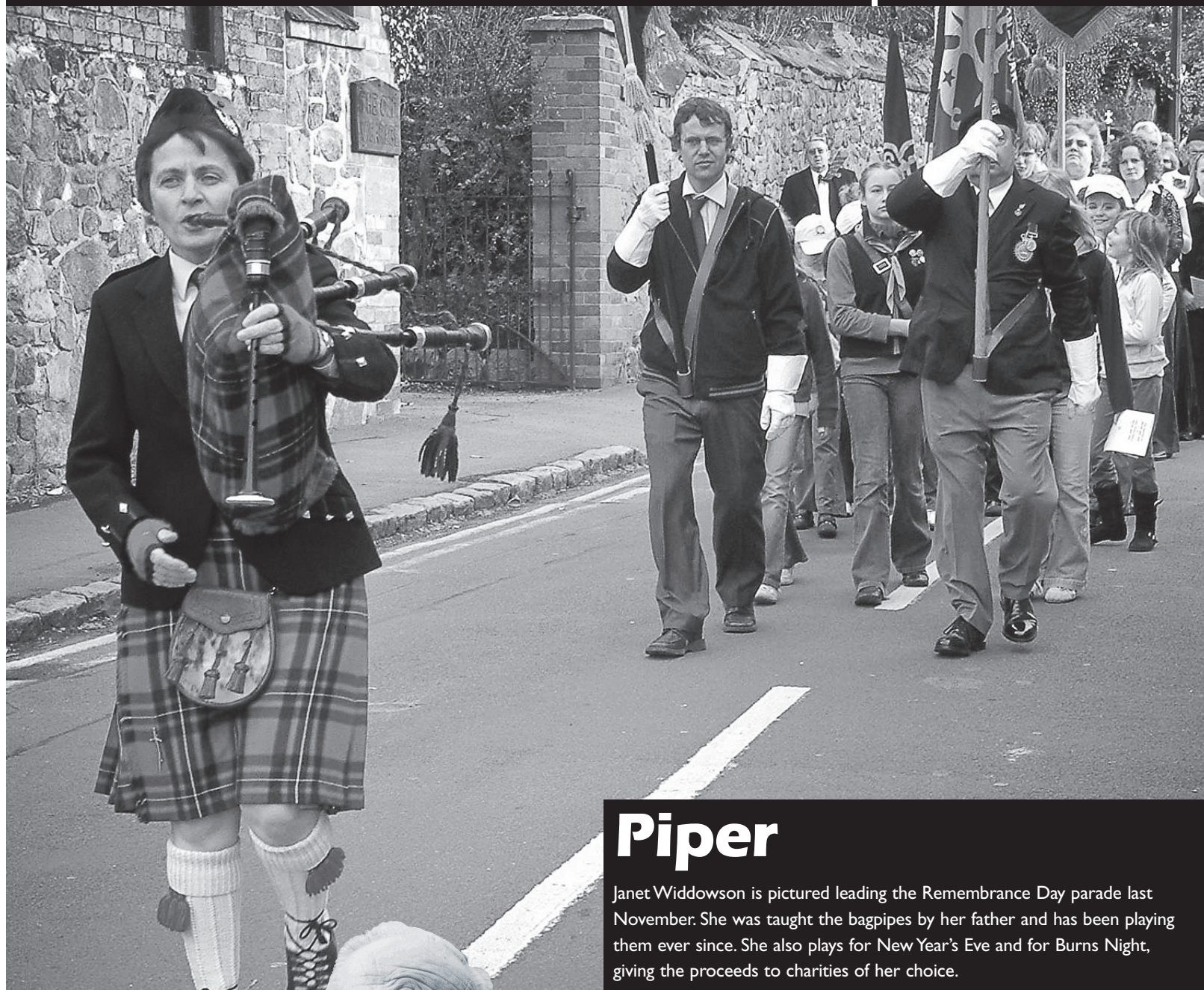


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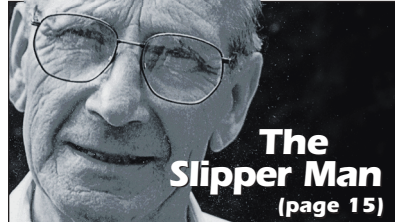
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## Piper

Janet Widdowson is pictured leading the Remembrance Day parade last November. She was taught the bagpipes by her father and has been playing them ever since. She also plays for New Year's Eve and for Burns Night, giving the proceeds to charities of her choice.

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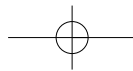
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## Editorial

# Holding my hand up

I'll be the first to admit that sometimes, despite checking and proof reading, mistakes occur in *Barrow Voice*. It is an editor's worst nightmare to put in print a major error, an inaccuracy or just a careless typographical mistake.

In the last edition we covered the debate on the future of the Slabs' footpath at some length. Unfortunately in the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) article by Joyce Noon (Save our Slabs) the omission of two words led to a significant change to the meaning of the story.

The paragraph which covered usage of the existing footpath should have read:

**'Charnwood CPRE, along with the Leicestershire Ramblers' Association, has recently carried out a peak time survey of the footpath which shows conclusively that the percentage of cyclists using the route is minimal.'**

The omission of the words 'of cyclists' gave the impression that the Slabs is not well used by pedestrians. As anyone who uses the route regularly knows, this is clearly not the case.

The article is reprinted in this edition on page 7 and Joyce would still like to hear from anyone interested in supporting retaining the Slabs as a pleasant rural footpath. Her contact details are at the end of the article.

Frances Thompson

## News

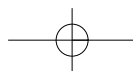
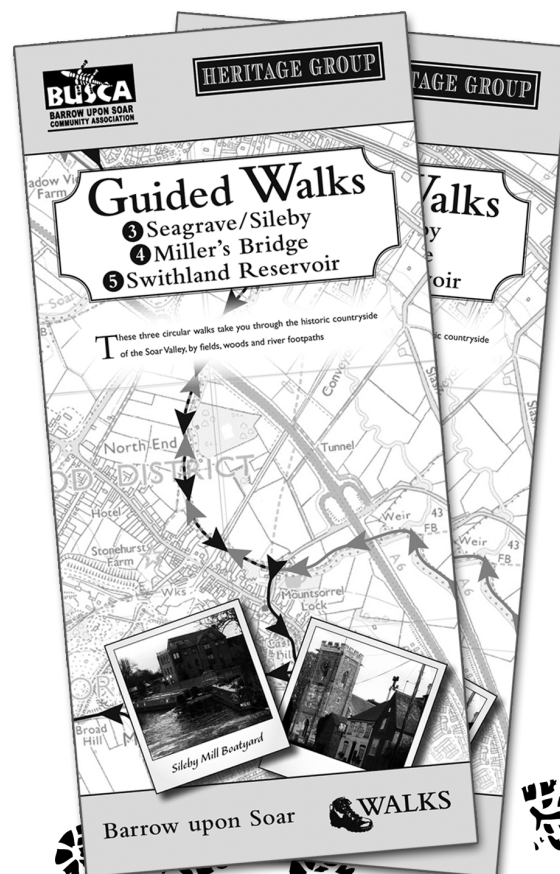
# No couch potatoes in Barrow

Barrow is the place to go if you want to walk and to explore. And there's lots of guidance to help you. Over the last few months we've seen the appearance of three new leaflets to encourage young and old to get out into the fresh air.

We have a new Junior Fossil Trail leaflet that sets the youngsters in the family on their own fossil quest. Then there are the two new Heritage Walks leaflets. One provides you with a map and instructions for a lovely walk round the edge of Barrow as well as details of the village jitties. The other guides you on three longer walks - along the river, up into the wolds and through our farming countryside. It is due out any minute.

If you are still looking for more, we have the Barrow Parish Walks leaflet with three additional shorter walks, the Millennium Park and Sundial leaflet and the adult Fossil Trail.

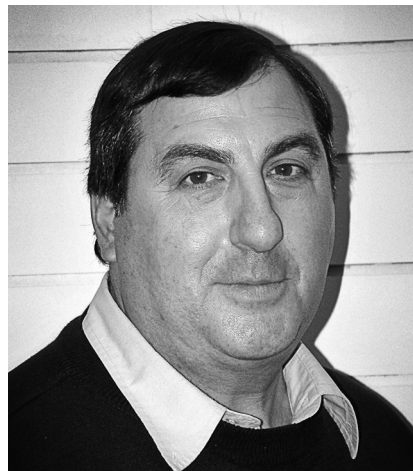
All of these are available free in many places in the village including the library, the Paper Shop, the Parish Office and the Post Office. Several of them are also available in downloadable versions on the village website, [www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk) Go to the Barrow pages and you will see Walks and Places to visit.



# MEET FOUR MORE PARISH COUNCILLORS

In the last edition we interviewed the new Council. These recently co-opted members now bring the Council up to full strength.

**Peter Cante, 19 Martin Avenue  
Tel: 07796 940607**



Peter is 55 years old, married with 4 children. He came to Leicestershire in 1970 to train as a teacher in German and French and has stayed ever since! Most of his career has been in Community Education working as a teacher, youth worker and adult educator. He is currently an area officer with the Leicestershire Adult Learning Service.

When asked why he had decided to stand for co-option onto Barrow Parish Council, Peter said "Having lived happily in the village for 21 years, I just felt that I ought to become a more active citizen and this was one way of putting something back."

He would like hear the views of village people on the issues that concern them and then work towards resolving them. "On a personal level, I would like to ensure that the amenities in the village such as shopping, health services, educational and recreational facilities develop appropriately to accommodate the new housing developments in and around the village."

Over the next four years, he would like to resist further major development without joined-up thinking.

**Janet (Jan) Hind, 22 Coniston Road  
Tel: 01509 413326**



Aged 65, Jan is married, retired but pretty busy. She is Loughborough "born and bred" but she moved to Barrow in 1961, upon marriage to Mike to live in the, then, "New Caravan Park" on North Street (on the site of what is now Gray's Court.) "We watched our estate being built and finally moved in 1965. We still live in the same house." She has one daughter and one son.

Jan spent a number of years running her own successful design and print business. Eventually, she decided to cut down on her working hours and took a part time job at Mercedes-Benz as Customer Care Manager. She stayed until she retired a couple of years ago.

Jan is a Local Methodist Preacher taking four services a quarter, is a member of the Ladies' Circle Belleplate group and is a keen walker. She has been very involved in the production of the new Heritage Walks Guides.

She was a Barrow Parish Councillor many years ago and recently, having some spare time, Jan felt she could return and put something back into the village. 'I am a conduit through which (a) residents may express their opinions, their concerns and their suggestions, and (b) decisions taken on behalf of the village can be discussed with anyone who may have concerns or question'.

She has an impressive list of aims for her term as a PC: supporting the expansion and improvement of health services in the village; in the siting and completion of a new, purpose built Village Hall; in supporting the police presence in the village and trying to improve standards of behaviour; encouraging integration between the 'new' and 'old' Barrovians and finally, ensuring that Barrow remains a united village and one to be proud of.. Jan feels that we should resist excessive "dormitory" building, unless accompanied by adequate infrastructure.

## News

**Antony Childs (Tony to everyone), 67 Babington Road  
Tel: 01509 412104**



Tony celebrated (?) his 70th birthday in July. He came to Barrow 50 years ago and has mostly lived in Barrow ever since. He says "I just about qualify to be a Barrowite and see this as the true home for me and my family. My wife, Ann (Wilford) was daughter of the local grocer, and she is Barrow born and bred."

Tony taught for 33 years at what became Burleigh College. He has been a member of the Baptist Church in the village since 1963 and a deacon there from that time until March this year. His three children, now middle aged ("don't tell them I said so") went through the local schools.

When asked why he put himself forward for co-option onto the Parish Council, Tony answered "it sounds grand and it is not meant to, but I do appreciate my home village, have been blessed living here and want to contribute, if I can, to its welfare now that I am able too. For many years I have had the pleasure of supporting Ann in her work and commitment to the village and now feel it is my turn to join in that task."

He hopes to help the Council address issues that are people-related, to scratch where the community itches and focus on maintaining some sense of justice and right living among young and old.

He feels that the Parish Council should resist any further deterioration in the sense of community that is threatened by development that moves the heart of the village away from its centre. Equally, he feels that we must become aware that people can become hidden within the village. One thing that can be done to keep the "heart" of the village is help to maintain a thriving High Street.

Tony's message to Barrow Voice readers: "The Parish Council for many of us is a hidden giant. It has the potential to draw together and encourage that feeling of community by offering to link and build through the resources at its disposal for the well being and pleasure of its residents. I would want the village to know that and I hope to contribute to it."

**Sue Rodgers, 32 Holbourne Close  
Tel: 01509 416533**



Sue is married with three grown up children, all of whom attended Humphrey Perkins High School, and four grandchildren. She and her husband Ted have lived in Barrow for more than 20 years and both play an active part in the community. A former teacher, she is now retired.

Sue feels that having been involved with many community projects and events during the past 20 years it is now time to put some of these involvements on a more formal footing. She therefore

decided to put herself forward for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

Sue would like to see the Parish Council become a 'Quality Council' in the interests of efficiency and consequent benefit to the parish. She says "I am determined that the concerns highlighted directly by the Parish Plan are followed up and not lost sight of. The initiatives which have resulted from the Parish Plan need to be supported at Parish Council level. In the light of the new housing developments it is important that infrastructure is in place to cater for the needs of our growing village".

She agrees with the view that no one wants to see further housing developments within the village, but she feels that if it is inevitable we must resist more four and five bedroomed housing which could create areas of the village which are predominately dormitory estates. "A sustainable community needs starter homes and housing suitable for the elderly to cater for those people, young and old, who wish to remain within the village".

Sue's message to Barrow Voice readers: "Barrow is a great place to live. I want to help to keep it that way not by trying to protect the status quo but by ensuring that any changes are for the better".

**Judith Rodgers**



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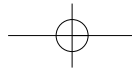
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## News

# 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 of cyclists 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.**

# Stylish seating for Millennium park

**In response to requests from villagers, two stylish stainless steel seats have been installed near to the Giant Sundial on Millennium Park.**

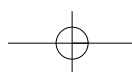
The Millennium Group wish to thank Nottingham East Midlands Airport for their generous support through a Community Grant and also Leicestershire Rural Community Council for their funding towards this project.

Further seating is planned and will be installed in due course.

The wild flower meadow which was planted last year is beginning to thrive. We hope it will go from strength to strength in the coming years.

**Sue Rodgers**

**Secretary, Barrow Millennium Group.**



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It proved so successful that they opened it up to everyone and recently celebrated their 1000th patient signing up for this service. It has also been developed further to allow the ordering of repeat prescriptions.

The practice also recently obtained outline planning permission for a larger, state of the art Primary Care Centre to be built on the site.

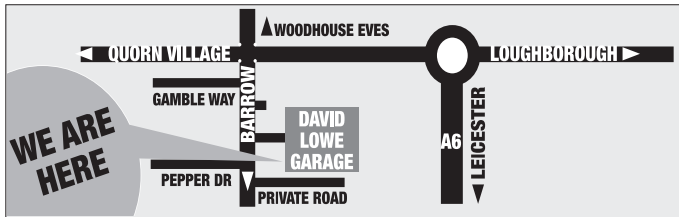
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## Feature

# Eye care in Barrow

In a recent edition we highlighted the change of name from Eyecheck to Visual Answers for the opticians situated at 28a High Street (across the road from the Alliance Pharmacy). Mohammad Bhojani, principal optometrist with Visual Answers both in Barrow and in Quorn is also sessional optometrist at the Corneal Laser Centre at the BUPA Hospital in Leicester

Now further up the High Street at number 68 you will find Vision First Opticians. The site which was formerly the Alliance & Leicester is going back to its roots (some years ago it was Jill Hughes, optometrist). Vision First optician Hina Popat has worked in hospital eye clinics alongside some of the UK's leading and most respected eye surgeons. She is also a senior laser optometrist and contact lens specialist.

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**1st prize - "I can get quality and value not far from my door" - Mrs Harriet Alvin**

**2nd prize - "I like the personal service and wish to support local enterprise" - Mrs B Copson**

**3rd prize - "Community loyalty equals strength - and prosperity will soar" - Mrs A Bramley**

The answers to the tie break question were very varied. Here are a few selected others.

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**...service with a smile makes it all worthwhile.**

**...people are friendly and Barrow needs to be supported.**

**...it is near home and at very competitive prices.**

**...all needs are catered for in one convenient High Street.**

**...I know personally most of the owners.**

**...everyone is so friendly, you always leave with a smile.**

**...there is so much more, it is never a bore.**

**...shopping in Barrow makes my day brighter.**

**...because no matter how busy they are they have time to listen.**

**...all the shops are close together - I am disabled.**

**...village shopping is convenient, friendly and in familiar surroundings on your doorstep.**

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**Barrie Atkinson**

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## Feature

# Post offices in the spotlight

Over the past few months, the Department of Trade and Industry has been carrying out a consultation on the future of the UK Post Office Network. To increase the opportunities for everyone to have their say, a website for online comments to the proposals was set up at [www.ruralaction.org.uk](http://www.ruralaction.org.uk). Although the consultation closed on March 8th, the site still exists and you can see some of the comments, suggestions and novel arrangements that were blogged onto the site.

We all sincerely hope that Barrow Post Office will not be one of the 2500 proposed closures to “transform the network and put it on a stable footing for the future”. However, there is to be a review in September, after which we should know the suggested position. The Barrow Voice team decided to try to help raise the profile of our Post Office with this article. You know the saying: use it or lose it!

I don't think anyone needs to be told where it is, having a prime site right in the heart of High Street. I asked the two sub-postmistresses, Daksha and Sheela Patel what are the top most common transactions. They come out at \* pension withdrawal, \* parcel and letter posting, \* bill payments, \* motor tax renewals and \* banking with certain banks.

Of course there are other things you can do at Barrow Post Office: collect various child and family benefits, phone top-up, gift vouchers, fishing rod licences, car/home and travel insurance, over the counter sale of euros and pre-order of 70 other currencies, order bunches of flowers, arrange holiday breaks with Paul Winson, buy cards and stationery, postage check for ebay customers and do your photocopying, amongst other things. Some of these things can only be done at a Post Office, of which postage and bill payment for customers without a bank account are the two obvious ones.

I stood outside the Post Office for a while and interviewed customers going in and out. They mentioned other things that the Post Office is important for: one lady said “it's the hub of the village. I come to meet my friends and find out what's going on. I can pick up village leaflets and booklets and other interesting things. And the two ladies are lovely. When I get muddled, they sort me out in a nice quiet way.”



Another lady told me that she looks forward to collecting her pension each Monday. “It's as good as going to the pub. Well, better actually because you come out of the Post Office with more money than when you went in.”

What would people do if Barrow Post Office closed down? Here, Barrow customers reflect exactly the same concerns that are blogged in on the PO consultation website. Elderly people who don't trust card transactions and young families who may need to collect benefits or tax credits in cash would have to travel to Loughborough or another village. . All were agreed that it would be a disaster for Barrow if we lost our Post Office.

The convenience of a central, easily accessed village Post Office is recognised in the Government policy statement: “Post offices provide a key service in our villages, towns and cities.

A national network is essential and it has a social value as well as an economic role”. The network is losing £4 million every week as people increasingly choose online services, direct debit, email, Internet banking and text messaging. Some 4 million fewer people are using their post office each week than two years ago. The Government want to enable Post Office Ltd to modernize, to restore Crown offices to profitability and to look at innovative ways to deliver the services that people need (eg services in pubs and mobile vans). The current network of over 14,000 post offices is recognised as “unsustainable”.

In other words, there WILL be many more post offices that close down over the coming years. So...if you value your village Post Office, USE IT!!

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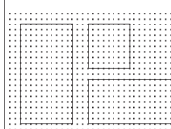
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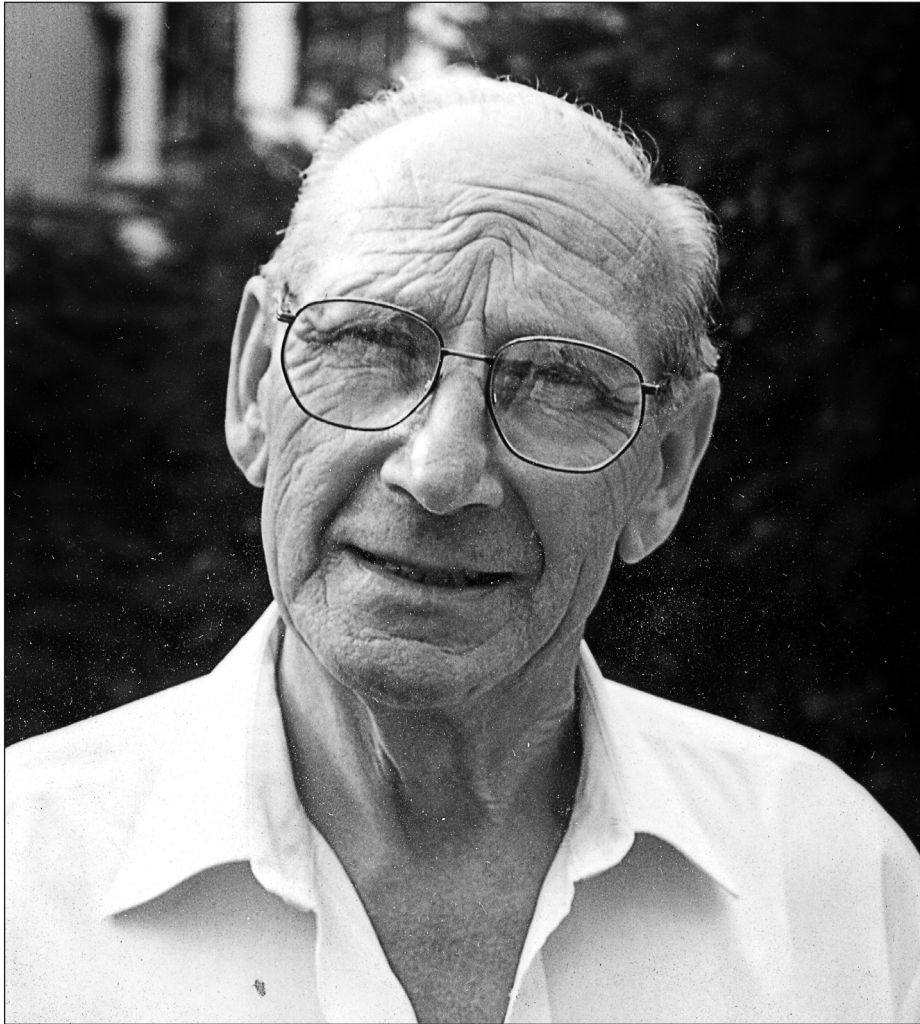
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## People

# Ralph Robinson... ...the Slipper Man

Long before Loughborough had the Sock Man, it had the 'slipper man'. Ralph Robinson, a Barrow resident, ran a stall on Loughborough market for nearly 50 years.



Ralph was born in the mining village of Kiverton Park near Sheffield in 1921. On leaving school, he did as everyone in the area did, and went to work in the mine but unlike his father who had to crawl one and a half miles to start work at the coal face, Ralph didn't go underground but worked in the lamp room. He worked here until he was called up and went into the RAF. Serving with the forces through the war, Ralph spent time in France, particularly in Marseilles. On returning to England he was stationed at Wymeswold and this is where he met his future wife Rose at one of the May dances that was held on the base.

Rose was a Barrow girl so when Ralph was demobbed, he went to work at the Brush and lodged in Barrow to be near 'his girl'. They were married in 1948 and eventually bought a house in Beveridge Street which apparently was a former bake house. They were to remain there for the rest of their lives.

Music was part of Ralph's early family life. Ralph, his father and brother all played the trumpet and his mother and sister played the piano. He was also taught the piano by his mother. His love of music stayed with him all of his life.

He played for several dance bands, the Dennis Harper band being one of the many. He often played at the Bell Hotel and also the Grand in Leicester and was a regular at dances in Stoke. Another date for him was to play for the circus band whenever it appeared at Leicester. Three months before he died, he was still playing his trumpet with the Loughborough Concert Band.

In the late 50s and early 60s when there was talk of redundancies at the Brush, Ralph and his brother-in-law, Mike Hull decided to set up their own market business selling slippers and shoes. Leicester, Loughborough and Coalville were the markets they attended, both working Leicester, with Mike covering Coalville and Ralph Loughborough. Eventually Ralph was working on his own and when his wife Rose died 11 years ago he was already well past retirement age. By now, he only worked at Loughborough Market and only dealing in slippers. He never considered retiring as he enjoyed the company and chatting to his "lady friends" as he liked to call his female customers. He became known as the 'Slipper Man', and had many regular customers over the years.

Ralph was a great character and a true gentleman and became a part of Loughborough market history. He was working until three weeks before his death at the age of eighty-five. As a mark of respect, his market stall was left empty, and flowers were left by many of his customers and market colleagues. The era of the "Slipper Man" spanning 50 years had come to an end.

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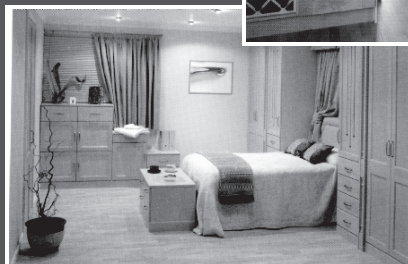
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## People

# Brian Henman enjoying a well-earned retirement

**Brian Henman was born 76 years ago in a cottage on Grove Lane. The row of cottages was later demolished and the Scout hut now stands on the site. Educated at Loughborough College, he started his working life as an apprentice at the Brush, but moved to work in the drawing office.**

He quickly realised that he much preferred working with buildings than engineering and went to work with John Ellis. Over the years he worked with other building firms as surveyor, sales manager and director. He was made redundant in 1977 which was a particularly worrying time because by now, he and his wife Gwen had four children, not a time to be out of work. It was at this point that Brian started working from home, doing drawings for extensions etc. Having set up an office he set a rigid working time table so that his work would not overflow into his home life.

In 1976 on August 6th, his birthday, Brian was elected to the Parish Council. He retired from the Council 31 years later! During this time he was chairman for 25 years and has served with 62 councillors and 7 clerks. Soon after his election, he was to face baptism by fire, when in 1978, the Parish Council took on British Gypsum. An application had been made for mining to take place in Barrow. The entrance to the site was to be at the end of what is now Fishpool Way and also a huge plaster board plant a quarter of a mile long to be built on Sibley Road. An open meeting was held at Humphrey Perkins school. 780 people attended and many had to stand outside. The Parish Council hired a QC from London to represent them. A lengthy enquiry followed and Brian, now Chairman, attended most days. Two years later, the application was turned down. British Gypsum applied again and this time was successful but with conditions that were more sympathetic to the wishes of Barrow residents. The entrance was moved to the present spot up Pawdy Lane and the whole plant moved nearer to Sibley. Also all traffic leaving the plant had to turn right towards Six Hills and not come through the village. These conditions apply today.

Brian also served for 25 years as a Charnwood Borough councillor. The highlight came when he was Mayor in 1988/9, the first Mayor from Barrow. Brian and Gwen had a very busy year with 511 engagements which was quite an achievement when they were both still working in their respective roles.

Not only has Brian served as a councillor but he has in the past been a trustee for Barrow Community Association, The Barrow Charities, the Town Lands Charities and he is still a trustee for the Bishop Beveridge Club. He was also a Governor at Humphrey Perkins and Rawlins Schools.

After a lifetime of service to the village, Brian is now looking forward to devoting more time to his various interests and doing more travelling.

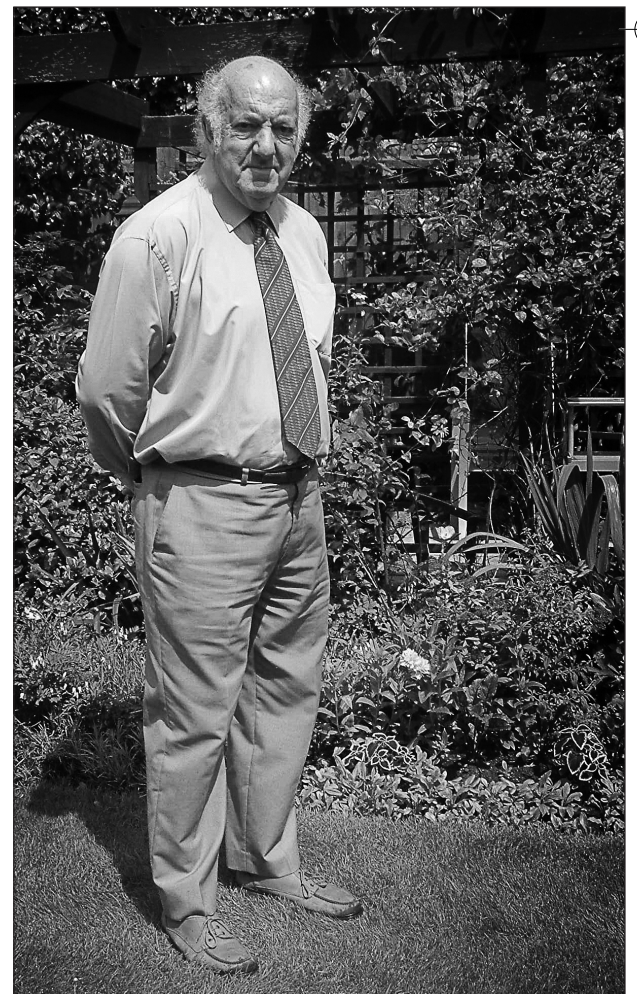
When asked if anything amusing had happened in his public life, Brian recalled a time when he was Mayor attending a youth football tournament. One young lad was asked by the local press to stand in goal and stop Brian from scoring. The lad took his place and Brian, clutching his very valuable chain of office, kicked the ball and much to his delight, scored a goal. The photographer asked for another attempt to be made to make sure he had got the action shot. Brian obliged and scored again, his delight plain for all to see. The photographer then said "let's see if you can get three in a row". The lad piped up "I've LET him score twice, I'm not LETTING him do it again". The phrase not working with animals and children comes to mind!

Brian firmly believes the Parish Council should not be a political body but should be a group of elected people working together for the good of the village as a whole. He wishes the present Parish Council every success in the future.

A retirement reception is being held for Brian at Hall Orchard School on Monday September 24th from 7.30pm. If you would like to be at the event, please phone Lesley Bell on 416016 (Mon - Thurs 9.30 - 3.30).

After so many years of public service, we wish Brian a long and happy retirement with Gwen.

**Val Gillings**



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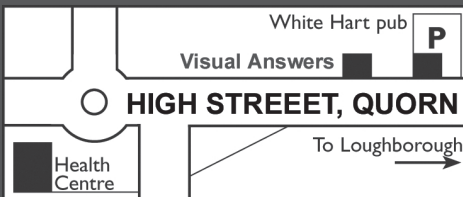
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# A 'flying first' for Barrow Panto Group



**Barrow Panto Group will be presenting its production of Peter Pan in March 2008. The dates for your diary are Friday March 7th for a performance at 7pm and Saturday March 8th for performances at 2pm and 7pm.**

I'm sure you all know the tale of Peter Pan and his adventures in Neverland with the children, Wendy, Michael and John. BPG's version will have the usual characters plus a few surprises. So, there will be adventures with mermaids, pirates and lost boys and.....no I'm not going to spoil the surprise; you'll have to come along and see for yourself! I will tell you though that this panto, although based on the story of Peter Pan, has been written by members of the group so it will be entirely "home grown". It won't be an epic, in fact the whole show should only last about two hours. Do join us for a show of light hearted fun and laughter and see if Peter really does fly across the stage, a first for BPG!

As usual, the group is open to anyone who is interested, whether that interest is acting, singing, playing a musical instrument, painting scenery, making costumes, organising or helping with props, writing scripts, sound, lighting etc. You will be most welcome.

The first meeting of the Panto Group will be on Wednesday, September 19th at 8pm in the Community Lounge at Humphrey Perkins School, Cotes Road. We look forward to meeting old members and new recruits. If you are interested in joining the group and would like to speak to someone informally about what's involved you are most welcome to ring either me, Ginnie Willcocks on 01509 413996 or Liz Fowler on 07951678233.

**Ginnie Willcocks**

## The Charnwood Orchestra

**Charnwood Orchestra will be making its annual visit to Barrow this autumn. The concert, on Saturday October 6th, will take place at Holy Trinity Church starting at 7.45pm. The programme is jam-packed with musical treasures: there's something for all classical music lovers.**

The concert gets started with Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture" written when the composer was only 17. You can imagine Shakespeare's fairy world as well as the Duke's hunting horns and the deep donkey brays of Bottom's transformation.

The overture is followed by Mozart's German Dances K 509. Legend has it that Mozart wrote them at the Pacht Palace, when Count Pacht tricked him by inviting him to dinner, but instead of

leading him to the dining room, steered him into a room with only a desk, chair and manuscript paper and ink, and asked him to write some (evidently long-promised) dances. An hour later, goes the story, the dances were ready.

Next, Charnwood Orchestra's conductor, Nic Fallowfield will be the soloist in JS Bach's Violin Concerto No 1. When you listen to it you have to remember that this concerto was what we might think of as chamber music: Bach had an orchestra of about a dozen players in mind and although there are certainly some flashy solo passages, there is a clear sense of musical intimacy.

During the interval, you will be able to buy refreshments from the wine and soft drinks bar.

This year is the Year of Elgar and you will be hearing a lot of his music in celebration of his 150th year. Charnwood Orchestra's contribution after the interval is his ever popular Chanson de Matin and Chanson de Nuit.

The concert soars to a conclusion with Beethoven's Symphony No 1. For a long time, Beethoven delayed composing any symphonies perhaps because it was the symphony in which his teacher Haydn had made his greatest mark and enjoyed his most significant successes. When Beethoven did finally write, perform and publish his first symphony, it was a huge success. The critics of the day now presented the 29-year-old Beethoven with his dream of a place beside Haydn and Mozart.

Tickets will cost:

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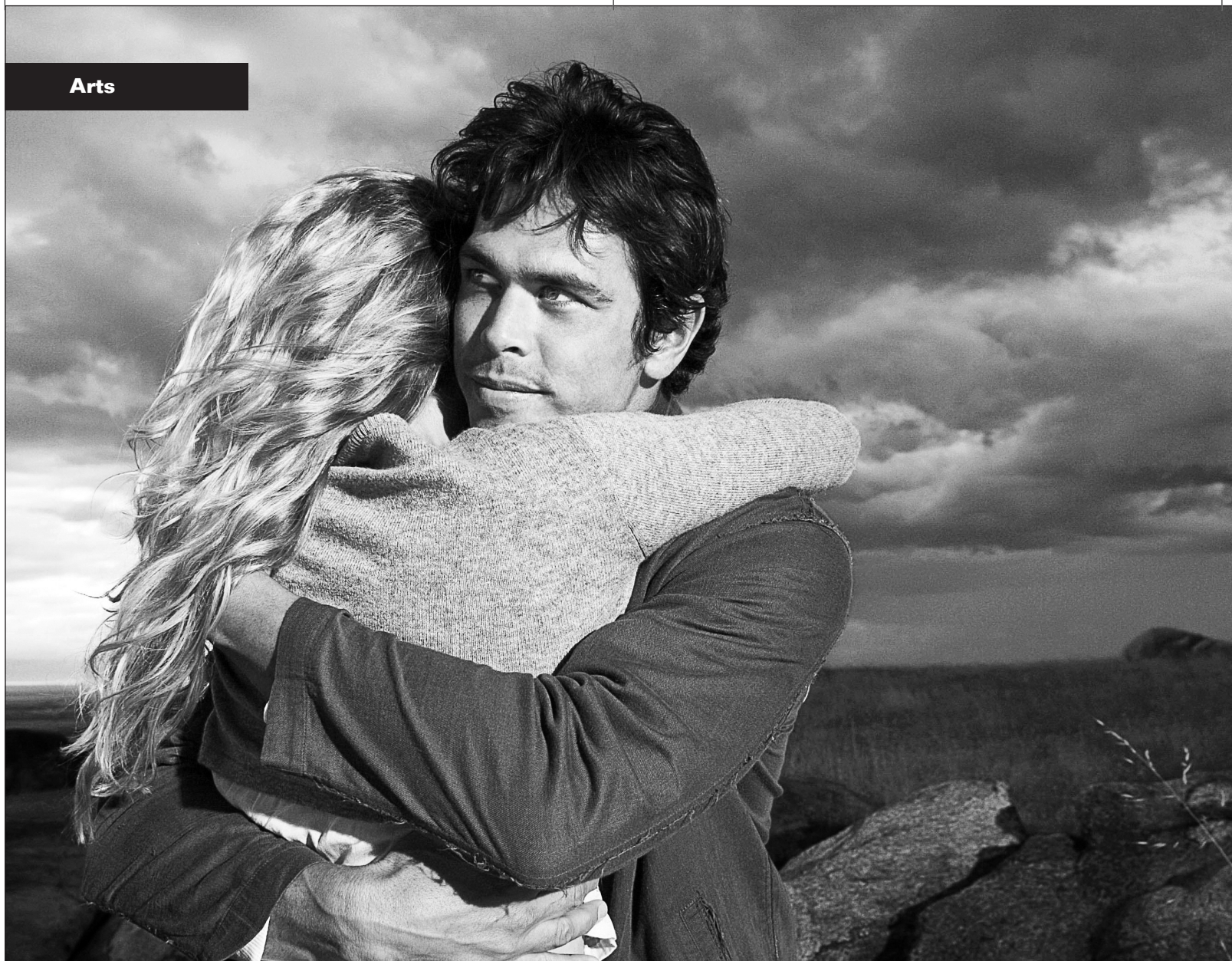
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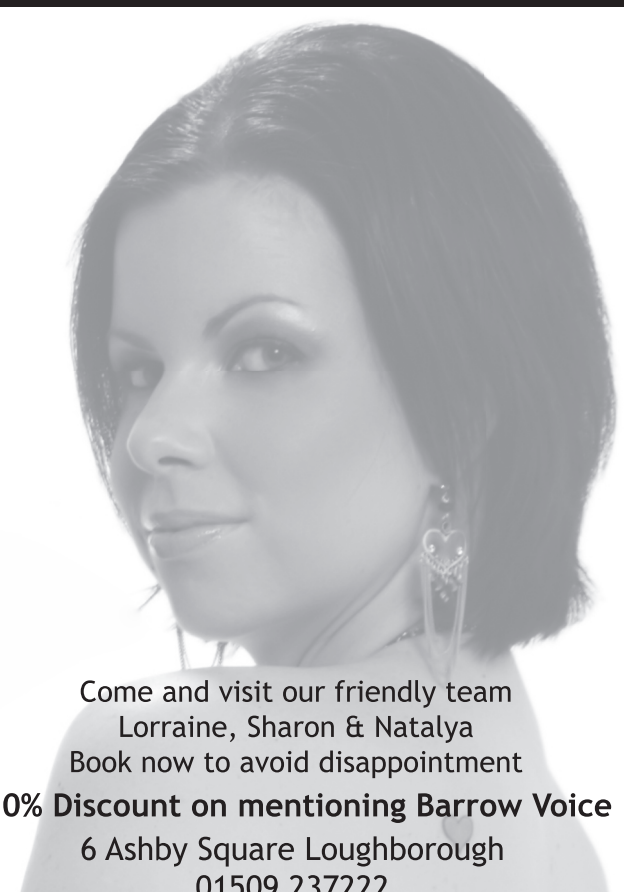
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How is Bugsy to get the girl and help Fat Sam and his gang defend their business against the deadly Dan and his cunning dastardly tricks? It's tough in the neighbourhood. How does Bugsy get caught up in the act? Could out-of-work singer Blousey be the reason or could Tallulah, the classic gangster's moll played by Bobbie-Jo Betts, distract our hero from his mission?

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Carol Kenneth



# It's party time for local mums



Two local mums have taken the strain out of deciding what to do for their children's parties this year. Jackie Johnstone & Verity Graham have taken things into their own hands and have launched Jabberjacks Leicestershire, offering party entertainment with a difference for birthday girls and boys aged from 2 to 5 and 5 to 7 .

'As parents we are always pleased when we find new and fun ways of entertaining our children and Jabberjacks is just that', explains party leader, Jackie Johnstone, a mother of two from Quorn, 'My children just love all the different activities and games, they can keep them entertained for hours.'



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Jabberjacks is the brainchild of a former primary school teacher. Over the last five years she has developed a range of different party activities, which take into consideration the needs of the age group at the party, which means no two parties will ever be the same', explains Party leader and mother of two, Verity Graham, from Rothley. 'With lots of different things to keep their interest throughout the party there is never a dull moment, even the shyest of children will join in the fun'. So, all you have to do is provide the venue, food and of course the children and we will do the rest.'

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## Barrow Scout Group to celebrate 100 years of scouting

On Saturday September 22nd the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, together with the local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will be having a traditional campfire at the Millennium Park, Fishpool Way (by kind permission of the Parish Council).

The event will start at 7.00pm. and will consist of songs and campfire stunts from around the world to celebrate this special centenary. The whole village is welcome to attend, particularly those who have been connected with Scouting and Guiding over the years.

So bring along your campfire blanket, voice and folding chair etc. Also try and walk to the event to avoid parking problems.

*John Wilford*

## Health and well-being action group

A small number of us are trying to set in place a group that will have at its heart the health and well being of our community. We are, at the moment, in the process of trying to create a strategy with the help of the Charnwood voluntary sector including health and social care.

We are also liaising with the Parish Council and Rotary Club with a view to placing automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for use in our community. We hope to have a public meeting in the autumn. Watch out for publicity in the usual places.

*Ann Childs, on behalf of the group*



## Young Barrow

# Guides go to Iceland

A group of 8 adults and 21 youngsters from Soar Valley Guides spent an action packed week in Iceland in May 2007. The interesting and unusual geothermic landscape as well as the long hours of daylight (the sun only sets just before midnight) offered plenty of opportunities for a wide variety of activities. The highlights of the trip included: hiking up to and over the snow-line (unfortunately the snow that was collected did not survive the journey home!), canoeing across a lake, riding on a Icelandic pony, cycling to a geothermal power station, luxuriating in the Blue Lagoon, a boat trip to see minky whales, exploring Reykjavik and visiting waterfalls and geysers. The group stayed at the Ulflijsvatn Scout centre where they enjoyed wonderful hospitality, including warm accommodation, plentiful (sulphur flavoured) hot showers, fresh fish caught from the lake and an invitation to join a group of Icelandic Scouts for a campfire session.



### The comments from the group best sum up how much the trip was enjoyed:

The Blue Lagoon was fab, wow, awesome, amazing – especially the face masks

It was fascinating seeing the geysers

I will always remember the smell of sulphur

I felt it was a real achievement to complete the 26K hike

The best moment was seeing the Minky Whale

I don't ever remember it being dark

The canoeing was hard work but it was fun

The best thing was horseriding in 100mph wind

I loved the remoteness of the scout centre, the scenery and the friendly staff

The Icelandic campfire was funny and they really were friendly

The Icelandic Skyr was my favourite food

The pizza was the best

The fresh fish was gorgeous

I liked the enormous portions of cake

It was a great trip – I pushed myself to the limits on the activities

I have now completed one of the list of things to do before I die

A once in a lifetime trip

# Barrow Youth Action Group

## What have you got to offer?

The committee of the Youth Action Group is very aware that many residents of Barrow have great skills that younger people don't have, and are unlikely to get without someone spending time with them. We also want to encourage as many people as possible to help us help these young adults.

At a recent meeting some of the youth group came to talk to us. One young man asked whether we knew of a mechanic who could come and teach them about motor-bike maintenance. Other things have cropped up at previous meetings - craft skills like knitting, sewing, card-making etc; sports skills; running a mixer desk; driving skills, etc. I am sure there are many more that you could think of...

What skills do you have? Would you be prepared to spend a bit of time sharing these skills with younger people? We are not asking for a regular commitment, perhaps just a few hours would do. Please consider this and get back to us:

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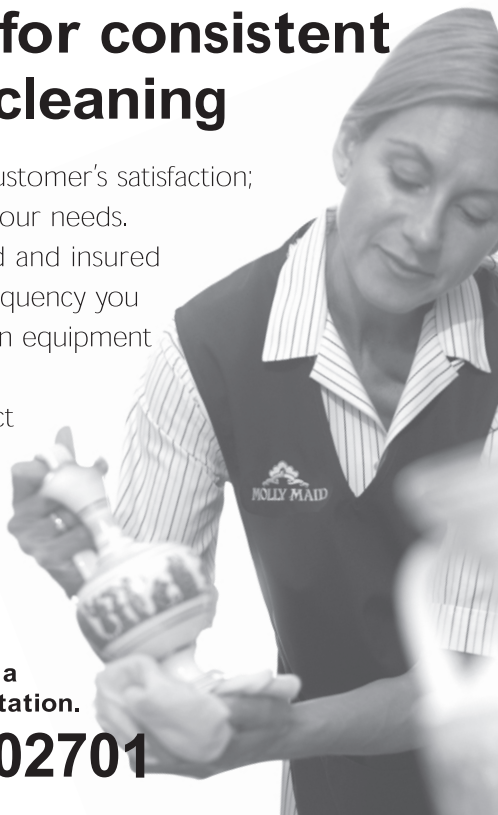
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## Letters



# Can you remember the Mountsorrel railway?

**Have you ever strolled along the river towards Mountsorrel and come across the elegant 1860 bridge which stretches, almost impossibly, over the canal? Or maybe travelled along the A6 and noticed the conveyor belt heading off over the fields towards Mountsorrel?**

These were all part of the Mountsorrel Railway, built almost 150 years ago to serve the quarries of the Mountsorrel Granite Company and the extensive works of Ellis and Sons at Barrow. With the passing of time it seems that this once-extensive and now long-closed private railway system is largely forgotten and that its history is in danger of becoming lost forever. This would be a tragedy and a local resident, and a director of the Great Central Railway, are determined it won't happen.

Local resident and railway enthusiast Steve Cramp is working with GCR Director Nigel Harris (a national magazine editor) and the pair are researching the railway with the intention of writing a book about it.

"I had often walked alongside the canal and wondered about the 1860 bridge" says Steve "I was amazed at its beauty and the intricacy of its architecture. It stands as a reminder of a lost age when elegance and attention to detail were part of everyday life. I had read various publications about local history but was surprised to find that the railway only had a fleeting mention here and there."

Over the past few months, Steve has set about tracing information and people who remember the railway in an attempt to document as much information as possible. "It seemed that with every turn of a page, discovery of a picture or phone conversation, the project just becomes more and more interesting. This was no ordinary industrial railway, altogether there were 8 miles of track serving the local quarries and the works at Barrow. The railway ran from a junction with the Midland Mainline just to the south of Barrow upon Soar. The railway sidings there served the various mills and a lime quarry. It then ran across the Soar flood plain to the Mountsorrel quarries and then out towards Swithland to join the Great Central Railway at Swithland Sidings.

All that remains, operationally, of the railway today are the sidings that serve the Lafarge works at Barrow.

Research is now moving into the final phase. "Recording historical facts and key dates is only part of any book of this type. What will really bring the book to life are the stories from people who remember the railway. These are often passed down through the generations. Whilst we have unearthed stories involving the Mountsorrel section of the railway, information is still patchy regarding the Barrow end of the line. The works at Barrow are vast today but they were equally sprawling in years gone by." Steve's research has shown that a significant number of people who worked at the Ellis works lived in Barrow. "I'm hoping that some of those people, or their descendants may still live in the village. Do any of your readers remember the railway or know of people who remember the railway? If so please get in touch with me. Most of the people I have spoken with so far are well into their 70's, we may not have such a good opportunity to record this information for very much longer."

"All the proceeds from the book will go to two local railway charities which support restoration work on the nearby Great Central Railway." says Steve. "We would like to be ready to publish by the end of the year but this depends on how many stories remain to be told, so if you have a story about the railway then please get in touch with me and don't delay!"

Steve can be contacted on **0116 2301374** or by email at **smcavalon@yahoo.co.uk**

## In praise of Barrow — a lovely place

*My sister and I own a Static Caravan on the Proctor's Leisure Site and we travel down to Barrow most weekends.*

*I just wanted to say how lovely the village is looking with hanging baskets and flower tubs, and how friendly the people are.*

*The surrounding areas are just as nice, it is a pleasure to be part of this lovely place.*

*Kind Regards*

*Glennys Potter (Mrs)  
and Gillian Hogben (Mrs)*

## Bygone Barrow



# A glimpse of the past

### Haymaking 100 years ago

In a sense my life has now turned full circle. Born into a farming family I enjoyed childhood in the fifties on my father's farm (Elms Lodge) on Pawdy Lane, (the old and correct spelling of the lane). After leaving Humphrey Perkins School, I set about a career in education, lecturing in farm mechanisation, first in Wiltshire then latterly at Brooksby College. After the death of my father I returned to the farm where I am today.

### Farmers were honest and reliable

In the past 50 years, agriculture like most other industries has changed almost beyond recognition, driven in large part by economics and facilitated by mechanisation but also by social and demographic changes as well as aspiration. Men like my father who farmed at that time were different from the farmers of today- they were totally self-reliant- they had to be because telephones were few and far between, consequently help was not easily at hand. Also, not being bound by countless rules and regulations they were virtually a law unto themselves on their own land with one consequence that they were not always the easiest people to deal with. But they were hardworking, capable, honest and reliable.

Fifty years ago farming was very labour-intensive. Although mechanisation has been, to some degree, ongoing through history, it received a critical impetus after the war with the shortage of labour. Land girls had taken the place of men on the farm at this time but were keen in most part to get back to more traditional women's work. A farm labourer's life was not an easy one. Hopes and aspirations after the previous few years of hardship were high for a better standard of life and that did not necessarily gel with farm work. A good example of the way things have changed is to look at haymaking, now largely superseded by silage although not entirely, as silage is not suitable for all stock and farming practices.

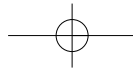
Up until the early fifties my father and uncles still used heavy horses, (in our case we had shires). These had been the main motive power for centuries along with bullocks, which were inferior both in power and temperament, although they were dual purpose in that you could eat them if they became too obstreperous.

### Back to haymaking

Back to haymaking. The mower used was a finger bar type; its cutting action resembled that of several pairs of scissors

on a bed about 4 or 5 ft long. There was a perforated metal seat on the machine usually spelling out the manufacturer's name (now very collectable) from which the operator controlled the lifting and lowering of the knife bed and the three-abreast horses. After mowing the grass, it was left to dry for a couple of days before it was tedded. The tedder or side rake, as it was sometimes called due to its action, rolled over and fluffed up the hay row allowing it to dry quicker. It also had a perforated metal seat on which the operator sat. From here you would operate the machine and control the single horse or pony, which pulled it.

When the hay was dry it was gathered using a hay sweep, a wooden implement with tines at the front to do the work and handles at the back which you controlled the machine with as you walked along behind it also controlling the horse which was pulling in front of the tines. The hay was gathered and stacked into cobs (small stacks) which gave it some weather protection until you had time to make the proper haystack. This involved dragging the cobs to the site of the stack by placing a rope around the base. Because the hay in the cob had usually had time to settle before you moved it, most times it did move as one lump.



## Bygone Barrow

As the main stack grew in height it became necessary to erect a pole and grab system. This consisted of a telegraph pole on top of which was a pulley. A rope was threaded through the pulley, one end was attached to the horse and the other to the grab. This was a large metal-lined device as the name suggests capable of opening and grabbing a load of hay. Then as the horse walked away from the pole, the grab was pulled via the pulley up the pole until it reached the working height of the stack. With the aid of a second rope it was swung out over the stack and at the same time the grab opened discharging the hay.

After completing the haystack and before winter set in, it would be thatched using straw from that summer's harvest. It was possible to use the straw for thatching because it had been cut with a binder which leaves the stalk straight and unbroken. Modern combine harvesters break the stalks up so they could no longer be used for thatching hay stacks. Finally when you wanted to feed the hay you would cut sections out of the stack using a hay knife.

Compare all this work with the current practice of simply rolling up the hay into large round bales and stacking them into a Dutch barn using a tractor and fore end

loader. To use a bale for feeding, the tractor is just used again to get it out and dump it.

I said earlier that men like my father were different to the farmers of today, and I think you can get an inkling of what I mean by understanding how the nature and constraints of their working life has changed.

**Dave Bird**

**Note: Dave's father and uncles used to farm the four farms that we know as Elms Lodge, Cream Lodge, Barrow Fields and Barrow View farms.**

# Voice from the past

**In September 1975, the very first edition of Barrow Voice was produced and circulated free to houses in Barrow and Walton. The expression 'from small acorns...' springs to mind. When I tell you that Volume 1 Number 1, was an A4 folded sheet of paper, you may well agree.**

Here is a flavour of what was happening in the village over 30 years ago.

### **Vol 1 No 1, September 1975**

Swimming Pool Success Story

The swimming pool at Humphrey Perkins was opened to the public on 11 August following the building of a spectators' entrance by contractors and volunteers. Initially there were no lights inside the pool area and these were installed later by qualified volunteers.

### **Vol 1 No 2, December 1975**

Ranger Group Starts

A Ranger Group has started for girls aged 14 to 20, it meets alternate Tuesdays in the Humphrey Perkins flat.

### **From Vol 1 No 3, February 1976**

A performance of 'Dr Faustus' by the Theatre of Puppets took place on 31st January, 1976, admission was 30 pence. Shrove Tuesday - The 3rd Annual Pancake race took place in Wycliffe Avenue against Barrow in Suffolk.

### **From Vol 1 No 4, April 1976**

Gray's Court was officially opened on 4th December 1975 by Councillor Miss F M Henson M.B.E. There are 35 light airy and very pleasant flats where elderly people are visited each day by Warden Mrs Flint, or Assistant warden Mrs Ashfield. Barrow Variety Show took place on 2nd and 3rd April, and presented "A short play... high stepping dancers... Side splitting comedy sketches... good songs, well sung... Talented musicians"

Public Meeting to discuss a New Community Centre. Following the meeting on 14th April the Education Authority agreed to give Humphrey Perkins community centre status from September 1976.

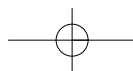
The New Riverside Restaurant held an Open Night Buffet Dance in April, and donated all proceeds towards the new community centre.

### **From Vol 1 No 6 August 1976**

The 3rd Donkey Derby took place on 12th June and raised over £600 towards the new community centre.

Playscheme. This was the first year of BOSCAPS, (Barrow on Soar Community Association Playscheme) which took place from 2nd to 14th August presenting a full programme of activities for anyone aged 3 to 14.

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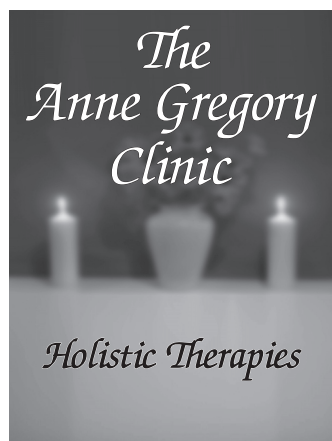
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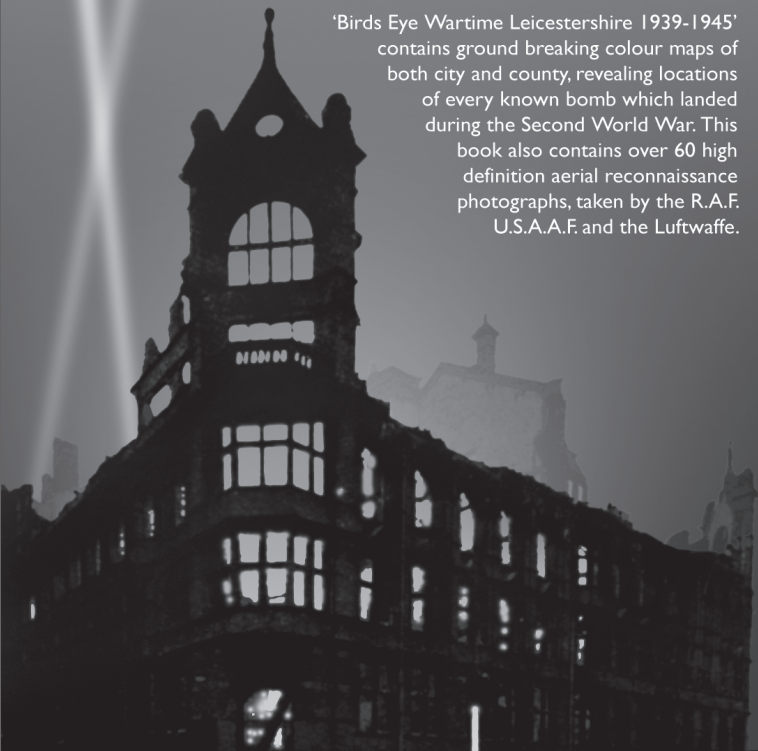
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The event starts at 9am from Seagrave Memorial Hall, Green Lane, Seagrave, Leicestershire LE12 7LU

Entry Fee: £8.00 for entries received by 3rd November & thereafter £10 (including entries on the day) Half price children u15

This event has been organised by the Seagrave Village Hall Committee to generate funds for the village hall refurbishment and encourage local people to explore their surrounding countryside and take part in an active lifestyle.

Many village residents are involved in the day's organisation from refreshments, marshalling and administration to setting out the route markers. It's a real community effort.

In 2006 we had 300 entries and raised £3000 towards the refurbishment. In 2007 we are expecting 500 to take part.

For further information look on our web site [www.seagravewoldschallenge.co.uk](http://www.seagravewoldschallenge.co.uk) or contact the Parish Office Tel. 01509 815015 or E-Mail [seagravepc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:seagravepc@tiscali.co.uk)

## Village hall fundraising underway

Barrow upon Soar Community Association (BUSCA) is fully supporting the work of The Barrow Village Hall Action Group in its efforts to provide new facilities and is hosting a series of events to help to raise funds.

The next exciting event on the programme will be a 'Grand Horseracing Night' on Saturday 13th October, at Humphrey Perkins School. This promises to be a hilarious evening. As usual everyone is invited. If you don't wish to take part, come and soak up the atmosphere. Look out for posters in the village.

The last event, 'The Auction of Promises' was a terrific success and raised well over £2000. Don't miss this one!

If you are willing to offer support in any way please contact;

Sue Rodgers 01509 416533

## Organising Barrow's busy diary of events

**I'm imagining the scene:**

HUGE village event: it's the village fete, dog show, parachute drop and marching band. The day is glorious. Lots of people are walking towards the field. But what's going wrong? Lots more people are walking in the opposite direction towards the pub that has organised a celebrity fete, dog show, parachute drop and a pipe band.

"Didn't the organisers of the two events check what else was going on?" I hear you cry. And apparently, the answer is only the pub did the right thing: went to the library, fished out the village diary, checked there was nothing on for that day then wrote an entry for their event.

Both groups suffered from the clash. So let's learn from it. When you are planning anything (meeting, event etc) go to the library first, ask for the Village Diary and check out the date. If it clashes with something else, with a similar audience, then think again. If not, write in your details. Now you have effectively booked your slot.

Following on from that, the library Village Diary will be used to create the diary at the back of BV, the monthly "What's On" sheet, the village website "What's On" and the Barrow Voice website "What's On". If every organiser follows this procedure, hopefully, your event won't be spoilt.

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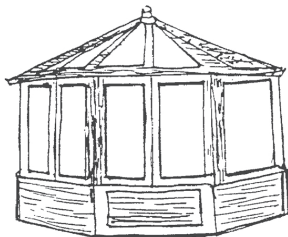
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## EXTENDED SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

### AUTUMN 2007

#### MONDAY

COURSE	TUTOR	TIME	COST	Concession	START	No. Weeks
Hatha Yoga	Jennifer Norcott	7.30 p.m.- 9.00 p.m.	£45.00	£13.50	17th Sept. 07	10 x 1 ½ hrs

#### TUESDAY

Aqua Aerobics	Cathy Young	6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	£36.00	£10.80	18th Sept. 07	12 x 1 hr
Mini Tennis	Rosemary Perkins	5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	£25.00	-	18th Sept. 07	10 x 1 hr

#### WEDNESDAY

Yoga (Burton)	Jennifer Norcott	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£45.00	£13.50	19th Sept. 07	10 x 1 ½ hrs	
Swimming Lessons	Mark Beeby	Beg.	5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	£25.00	-	19th Sept. 07	10 x 30 mins.
		Imp.	5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	£25.00	-	19th Sept. 07	10 x 30 mins.
Drama	Gordon Kenneth	3.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	£25.00	-	17th Sept. 07	10 x 1 hr	
Rural Landscapes	WEA Class	7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	WEA	Ring for information	19th Sept. 07	10 x 1 ½ hrs	

#### THURSDAY

Mini Tennis	Rosemary Perkins	5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	£25.00	-	20th Sept. 07	10 x 1 hr
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#### SATURDAY

Parent & Toddlers	To be confirmed	10.15 am. – 11.15 am	£18.00	-	15th Sept. 07	6 x 30 mins
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**How to Enrol: Tuesday 11th September 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. Community Lounge**

**By telephone (01509 412385)**

**By post or call at Humphrey Perkins High School between 10.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.**

**Cheques payable to – LCC Barrow Humphrey Perkins**

## Leicestershire Adult Learning Services

### CLASSES AT HUMPHREY PERKINS 2007 / 2008

#### MONDAY

COURSE	TUTOR	TIME	COST	Concession	START	No. Weeks
Chatting in Spanish	Lilia Litherland	10.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	£120.-00	£36.00	17th Sept	30 x 2hrs

#### TUESDAY

Spanish for Beginners	to be confirmed	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£48.00	£14.40	18th Sept 07	12 x 2 hrs
Spanish Beginners Stage 2	to be confirmed	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£72.00	£21.60	8th Jan 08	12 x 2 hrs
Improve your French	to be confirmed	7.00 p.m. -9.00 p.m.	£48.00	£14.40	18th Sept 07	12 x 2 hrs
German Beginners	to be confirmed	7.00 p.m. -9.00 p.m.	£48.00	£14.40	18th Sept 07	12 x 2 hrs
German Stage 2	to be confirmed	7.00 p.m. -9.00 p.m.	£72.00	£21.60	8th Jan 08	18 x 2 hrs
Painting & Drawing	Simon Kerr	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£30.00	£9.00	19th Sept 07	5 x 2 hrs
Painting & Drawing	Simon Kerr	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£30.00	£9.00	31st Oct 07	5 x 2 hrs
Victorian Kitchen Gardens	Janet Lewis	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£30.00	£9.00	19th Sept 07	5 x 2 hrs
* First Steps in Computing	Absolute Beginners	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£24.80	£8.80	9th Oct 07	8 x 2 hrs
* First Steps in Computing	Absolute Beginners	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£24.80	£8.80	15th Jan 08	8 x 2 hrs
Online Shopping & Holiday Research	to be confirmed	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£18.00	-	6th Nov 07	3 x 2 hrs
Family History using a Computer	to be confirmed	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	£18.00	-	2nd Oct 07	3 x 2 hrs

#### WEDNESDAY

Drawing & Painting (mixed levels)	Pete Singleton	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	£30.00	£9.00	19th Sept	5 x 2 hrs
Willow Christmas Wreath Workshop	Maggie Cooper	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	£6.00	-	3rd Dec 07	1 x 2 hrs

**For further information on Adult Learning Service courses, to see if you are eligible for concessions or to obtain a brochure contact: 0800 988 0308**

**Alternatively contact : Rawlins Community College – 01509 622827**

**Humphrey Perkins HS - 01509 412385 or Moira Centre - 01509 267378**



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## Village Life

# Website open day – contribute to Barrow's archive

### Preserve and record items

Those of us involved with the Barrow Website want to try to preserve and record items about Barrow on the website for everyone to enjoy. I realised that many people in Barrow of all ages may have newspaper cuttings, documents and photographs shoved in a drawer, in a photo album, or in the loft, that might be of interest to other villagers. These could be photos or articles about houses, churches, schools, businesses, events such as fairs, weddings, views of the river or indeed just family life.

### Photographs

Many of us have photographs that get forgotten. What happens to them eventually? They probably eventually just get thrown away, so wouldn't it be nice for copies to be permanently stored in a gallery on the website, then anyone researching their family history, or just interested in bygone Barrow would be able to view and enjoy.

### Barrow is changing

Barrow is changing all the time, trees are felled, shop frontages are altered. In June the 'Drivers' factory on Sileby

Road was demolished. I think it is important that we record information for future generations to look back on.

### Scan in your items.

So we are inviting everyone from the village to come to the library where your precious photos and articles can be scanned there and then, so that you don't have to part with them. This invitation is also extended to all local pubs, businesses, the parish council and churches as I am sure there is probably a wealth of historical as well as more recent literature and photographs out there.

You are invited to **BARROW LIBRARY**

**On Saturday 13th October from 9.30am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.00pm  
and Friday 19th October from 10.00am - 12noon / 3.00pm - 7.00pm**

**Please come along, bring your photos, newspaper cuttings etc  
Join us for tea or coffee whilst your item is scanned onto the computer**

**Put the dates in your diary or on your calendar now so that you don't forget. If for any reason you can't attend these dates but have photos etc that we can borrow please contact me on 414201 or [jane@tindle01.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:jane@tindle01.fsnet.co.uk).**

**[www.leicestershirevillages.com/barrowuponsoar](http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/barrowuponsoar)**

*Jane Tindle*

## What's on the village website?

- Barrow Teens
- Barrow Voice
- Barrow Signpost
- Churches
- Community Groups & Clubs
- Diary / What's On
- Discussion Forum

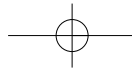
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- Library
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Parish Plan & Action Groups 2006
- Parish Council

- Pubs Restaurants & Takeaways
- Shopping & Services
- Sport
- Street Map of Barrow
- Street Photographs of Barrow
- Village History
- Walks & Places to Visit

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Did you know that on the right hand side of the screen under the Barrow upon Soar pages is information about most of Barrow's groups, clubs, societies, health centre, churches and schools? You can also find information about our local shops, library, pubs, takeaways and businesses. The latest and archive copies of Barrow Voice, as well as Barrow Signpost, links to the minutes of the last two years of parish council meetings and a downloadable copy of the Village street map are available. There is also information on village walks, places of interest and a diary/what's on section. In the village history section under local history are several old photographs of Barrow. For those of you interested in Family History this section contains transcripts of the census returns 1841-1901 showing the people living in each household in Barrow, War Memorial and Roll of Honour records, and some church and burial records. Under the Oral History section there are sound clips of people talking about life in Barrow from the 1900s onwards.

**JUNE 2007 WAS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE TWINNING CHARTER IN MARANS.**



Village Diary



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**Mon 17th** WEA course starts: 'What if...?' 10 meetings at HPHS  
**Tues 18th** WEA course starts: 'Understanding Rural Landscapes'; HPHS; 7.30 - 9.00pm  
Mothers Union: Geoff Parkinson: 'About my book'; 8.00pm; 68, Melton Road  
**Sat 22nd** Scout Group Centenary Campfire; 7.00pm, Millennium Park  
**Mon 24th** Harvest Supper at Bishop Beveridge Club  
**Fri 28th** Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer; Bishop Beveridge Club  
**Sat 29th** BUSCA Autumn Dance; HPHS; Bar opens at 7.00 for 7.30pm; Tickets @ £10.50 from Paper Shop

**Mon 1st** Holy Trinity Men's Group: 'the work of Welbeck College' by Lt. D Stevens; 8.00pm  
**Tues 2nd** Parish Council Meeting: 7.15pm; Parish Office; everyone welcome  
**Wed 3rd** Mothers' Union: 'Wildlife through the seasons' by Colin Green; Church Rooms; 2.30pm  
Gardening Club: Tony Fletcher: 'Victorian Naturalists'; HPHS Comm Lounge; 7.30pm; visitors welcome  
**Sat 6th** Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; Church Hall  
Charwood Orchestra concert at Holy Trinity Church; 7.45pm; tickets from the Paper Shop  
**Mon 8th** WI at the Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm; 'Boots No 7 makeover' by Angela Allsopp  
**Fri 12th** Baptist Church Luncheon Club; 12.30pm  
**Sat 13th** Clock Club Jumble; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30; Surplus to Barnado's. Everyone welcome. Admission only 20p  
Village Hall Action Group/BUSCA present a Horse Racing Evening; HPHS; contact for further details: Sue Rodgers on 416533  
**Tues 16th** Mothers Union: Bees by Graham Law; Church Rooms  
**Sat 20th** Children's Society Coffee morning; Church Rooms

**Fri 2nd** BUSCA presents a Centre Stage production: 'Opera Dudes: A Life of Croon'; HPHS; 7.30pm; Tickets from Paper Shop  
**Sat 3rd** Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; Church Hall  
**Mon 5th** Holy Trinity Men's Group: 'Life in Belarus' by Bob Holonnia  
**Tues 6th** Parish Council Meeting: 7.15pm; Parish Office; everyone welcome  
**Wed 7th** Mothers Union: 'Tea Towel Tales' by Janet Key; Church Rooms  
Gardening Club: 'Imperial Gardens of Japan' by Geoffrey Smith; HPHS Community Lounge; 7.30pm; visitors welcome  
**Fri 9th** Baptist Church Luncheon Club; 12.30pm  
**Sat 10th** Clock Club Jumble; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30; Surplus to Barnado's. Everyone welcome. Admission only 20p  
**Mon 12th** WI at the Bishop Beveridge Club: AGM; 7.30pm  
**Fri 16th** Barrow Youth Theatre present 'Bugsy Malone' the junior musical; HPHS Hall; 7.00; tickets from the Paper Shop  
**Sat 17th** Holy Trinity Coffee Morning; Church Rooms;  
Barrow Youth Theatre present 'Bugsy Malone' the junior musical; HPHS Hall; 2.00 and 7.00; tickets from the Paper Shop  
**Tues 20th** Mothers Union: Make a Christmas Card; venue to be arranged  
**Sat 24th** Christmas Bazaar for Bishop Beveridge Club: tombola, Christmas Gifts etc  
**Thurs 29th** Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival: Wine and Cheese Launch Evening  
**Fr 30th** Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival

**Sat 1st** Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; Church Hall  
Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival;  
Parish Council 'Switching on of the Christmas Lights' and BUSCA Street Fair and entertainment; 4.15pm  
**Sun 2nd** Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival  
**Mon 3rd** Holy Trinity Men's Group: Annual Dinner  
**Tues 4th** Parish Council Meeting: 7.15pm; Parish Office; everyone welcome  
**Wed 5th** WEA: 'The winter landscape in watercolour' by Tim Fisher; Scout Hut; 10.15 - 4.00pm; 1st of 2 part course;  
Mothers Union Hymn Quiz and Seasonal Tunes- Church Rooms  
Gardening Club: AGM and party night; HPHS Community Lounge; 7.30pm; visitors welcome  
**Thurs 6th** WEA Tim Fisher course part 2; 10.15 - 4.00; Scout Hut  
**Sat 8th** Clock Club Christmas Jumble; come and join in the carol singing; mince pies and refreshments;  
Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30; Surplus to Barnado's. Everyone welcome. Admission free  
**Sun 9th** BUSCA presents another Centre Stage production: musical: 'The Hired Man'; HPHS; 7.00pm; tickets from the Paper Shop  
**Mon 10th** WI; Members Evening; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm

SEPT

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

BUSCA EVENTS

**Sat Sept 19th** First meeting of Barrow Panto Group; Humphrey Perkins Community Centre Lounge 8.00pm; everyone welcome  
**Sat Sept 29th** The new dance season begins with an 'Autumn Dance' with "Just Us"; HPHS Community Centre  
**Sat Oct 13th** Horse Racing evening with Ian Shonk; HPHS Community Centre; in aid of the Village Hall  
**Fri Nov 2nd** Centre Stage production with Opera Dudes "A life of Organised Crime Croon"; HPHS Community Centre  
**Sat Nov 3rd** Winter Warmer Dance with 'Just Us'. HPHS Community Centre  
**Fri & Sat Nov 16th /17th** Barrow Youth Theatre present 'Bugsy Malone' HPHS Community Centre  
**Sat Dec 1st** Street Fair and Entertainments at the Switching on of the Christmas Lights  
**Sun Dec 9th** Centre Stage production of "The Hired Man" a world-wide hit musical presented by the New Perspectives Theatre; 7.00, HPHS Community Centre  
**Mon Dec 31st** New Years Eve Ball with The Danny Rogers Big Band, HPHS Community Centre

Tickets for all these events can be bought from The Paper Shop, High Street, Barrow

