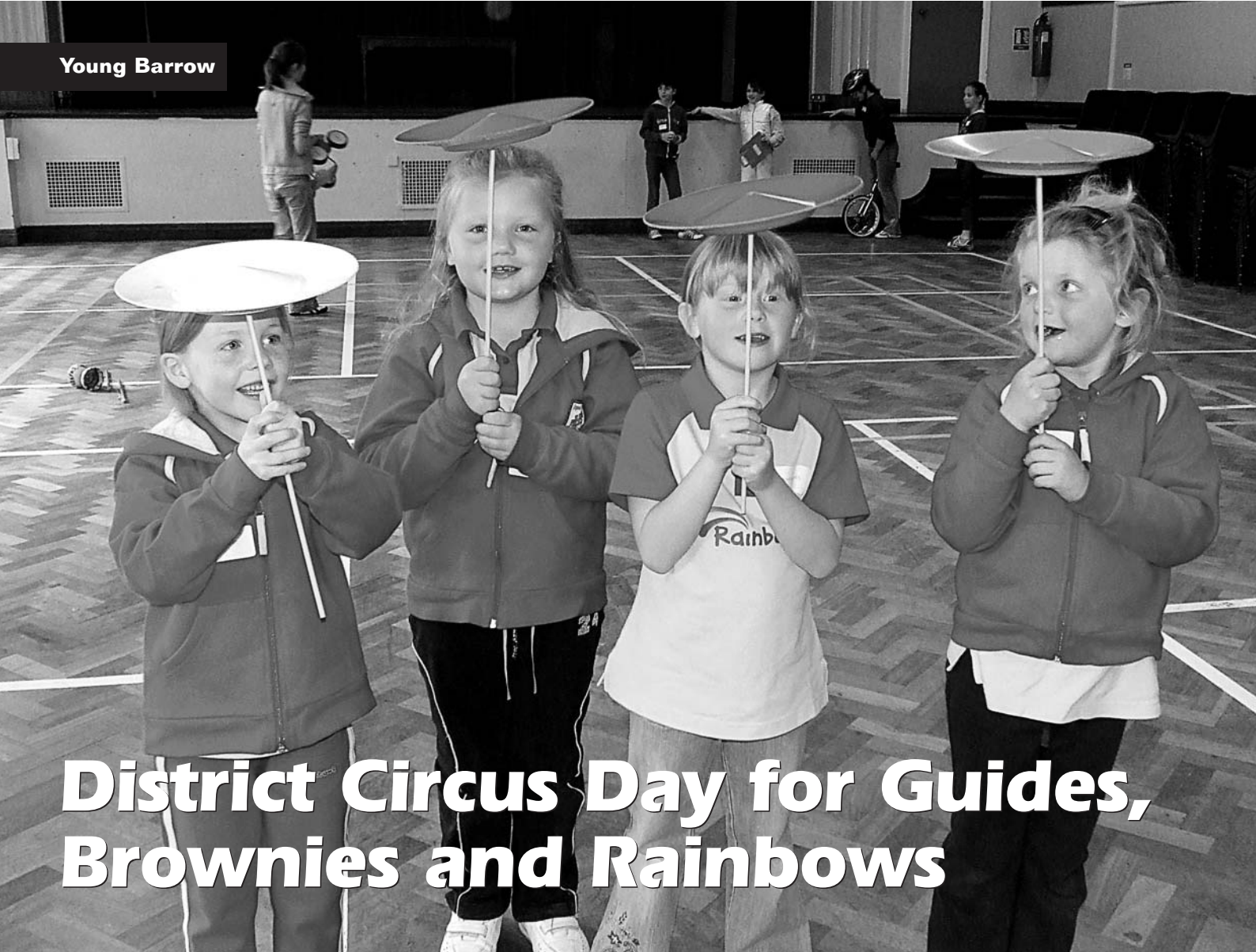
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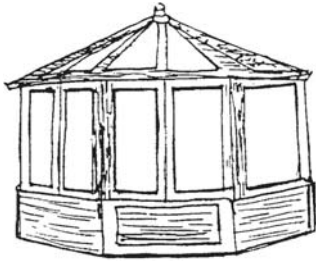
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visitors, mums with babies and visits from pets to make topics come alive.

Playgroup does its bit in trying to provide healthy choices for children by offering milk, water and a choice of 3 fruits and vegetables at snack time, making sure children are as active in their learning as possible, cooking healthy foods with the children such as vegetable kebabs and vegetable soup and even having a week when the children bring their toothbrushes with them to Playgroup.

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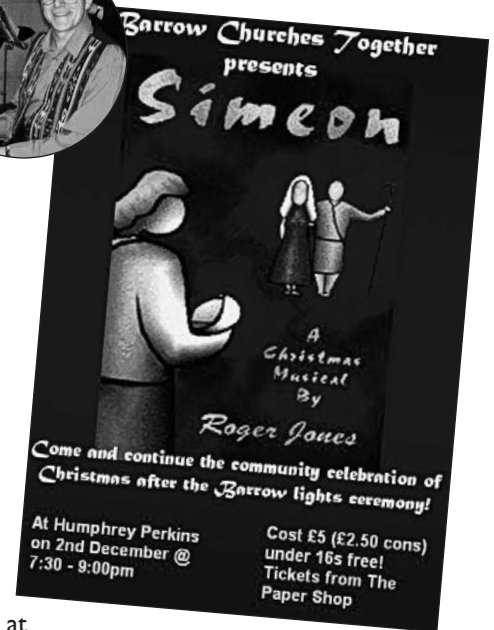
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All over the world Roger is known for the quality of his many productions. Cross Rhythms Magazine writes 'Roger Jones is the most widely acclaimed composer of Christian musicals in Britain.'

The event will follow the other festivities on 2nd December at the Community Centre at Humphrey Perkins from 7:30pm until about 9:00pm. Entrance is by ticket only - available from The Paper Shop or on the door (if there are any left!) at £5 per adult or £2.50 (concessions). Under 16s are free but they do need to collect a free tickets from the Paper Shop.

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After the success of the previous two years, the programme for this year's Christmas Tree Festival is already well advanced.

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The Programme for 2006 is as follows:

Thursday 30th November

Launch Evening with wine and nibbles and switching on of the Christmas Tree lights by the Deputy Mayor of Charnwood.

Friday 1st December

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Musical Concert in the evening by the Ratcliffe Chorale.

Saturday 2nd December

Church open 10.00 am to 7.00 pm

Switching on of the Barrow street lights at 5.00 pm

Barrow Churches Together Christmas Musical: Simeon by Roger Jones; 7.30pm; Community Centre.

Sunday 3rd December

Church open 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

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Barrow's Christmas Street Lights



Once again, the Parish Council and Community Association will combine forces to bring in the Christmas Season with a great community get-together.

The event will start at 4.15 with children from Hall Orchard School singing carols and playing Christmas music from the steps of Holy Trinity Church. Meanwhile, community groups will have been setting up their stalls down High Street. Who knows what or who will lead the procession of people from the church to High Street? You'll have to come along to find out! Ian Shonk and his team will organise the 'Switch-on' team and with a lot of luck and excellent management, the Christmas Lights will miraculously come on at 5.00pm. Then you will be able to join in street games, enjoy street entertainment and visit Barrow's own Street Market. Santa will visit his grotto with Mrs Santa and the Church Rooms will be a Christmas café, serving hot drinks, mince pies and somewhere to have a sit down.

If you haven't already been into Holy Trinity to admire the Christmas Tree Festival, then you will still have time to do it but you may prefer to spread out all these goodies by going on Friday or Saturday before the Lights Switch-on.

And we are confident that you will still have the stamina to finish the day by enjoying the Churches Together production of 'Simeon'.

So on Saturday December 2nd, you're going to have a busy day and there really is something for everyone, young and old.

Bygone Barrow upon Soar

It is some 25 years since the publication of volume 1 of this booklet by Barry and John Wilford and it has been out of print for several years. Following many requests for copies, the two brothers have organised a limited reprint of this informative collection of narrative and photographs depicting the village some 100 years ago.

The reprint is now available together with original copies of volume 2, priced at £3.50 each (£6.00 the pair if purchased together) and are initially available from John Wilford on 01509 412930.

The booklets are an invaluable aid to finding out more about the village and make an ideal present for anyone who has had previous connections with the village.

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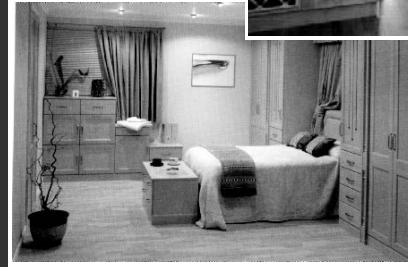
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The weather was also very helpful, if a little warm, but refreshments were available at six outlets and plants were on sale at four gardens.

This year the Open Gardens Event was organised to support the Scout Headquarters celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We were very pleased to be able to donate £1,530.00 towards developing facilities for disabled access at the Headquarters.

I am very grateful to all the people who visited the gardens but most of all, I am grateful to the people who gave up their time to prepare their gardens and open them for everyone to enjoy. Everyone who opened their garden said what an enjoyable event it is although it might be hard work beforehand preparing the garden.

If you are interested in joining in the event in 2007 then please contact Mike Morley 01509 412982.



Barrow Upon Soar Community Association

BUSCA Events – Dates for your diaries

September 30 th	Autumn Dance.
October 14 th	Come Dancing with Ian Shonk – A follow on to the very popular event held earlier this year, get your tickets early.
November 30 th	Dance the night away with Alf Tozer.
November 17 th /18 th	Youth Theatre present Disney's Aladdin and Jungle Book. A definite sell out so book early.
December 31 st	New Years Eve dance with the ever popular Judy Nichol. You can order your tickets now.

2007 Dates

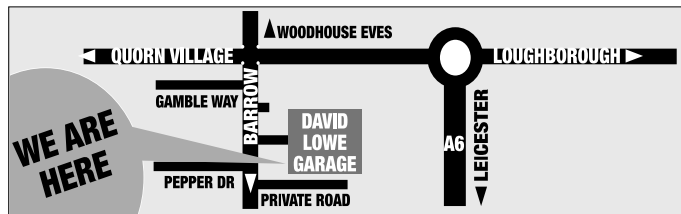
February 10 th	Valentines dance with Just Us.
March 24 th	Spring dance with Just Us.

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Bobbies on Bicycles (part 2)

Very few people contacted me personally about my item in the Summer Edition of Barrow Voice in which I suggested that perhaps there could be a collection from villagers to raise money to provide our local policeman and the police community support officer with a bicycle to get around the village more quickly. Individuals who commented said they thought the sum of £1000 was far too high. Information from Quorn Local Policing Unit about the costs indicates that a bike will cost £600 and the equipment and extra clothing required for an officer to use will cost around £400. Perhaps Inspector Yallop will be able to provide more information about the latter.

I would like to thank those who attend the monthly meeting of Barrow Neighbourhood Watch for considering whether or not to contribute to the

fund for a bicycle from NHW resources, and perhaps to organise the collection of donations from villagers should it seem likely that people are prepared to donate. I have not had any response from the Parish Council to the article in Barrow Voice, so I will have make a direct contact with the council to ask what help might be available from and through the Parish Council.

When I mention the matter to some villagers the response I often receive is along the lines 'We hardly ever (never) see a policeman in the village'. I find this difficult to believe as I have seen the Police Community Support Officer very frequently in many parts of Barrow and I know he calls in at several community buildings (Bishop Beveridge Club and the Scout Headquarters for instance) quite regularly. Police cars pass me quite often - but how easy is it to make any

contact with the occupant(s)?

One villager suggested that our local bobbies should get about on foot more often, but I believe that on a bike they will be able to cover the village more widely and speedily and will still be able to be stopped and spoken to.

I am sure that both Andy Houghton and Nigel Ritchie would make good use of a bicycle and that we can provide somewhere secure for it to be stored in the village. Are the people of Barrow prepared to pay a small amount each in order to make this improvement in policing possible? Can we take silence as consent?

I doubt it. Maybe some other residents would like to contact one or more of their parish councillors to suggest that some effort be made to raise this £1000 to get our bobbies on a bike.

Graham Hobbs – graham.hobbs2@virgin.net

Sport

Anyone for Table Tennis?

Barrow upon Soar Table Tennis Club has played at Humphrey Perkins School for the past 25 years. At the moment we have over 20 members and are pleased to invite all new comers. On club nights we have four table tennis tables. Two are used for league matches (the season runs from late September to end of March) and the other two are used for friendly club play, practice and coaching.

We are open on Tuesday evenings from 7.00 to 9.30. The club reopens on Tuesday 5th September 2006, when the new season starts, and we play until approximately the end of May.

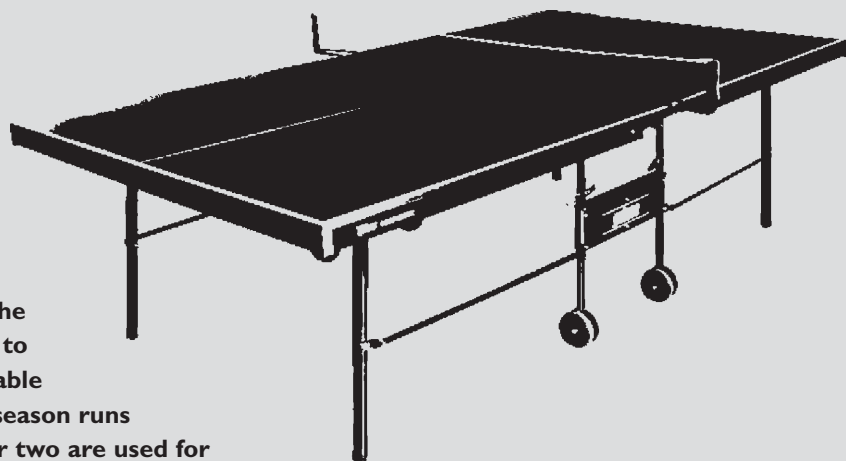
Just a few things you may not know about Table Tennis:

A game of Table Tennis is played up to 11 points (this changed from 21 points about 5 years ago) and a 'match' is the best of 5 games. The server when scoring up to 11 is now changed after each 2 points.

Asia (particularly China and Japan) dominates the Table Tennis International scene. In the recent World Team Championships, China won the men's title for the 15th time and the women's title for the 16th time.

If you would like to know more about playing table tennis at our club please contact:

Tony Cook on 0116 2374829 or Alan Jones on 01509 212139.



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Wed 20 th	Bishop Beveridge Club Harvest Festival; 2.30pm Barrow Panto Group first meeting; Community Lounge; 7.15 for 7.30pm
Thurs 21 st	WEA: 'Chained Melodies' by Steve Tunnicliff; 6 meetings; 7.30 - 9.00pm; Community Centre
Fri 22 nd	WEA: 'Growing Old Disgracefully' by Manon de Moor; 10.00 - noon; 8 meetings; Scout Hut
Mon 25 th	WEA: 'Painting trees in watercolour'; 10.15 - 4.00; 2 meetings incl 2nd October; Scout Hut
Wed 27 th	WEA: 'English Parish Churches' by Michael Ockenden; 7.30 - 9.00pm; 10 meetings; Community Centre
Sat 30 th	Charities Fair; Methodist Church; 10.00 - 12.00 Circle Dance at Church Rooms; contact 01509 620318 BUSCA Autumn Dance with Just Us; Community Centre; Bar opens at 7.00 for 7.30 - 11.30; tickets: £9.00 including buffet from the Paper Shop.
Mon 2 nd	WEA: 'Painting trees in watercolour'; 10.15 - 4.00; Scout Hut Holy Trinity Men's Group: talk by David Pett: 'The Great Central Railway'; Church Rooms; 8.00pm
Tues 3 rd	Parish Council meeting; Parish Office; 7.15; all welcome
Wed 4 th	Gardening Club: 'They think it's all over' by Stuart Dixon; Community Lounge; 7.30pm; visitors welcome
Sat 7 th	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am Charnwood Orchestra concert; Holy Trinity Church; 7.45; tickets: £6.00 and £4.00 (concessions) from The Paper Shop or £7.00 and £5.00 on the door
Mon 9 th	WI: 'Kimono' by Jennie Dobson; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Tues 10 th	Neighbourhood Watch; Cons Club; 7.30pm
Fri 13 th	Baptist Luncheon Club
Sat 14 th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30am; remains go to Barnardos BUSCA: 'Come Dancing' with Ian Shonk and his team; Community Centre; tickets from the Paper Shop. Buy early; we sold out last year.
Sat 21 st	Holy Trinity Church Coffee morning; Church Rooms; 9.00 - 11.30am
Wed 1 st	Gardening Club: 'Shrubs for all year-round colour' by Ian Cooke; Community Lounge; 7.30; visitors welcome
Sat 4 th	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am BUSCA Winter Warmer Supper Dance with Alf Tozer on Organ; Community Centre; bar opens at 7.00 for 7.30 start - 11.30pm; Tickets from The Paper Shop.
Mon 6 th	Holy Trinity Men's Group: talk by Tony Revell: 'There is not enough of it about'; Church Rooms; 8.00pm
Tues 7 th	Parish Council meeting; Parish Office; 7.15; all welcome
Fri 10 th	Baptist Luncheon Club
Sat 11 th	Bishop Beveridge Christmas Bazaar; 10.00-11.30am
Mon 13 th	WI: AGM; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Tues 14 th	Neighbourhood Watch; Cons Club; 7.30pm
Fri 17 th	Barrow Youth Theatre: Double Bill of 2 Junior Musicals: Aladdin and Jungle Book (Kids). Community Centre; 7.00; tickets from the Paper Shop.
Sat 18 th	Barrow Youth Theatre: Double Bill of 2 Junior Musicals: Aladdin and Jungle Book (Kids). Community Centre; Matinee: 2.00; evening: 7.00; tickets from the Paper Shop.
Sat 25 th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30am; remains go to Barnardos
Thurs 30 th	Christmas Tree Festival launched, to Sun 3rd Dec
Sat 2 nd	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am Switching on of Christmas Lights and Street entertainment: starts 4.15pm with children singing and playing at Church. (Road closed from 4.00) Lights on at 5.00pm Barrow Churches Together: 'Simeon' a Christmas Musical by Roger Jones; Community Centre; 7.30 - 9.00; Tickets: £5.00 or £2.50 (concessions). Under 16s free with a free ticket; from The Paper Shop. Holy Trinity Men's Group: Christmas Dinner at The Three Crowns
Mon 4 th	Parish Council meeting; Parish Office; 7.15; all welcome
Tues 5 th	Gardening Club: AGM and Party Night; Community Lounge; 7.30; visitors welcome
Wed 6 th	Baptist Luncheon Club
Fri 8 th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30am; remains go to Barnardos
Sat 9 th	WI: 'A second slice of Christmas' by Mrs F Austin; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Mon 11 th	Neighbourhood Watch; Cons Club; 7.30pm
Tues 12 th	Bishop Beveridge Club Carol service 2.30pm
Sat 16 th	Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning 9.00-11.30am; Church Rooms
Sun 31 st	BUSCA New Year's Eve Ball; Community Centre; 8.00; Tickets from the Paper Shop

SEPTEMBER

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NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Spicy Chicken Salad with Watermelon, Feta & Pumpkin Seeds

2 x Chicken Breasts
Chilli Flakes & Ground Cumin
4 x Spring Onions
200g Watermelon - Diced
Mixed Lettuce Leaves of your Choice
(I like something crunchy like Little Gem or Cos)
150g Feta cheese - diced
2 x Fresh Red Chillies
2 Tbsp Pumpkin Seeds
1 Bunch Fresh Mint - picked
1 x Lime
Walnut or Olive Oil to Dress

Serves 4
people

Season the chicken with Salt, Pepper, Chilli & Cumin and fry or roast for 12-15 minutes until thoroughly cooked. Allow to cool slightly then slice.

While the chicken is cooking, slice the spring onion, and dice the red chilli (you can use more or less according to your preference). That's the hard work done; now you just have to put the salad together. Dress the lettuce with a little oil and arrange onto plates, then divide the other ingredients between each plate and scatter on the lettuce leaves. Finish with the pumpkin seeds, a squeeze of fresh lime juice and a little more oil. *Enjoy!*

Graeme Warson MCGB

Following our recent success winning the BBC Radio Leicester Chefs' World Cup Challenge, I thought I would share with you a version of the winning dish.