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# Slabs Postbag

Isn't email wonderful? It's less intrusive than the phone because you can answer the message when it suits you and it's as easy to keep in touch with someone in Birmingham, Bangkok or Bogota as it is in Barrow. We have a bumper email postbag this edition with views on the future of the Slabs footpath. We also have a message from Australia from a former resident who only has childhood memories of Barrow. He is tracing his past so his daughters can understand their family history. As I said isn't email wonderful!

Just a small request – if you are sending me an email, can you make it clear in the subject line that you are emailing about Barrow Voice. I get so much junk mail each day and I would not like your message to get missed along with the SPAM.

## Sports' Writer

We have a wonderful picture on the front cover of one of Barrow FC's junior teams. We have recently covered a wide range of sports, including table tennis, archery, and in this issue football and karate. However I'm sure there is much more going on out there. If you are interested in finding a new slant on sport in Barrow, please get in touch.

*Frances Thompson*

## News

# Pillings Lock Marina moves closer to completion

**Plans were submitted in 2002 to extract gravel from a site down Flesh Hovel Lane, adjacent to the canal at Pillings Lock, yet I never got round to going to have a look.**

At the end of last year some friends of mine who have sold their house and bought a narrow boat, informed me that they have bought a berth at the new marina which is due to open some time later this year. So I decided it was time to go and have a look.

Pillings Lock lies on the river Soar just outside Barrow, on the way to Loughborough and there is a lovely walk along the canal side, all the way to Loughborough, a place teeming with wild life and a popular area for fishermen.

Imagine my surprise when I eventually saw what used to be fields, with herds of cows sweeping majestically across them, quietly grazing, having been replaced with a huge reach of open water, accessed by boat from the canal by a narrow opening a hundred yards or so beyond the bridge over the canal to the weir and about 50 yards this side of the old turning point.

According to the project's website, which can be found at [www.pillingslock.com](http://www.pillingslock.com) and application (P/06/3470/2) plans submitted to Charnwood Borough Council there are to be at least 358 mooring spaces berths for a mixture of canal craft, wide and narrow boats etc with at least 80 for sale on a lease basis. There are to be shopping, shower, laundry, recreational bar & cafe and maintenance workshop facilities available for the users of the marina. There are to be car parking spaces for 56 cars on a main car park and 50 more on an overspill car park along with fishing lakes and additional wildlife habitats.

Obviously this will have an impact on the amount of traffic along the narrow lane and already a filter lane has been constructed on the approach to Flesh Hovel Lane just beyond the roundabout as you go over the A6 towards Quorn.

It will be interesting to see how the site matures to blend back into the surrounding countryside.



*Ian Knowles*

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# Barrow & Quorn PCs disagree on Slabs' future

Since we reported in March, there have been meetings, letters, discussions, consultations but still the future of the Slabs footpath is far from being resolved. Barrow Parish Council stated in the April Parish Council minutes that it 'would deplore closure of this footpath and would support proposals for its upgrade to accommodate reclassification of the footpath as a cycle route subject to certain recommendations.' We understand that the recommendations include the retaining of the rural nature of the meadow including the avenue of Horse Chestnut trees and the slabs at both ends of the footpath even if there has to be tarmac in the middle section. If there must be lighting, then it should be at a minimum level, with heritage style lamps and switched off from midnight to at least 5.00 am.



\* See Slabs postbag in the Letters section for some other resident's forthright opinions

In contrast, Quorn Parish Council has not accepted the County Council's proposals to turn the footpath into a dual footpath and cycle route. The Quorn Council does not want a fully urbanized and lit route linking Quorn and Barrow. Instead, it proposes that the Slabs footpath is retained as an improved footpath, keeping the slabs at both ends but accepting the use of tarmac in the middle stretch.

Meanwhile, Barrow Parish Council has asked the County Council to undertake a feasibility study to look at a safe route for pedestrian, cyclists and horse riders along the B675 road between Barrow and Quorn. This might well come up with an alternative path in the field beside the road which is already Country Council land.

Both Barrow & Quorn Parish Councils, I believe, reflect the concerns of many residents over the huge impact that it would have to build a wide tarmac ROAD across what is a pleasant meadow. (You ignore the pylons). And it's rather strange that, at a time when the national press are printing articles about street lights being turned off during the night to minimise our 'carbon footprint', the County Council are prepared to light up a field all night. So much for saving energy.

As stated in the last issue, the footpath is used by many pupils of both Humphrey Perkins and Rawlins going to and from school. If the footpath were to close, and pupils had to go via the roadside raised footpath, it would create a hazardous situation with many young people all using this dangerous walkway at the same time as there is heavy traffic going in and out of the village. It would also probably add 15 minutes to their journey.

I understand that both Parish Councils are very much against a closure, and will work with the County Council to reach a solution that will be in the interest of both villages. The County Council has responded quite positively to all these discussions. The Rights of Way department will be consulting widely before producing a detailed proposal. In other words, hopefully, their original stance of 'agree or we'll close it' has softened.

If you have any strong feelings about this issue please contact the editor and air your views. You should also make sure that Barrow Parish Council knows how you feel so that it can campaign to achieve a solution that is satisfactory to Barrow residents.

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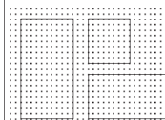
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# SOS - Save our Slabs



Joyce Noon of CPRE asks if you care

In the spring issue of Barrow Voice, it was reported that there was a possibility of the Slabs footpath being closed due to its surface being a danger to users. Alarm bells rang again, taking us back to 2002 when similar proposals to change the status of the footpath, removing the slabs and replacing with a three metre wide tarmac cycle track were being promoted by the County Council, but sensibly rejected at the time.

It seems that a 'fait accompli' has been presented to Quorn and Barrow Parish Councils but we confirm that despite the report stating that Quorn PC would not oppose a re-classification, this is untrue. Quorn PC (in whose parish the Slabs belong) has confirmed to the CC that the proposal is not something that it can support. All Quorn ever wanted was maintenance on a footpath which is considered to be of historic importance. It wishes to see it retained as a public right of way for walkers (see other article for Barrow PC's position).

Charnwood Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), along with Leicestershire Ramblers Association, has recently carried out a peak time survey which shows that the percentage using the route is minimal. As land owners, Leicestershire CC allows the use of the footpath by cyclists quite legally by unspoken approval. This informal use is not opposed by CPRE and we appreciate that we need safe routes for cyclists. It is already deemed as a 'safe route to school'. However we oppose the change of use which would turn a pleasant rural footpath into an urbanised landscape with lighting across a small but treasured piece of countryside. Why routine maintenance cannot be carried out is difficult to understand. We are perhaps being cynical in considering that delaying this work over the years is a deliberate attempt to achieve a change of use by the authority.

However if necessary there is a possible alternative route which would take all non vehicular traffic off the Barrow-Quorn road as far as the roundabout adjacent to the A6 slip road to join an existing combined footway/cycleway. This has been promoted by CPRE and supported by the Leics Bridleways Association. It is to create a new route on County Council land parallel to the existing Barrow – Quorn road which would be sufficiently wide to take walkers, cyclists and horses. At present the road presents dangers to all these groups and the raised walkway is falling into disrepair. We have asked County Council officials for a feasibility study into this option but have so far been ignored.

Coincidentally in recent weeks, the CC has put in a new cycle track on Meynell Road, Quorn which stops short of the start of the Slabs by about 100 metres. Cyclist signs at the bottom of Barrow Road, Quorn point to Barrow along Meynell Road.

**Any proposed changes to the Slabs will be opposed by CPRE and the Ramblers Association. If you want to support us, offer help in any way, assist with a further lengthy survey and show that you care too, please contact me Joyce Noon on 01509 414519 or email [joyce\\_cpere@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joyce_cpere@yahoo.co.uk). Your views are important.**



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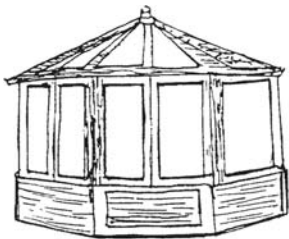
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# Barrow Upon Super Smart formerly known as Scruff

Gaynor Barton investigates improvements which should be in place at Barrow Station by the time you read this

Recently I've had to use Barrow Station as I couldn't drive owing to a broken wrist. It struck me quite forcibly how run-down the station had become from the clean, bright blue station I remembered using on a daily basis in 1996. I wondered what others thought so in early April I asked people sitting under the platform shelters for their opinions. Some were quite gentle, 'Could be worse; it's only a little station' and 'It's better than Sileby' but others were highly critical. 'The litter behind the shelter is disgraceful. I've watched the cleaners and they never pick all of it up or sweep the steps, and although they wipe off the graffiti they don't rub hard enough to remove it properly or the bird shit.' Others said 'It's not just the litter, it's the

condition of the steps that's dreadful. They are so dangerous because the ends are missing and you can easily slip when it's icy and wet. The only time anything will be done is when Network Rail is sued for £20,000 because someone has broken a leg'. But did Network Rail know about the steps and who was responsible for keeping the platforms clean? A little investigation was needed.

Well, it soon became very clear that Network Rail knew all about the dangerous steps. After they were first reported to the Parish Council by a Barrow resident in November 2006, there was initial confusion between the major protagonists; was it a Network Rail responsibility or should Central Trains carry the can? By January 07 it had been

firmly established that it was a Network Rail job and since then there have been many exchanges of e-mails and telephone conversations between Parish Councillors and others desperately trying to get Network Rail to start the 'nosings' work. Yes, the missing end-strips are called nosings - pronounced 'noseings'. Sadly they aren't an off-the shelf product so tricky to replace. However, at the time of going to press the work had been put out to tender and a company 'Construction Marine' awarded the contract. The work should have been completed by the middle of May 2007. It was impossible to get more detailed information than this out of Network Rail. The proverbial blood out of stones would have been far easier. (cont over)

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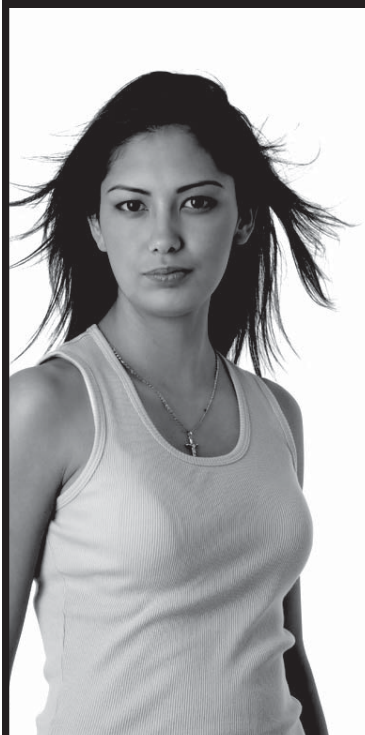
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Mr. Carlisle listened sympathetically and left an hour later with a list of matters to look into back at his office. I'm delighted to be able to report that he has worked hard on Barrow Station's behalf and a recent e-mail has detailed the actions to be carried out.

**- The cleaning team (two people) is scheduled to visit Barrow every Monday and once a month carry out a more thorough 'heavy clean' of all surfaces, platforms and steps.**

**- An arrangement has been made to clear the vegetation at the rear of Platform 1 to at least a metre and treat with weedkiller to prevent regrowth.**

**- Central Trains has measured and ordered new perspex panels to replace the damaged ones in all poster boards and waiting shelters.**

**- Two additional poster boards are to be sighted at the entrance to give the 'Useful Information' timetables and news of engineering works.**

**- A new set of posters has been ordered for display.**

**- Two replacement 'Barrow upon Soar' name boards have been ordered to replace the missing one and another that is damaged.**

**- Suppliers have been asked for a quote to replace the tannoy.**



So fingers crossed, by the end of May the steps should be safe and the station a cleaner, more pleasant place to catch a train.

### Adopt a Station

But problems will remain. As Mr. Carlisle pointed out, although he can make improvements, vandalism will still occur and he wondered what what Barrow people could do to help. One suggestion was the Station Adoption Scheme. 'Adopt a Station' groups make general aesthetic improvements such as helping with cleaning and removing graffiti, planting flower-beds - if room available on the platform, reporting vandalism and sometimes completing station surveys about maintenance. I have been assured they are easy to set up and extremely effective in keeping the station in the eye of both the village / town and train operator. Beaston is the station nearest to us which is already in the scheme. Any one interested in setting up such a scheme or helping with one, please e-mail me at [barspiller@btinternet.com](mailto:barspiller@btinternet.com) or phone the Parish Office on 416016 mentioning the 'Adopt a Station' scheme.





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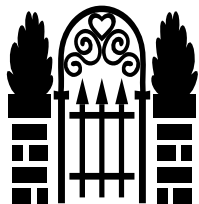
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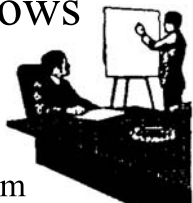
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## Hiding behind health & safety?

Although I do not live in Barrow now, I did for 20 odd years in the 60s - 80s and appreciated the safe lifeline the Slabs footpath was for Barrow children going to Rawlins and Quorn children coming to HP. At that time the Slabs were sometimes under water in the winter until the flood bank was built on the River Soar, but nobody complained about the "safety" aspect. I sometimes wonder about these "experts" who hide behind the H & S wall and resolve the problem in a negative way by closing down something on "safety" grounds. Surely a more positive way would be to look at what can be done to make the Slabs safe. I am sure this would be far less expensive than building a 3 metre wide, strip of tarmac which would then be used by cyclists and even motor cyclists. How safe would the slabs be then?

I cannot see what improvement will be achieved other than by repairing the Slabs and keeping it a safe traffic free route for pedestrians from both Barrow and Quorn.

Keep the Slabs as slabs not tarmac

Derek Johnson

## Slabs 'upgrade' would add to light pollution

While I appreciate the need for safety on the path my main concern is the increasing urbanisation of our village and its surrounding areas of natural attraction.

My question is why does the path need lighting? In this climate of supposed energy conservation do we really need to add to the drain on resources and the light pollution which a lighted path would generate? I feel it is of the utmost importance to allow at least some of Barrow and Quorn's original features to remain unchanged.

We moved to Barrow as a family nearly 19 years ago and have seen many changes. Unfortunately these changes have not all been of benefit to our village. You may recall the dreadful railings which appeared in the High Street and the felling of the magnificent Cedar tree?

I have not spoken out as a resident until now but the time has come to put the brakes on some of the village proposals. The Slabs is an essential link between the villages as well as a natural, rural landscape and should be preserved as it is. I feel that there is a danger we may turn our village into an urban sprawl if this kind of change continues.

Jill Butler

## So called 'improvements' to footpaths

I read with interest the proposed 'improvements' to the footpath between Barrow and Quorn. Known affectionately as the 'Slabs', it will shortly be renamed 'Macadam Way' following its widening, resurfacing and illuminating. Once this work has been carried out I wondered if the County Council would give consideration to the following upgrades of footpaths in the area:

(1) Barrow to Mountsorrel Footpath — removal of pavings and replacing with an all weather surface and strengthening of the 'one man bridge' Coops, sorry, one person bridge) to reduce the sway on the structure when young people run across it.

(2) Levelling of Cliffe Hill Footpath Coops, sorry, Rookery Footpath) with the possible introduction of a lift on the steepest bit of the incline.

(3) Barrow to Dalton Footpath — removal of all cow muck and loose mud, thus reducing the need for walkers to clean their boots or shoes after using this route.

(4) Barrow Bridge to Pines Lock Coops, sorry, Pillings Lock) — provision of raised timber walkway with handrail to river side of path as a health and safety measure.

I look forward to these 'improvements' being completed and receiving my increased community charge which will undoubtedly follow.

John Wilford

## How many accidents have there been?

*'Please leave our Slabs alone. What is wrong with the LCC? Have they so much money that they don't know what to do with it? Surely there are more pressing needs? As for "modern safety standards" - how many accidents have there been? I like them just the way they are and any 'improvements' would certainly constitute yet another diminution of our rural countryside.'*

Janet Kennett

## Are you part of Gary's past?

Hi there, my name is Gary Allen and I am trying to find out information on my past.

I was born in 1965 at Thirlmere Drive, it may have been number 21 I am not sure. I know it was on the right hand side looking from the main road. I left Barrow when I was six and moved to Loughborough.

One of the few things I remember was that two girls lived across the road, about the same age, one of them was called Bridgette. Believe it or not I remember making pom poms with her. The last time I saw her was in Loughborough when I was about 15 and she was a punk.

There was a boy called Simon who lived around the corner, again he was about my age, he lived in a terrace house, we used to play cowboys and indians on the grass at the corner of Thirlmere Drive.

Pine cone collecting, getting soaked on the main road by a truck coming past, standing under the broken drain pipe at school. conker collecting, watching trains on the bridge, these are all memories I have but much of my time in Barrow I have forgotten. I still have some photos though.

I have been living in Australia for the last 19 years, but now it is time to find out more about my past, for my daughters sake really. Anyway, I would really like to track down the people mentioned above, any help you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Gary at allenio2@optusnet.com.au. If you do not have access to email, you can write to the Editor, 17 North Street and I will pass your information on.

# MEET THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

Four years ago, in the 2003 Summer issue of Barrow Voice, the article with this name-Meet the Parish councillors-proudly proclaimed 'At last – an election for the Parish Council-the first in 16 years'. Sadly, we can't trumpet this message in 2007.

From a Council of 13, five of the previous councillors did not stand for re-election: Brian Henman (after 31 years of service), Keith Perkins (12 years), Sue Higton, Simon Richards and George Robinson. They will all be sadly missed and we thank them for their enthusiasm, commitment and drive. As the responsibilities of the Council go on multiplying, a decision had already been taken to increase to 15 members. In the event, only 11 nominations were received and so, again, there was no election. Barrow will need to seek four co-opted members by the end of June to make up the 15.

Moving on to the present Council, our Barrow Voice roving reporter is pleased to present the following thumbnail sketches of the eight old and three new councillors.

**Roger Forrest, 5 Avon Road**

**Tel: 412477**



Retired from the Merchant Navy, Roger is married with one grown up daughter. He has lived in Barrow for 30 years. He has been interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for some years but a life at sea didn't make this practicable. Now he is retired, he feels he can devote ample time to take on an active role, particularly for our young people and those who are vulnerable within the village. He would like to see more focus placed upon facilities for local teenagers and says 'I would support any proposals for events which mirror the success of the wonderful switching on of the lights event at Christmas.'

He feels that the village is as big as we can manage now and he would resist any plans for additional housing although he would support appropriate social housing – small scale housing for renting to local people. Roger hopes he can make a real difference to village life. He says 'feel free to get in touch with me'.

**Hilary Fryer, 7 Warner Street**

**Tel: 620938**



Hilary has been a Barrow Parish Councillor for four years. She works in the village as a sales office manager having lived in Barrow for over 20 years. She is a grandmother, a Borough Councillor, Governor of Humphrey Perkins and currently treasurer of Neighbourhood Watch.

She is continuing as a Parish Councillor to try to ensure that Barrow maintains its character and 'is as welcoming to newcomers as it was to me'. She will work towards reducing the incidence of antisocial behaviour and will carry on with improving the playing fields, open spaces and facilities of the village.

She hopes to resist further large-scale developments and is very anxious that there should be no reductions in services such as health and transport.

**Antonia Goater, 9 High Street**

**Tel: 412051**



At 35, Antonia currently represents the younger viewpoint! She and husband Nick own the Paper Shop. They moved to Barrow from London with their two young sons a couple of years ago. Antonia was co-opted a year ago and she feels she has more to offer.

She would like to see the village move forward in making improvements eg to Sibley Road and to the playgrounds. She also wants to make sure that people from the new developments are welcomed and encouraged to join in and USE the village. She wants the village to be a clean, pleasant and enjoyable place to live where everyone feels a sense of responsibility to look after new facilities. She will work hard to retain a village 'feel', a sense of community and to avoid parts of the village becoming alienated because of their geography.

**Pauline Ranson, Rose Cottage,  
33 South Street**

**Tel: 41 6928**



Pauline is a trained nurse working in the local hospital. Married to Trevor with three children, she is fully involved in the life of the village as Governor, local Bereavement Group member, Chair of Barrow Charities and Parish Councillor liaising on village health and welfare matters and now, a Borough Councillor.

She particularly wants to continue her liaison work with the Health Centre and any other health matters within the community. She feels that we should resist further large scale housing developments.

**Wendy Woodhouse, 97 Melton Rd**

**Tel No: 413212**



Wendy has lived in Barrow for 36 years. She is married to Roger and has two children, three step children and six grandsons. At 59, she has taken early retirement from the Civil Service and is now starting to 'put something back'.

She is the secretary for the Traffic Action Group and is now starting her first term as a Parish Councillor.

She would like to see Barrow a safer place for pedestrians and wheelchair and pushchair users. She also hopes to work towards a cleaner village, especially in the jitties, free from litter and dog excrement.

She feels we should resist more private housing and more traffic.

**Marie Slater, 6 Ennerdale Road**

**Tel: 41 2949**



Marie is a 'young 71 year-old' who remains totally involved in the life of the village despite her recent illness. She has lived in Barrow for 37 years, 20 of them as a teacher at Humphrey Perkins. A widow, she has two sons and four grandchildren. Her commitment to Holy Trinity Church is well known and she has been able to offer a ministry, especially in funerals.

As the new Parish Council chair, this term of office as a Parish Councillor will be her third. She says she is still learning the ever-changing rules and regulations which come from various bodies, Charnwood and County as well as nationally. She particularly enjoys the occasions when the village gets together. She has been very involved in planning matters and in helping, successfully, to present Barrow's case for the Best Village Awards for the last two years.

She welcomes the input from various groups resulting from the Parish Plan

and looks forward to further development in Youth facilities and a village hall and the tackling of traffic issues including inconsiderate parking. She hopes that the Parish Council can be a leader in all that is good.

She is concerned with the ability of the Health Centre and Chemist to cope with our future needs and she certainly wants to avoid further extensive housing developments.

Marie cares about 'this wonderful place which is our home' and she wants to serve this community with integrity and enthusiasm for the next four years.

**Luke Smith, 28 Beveridge Street**

**Tel. No: 413141**



Luke is an accountant by qualification, working initially in the food industry and later running his own telecommunications company. He is now semi-retired. Having been a Parish Councillor since 2003, he would like to continue contributing to the village thus providing continuity.

He wants to work towards more for our young people to do in the village. He hopes to resist the bureaucracy of the nanny state and political correctness. He would like residents of Barrow to be proud of the village and to get involved.

**Judith Spence, 73 North Street**  
**Tel No: 415921**



Judith was born in Folkstone, grew up in South Africa but returned to the UK in 1989 to attend Bible College. At 48, she is now a full time Minister of Religion working as a director of Four Twelve Trust. This is a Barrow-based charity which works with and through churches and organizations internationally to build up the local community. Married to Bryan, she has three grown-up children.

She has become involved in the Youth Action Group, Neighbourhood Watch and BUSCA over the last year and is now about to start her first term of office as a Parish Councillor. She hopes to bring the experience she has from her work more into her own home community. She particularly hopes to re-establish facilities for the younger people of the village, amongst other things, to prevent elements of anti-social behaviour. She would also like to look at building up the profile of business areas away from the High Street.

She feels that we should resist allowing too much new housing without proportionate expansion of local services (eg education and health care). She also wants to make sure that the Slabs footpath is not closed.

Judith says 'I want to serve the people of Barrow to help make it a village that is even more appealing to live, work, shop and play in.'

**Judith Rodgers, 155 Nottingham Rd**  
**Tel: 412063**  
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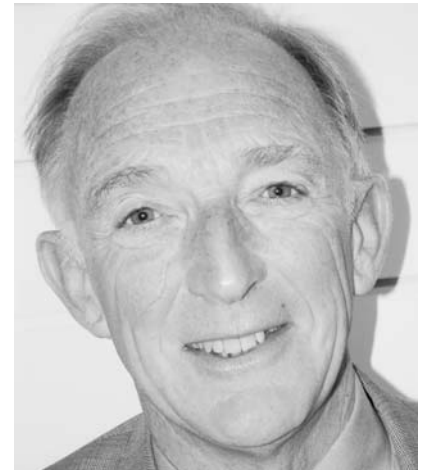
Judith has lived in Barrow for 41 years – not enough to qualify as a native. She is a retired teacher married to David with three grown-up children and 5 grandchildren. She is very involved in village life, as Chair of BUSCA, Governor, Site Editor of the village website and organiser of all sorts of village activities and events. She thinks continuing membership of the Parish Council helps her to achieve better 'joined up thinking' and therefore greater effectiveness.

She will work towards encouraging the residents of the new estate to become engaged with village life. She would also like to see the Parish Council actively supporting the work of the new Parish Plan Action groups to gain a new village hall, to address traffic issues in the village and to significantly improve the facilities that are available for teenagers. She will work towards maintaining the Slabs path as a safe route to walk and perhaps to cycle to Quorn.

She feels strongly that the Parish Council should take every opportunity to exercise its available powers over matters that affect the lives of residents.'

We must never sit back and let outside bodies make decisions for us that we know are not the right ones. The distributor road in the Willow Road development is a case in point.'

**Ted Rodgers, 32 Holbourne Close**  
**Tel: 416533**



Ted is a retired lecturer and has lived in Barrow for 20 years. He is well known as former Chair of the Parish Council and, until recently, a Governor of Humphrey Perkins.

Having been involved in planning Millennium events, he then became one of the prime movers in ensuring that the Fishpool Way site was secured for the community as the Millennium Park.

He returns to the Parish Council to see some of the projects that he has begun, such as the Sibley Road improvements, through to fruition. He believes that it is important to support the many initiatives arising from the Parish Plan.

He also wishes to further improve the environment, in all its forms, in and around the village by working in close partnership with Borough and County Councils and other agencies. He hopes to resist further large-scale development within the village.

He says 'Barrow is a great place to live and with the support of residents, we can make it even better. If you feel you could give perhaps just a few hours per month, please come forward, offer your skills and experience for the benefit of the Parish. You may be able to help in tasks ranging from gardening to helping at civic events.'



**Ken Pepper, 160 Nottingham Road**

**Tel: 41 2322**

**E-mail: kenpep@hotmail.com**



Ken's interest in parish government started before 1970 and he was first elected to the Parish Council in 1974 and then, after a gap, in 2003. He is a retired electrical engineer and, more importantly, a lifelong cyclist. He has participated in cycling conferences all over the world. His current interest in foreign languages stems from these travels.

He would like to see greater clarity and open-ness in the working of local government, including both the Parish Council and the Parish Meeting. He will continue to work for better conditions for cycling and walking in Barrow leading to less need for car transport

and a healthier society. He would like to see closer engagement of young people with the Parish Council giving them opportunities to participate in village government and therefore to aid in the shaping of tomorrow's village society.

He would like to resist further growth in size of Barrow but if growth is inevitable, then we should insist on improved facilities for health, recreation, young people and transportation.

He says 'Barrow is a very friendly village in which we should all involve ourselves to keep it so.'

You might be wondering what on earth is the Parish Meeting. I certainly was so I decided to go along to find out. This is an annual event and really it's the public version of the AGM for the Parish Council. This year it was held at the Methodist Church Hall on March 27th.

The most contentious issue this year, by far, was to do with 'The Slabs' footpath between Barrow and Quorn. This arose from comments in a recent Barrow Voice article where it appeared that this footpath might be covered with tarmac to become a cycleway as well as a

installed. Questions were asked about the Parish rate and whether this could have been reduced if the budget for play equipment had been less.

There was some discussion about the station and its lack of access facilities for people with disabilities as well as a

# OK with most of us, most of the time

**Ginnie Willcocks finds out what happens at the Annual Parish Meeting**

It provides anyone who is interested, with the opportunity to find out what the various committees within the Council have been doing on our behalf for the past year, to meet with the Parish Councillors and to ask any questions about matters relating to our village.

I'm not sure how well attended this event normally is. I suppose it depends if there is anything controversial on the agenda or if there is a particular issue that has arisen at the time. Most of the people who attended this year's event had a question of some sort to ask. I think there were approximately 30 so a very small percentage of the village population. Perhaps this is an indication that the residents are fairly satisfied with the way our councillors are performing.

footpath. The debate regarding the demise of this footpath has been on the agenda a number of years ago and it appears that since then no proper maintenance has been carried out. The full details about the Slabs is to be covered, in another BV article, by the member of the public who was present at the meeting who asked a number of searching questions of the Council and the County Council representative who also attended this meeting.

There were reports from all the various committees. I particularly remember the one from the Playing Fields Committee about the research they had carried out into children's play equipment, the items they had purchased and where they have been

comment to the County Councillor about whether the train service provider will have an increase in revenue now that ticket barriers have been installed at Leicester. Would this reduce the likelihood of the station closing due to insufficient revenue?

It was an interesting evening. All in all I think our Parish Councillors, supported by the Clerk do an excellent job which is sometimes difficult, is unnecessarily political at times and is often unacknowledged but hopefully rewarding for them. Well done to all of you and I repeat that, the fact that not many people attended this event is an indication that whatever the Council is doing, on our behalf, is OK with most of us, most of the time.

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The members of the Forum provide a major service to the village and are looking to encourage you to use village facilities. A successful members meeting was held in April in the offices of Digi at which members exchanged business details and strategies for the future. It was very interesting to see how plans in one type of business were relevant to other businesses. Members are keen to help each other provide Barrow with a vibrant business community serving your local needs

A social gathering was held at the Bengal restaurant with pre dinner drinks at The Soar Bridge pub. Both the Bengal and Soar Bridge are members of the Forum. As you shop and trade in the village you will see more of the very distinctive Barrow Business Forum orange and black window and van stickers. These stickers mean that you are dealing with a member of the local business community who wants to see village trade prosper. Any business who wishes to join should contact John Lockwood at Digi either in person or on 01509 410355.

Good luck in the competitions and we all look forward to serving your shopping and business needs within the village.

*Barrie Atkinson, chairman*

## It's all change on the High Street

You will have noticed some musical chairs going on in High Street. John Perry's Central Business Services has moved to Sibley; Alliance and Leicester have moved back into John's offices from 68, High Street (Webster and Barnes as it once was); those vacated premises are about to become an optician; Nick Townend has moved out of his High Street shop and is now working from home in Ribble Drive; his shop is probably going to house an interior designer; barber Robert has retired and his shop has reverted back to a domestic dwelling; we have seen Groom become established as a new barber; Eyecheck has changed its name to Visual Answers but at least has stayed where it is; Hampshires Bakery has had a bit of an upgrade to its frontage; the Post Office has got posh new white doors and windows: and the building next to Sylvia's Florist will shortly be available as a new commercial premises. We also understand that the hairdressers in North Street will shortly open with electrical goods.

Celia from Alliance and Leicester was anxious to flag up how quick and efficient the various village contractors were in carrying out their move. Certainly, High Street suddenly looks quite smart and colourful and that must be good for business.



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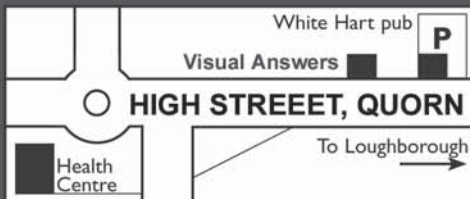
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# Barrow Village Hall Action Group

Since the last edition of Barrow Voice the Action Group has been very active:

**We have held a working group forum with some of the groups who might be regular users of a new community building, which has given us a clearer idea of the facilities needed by the village (Many are concerned with opportunities for young people).**

**We have put in an application for funding to the Big Lottery fund. We need to raise £500,000 ourselves.**

**We are actively assessing potential sites in areas closest to where most people live.**

**We have opened a Village Hall Fund.**

We have a strong team already which would be even more effective if you offered your skills, time, support and enthusiasm.

Together we can make it happen!

When we have more information we will hold an open exhibition.

For further information on how you can become involved or if you feel that you or your group would use a Community Building, please contact Sue Rodgers, 01509 416533



## Speedwatch Results Show We Need To Slow Down

**As a result of proactive contact with Leicestershire County Council the Barrow Traffic Action Group was involved in the pilot of a county wide Community Speed Watch Campaign with the aim of encouraging drivers to slow down.**

Groups of volunteers used speed cameras and noted details of vehicles travelling in excess of 35 mph. Speed was noted at various times of the day over a period of four weeks on Cotes Road, Strancliffe, Fishpool Way, Nottingham Road, Melton Road, Sibley Road and South Street.

Details were passed to Leicestershire County Council who passed them on to the police. Drivers were sent a letter asking them to keep their speed within legal limits, if the same vehicle was clocked more than once a further letter was sent by the police.

Details of 765 vehicles were passed to the co-ordinator; the average speed was 37.8 mph. There were 28 multiple offenders, one vehicle was clocked four times, 39/42/37/41 mph, and one was clocked three times, 36/37/39 mph. At the various sites 162 vehicles were travelling over 40 mph and three were travelling over 50 mph.

Cotes Road, Strancliffe had the highest number of vehicles travelling in excess of 35 mph – 219, with 43 over 40 mph and two over 50mph. Full details can be seen on the village website – [www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk) then go to Parish Plan & Action Groups.

The group is now working with the Parish Council to find ways to reduce speeding in the village. We are also looking at ways to achieve our other aims – improving traffic flow and easing congestion. If you have any ideas or skills you can offer please come along to our monthly meetings which take place at the Bishop Beveridge on the third Tuesday of each month, or contact the secretary – Wendy Woodhouse – telephone 413212.



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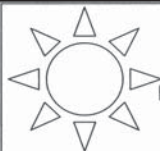
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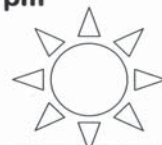
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## NEW Walks and Trail leaflets

This edition's Heritage Group publication is a Walks leaflet that should be delivered to you with your Barrow Voice but not attached inside it. The leaflet is Number 1 of several walks leaflets to be published as part of the Group's activities. You will find two walks: 'Walking the Edge' which takes you round the perimeter lanes and fields of Barrow. The second is 'Walking the Jitties' which will show you where to find the many jitties in the village. This is mainly pushchair and wheelchair friendly; the perimeter walk is not and will require suitable footwear.



*This isn't all! A new JUNIOR FOSSIL TRAIL leaflet will shortly be available for you to pick up from the usual outlets (library, Paper Shop, Post Office and Parish Office). So when the adults set out to walk the (adult) Fossil Trail, the kids can do their own thing on the same trail. They have dot-to-dot, word search and colouring to do as well as a good sleuthing job. Look out for the familiar front cover but it is in BLUE!*

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## RIGHTS OF WAY PROGRAMME OF FOOTPATH WALKS 2007

The following programme of Parish Walks and other interesting walks has been arranged for the coming months. Members of the public are welcome to join and enjoy these pleasant country walks and should arrive at the starting point. All walks start sharp at time stated.

**Thursday 28th June @ 7.00pm**                      **MILLERS BRIDGE**                      **4 - 4.5 miles**

Meet at the Three Crowns Public Car Park                      Led by Don Mitchell

Out via The Rookery footpath & I.27 to Millers Bridge, returning via K.31 to Fleshovel Lane and K.29 to the road or via the old three corner spinney to the Soar Bridge Inn.

**Monday 9th July @ 7.00pm**                      **WALK 3 - Parish Walks Leaflet**                      **3 miles**

Meet at the Old Station car park                      Led by David & Judith Rodgers

K43, Soar Road, School Lane, A6 to K24, I.25 and towpath

**Wednesday 25th July @ 7.00pm**                      **MOUNTSORREL**                      **3.5 - 4 miles**

Meet at Breachfield Road                      Led by Joyce Noon

Out via I.24 onto I.28 to refreshment stop at the Waterside returning via the I.26 /I.25

**Wednesday 1st August @ 7.00pm**                      **JITTY WALK**                      **3 miles max.**

Three Crowns Public Car Park                      **HERITAGE GROUP**                      Led by Arthur Gardner

Wheelchair friendly route along streets and jitties within the village

**Tuesday 14th August @ 7.00pm**                      **I.15 Towards Cotes & Return**                      **4.5 miles**

Humphrey Perkins                      Led by Michael Gilbert

Take the I.15 to Cotes via old pumping station, to end of footpath and return. Care to be taken @ Walton Brook. Wellies/walking boots essential

### 2 LONGER WALKS ACCOMMODATED AT WEEKENDS

**Sunday 22nd July @ 10.30am**                      **SEAGRAVE**                      **9 miles**

Three Crowns Public Car Park                      **HERITAGE GROUP**                      Led by Tony & Ann Williams

From Barrow through Seagrave, Sileby and Mountsorrel returning to Barrow. 3 x refreshment stops, lunch – White Horse, pm – Waterside, end – Soar Bridge

**Saturday 4th August @ 12noon**                      **SWITHLAND**                      **8 miles**

Old Station car park                      **HERITAGE GROUP**                      Led by Bob Mudge

Taking the river path over the weir from Barrow upon Soar to Mountsorrel, Swithland Reservoir, Buddon Brook Path, Quorn returning to Barrow

#### *Please Note*

Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a lead at all times

Suitable clothing and footwear should be worn

Routes can be changed at the leaders discretion; Mileage figures are approximate

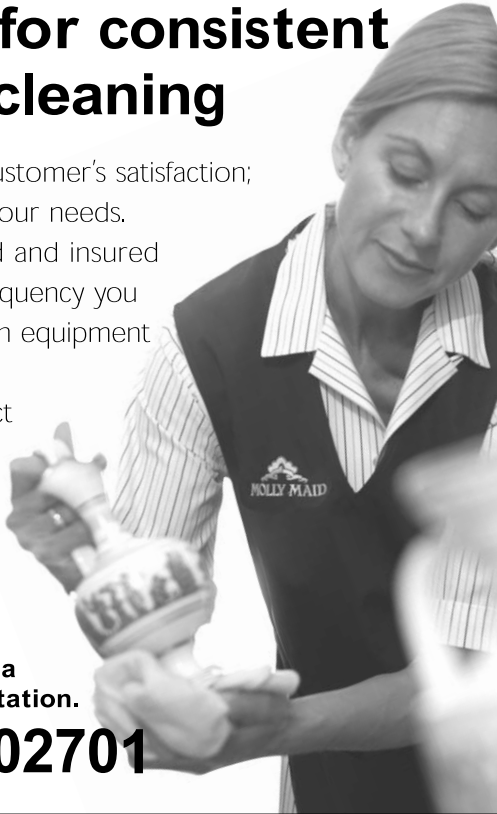
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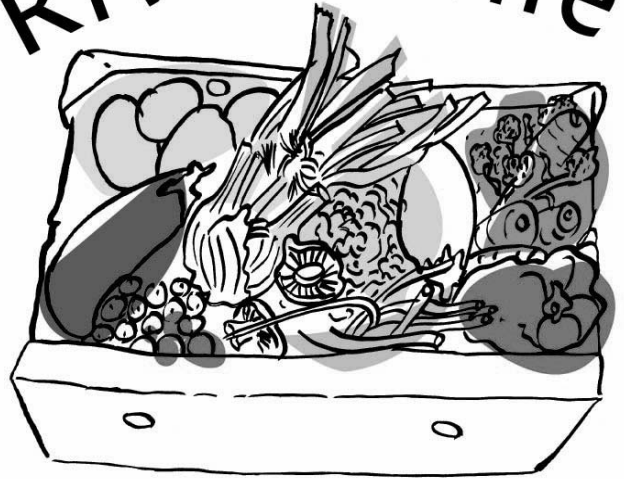
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### Arts



## Rehearsals are in Full Splurge

Rehearsals are in full splurge for the pie-flinging, pinstripe-wearing, pint-sized classic **Bugsy Malone** in this adaptation of the hit film that catapulted a young Jodie Foster to stardom!

Barrow Youth Theatre plays Prohibition-era mobsters in this tongue-in-cheek tribute to the 1920s gangster flick. It seems Fat Sam, who runs one of the most popular speakeasies in town, is in danger of being closed down by his "business rival" Dandy Dan. Enter baby-faced Bugsy Malone, a killer with the ladies and a definite asset to Fat Sam. Unfortunately, Bugsy has also caught the eye of Sam's girlfriend Tallulah (Jodie Foster in the film) – though he's set his designs on the showgirl Blousey Brown!

As in the film, the "non-violent" gang war is fought with "splurge guns" which spew forth splurge instead of bullets. It's a thoroughly charming, irreverent and clean (though very messy) showcase for a cast of talented young performers, with a book by Alan Parker, and a catchy, honky-tonk score by Paul Williams, one of the most popular songwriters of the '70's and '80's.

Barrow Youth Theatre re-tells the familiar story presenting it with all the energy and pazazz – including 'splurge' - that the youth theatre is known for, on 16th 17th November 2007.

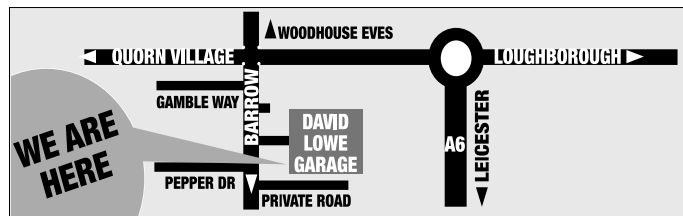
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## 2007 Karate Tournament Winners - BARROW-UPON-SOAR based Loughborough Shotokan

As the heading above points out, this was Loughborough Shotokan's year at the annual interclub event with their sister club Leicester Shotokan. This was the third tournament between the two clubs, but the first time the Barrow-Upon-Soar students had come out tops. With a massive collection of 28 trophies and medals, including both age categories for competitor of the day awards, which went to Stuart McHale (8), from Burton- On-The-Wolds and Lauren Baker (15), from Barrow-Upon-Soar. This fine array of trophies was topped with the Most Successful Club Trophy, which was lifted to a cheer of jubilation.

Now into its sixth year at the Barrow Scouts Hut, Loughborough Shotokan continues to develop, with students continuing to work hard and advance. With six years development the club is now starting to produce students that are attaining the coveted Black Belt, most recently achieved by Amy Statham (16) and Bethany Statham (14)

Another big change in 2006 was the introduction of special 40cm deep jigsaw mats, which has made training at Barrow a lot better and safer for all who train there.

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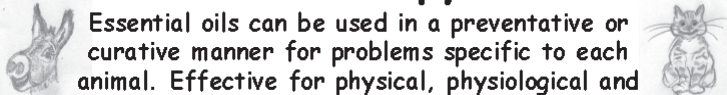
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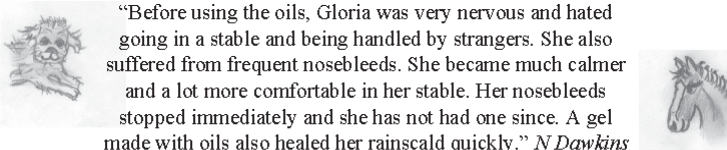
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Meanwhile, the last Sunday in April saw the under 14s targeting the twin aims of a top four finish and raising money for a new kit (why do they all grow out of the old ones so quickly?!). The call came in at 10.00, half an hour before kick off – 'We've raised 50p, so far!' The call was from the two Debbie's who, like many mums before them, had offered to raise funds for their sons' football club and were running a car boot stall with stock donated by players' parents. Kit manufacturers have jumped on the bandwagon and the ranges on offer are vast and dazzling to the average 14 year old's eyes. Money to cover even a realistic shopping list was needed, so Debbie and the others sprang into action. The car boot improved its total to £120, sponsors donated £600 and the boys washed cars and raised £60. This targeted fund raising is a sign of the times: teams need home and away kits.. The boys have to join in to raise the money and they have responded well.

Meanwhile, on the pitch, the players were facing the league champions knowing they needed at least a point to finish in the top four. A very good result after last season's promotion. One nil down at half time, the team were playing well and just needed to keep going. They then went 2-0 down two minutes into the second half. They then showed true Barrow fighting spirit and continued to press for the elusive first goal. It eventually came with fifteen minutes to go. Wave after wave of Barrow attacks eventually saw the equalizer come. With the game finishing in a draw the under 14s moved into third place in the table and are now guaranteed that top four finish.

There are other costs incurred in running the club. The boundary wall that faces Bridge Street is constructed of stone and part of the village heritage. This requires maintenance which proves costly but the club feels the wall is preferable to a chain link fence. The club



house has recently been extended and refurbished but ongoing costs need to be met. Footballs need replacing and outside coaches and referees have to be paid. This expensive enterprise has income from a variety of sources, notably the annual Tournament that attracts teams from all over Leicestershire and from subscriptions from players mainly from Barrow but also from surrounding villages such as Burton on the Wolds, Hoton and Wymeswold. The club has also recently received a grant of £250 from BUSCA towards funding new strips.

The club's greatest asset however, is the time given freely by such people as Debbie & Debbie and by the managers and coaches who, on a regular basis, train the teams and arrange matches. The under 14s meanwhile, are planning their next car wash and looking forward to representing Barrow at tournaments in Barrow, Blackfordby and Quorn. Negotiations are also underway to host a team from India, here in Barrow.

If you are not already a player and are interested in playing football for an excellent local club call me, Mark Sadler on 01509 621050 or look out for one of our Soccer Schools during the school holidays.

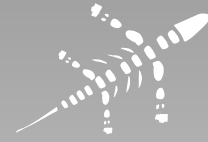
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# 'RIVERSIDERS' END OF SEASON REVIEW 2006/7

The end of another very successful season at Riverside Park, the 1st XI still have lots to strive for with the runners-up spot in the Senior League Premier Division possibly delivering a Midland Alliance promotion. Barrow needs to win its remaining games, Kirby able to catch Barrow on points and with a better goal difference-no margin for error.

Lee Harriman, who had outstanding success at Coalville Town, Bob Stockley, Paul Appleton, and Lee Allen took over first team duties in mid January after it was mutually agreed Adrian Draycott would step down. Lee and his team, with their Midland Alliance background and professional approach have transformed the Club to such an extent that we are now challenging for a promotion spot.

**Playing record to date Played 32 Won 22 Drawn 3 Lost 7 Goals for 77 Goals Against Points 69**

Well Done to the Ressies!, who have pulled off their third consecutive Combination title, which must stand as a record for both the Club and the league. All credit to the management team of Steve Alexander, Graham Barker, and Rich Kearn, mid season upheavals with the first team never saw them falter from a superb campaign.

**Playing record Played 29 Won 22 Drawn 5 Lost 2 goals for 111 Goals Against 34 Points 71**

Special tee shirts were printed to mark a unique treble, the management team look forward to a new challenge should it materialise next season. Farewell to long serving Gary Lofthouse, who finally retires after stalwart service to the Club and three championship medals for his trophy cabinet.

The floodlit youth team under the guidance of Mark Whelband, Terry Steans, and Nigel Squires, have enjoyed a creditable top half finish to a mixed season. An early successful run saw them challenging for top spot but a mid-season dip in form dropped them to mid-table. A return to form with a very young side should give them a top five finish. The majority of the side will be available for next season with Barrow juniors U/15 and U/16 sides hopefully progressing and having the ability to compete in floodlit youth football. The management team have fostered a good spirit with training sessions under top Leicester City Academy coach Nev Hamilton.

**Playing Record; Played 19 Won 10 Drawn 2 Lost 7 Goals for 42 Goals against 36 Points 32**

## *Off the Field*

We continue our off the field investment in facilities. Presently we are in the final phases of a grant application for a 50 seater and 85 standing stands plus disabled places. The total cost about £18,000. This will replace existing stands and dugouts. Should we achieve promotion to the Midland Alliance there will be other, though not massive improvements in covered seating capacity required in the next 12 months.

If you want to be part of this successful community club, we would welcome any offer of help.

Don't forget our Annual Fun Day is on Sunday August 5th, also our excellent 120 capacity clubroom/bar and kitchen is available for hire on 01509-413288

*Alan Dawkins*

## SPORTS' WRITER

We have a wonderful picture on the front cover of one of Barrow FC's junior teams.

We have recently covered a wide range of sports, including table tennis, archery, and in this issue football and karate. However I'm sure there is much more going on out there.

If you are interested in finding a new slant on sport in Barrow, please get in touch.

# Holiday at Home 2007

- Monday 30th July to Sunday 5th August

Following two very successful 'clubs' over the summer months in 05 and 06 we are in the process of putting plans together for 2007. It seems that those who, to put it delicately, have reached 'maturity plus' do enjoy a good laugh, the company of old and new friends and the chance to try their hand at old and new skills.



Each year so far the events' days have been different. Last year for example we had Sand and Sandwiches, Friday at the Flicks and a day of learning new crafts. Such fun! Mountains of cakes and lashings of sandwiches washed down with gallons of tea. Sides split with mirth and a few tears are shed from preciously held memories, which not surprisingly, are stirred in a safe environment.

A full week of activities to burn off all that summer energy, with one day off in that week to catch your breath, is being arranged for the pensioners of the area to include a day out at Stratford, a lunch together and three days of events, closing on the Sunday with favourite hymns in the Baptist Church. Currently, as we go to press, the activities include an afternoon with flowers, be ready to be surprised, an evening making music together and a day when we hope to encourage healthy lifestyles to include healthy eating, hobbies, and a better understanding of how we can be supported by local services.

All or most of this takes place around the Baptist Church in Beveridge Street. As well as those who braved it last year, and were so generous in their praise, we do look forward to meeting new friends.

For details contact Judith Morrison on 412770 and lookout for more news in obvious places around the village nearer the date.

Tony Childs

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# YOUNG PEOPLE - 'Your voice is important'

We had another great turn out at the disco in February. Zen provided the music, volunteers provided a fantastic tuck-shop with non-alcoholic cocktails and hot dogs, and almost 60 disco-dancers provided the rest! We don't yet have a date for the next disco – but watch this space!

Dog training for 8 - 18 year-olds is going ahead on King George V playing fields during May half-term with Sara Whittaker from WitsEnd in Leicester – we hope to have a report in the next issue.

Arnie and Mark, Barrow's youth workers, brought two of the youth group to one of our meetings, so while they were there we asked them what they felt young people in the village would like by way of activities. We also attended some village events and asked the younger generation what facilities they would like. We are planning to meet with the youth group during May to build links and seek their input. The general trend is towards more sports amenities, somewhere for the older age group to meet up – a club house, coffee bar, or similar, that can serve hot food and drink. We have been keeping our eyes open for a suitable venue. (Barrow Youth Group assembles by the signpost near the Three Crowns at 6.30pm on Tuesday evenings during term time.)

Last summer Charnwood Borough Council and the Community Association organised various activities in the village. This year the Youth Action Group is arranging for some of the same events as last year plus some new ones – so keep your eyes peeled for information brochures.

Young people, your voice is important, we need your help to help all the younger residents of Barrow. Parents, please encourage your children to have their say.

**Barrow Youth Action Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Conservative Club, North Street, at 7.30pm.**

For more information please contact Ken Pepper on [kenpep@hotmail.com](mailto:kenpep@hotmail.com) or Judith Spence on [bandj.spence@ntlworld.com](mailto:bandj.spence@ntlworld.com) or 07966683308



## BOSCAPS

BOSCAPS is a summer holiday playscheme held at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre and run by volunteers for children in Barrow and surrounding villages. The playscheme is well established and very popular with more than 300 children attending each year. This year it will be run from 6th – 10th August, 9.30am to 12.30pm. and open to children aged 5-12 years. Activities include crafts, sport and workshops, as well organised trips e.g. Ice Skating, Drayton Manor, West Midlands Safari Park (please note there is an extra charge for trips)

**Cost : £15 per child**  
**Concessions £12.50 (proof will be required)**

The playscheme is run in accordance with Child Protection Policy and Health and Safety Policy.

For further enquiries on the playscheme, to enrol your child/children or if you are interested in helping please contact :

**Alison Johnston on 01509 412142**  
**or Carol Westbury on 01509 412385**

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- Sat 16th** Holy Trinity Coffee morning, Church Rooms  
The Trap Music Festival with live music from local bands and groups
- Tues 19th** Mothers Union 'At Home', 68 Melton Road - 8.00pm  
Barrow Youth Action Group meet at the Cons Club - 7.30pm
- Wed 20th** Village Bike Ride and BBQ, Humphrey Perkins Community Centre - 6.00pm
- Sat 23rd** Bishop Beveridge Club Coffee morning; bric-a-brac, cakes
- Sat 30th** Hall Orchard PTFA Summer Fayre - 12.00noon - 4.00pm

- Sat 7th** Methodist Church Minimart and Coffee Morning, Church Hall
- Mon 9th** WI: 'The use of DNA' by Tony Norwell, Bishop Beveridge Club - 7.30pm
- Sat 14th** Clock Club Jumble, Church Rooms; - 10.00am - 11.30am  
Surplus to Barnado's. Everyone welcome. Admission only 20p
- Sat 21st** Holy Trinity Coffee Morning, Church Rooms
- Mon 30th** Start of Baptist Church 'Holiday at Home', ending on 5th July

- Wed 1st** Holy Trinity Men's Group, trip on the 'Rutland Belle' to see osprey - 5.30pm
- Sat 4th** Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; Church Hall
- Sun 5th** Barrow Town FC Fun Day, Riverside Park, stalls, games, BBQ - Starts 11am
- Mon 6-10th** BOSCAPS (Barrow's Holiday Playscheme for children 5 - 12) Humphrey Perkins Community Centre. Contact 412142 for info - 9.30am - 12.30pm
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## BUSCA EVENTS

- June 9th** Summer Ball: Dancing to 'Just Us'
- June 20th** Barbecue for Parish Council Bike Week rides.
- September 29th** Autumn Dance: Ballroom/Latin/Sequence/Modern
- October 13th** Horse Racing evening with Ian Shonk.
- November 2nd** "Opera Dudes: A life of organised Crime Croon" with Centre Stage
- November 3rd** Winter Warmer Dance: Dancing to 'Just Us'
- November 16th & 17th** Barrow Youth Theatre: Buggy Malone
- December 9th** "The Hired Man" with Centre Stage
- December 31st** New Years Eve Ball with Danny Rogers