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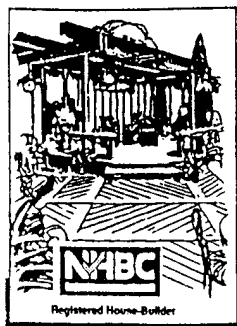
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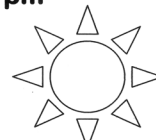
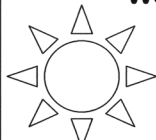
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Editorial

Looking forward to 2007

It is the end of the year and a traditional time for thanks to contributors and supporters of Barrow Voice. This year is no exception, so thank you to everyone who has written for the magazine, to advertisers for their financial support, to Mulberry Square for the layout and print and to the BV team, especially Laura and Hayley who have moved on and to Judith who works harder than anyone. It is also an opportunity to look forward to 2007.

If you are a new resident reading Barrow Voice for the first time, it is a chance to get to know what happens in the village and Barrow Signpost (see below) will also give you a valuable insight into this. If you are an existing resident, you may already know about the Parish Plan action groups and have a particular interest in what they are doing. This edition has exciting news about the Heritage Group, which has funding in place and definite plans for the future. Whoever you are, have a very Happy Christmas and we shall be back in the New Year.

Barrow Signpost is front page news - In the autumn edition we highlighted that a village directory and welcome pack were in production. After much discussion, we have named the information guide 'Barrow Signpost' and it is featured on the cover overleaf. This will form part of a welcome pack for new residents to the village and has details of what is going on in Barrow with contact details for all the entries. If you already live in Barrow you can see all the information at www.barrowsignpost.info or look out for fliers telling you where you can pick up a copy. I should add another thank you to everyone involved in creating the Barrow Signpost. We hope it will be a welcome resource to new and old residents alike.

Frances Thompson

News

"WHAT'S ON IN BARROW"

Another new idea from Barrow's Parish Plan will shortly be seen around the village. From February, you will be able to pick up a list of meetings, events and fixtures for the month. The sheets will be available, free, from the Library, the Paper Shop and the Post Office. If you want to know more about any of the items, you will be able to find contact details in Barrow

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If you are an organiser for an event, please leave details in one of the "What's On" boxes in the Library, the Paper Shop or the Post Office. Your event will then be included in the appropriate edition of "What's On".

When you are planning an event, we

would like to remind you that it is a very good idea to consult the Village Diary, which is kept in the Library. When you have decided on your date, enter the details which will then appear in Barrow Voice. This is the only way of avoiding clashes of events.

If you have any queries about "What's On", please phone Mike Morley on 01509 412982

School Dinners for Seniors.. with a (big) Difference

A very worthwhile new service is being offered to senior citizens by the Catering team of Humphrey Perkins High School under the leadership of chef Tom Edwards. Every Thursday during term time, the over 60s can enjoy a two course meal for £3.00 and it isn't going to be turkey twizzlers and chips or fatty stew and lumpy mash. The school now enjoys the facility of a restaurant with food of a very high standard sourced from local suppliers and cooked on site. Healthy Eating is very much on the menu at HPHS and the school has just gained Healthy School Status with 'flying colours'. The awarding body complimented the school and community centre on its commitment to healthy living, diet and exercise. In fact, HPHS did a Jamie Oliver before Jamie Oliver got going. And the Community is now benefiting as well.

The scheme started on the first Thursday of November when 18 Senior Citizens sat down in the Community Lounge to an excellent meal of roast pork with all the trimmings and steamed jam pudding. They then enjoyed a leisurely chat over a cup of coffee. And all for £3.00.

You have to book your meal by phoning the Restaurant on 01509 410828 at least the day before. If you want, you can arrange a special diet. The meal is then served between 12.00 and 1.00 on Thursdays and you can stay on after the meal for a sit and a chat if you want. Customers on that first Thursday were most enthusiastic, so phone now and sign up for a delicious Healthy Meal.

Judith Rodgers

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New Heritage Group for the village (and funding!)

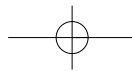
by Arthur Gardner

Many people responded to the Parish Plan survey by offering to help set up an Action Group dealing with heritage issues. By 'heritage' we mean all aspects of the cultural and physical environment of Barrow upon Soar (history, wildlife, archaeology, buildings, landscape, etc) which make it an attractive place to live and visit. I have been given the job of getting such a group started.

Barrow's heritage - interpreted in this very wide sense - is highly valued and received some of the highest 'scores' in the survey. It matters to us that we are surrounded by pleasant countryside, that we have access to parks and open spaces, that it is an attractive village. A lot of people want it made even more attractive. For example:

- * 75% want all traffic islands to be planted and maintained as nicely as Jerusalem roundabout
- * 72% say clean up the Soar Bridge/Barrow Deep Lock/Proctors area
- * 67% want more flower baskets in the streets
- * 63% want to develop a continuous park from Cotes Rd round to the Millennium Park when the Willow Way estate is built
- * 58% want car parking for visitors by the canal/river
- * 57% want more wildlife guides and 56% want more history guides
- * 56% want an A-Z street guide on display and as a leaflet
- * 42% want the Soar valley made into a proper 'countryside park' with a useable footpath/cycleway

The general point is that people are saying that this is an attractive place to live and they want it kept that way. They want their heritage protected and enhanced.



News



One important step we have taken is to create a **heritage sub-group of the Barrow upon Soar Community Association**. That may not sound like much. Its importance is that it gives us legal cover to apply for external funds for projects and insurance cover for activities.



Using that mechanism, we have just bid for and been awarded **£18,425 to do four specific projects over the next two years:** a guide to the archaeology of Barrow upon Soar; a guide to trees and shrubs; a guide to walks in the countryside; and a street guide with history. These will result in written booklets/leaflets/maps and an exhibition and a programme of talks to village organizations and pages on the village website and articles in the community newspaper.

In addition, we have undertaken to run two so-called 'capacity building' activities to help the specific projects and build skills for taking on a wider range of projects in Year 3 and beyond: training in digital image manipulation;

and cataloguing the existing resources locally (public and private collections).

Also, we will use the Heritage Group to arrange open meetings to stimulate the current groundswell of interest. We would like it to cover the full range of heritage studies in the village, including those of the existing archaeology field walking group and the family history group. We have funds to get in expert speakers for our meetings but it would be interesting not just to rely on external speakers but to make time for the various study groups to keep us up-dated on their findings. That way we will encourage our own research and learn from each other. We hope to make the first meeting in January. Watch out for an announcement.

The 'grand plan' for Years 3 and beyond, I suggest, is to undertake specific projects in all heritage areas (eg booklets about the local landscape; the buildings and the development of the village; a social history of the village/oral history; and a history of local industries). I do not think we have enough volunteers to undertake these, now, as well as the proposed

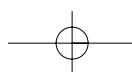
specific projects so, being pragmatic, I suggest we tackle them later. A bid for grants to do these can be made separately in due course.

I realise that my interests have driven the agenda so far. For instance, I have not pushed for an active involvement in making the village look more attractive or for helping to keep it looking attractive. I assume that some of you will be more interested in those things than in the study groups that interest me. Fortunately, Luke Smith of the Parish Council has offered to act as co-ordinator for a series of projects aimed at improving the physical surroundings of the village. Thanks Luke.

Does any of this interest you? Do you want to be involved in any of these? At the time of writing we have about 20 people 'signed-up' to do one or more of the projects. That's enough to get started but it would be good to have more. *The projects are open to everyone - you don't have to be an expert, just interested in local studies and willing to do something. The projects will take-up as much or as little time as you want them to.*

If you want to get involved, here's who to contact:

- Archaeology:** Terri Davies (416206)
- Countryside walks:** Judith Rodgers (412063)
- History of the streets and buildings:** Kathryn Timmons (416168)
- Trees and shrubs:** Arthur Gardner (416204)
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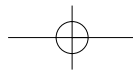
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It is with heartfelt thanks and great sadness that we say goodbye to our erstwhile sub postmaster Mike Ball and his wife Rose.

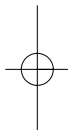
I recently caught up with him for a short review of his time here and spent most of the afternoon laughing at jokes and stories most definitely not suitable for publication.

Mike spent his childhood in Kidderminster then served 15 years in the Royal Air Force as an electronics fitter specialising in ground communications. During that period, he travelled with the job, particularly enjoying Singapore and Bahrain. Once he left the RAF, he became a civil servant in first the Ministry of Defence and then the Home Office.

Eleven years ago, Mike came to the village as sub postmaster. Initially he and Rose lived in the flat above the post office although more recently they purchased a property outside of the village. During his years here, not only did he serve the village through the facilities of the post office, ably assisted by counter staff and willing postal workers, but also through involvement with the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Additionally, many village organisations (including Barrow Voice) availed themselves of his willingness to allow the post office to be used as a collection or dissemination point.

Mike was my introduction to Barrow as he rented the post office flat to us when we first moved to the village. He also employed me behind the counter where he kept me entertained with risque jokes and dry observations, plied me with coffee and made sure that I had a custard slice every Saturday. The thanks for all that he has done and the best wishes for a long and happy retirement after a long awaited hip replacement are therefore personal - I hope that you all can join in the sentiment with me.

Laura Hegarty

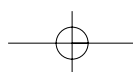


We welcome the Patel family to take over from Mike Ball

The two sub post mistresses are Mrs Daksha Patel and Mrs Sheela Patel. They are assisted by husband Ramesh Patel. At the moment, they live in Leicester but are hoping to move to Barrow as soon as they can. They really like it here and say that they have found everyone really friendly and welcoming.

Daksha and Sheela moved to Leicester from Zambia in 1975. Ramesh came over from India. They have lived in Leicester ever since. None of them has ever worked in a post office before but all have relevant experience, Daksha working for Alliance and Leicester, Sheela in the NHS and Ramesh in retail. The first few days in the post office was quite traumatic but they are settling down well and feel much more confident now.

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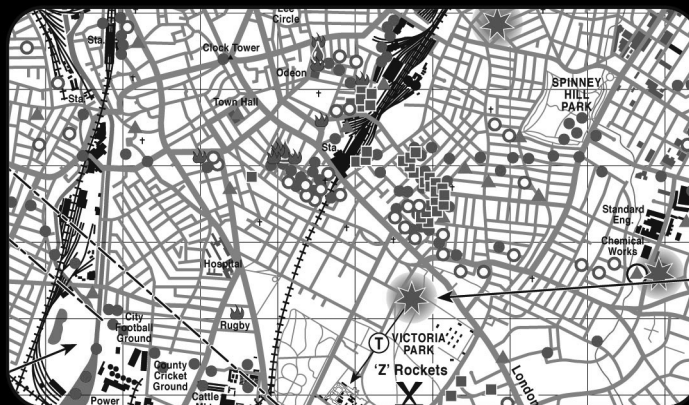
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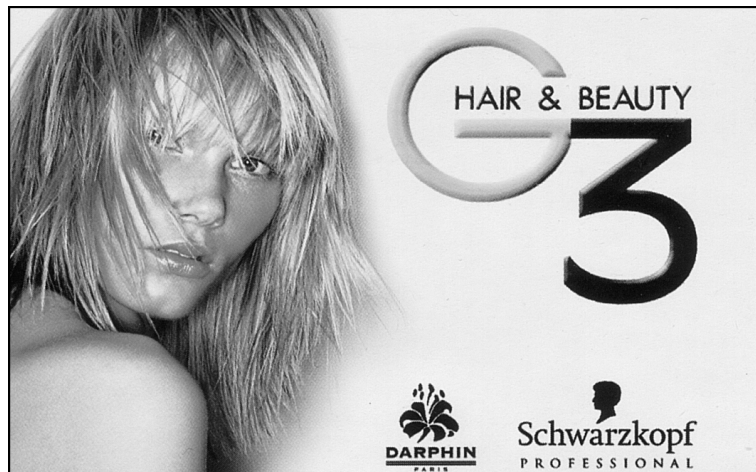
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Ashley races an adapted mini on mud and clay tracks. He started when he was just 11 years old and it's in his blood. He learnt to drive in his uncle's field but his mum and dad also race. His father, Mick Robinson, of Robinson's Garage in Sibley Road Industrial Estate, helps him 'iron out the bumps' and keep his engine in order.

Ashley, who goes to Rawlins, told me about one of those 'bumps' which needed ironing out! Another car in a recent race clipped his wheels as they were turning a corner at speed. The car rolled and Ashley's harness came away. He hit his head on the roof of the car. Luckily, his crash helmet took most of the impact but he still ended up in hospital with concussion. He said that his mum, Deborah, slapped him - not because he'd had an accident but because she had been about to use the same car in her final and he'd wrecked it! (And i'm sure it was from relief at him being OK, as well). Deborah, herself, went on to take second place in her class - just one point behind the leader - at the East Midlands League this year.

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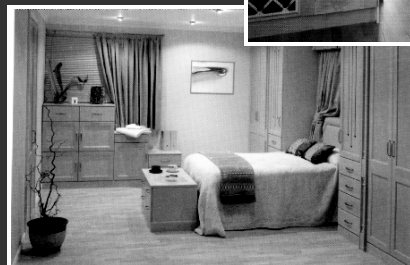
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Props, prompts and leotards - news from the Panto Group



Barrow Youth Theatre

The latest productions from the Youth Theatre Group will be over by the time you read this but I hope you managed to get tickets for their fabulous double shows of Disney's Aladdin and Jungle Book. I have watched a few of their rehearsals, from what I've seen they appear to be great fun and with the commitment these young people have, they promise to be just as good as the last three of their shows. Thanks are due to Gordon, Carol and Lizzie the production team along with Bob, Jonno, Sue and Rose with their work and dedication with the scenery, props, lighting and costumes.

Meanwhile, there have been some changes regarding the adult group's production team. Sue Rodgers and Bob Mee have decided to step down from their positions after 11 years and 13 productions. Bob informed the group that Aladdin and Jungle Book will be the last events for him; he will be hanging up his drill and hammer for the final time after their last performance on November 18th. To coincide with Bob's decision, Sue has also decided to hang up her clip board and hand over the reins for this year's panto, Cinderella to a new team.

This gives me the opportunity to say a huge thank you to both of these stalwarts, from all members of the Panto group, young and old, past and present. Their contributions to all the group's productions have been invaluable and I would like to tell you about a couple of my recollections of these.

Bob always had a plan to overcome whatever problem, with scenery or props, presented itself. He has been backstage for every single performance, following the script, making sure props were where they should be, calming anxious members of the cast and deftly moving scenery as and when necessary. In my opinion one of the most amazing scenes he created was for the ballroom in the last production of Cinderella. I believed he used the lining from a marquee to create the effect for the arrival of Cinders in her sparkling pumpkin coach. Magic! Bob's skills and ingenuity will be sorely missed.



Sue's interpretation of scripts and her ideas for scene setting and costumes have been amazingly colourful and sometimes outrageous. On a personal note one of her most effective achievements was getting Ceri Fairbrother and myself to wear leotards. Initially I told her 'No way!' but she persuaded me it was the right thing to do. The result was fantastic as the audience thought it all absolutely hilarious. Sue has also written scripts, managed rehearsal schedules, researched music, organised collection and return of hired costumes - I feel exhausted just writing about the work she has undertaken over the past 11 years to meet the deadline for productions.



On behalf of the Panto group, thank you both. You will be a hard act to follow.

In the meantime, the group's next production will be Cinderella. Rehearsals have begun and the show will take place on March 9th and 10th 2007. Liz Fowler and myself, Ginny Willcocks, are jointly producing with the assistance of Gordon Kenneth as new stage director. You are welcome to join us (especially if you fancy painting scenery) and can ring 01509 413996 or 07951678233 for more information.

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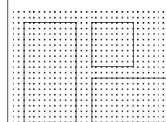
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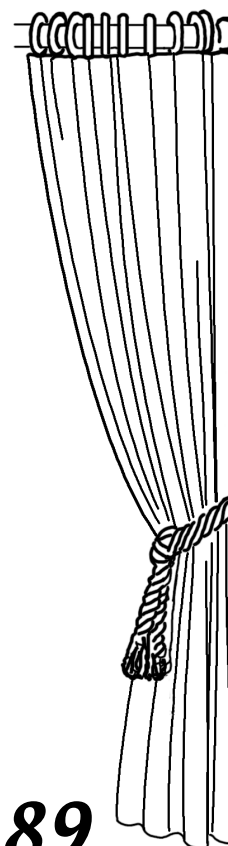
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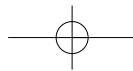
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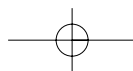
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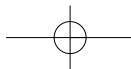
Record audiences flocked to see Barrow Youth Theatre's latest production of a double bill of junior Disney musicals, Aladdin and Jungle Book. 700 people enjoyed the three performances on November 17th and 18th, as 38 youthful members gave their all in these two lively adaptations of the Disney classics. The Group was using the new sound equipment that has been purchased with money assembled from an impressive collection of awards and grants. The costumes were wonderful, the acting great, the singing full of gusto, and the whole event had a real buzz. Well done to the group!



 Barrow Youth Theatre

Barrow Youth Theatre is the junior wing of Barrow Panto Group. Both groups are now hunting for scenery designers / painters and assistant stage managers for future shows including for "Cinderella" which will be produced by the Panto Group on March 9th and 10th 2007. If you can help us, please phone Judith Rodgers on 412063. You don't need to be skilled; all you need is a sense of humour and a willingness to join in the fun!





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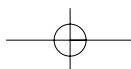
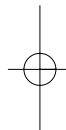
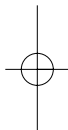
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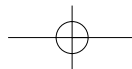
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Post your entry to Val Gillings, 60 Beaumont Road, Barrow by January 5th.
Include your NAME, AGE, ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER.

We will phone you by January 10th if you have won this competition and your name will appear in the next edition of Barrow Voice.

The best entries will be displayed in the foyer at the performances and you might be asked to go up onto the stage!

The judge’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Cinderella Wordsearch

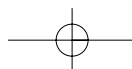
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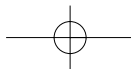
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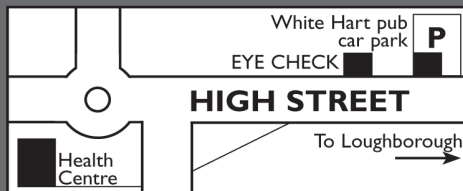
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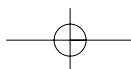
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BARROW DANCE SCHOOL HOSTS NATIONAL FESTIVAL

Charnwood School of Dance and Drama held its 17th annual national dance festival over the autumn half term.

Dancers from all over England pirouetted into Barrow over half term for the Loughborough Autumn Dance Festival, part of the British & International Federation of Dance Festivals. Charnwood School of Dance has been hosting this annual event since 1989 and this year over 1500 entrants strutted their stuff on the stage at Humphrey Perkins High School in a variety of dance disciplines.

Principal of the school, Barbara Stephenson, was delighted by the quality of dance and high standard of performance shown during the week-long festival. Pupils of Charnwood School of Dance represented Barrow in ballet, modern, jazz and tap.

The school teaches the Royal Academy of Dance syllabus for ballet and International Society of Teachers of Dance for other dance forms. It's one of the few schools around these days to boast a pianist for its classes. Miss Stephenson and her five teachers welcome all children and teach from beginners through to majors including teaching qualifications. They also offer an adult tap class.

Some pupils from Charnwood have gone on to careers as professional dancers. Ex pupil Gemma Lawrence is currently touring the USA with The Ray Charles Story and Tom Tansey, who trained at the school, has been appearing in the national tour of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.

For more information about festivals, competitions or the dance school in general, contact Barbara Stephenson, principal, on 01509 412663.

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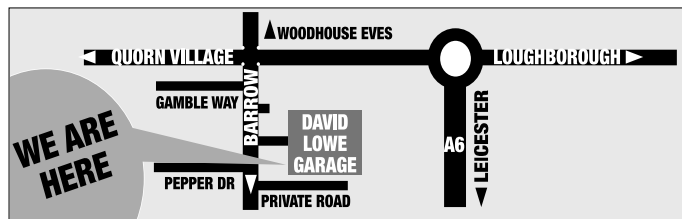


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Barrow Action for Youth goes into Action!

Following on from the Parish Plan, and the Youth Report, a group was formed at the end of March to help further activities for older youngsters as requested from the young people and to explore ideas further with the young people, with a view to enabling young people themselves to address some of the issues.

There are 10 enthusiastic adults with some younger helpers at the discos, working together so far, but more are hugely welcome of all ages. Contact kenpep@hotmail.com if you would like to join us, or just turn up for the meetings. The next meeting is at the Humphrey Perkins Community centre at 7.30pm pm Tuesday 16th January 2007. The group is supported by the Community Association and the Parish Council, the Police and the Youth Service.

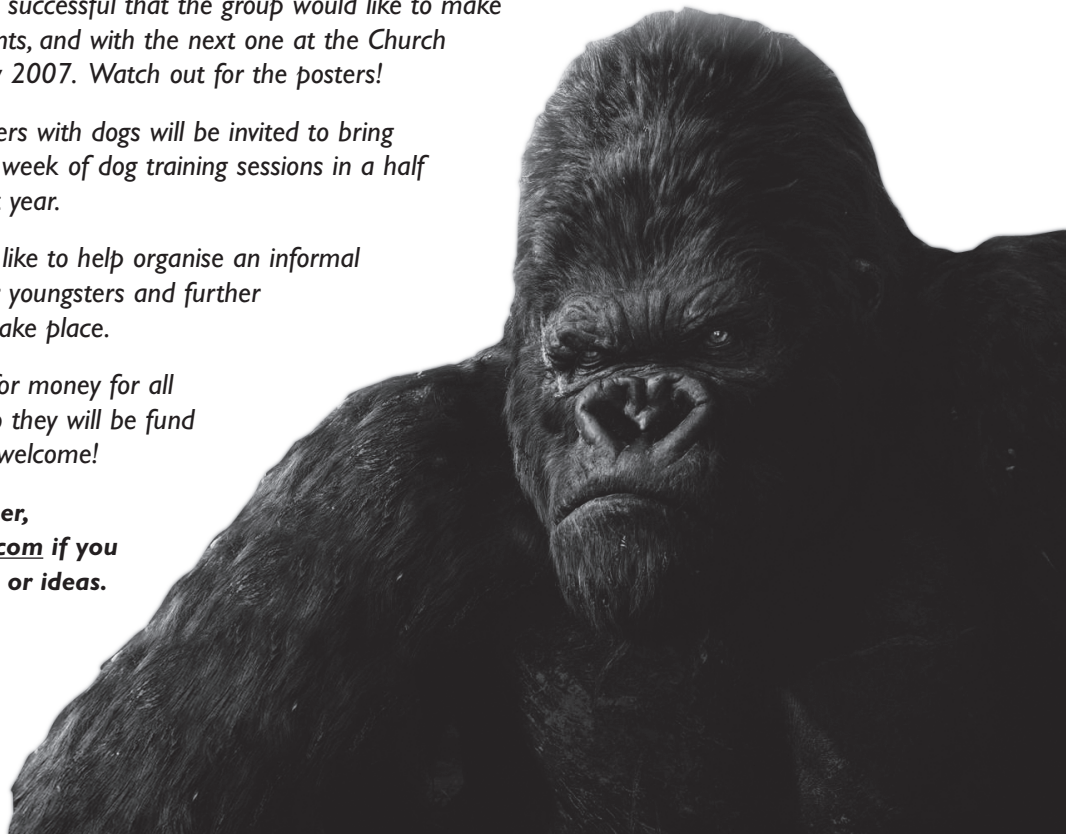
Here's what has happened so far and what could happen!

- * A successful disco, run by Zen, held in June at Hall Orchard School
- * The Cinema screening of 'King Kong' at Hall Orchard School
- * The group had a stall at the Fun Day on the 6th August and also at the Charity Fair on the 30th September, where a further questionnaire and interviews were undertaken to engage with youngsters.
- * Following visits to assemblies at Hall Orchard School and Humphrey Perkins High School, a well attended disco, was held on the 14th October, at the Church Rooms, with many attending reporting it as 'brilliant'. The adults helping had an excellent time!

What's for the future!

- * Involve youngsters more in the activities of BYAG! The next meeting is at the Humphrey Perkins Community centre at 7.30pm pm Tuesday 16th January 2007 and all are welcome, particularly youngsters, and the first half hour will be your time, and you can leave after if you want.
- * The discos are so successful that the group would like to make them regular events, and with the next one at the Church Rooms in January 2007. Watch out for the posters!
- * All those youngsters with dogs will be invited to bring them along for a week of dog training sessions in a half term holiday next year.
- * The group would like to help organise an informal meeting place for youngsters and further negotiations will take place.
- * There is a need for money for all these activities, so they will be fund raising. All ideas welcome!

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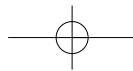
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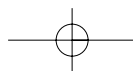
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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The answers are the first lines of Christmas songs and carols. The letters represent the first letter of each word in the song and the numbers represent the numbers of letters in each word.

For example: RTRNR = Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer 73358

The answers are on page 23.

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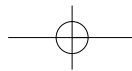
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- 4 tablespoons of Fennel seeds
- 3 small dried chillies, crumbled
- 3 tablespoons of rock salt, crushed
- A few bay leaves, crushed
- 1 lemon, zested and halved
- 3 chestnuts or a handful of pine nuts
- A handful of dried cranberries
- Olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 sticks of celery, washed and chopped
- 2 carrots, washed and chopped
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 bulb of garlic, broken into cloves, unpeeled
- A dozen sprigs of rosemary, with the leaves picked
- 3 glasses of Italian white wine
- Half a litre of chicken stock



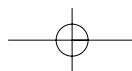
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1. Make your oven as hot as it goes
2. Grind the fennel seeds, chillies and salt to a fine powder, then grind in the bay leaves and chestnuts
3. Mix in the lemon zest and cranberries
4. Lifting back the loin from the ribs, smother the pork meat with the mix
5. Sit the meat back on the ribs and place skin side up in a roasting tin
6. Drizzle a little olive oil over the skin and season with salt, rubbing it into the scores
7. Now place it in the oven, close the door and turn the oven down to 180c/gas 4. By starting with the higher heat you will have bellissimo crackling, then by turning the heat down the meat will cook slowly and stay moist.
8. Roast for about 2.5 to 3 hours
9. Sit down relax, drink a glass of italian wine and listen to Mario Lanza's Christmas Hits
10. Once Mario has finished both sides, throw the rest of your ingredients except the stock into the tin and mix with the fat from the pork
11. Once the pork is cooked remove it from the oven and leave to rest for 20-30 minutes
12. Pour the stock into the tin with the veg etc and mix to give a light gravy
13. Cut the meat away from the ribs, hide the ribs from the bambinos and save for a feast on another day
14. Slice the porchetta and serve with Parmesan coated parsnips, sweet potato mash and my special Californian Brussels

Ciao Momma.

Answers to Christmas Quiz

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22. On the First Day of Christmas My True Love Said to Me	13. All I want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth	2. Good King Wenceslas Looked Out
23. Hark the Herald Angel Sing	14. God Rest You Merry Gentlemen	3. Sleigh-bells Ring, Are You Listening?
24. Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel	15. Are You Hanging Up Your Stocking on the Wall?	4. The Holly and the Ivy
25. All I want for Christmas	16. We Three Kings of Orient Are	5. Oh Come All Ye Faithful
26. Lullay Lullay this Tiny Child	17. Blow the Trumpet and Bang the Drum	6. Mary Had a Baby Yes Lord
27. Come They Told Me Parum Pum Pum	18. The First Noel the Angel did Sing	7. Once in Royal David's City
28. Girls and Boys Leave Your Toys	19. Little Donkey Little Donkey on the Dusty Road	8. Dashing Through the Snow
29. Angels From the Realms of Glory	20. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	9. Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
30. Go and Tell it on a Mountain		10. We Wish You a Merry Christmas
		11. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night



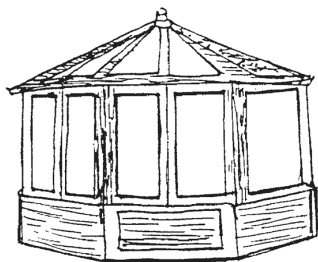
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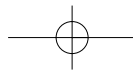
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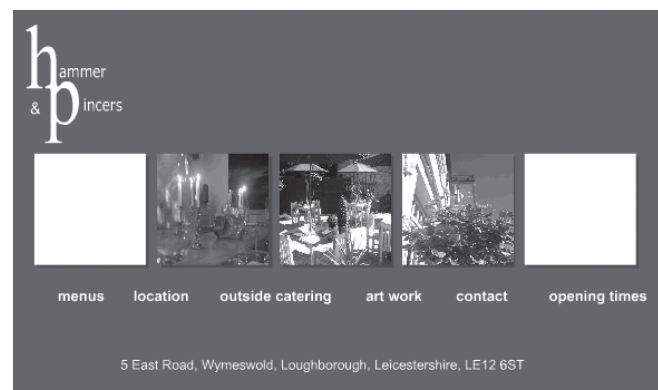
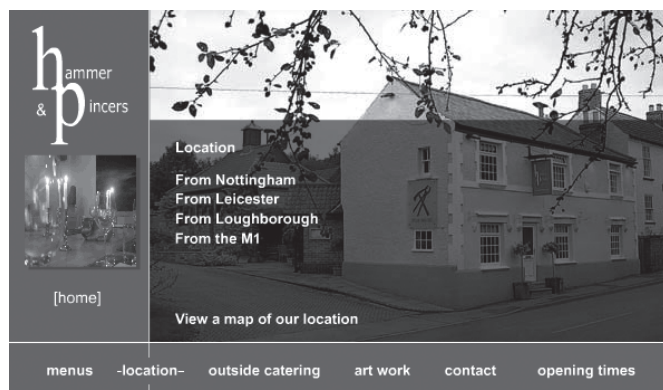


Table for Two

Red peppers, white peaches and purple potatoes were just some of the things on offer when our resident foodie sampled a local menu from this Wymeswold pub.

The Hammer and Pincers is a modern pub and dining rooms, smartly decorated in a melange of creams, browns and assorted woods (including tables handcrafted by family members), in pleasing contrast to its oak beamed setting. Modern artwork and sculptures, sourced from Germany and available for sale, complement the sophisticated but welcoming atmosphere.

Service is efficient and friendly, as you may expect when both owners are Savoy trained with additional experience gained in London, Switzerland and the South of France. Operating under an ethos of using the best ingredients, especially local produce, it is no surprise that many local people return repeatedly to sample the delights on offer.

Whilst pondering the menu we nibbled on homemade bread, including a fabulous date and walnut selection. Later we were pleased to hear that loaves are available for sale; just one of a number of food related businesses that this husband and wife team offer.

Starters included tuna sashimi, cucumber and coriander lime salad with wasabi soy dressing - fresh, light, unusual, tantalising and tangy for the taste buds - and chicken baked in Parma ham, roasted red pepper and potato salad - a perfect summer dish that was refreshing and, as all dishes here, extremely well presented - a definite feast for the eyes.

For my main course I was overjoyed with my lamb best end, Provencal vegetables baked with goat's cheese and an olive jus. The meat - tender, pink in the middle and flavoursome throughout - came from the local butcher and the vegetable and goat's cheese combination was a revelation with the salt tang of the cheese contrasting perfectly with the satin textured vegetables. The accompanying miniature potato cakes added crunch and heft, whilst the olive jus was subtly flavoured. My companion's gilt head sea bream with mascarpone leeks with pancetta and crushed minted peas was another triumph. The fish was expertly cooked, the minted peas were garden fresh and the mixture of leeks with mascarpone and pancetta beautifully proportioned. The purple Peruvian potatoes that finished the dish added contrast and proved a great talking point.

We were spoilt for choice with desserts, but in deference to the heat, we both ended up choosing from the wide range of home made ice creams and sorbets. I selected ice creams of pistachio, cinnamon and butterscotch. All delicious, but my companion's choice of sorbets yielded the star of the show, the spectacular white peach, as well as loganberry and mango.

Fragrant coffee accompanied by heavenly handmade chocolates rounded off the meal and we were pleased to see that for our next visit we could choose from the regular lunch or dinner menu, a grazing menu (seven smaller courses), Sunday lunch, Saturday brunch or a first service menu. Definitely something for everyone.

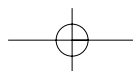
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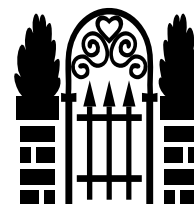
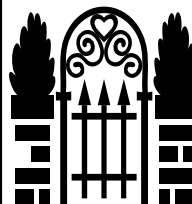
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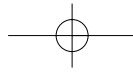
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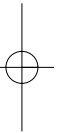
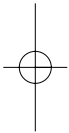


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THE BARROW 'KIPPER'

The kipper or Plesiosaur (*Plesiosaurus macrocephalus*) fossil was found in Barrow upon Soar in 1851. Workmen digging in a lime pit near the village unearthed the four-metre reptile.

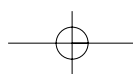
Village heritage warden Arthur Gardner said "It was an extraordinary find. This prehistoric marine reptile lived approximately 150-200 million years ago and was common in Leicestershire. Nicknamed 'The Kipper' the skeleton which was almost complete, was of a reptile which lived rather like a seal in warm seas which used to cover this whole area. The best way to describe it is like the Loch Ness monster".


The Kipper became the village emblem in 1953 when the then head teacher of Humphrey Perkins High School created two plaques with the plesiosaur image. One of these is on the traffic island, known as 'Jerusalem' at the bottom of the High Street and the other is at Barrow Cricket Club. Barrow upon Soar has adopted the Kipper as its emblem and features on the Parish Council offices as well as many local publications.


From 1840 to 1900 the village must have been a most exciting time for discoveries. Numerous large fossils were found when digging for limestone. Private collections were soon established and many items found their way to the Natural History Museum in Kensington, London, several of which are still on view to the public today.

The plesiosaur fossil is on display in the New Walk Museum in Leicester and a model of it can be walked over in Charnwood Museum, Granby Street, Loughborough.

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BARROW KIPPER - Part 2

Barry Wilford adds some fascinating background to the origins of the kipper and highlights an important anniversary.

The idea for the village sign was indeed the brainchild of Mr T G Wilkinson, headmaster of Humphrey Perkins from 1929-55. A door to door collection was organised to provide a memorial to commemorate the coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953. As insufficient funds were raised, various events were held, one being a concert entitled 'Bran Tub' organised by Barrow Senior Scouts and staged at Humphrey Perkins on 29 January 1955. About 200 people saw a fine show with guest artists Bernard Payne, Maureen Sheehan, Ivor Roach, Austin Whipp, Louis Pinierd, Dave Holland, Michael Pipes and the Humphrey Perkins School trio. The backcloth for the show featured the Plesiosaurus fixed to a wooden post - it can be seen clearly on the photo.

In 1953 the Senior Scout Troop had in their midst an artist by the name of Derek Peach. Derek designed a pennant for the District Scout Venture Badge course, held at Hicklings, Quorn Fields farm in June 1954. It featured a yellow plesiosaur on a maroon background and I am sure there are still some of them surviving.

Peter Clarke, another Senior Scout, took one of the pennants to school where it was noticed by Mr Wilkinson; he took the design to the Parish Council and as they say, the rest is history. The village sign was finally installed in 1957 and so next year is the 50th anniversary.

Barry continues with a story of true love, with its focus on Jerusalem Island.



The vicar and the girl from Jerusalem

The Reverend Richard Gwatkin was a man with ample private means and the vicar of the parish from 1832 to 1854. He devoted the greater part of his stipend to good works in the village. He fell in love with a village girl, one of his Sunday School teachers. She lived at the house that once stood on Jerusalem Island. The vicar sent his fiancée away for two or three years to complete her education.

In 1836 the wedding took place of this middle-aged clergyman and his young bride, the daughter of a lime worker. Deep resentment was felt in certain circles and a few houses were closed to the vicar and his wife. In due course a pointed reference to the match appeared in the local paper, which was answered by a very clever and scathing poem. In spite of these isolated irksome trials, the Gwatkins remained in Barrow for 18 years, gaining the respect of the vast majority of the villagers, proving that love conquers all.



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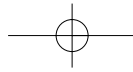
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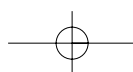
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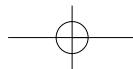
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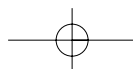
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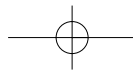


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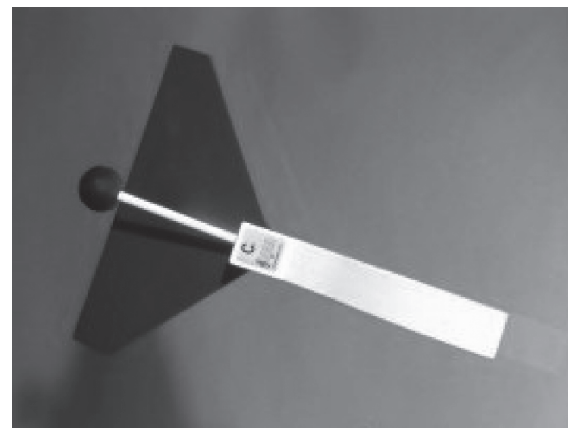




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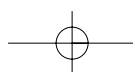
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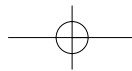
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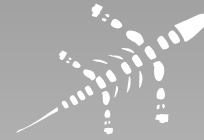




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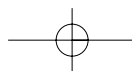
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A VALENTINE'S EVENING

Saturday February 10th

at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre

**Bar opens at 7.00 for 7.30pm
start**

Bring your loved one to enjoy a celebration
meal in the ambience of soft lights and sweet
music. Then listen and dance to the gentle
music of Richard and Carole in "Just Us".

**Tickets: £15.50 from The Paper Shop,
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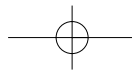
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BUSCA Events – Dates for your diaries

December 2nd	Switching on of Christmas lights and street market
December 31st	New Years Eve Ball with champagne at midnight

2007 Dates

February 10 th	Valentines dance
March 9th & 10th	Panto Group perform Cinderella
March 24 th	Spring dance



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Fri 1st - Sun 3rd	Christmas Tree Festival; Holy Trinity Church
Sat 2nd	Methodist Church Christmas 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 4.00pm). Lights on at 5.00pm Barrow Churches Together: 'Simeon' a Christmas Musical by Roger Jones; Community Centre, 7.30-9.00pm. Tickets: £5.00 or £2.50 (concessions). Under 16s free with a free ticket; from The Paper Shop.
Mon 4th	Holy Trinity Men's Group: Christmas Dinner at The Three Crowns Bereavement Group: Methodist Church Hall, 2.00pm.
Tues 5th	Parish Council meeting; Parish Office, 7.15pm, all welcome
Wed 6th	Gardening Club: AGM and Party Night; Community Lounge, 7.30pm, visitors welcome
Fri 8th	Baptist Luncheon Club
Sat 9th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms, 10.00-11.30am, remains go to Barnardos
Mon 11th	WL: 'A second slice of Christmas' by Mrs F Austin; Bishop Beveridge Club, 7.30pm
Tues 12th	Neighbourhood Watch; Cons Club, 7.30pm Bishop Beveridge Club Carol service 2.30pm
Sat 16th	Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning; Church Rooms, 9.00-11.30am
Sun 31st	BUSCA New Year's Eve Ball; Community Centre, 8.00pm. Tickets from the Paper Shop
Sat 6th	Methodist Church Mini Mart & Coffee Morning; Church Hall, 10.00am
Tues 9th	Neighbourhood Watch; Cons Club, 7.30pm
Sat 3rd	Methodist Church Mini Mart & Coffee Morning; Church Hall, 10.00am
Sat 10th	BUSCA Valentines Ball; Humphrey Parkins Community Centre, 7.30-11.30pm. Bar opens at 7.00pm. Tickets £15.00 including a special romantic meal and bubbly. Available from the Paper Shop or 01509 416533.

DECEMBER

JANUARY FEBRUARY

For those of you who are missing out - My favourite 'Mulled Wine' Recipe

Scottish Isles Mulled Wine

Ita warms your outer hebrides!

Makes 4 glasses

Ingredients:

- 750ml Red wine
- 50ml Sherry
- 2tbls Clear honey
- 1tsp Ground all spice
- 1/2tsp Grated nutmeg
- 1 Dessert apple studded with 10 cloves

Method:

1. Bake studded apple for 10minutes.
2. Pour wine and sherry into a large saucepan.
3. Stir in the honey, all spice, nutmeg and the studded apple.
4. Bring to the boil, stirring occasionally.
5. Simmer for 10 minutes.
6. Serve hot straight from the saucepan.



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