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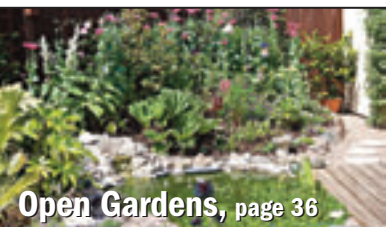
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Barrow Voice welcomes the new decade with a special colour edition. We have some great photos on selected pages and hope you enjoy them. All our photos are reproduced in colour on the Barrow Voice website and there is often a wider selection of pictures so do log on and have a look. You'll also find extended articles and additional articles which we just didn't have room for. On this month's web edition you will be able to catch up with Ginnie Willcocks on her allotment and read about Dave Bird's love of flying.

Inside these pages we continue to keep you informed on the proposed Melton Road housing development and there is news of improved services at the Health Centre, some as a result of good ideas from patients. We thank Tony Childs for letting us adapt his funeral eulogy to provide a fitting tribute to John Wilford, a good friend of Barrow Voice, indeed of all-things-Barrow. We congratulate Barrow Playgroup on its OFSTED success and bring our 100 years of Guiding feature bang up to date with stories and pictures of what all these groups are doing in the 21st century.

I was once asked how much I get paid for editing Barrow Voice. If only! The truth is revealed in 'Twenty things you may not know about BV'.

Finally, a big thank you to our advertisers for the prompt payment for their ads. Their support has enabled us to bring you this colourful edition to help banish the grey days of winter.

Frances Thompson

News

CPRE explains why it fears Barrow is just too nice a place to live



CPRE Charnwood has opposed the proposed development on land off Melton Road and based our objection on points that may be considered to be material reasons for refusal. At the time of writing Charnwood Borough Council has yet to issue a decision.

However, Government Policies contained in PPS3 (Planning Policy Statement on Housing) guidance dictates that Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are required to have a five year supply of deliverable sites. If it is less then it directs that the LPA should consider favourably planning applications for housing in order to meet this demand. We understand that at present this figure is only three and a half years, representing 1,222 dwellings shortage against the Regional Plan figure of 3,950 over five years.

The site has already been included for consideration in Charnwood's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) which will replace the current Local Plan. It was a Local Plan allocation that allowed the present development between Nottingham Road and Cotes Road, which has failed to provide the village with a continuous ring road which was part of the original plans!

Parallel to this application is a recent one on the edge of Rothley, which CPRE opposed, again on greenfield land (former allotments), and outside the limits of development. In 2008, the 149 dwellings application was originally refused on the basis of being premature to the LDF process. However, within months an

identical application was submitted by the developer and approved for the reason that there was a shortfall against the five year supply.

Sadly, as far as we can see, the application is only likely to fail for traffic reasons; other concerns such as restricting building on our countryside and important biodiversity issues seem to be irrelevant in the pursuit to meet the housing figures dictated by Government. This undermines what CPRE judge to be the entitlement to have the site compared against other competing sites within the Borough. Our view is supported by the Regional Agency which has advised Charnwood that work on the preparation of the LDF would provide a better framework for considering the merits of the proposed development in this location in comparison with other potential sites. Policy Officers have concluded otherwise.

Barrow simply has too much desirability as a place to live with good facilities which appears to make it a sustainable place for new development. It isn't sustainable in our view as the quality of life continues to be eroded by every new development putting a strain on our road network, schools and medical facilities. Yes, everyone deserves a decent home and we all, without exception, live on what was once a greenfield site, but there are probably superior sites in Charnwood than this if the chance is given to review all through the due process..

Joyce Noon, Chairman, CPRE Charnwood District Group

Jelson's 300 House Plan



Not since the late 1970's, when British Gypsum planned to build a plasterboard and bagged plaster plant near Barrow, with 600 lorry movements a day through the village, have Barrow residents shown so much opposition to a planning proposal as they have to this one by Jelson Ltd to build 280 houses on the Breeches. This is the 30 acre field behind Breachfield Road accessed from Melton Road. This is around a 15% increase in the houses in the village.

Although Jelson slipped in their application to Charnwood Borough Council just before last Christmas, perhaps hoping it would be lost in the Christmas and New Year festivities, there has now been a huge outpouring of opposition judged by the number of letters that have appeared on the Borough Council website. For those of you with access to the internet, look at planning application number P/09/2376/2 via Planning Explorer on Charnwood Borough Council's website.

But opposition has not come from Barrow residents alone. A number of other bodies have raised objections including Network Rail, the East Midlands Regional Assembly, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the local Civic Trust, Natural England and Leicestershire County Council (footpaths).

To their credit, Barrow Parish Council organised an open meeting on 6th January to enable them to gauge residents views and how best to represent them. This well attended and well run meeting packed into the Methodist Church hall on North Street and left the Parish Councillors in no doubt on how the village feels on this.

The Parish Council has sent a strong and detailed objection to the plan asking the Borough Council to reject the application. The plan is also opposed by Councillor Hilary Fryer, who represents Barrow on Charnwood Borough Council. Our other Borough Councillor, Pauline

Ranson is in an unenviable position because she is a member of the Plans Committee which will consider the application and make a decision, so has kept a low profile, rightly.

BRAG (BARROW RESIDENTS' ACTION GROUP)

Following a meeting of residents at the Boat House on 24th January, BRAG was formed. Over 60 residents attended this meeting, voiced their concerns and elected a committee. The first task was to agree a spokesperson who would attend the Plans Committee meeting at Charnwood BC and make presentation on behalf of the residents. Only five minutes is allowed for this at the Plans Committee but Trevor Burton stepped forward and BRAG is now working with Trevor to devise his presentation.

So, what will he say, what are the objections? The objections can be made only on defined planning topics known as Material Considerations.

For example, risk of flooding, traffic problems, effect on community facilities, loss of light, but not on what is a very real concern for many which is that the village has too much housing already. Maybe, but surely it has enough !

Below is a statement taken from Jelson's planning application. What do you think?

"...additional housing should help to maintain and enhance the overall sustainability of the village. This is particularly important in Barrow, given its role as a service centre to surrounding rural communities. Additional population will help to maintain and enhance the range of facilities in the village, contributing to its future as a sustainable rural settlement."

Well, I have to say that to date that has not been my experience here. The effects of additional housing has been to choke the roads, oversubscribe the schools and reduce the availability of health care in the village . Promises to throw money at the problems for building works is not an answer. There is a requirement for staff and other resources on a continuous basis not just a one-off payment.

If residents have to travel outside the village to place their children in school, have an appointment with a GP or use a supermarket then the proposal is not sustainable.

BRAG will keep the village informed of developments so keep a look out on the notice boards, in the library and the Parish Council offices on the High Street.

BRAG Committee

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Committee members: David Wilkes, Dawn Cousins, Matt Chivers, Peter Hilsdon, Jenny Volans and Trevor Burton.

Alan Willcocks



Stop Press...

At the meeting of Charnwood Borough Council's Plans Committee on 4 March 2010, the proposal by Jelson's Ltd to build 280 houses on land off Melton Road was refused.

But don't imagine that this is necessarily the end of the case since Jelson may appeal against the decision. A member of

BRAG speculated that "the report from Leicestershire Highways Authority was probably the most significant reason for the refusal of outline planning permission. It is hoped that it remains significant if there is an appeal".

It is now open to Jelson to appeal and seek to overturn the Borough Council's decision. Barrow Voice will be following this story closely.



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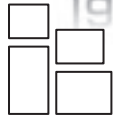
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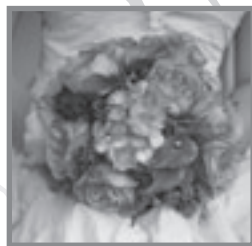


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Health Centre website now up and running

Hello again. Thank you to everyone who responded to my article in the last edition. I have now met some very nice people who have given us some very good ideas.

By the time you read this we should be coming to the end of our special clinics for giving the H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine for those recommended to have it. If you haven't received an invitation and think you should have, please contact the surgery.

New website and evening surgery

During these winter months, and with the increase in the population of Barrow, demand on doctors' appointments has been great. For this reason, the doctors have decided to open the surgery one evening a week on a Wednesday from the end of March, 6.30pm to 8.30pm with two doctors on duty. These appointments are not for emergencies, but for those patients who find it difficult to get to the surgery during the working day. They will be available to book in advance, and you will be able to book some through our website. This is now up and running. If there is any information you would like to see on it please don't hesitate to contact me. You will be able to request your repeat prescriptions and book those Wednesday evening appointments through the website:- www.barrowhealthcentre.co.uk

Telephone advice

For those who can get to day-time surgeries the best way to get an appointment is to come to the surgery for 8am or

telephone at 8am onwards. We are very aware of the difficulties some of you face getting through, and that sometimes all the appointments have been taken. If this happens to you, ask the receptionist to put you on a doctor's telephone list. You will get a call from a doctor in the morning and if he/she feels telephone advice is not sufficient, then you will be given a time to come to the surgery. We also have three highly trained nurses who are available every morning to see patients with minor ailments, but also have access to doctor appointments should they feel it necessary. We will do everything we can to meet demand.

From time-to-time we get patients who need urgent treatment. If you or someone in your family suddenly becomes breathless and or has chest pain, or you suspect has suffered a stroke please call an ambulance via 999. If you need urgent medical help and call the surgery, please tell the receptionist it's urgent - there is always a doctor on duty who can come to the phone.

Plans for redeveloping the surgery

We are at the moment awaiting approval for plans to be passed by the Primary Care Trust to redevelop the inside of Barrow Health Centre. This will give us an extra consulting room and another treatment room. Apparently we have been at this stage four times before and the plans have never got any further. Let's hope this time we have more success and we get the builders in!

Alison Lee (Practice Manager)

The screenshot shows the website for Dr Simpson & Partners Barrow Health Centre. The header includes the practice name and logo, contact details (47 High Street, Barrow upon Soar, Leicestershire, LE15 8PY, Tel: 01454 477 0928), and a navigation menu (Home, Opening Times, Appointments, Prescriptions, Clinics & Services, Practice Policies, The Team, New Patients, Contact Us). The main content area has a 'Welcome to the Barrow Health Centre Website' section with text about the surgery's location and services. To the right is a 'News' section with a 'Green Duffield Appeal' article. Below the main text are three boxes for 'Your Contact Details', 'Your Clinical Record', and 'Practice Appointments'. At the bottom right, there is a search bar and NHS Direct contact information (0845 Direct 4647).

Barrow Hosts a second Dragon Boat Festival



The local charity, Loughborough Women's Aid, is running its 2nd annual fundraising event 'Loughborough Women's Aid' Dragon Boat Festival'.

This festival will take place on the River Soar on Saturday 22nd May 2010, with fast and furious racing starting once again at The Boat House in Barrow.

The festival was absolutely fantastic last year with hundreds of people attending, and this year we are hoping for double the numbers. We also have support from traders in Barrow as the village was very busy, thus producing extra trade for them.

The ancient festival promises a really exciting day for competitors and spectators alike, with boat races throughout the day, racing for that winning trophy and medal, won last year by Acme Road Runners.

There is also a prize for the crew that raises the most sponsorship and a prize for the best dressed crew.



Crews Wanted!

To form a boat crew and enter the challenge, or for further information please contact Michele: 01509 550317 or email michele@lwa.org.uk The event is being held to raise money for Loughborough Womens Aid, a charity that has been providing services and support for over 30 years for people and their children throughout Charnwood and North West Leicestershire who are experiencing domestic abuse.



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- 2 There are over 50 volunteers who distribute Barrow Voice four times a year.
- 3 Barrow Voice is delivered to 2750 households in Barrow, to the three marinas where residents are living on boats, to all the libraries in the region and to several pubs in neighbouring villages.
- 4 There are regular subscribers to Barrow Voice who live all over the world. If you know someone who would like to become a subscriber, contact Ann Higgins on 01509 412746. The annual cost at present is £4
- 5 Barrow Voice is largely paid for by its advertisers and we are grateful for their custom.
- 6 Barrow Voice Editorial Team is a sub group of BUSCA, Barrow upon Soar Community Association.
- 7 When Barrow Voice doesn't quite meet its costs, BUSCA underwrites it.
- 8 Barrow Voice was first published in September 1975
- 9 The first publication was a single sheet.
- 10 Barrow Voice has always been delivered as a free publication.
- 11 This March edition is only the second colour edition. We have chosen to do this to welcome the new decade.
- 12 Our first colour publication was the 100th edition in this format.
- 13 This March edition is the 119th.
- 14 The graphic design of Barrow Voice is done by Mulberry Square, to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude because they spare themselves no effort and leave no stone unturned to get things right.
- 15 The paper that is used to print Barrow Voice is FSC certified (Forest Stewardship Council), ie the wood it comes from grew in sustainably managed forests.
- 16 Barrow Voice has its own web site which is set up and run by one of the volunteers. The web version is carbon neutral because our hosting provider (Mulberry Square) pay for carbon-offsetting credits.
- 17 We would welcome new members to the editorial team.
- 18 We would also welcome anyone who would like to deliver Barrow Voice.
- 19 There are only four editorial meetings a year.
- 20 We would welcome suggestions for articles and nominations for personal profiles.

Proctor's Pleasure Park Past and Present.

“It was lovely, really lovely. They had flower beds near their attractions and along little paths and it was always very nicely kept”.

“I remember the roller-skating rink. I watched them but I didn't go on!”

“There was definitely a paddling pool, a sand pit, rowing boats, ordinary swings and swing-boats. I've got a photograph of myself at Proctor's but it would take some finding now.”

“I came on the train with a Sunday school trip from Leicester. There were lots of special trains in those days from Nottingham and Leicester, and Loughborough, of course. The platforms were packed at the weekends. We were afraid of children falling off onto the lines.”

“Barrow was nicknamed Barrow-by-the-Sea back then. All those trains bringing families and kids on church outings - it was a good day out for them and nearer than Skegness.”

“And the dancing. Do you remember the dancing? I used to dance there at weekends in the summer. You could dance outside in front of the cafe. I did a fair bit of courting at Proctor's!”

“There was a train you know. A miniature steam train that went round and round the site on its own track and pulled wooden carriages filled with visitors. The sides sloped out. I knew someone who jumped off, picked some flowers from the middle of the field and jumped on again the next time round.”

“Happy days!”

Such memories! Many thanks to Marion North, Glenda Brown, Win Burton, Iris Perkins, Jimmy Elphick and Mr Mitchell for conjuring up the place for me in the 40's and 50's. I'm sorry there isn't room for every last one of the tales but Barrow Voice only runs to 40 pages...

Yet Proctor's today is very different - it's a large inland caravan park. It's very much liked by the regulars in 'statics' who keep their caravans there all year round. These people usually come from Midland towns and cities to get away for a change of scene; walking along the river, boating, fishing, letting their dogs have a good run round or just relaxing.

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Proctor's Pleasure Park Past and Present.

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Over the years many have made friends with other caravanners so at Proctor's their social scene changes too. Another plus is the village. They think the nearness to the shops, pubs and Methodist Mini-Market a big advantage! In the summer Proctor's is much busier as it attracts holiday makers in tourists from the rest of Britain and a few from Europe. Donington Park isn't far away either and handy for caravan owners who want to attend a Grand Prix or see their favourite bands.

So two questions arise. Why was a Pleasure Park built here in the first place and how did it change into the caravan site it is now?

engineering business in Quorn on the site that is now occupied by 'QED' Quorn Engineering Development. After the war, Jack decided to add yet another string to his bow and bought ten acres of land by the side of the River Soar in Barrow.

The land he bought was already popular with fishermen and boating people and tents were often pitched there. Jack could see the potential for making a tourist attraction here as it was such a beautiful spot. It also took time and money to reach the sea from the centre of England and in the immediate post war years of rationing and general austerity people often had little spare cash.

There had always been caravans on the site but the great expansion came in the early to mid 50s when Jack Proctor started renting, then eventually bought, land from Quorn Sand and Gravel. This brought the size of his property to about 140 acres and included a lake formed as a result of 'wet' gravel quarrying.

As the caravans grew in number the Pleasure Park gradually changed into a caravan site and the old cafe became the new clubhouse. Changes were made in the '70s too as Jack worked on improving the waterways; he deepened some of the channels by removing silt and dug new ones making conditions better for the boaters.



The first question is easily answered with a name; Jack Proctor. Many older Barrow people remember Jack (senior) well. Jack was born in 1912 into the world of entertainment as his father, John, was an early pioneer of the film industry. He toured with an early form of cinema called a bioscope. In 1906, for a penny or two, a punter could enter 'John Proctor's Royal Bioscope' watch a few minutes of a flickering silent moving image and come out amazed!

The nature of the shows changed over the years but the family stayed in the entertainment line and Jack began building caravans and generators too. He started an

The positioning of Barrow Railway Station couldn't have been better either. It was at the bottom of what is today the small sloping car park off High Street near Jerusalem Island. Before the closure of the station in 1968 you could get off your train, walk up the station slope then down Bridge Street and be in Proctor's Pleasure Park in five minutes.

As well as the attractions already talked about, a Pleasure Park advertisement from the 50s extols the delights of Archery, Donkey Rides, Putting and Teas from the Cafe at reasonable prices. There was a trip boat too called 'Pattie' - something for everyone.

And that's the way it is today; boats and caravans reign supreme. Will things change in the future? Any hope of a return to donkey rides, swing-boats and a miniature railway? No - unlikely! Today people are too sophisticated for these gentle pleasures. The present generation of Proctors envisage a future of making improvements to the site, such as removing more of the older caravans although some have already been towed away. They know the site has a good reputation for being a friendly one, where help is always at hand, and want to capitalise on this.

Gaynor Barton



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MEETINGS CALENDAR

March

17th Cemetery and Other Grounds
Committee **11.00am**

23rd Policy and Finance Committee **2.00pm**

April

8th Policy and Finance **2.00pm**

12th Planning Committee **12 noon**

13th Full Council **7.15pm** commencing
with Public Participation

A new meetings calendar will be produced in May

MARCH TO APRIL 2010

A GREEN ISSUES FORUM FOR BARROW?

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 April 2010 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, High Street.

Concern has been expressed at Council meetings about a community response to current thinking on climate change. The Council, in its turn, would want to encourage parishioners to become involved in an informative and constructive way on behalf of the Community. It was agreed that interested Councillors and others should form a "Green Issues Forum" owned by the Community but serviced and supported by the Parish Council.

The aim is to inform the local community regarding green and global issues and to allow the community to be actively involved in participating in responses to those issues.

Those who are willing to form a "Community Forum", accountable to the Parish through its Parish Council Representative(s), will:

...actively encourage the wider community to be aware of the issues relating to climate change

...promote ways in which individuals, families and organisations can contribute to the change in the Parish carbon footprint

...investigate ways in which the Parish Council can reduce its carbon footprint.

...access resources which will help to achieve the above.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

All residents are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 20 April 2010 at the Methodist Church Rooms, North Street, commencing at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for residents and Parish Councillors to meet together to discuss the decisions made during the past year and to share concerns and issues for the future.

COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

If you have any complaints or concerns regarding overgrown vegetation, street cleaning, parking etc please report them to the Parish Council who will forward them to the appropriate authority.

WHO CARES? WE CARE

Care for the Elderly Booklet Launch

Help and support specific to the needs of older residents of our village are not always easy to find, especially without access to a computer so the Parish Council has produced a booklet aimed specifically for older residents, but hopefully designed to be helpful to all villagers.

It contains a wide range of items which are interesting and useful and which may encourage you to look at the village in a somewhat different way.

The Launch of the booklet will be at Bishop Beveridge Club on Thursday 29th April at 10am.



The Roundhouse

Work is almost complete on the refurbishment of both the exterior and interior of the Roundhouse at the junction of Church Street and Beveridge Street.

The task has been accomplished using traditional materials and re-appoints this small, but beautiful building to its original state.

The Parish Council, who has undertaken the work on behalf of Parishioners, would like to open the building for viewing and use and invites village artists, craftspeople and groups to use the facility as a display place, as it has previously been used in the past.

Please contact the Parish Clerk for information or to express an interest.

Response to planning application P/09/2376/2

Parish Council has made very strong objections to Planning Statement/Transport Assessment/Travel Plan/Flooding Issues and the matter will have been considered at a meeting of CBC Planning Committee held earlier in March. The Parish Council made representation.

Annual Civic Service

Reflections on the Past and Thanks for the Future

Councillor Marie Slater, Chairman to the Parish Council, warmly invites you to a Civic Service to be held on 11 April 2010 at Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, commencing at 9.45am.

Light refreshments will be served in the Church after the service. Everyone welcome.

Public Annual Health Forum Evening

Tuesday 23rd March 2010 at 7.30pm
at The Gap (Baptist Church), Beveridge Street

Subject: Dementia and Alzheimer's

Having been hugely encouraged by the evening held last year when the East Midlands Stroke Association presented information relative to prevention and care for strokes, the Council invites you to an evening this year with the focus on Dementia and Alzheimer's.

Emma Spence, Services Development Manager at University of Leicester NHS Trust, and Jane French, Interim Branch Manager at Leicestershire and Rutland Alzheimer's Society, will advise and lead the session during which there will be a time of open discussion as well as learning.

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A Tribute to John Wilford

"What a smashing bloke"

"An exceptional man"

"A staunch English Yeoman"

These were the closing words that were used by John's brother-in-law in his tribute to John and I am quite sure that everyone who knew him would totally agree with these sentiments.

John's friends described him in so many ways, as was evident from the hundreds of cards that Sue received. He was thought of as: a team player, leg puller, true friend, enricher of others' lives, real inspiration, dear man, energetic, with canny wisdom, singer of fantastic camp fire songs, skilled craftsman, infectious, a man of dignity and great humanity - full of life and joy and so many more.

The rich tapestry described will be a long lasting memorial to a special person who touched the lives of all the generations of our village. I suspect that few others over the years will have made that kind of impact, whether towards the young, the youth, the families or the elderly.

Born in Loughborough, John moved to Barrow at the age of one with his parents Frank and Min, as Frank took up management of Hills Grocery on South Street. John grew up with sister Ann and brother Barry. He went to school in Barrow and left Humphrey Perkins with two 'O' levels. Neither was woodwork, which he failed. His woodwork teacher is said to have remarked that John would never make the grade in that area!

He began his work career when he took an apprenticeship at Schofields (builders) and in 12 years he moved from joiner apprentice, through setting out, to become General Manager of Schofields Joinery. When Schofields closed, John joined Chithams as Joinery Manager and on their demise moved to Glenlion in Newark. In 1984 with the closure of that firm he made the decision to become self employed, a



decision that is evident in so many homes in our village and area.

As a young man he met Sue, dancing in Loughborough on Saturday nights, John was a mover and a groover! There were many nights he had to walk home to Barrow, having missed Howletts last bus! They were married in July 1967 at Emmanuel Church in Loughborough. First Ian and then Neil were born, two sons of whom he was very proud.

It was not just what John did but who he was, typically calling out to old friends, chatting on the street or teasing youngsters in their failure to support his beloved 'City'.

He was passionate about the Scouting movement and his love of Scouting was a life long devotion. This included many hours spent with Cub Scouts, Beavers, Venture Scouts and Girls Brigade. He invested huge amounts of time, skill and energy in the fabric and care of the Scout headquarters here and abroad.

Barrow is a community that is impregnated with John's energy and enthusiasm and his involvement in the many groups and clubs reflects this fact, for example the Beveridge Club, for whom he was a trustee and the Marans

Twinning Group of which he was a co-founder. He was a local historian and many people proudly own a copy of *Bygone Barrow* or attended one of John's slide shows. John was a local JP and Humphrey Perkins School has benefited from John's work at the school with their court teams. He was the Number One Leicester City fan!

His time as a Scouting sailing instructor was a real pleasure both for John and the many young people he taught. Saturday afternoons spent at Wanlip throughout the summer months were fun, informative and usually very wet! Recently a new dinghy was launched, called the *Wandering Wilford* and the photograph shows this day and epitomises John as the action man that he was.

Whether we remind ourselves of his close involvement with Sue and Ian with the Peter Le Marchant Trust, or describe his input at Ian's bungalow in Leicester or think about his commitment and connection with anything and everything 'Barrow', we come to the same conclusion.

John Wilford - Simply the best.

Most of this tribute is adapted from the eulogy written by Tony Childs, brother in law to John.

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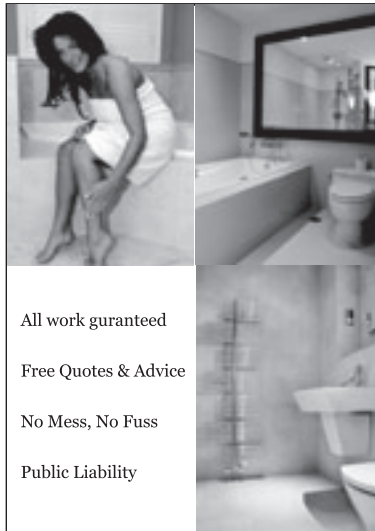
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One Hundred Years of Girl Guiding Part 2

Guiding in Barrow Today

In celebration of the Guiding Centenary, a Barrow Voice reporter called on each of today's groups to capture a snap shot of Guiding in 2010.



Rainbow Guides

Linda Vesty leads this group for girls aged 5 and 6. They meet in the Church Rooms on Tuesdays at teatime.

They had recently visited White Post Farm and been allowed to give the names Barrow and Rainbow to two alpacas. When I called, two new recruits were each making their Promise surrounded by a maypole of other Rainbows.

After the ceremony, the girls got cracking on a cut and paste activity that reinforced the words of the Rainbow Promise: "I promise that I will do my best to love my God and to be kind and helpful"

Rainbows follow a programme called the Jigsaw that has four sections: Look, Learn, Laugh and Love. Using a resource called the Roundabout, the whole Unit chooses, through a series of games, which badge they would all like to work on together and then selects an activity from each of the four sections.

Each Roundabout has a different theme and the last one that the Barrow Rainbows did was Global Adventure. The girls were very happily learning through play and games. The problem was: which was their favourite: Pass the Didgeridoo or Hedgehogs?



Brownie Guides

Barrow currently has two packs: 1st Barrow meets on Tuesday evenings in Hall Orchard under the leadership of



Brown Owl Anne Wilson. When I visited, the Brownies were busy working on a "Brownies Got Talent" evening (part of their special Adventure 100 Centenary Challenge badge) including a human climbing frame.



2nd Barrow meets on Monday evenings in the Church Rooms with Brown Owl Wendy Stephens. They were in the middle of a quiz which the girls themselves were organising for the Centenary badge, with much hilarity.

Comments from the girls about why they enjoy Brownies so much included "cos we go on fun trips and play lots of games", "I enjoyed learning sign language", "I like doing the arty stuff like drawing and making Valentine's cards", "I can't wait for the next pack holiday" and "I like playing Stuck in the Mud".



Brownies have several books with resources and ideas, each suitable for a different age group. Brownie Adventure is for 7 – 9 year olds while Adventure On helps the 9 – 10 year olds move up into Guides. Girls are helped to choose which activities they want to do, often in Sixes. Unlike Rainbows, badge work is done individually.

Pack holiday is a highlight for many Brownies with the girls camping out in village halls, schools and other community buildings.

It is a real exercise in team work with everyone helping to prepare food, cook and clear up as well as playing games, singing and carrying out a host of activities in and out of doors.



Guides

1st Barrow Guides. Frances Acton is the leader of 1st Barrow Guides. Girls between 10 and 14 meet at the Scout HQ on Monday evenings. As the BV reporter arrived the Guides were watching a play written and performed by two girls as part of the 'Showtime Go For It'.

When it was over, they divided up into their patrols and organised themselves into a wide range of activities, from learning knots (things don't change after all!) and painting play-dough decorations, to learning about make up.

When the girls were asked what they got out of Guides they came up with some surprising and thoughtful answers: "We enjoy working in patrols, organising what we want to do. You can't do that so much in Brownies. So we get a bit more freedom but also a lot more responsibility"; "we are trusted to leave the Scout Hut to find out things. Although there's usually a Guider in the background, they don't interfere. We get used to being more sensible."

Guides follow a girl-led programme called "Go for It". There are a series of booklets with a range of activities as well as badge work. The girls are encouraged to do the Baden Powell Challenge after two years. This requires them to complete 10 activities from 5 learning zones as well as an adventure weekend.

They usually get the award at about 13+. Then at 14 it is hoped that they

will either join the Senior Section as Young Leaders and go to help with Rainbows or Brownies or they become Rangers. They can't usually spare the time to do both.

Barrow Guides still go camping at least once a year. Camps are often arranged with other Guide units or regions. Oaks in Charnwood and Topstones are favourite camp sites but the County Guiding organisation runs annual water camps with all sorts of water-based activities as well as joint international camps.

With modern light-weight and genuinely water-proof tents, decent sleeping bags, probably flush toilets and showers (!) camping for Guides in 2010 isn't quite the Spartan experience it used to be.

Rangers

Although there used to be a Ranger group in Barrow, now the nearest group is in Quorn. Girls from 14+ attend on a Monday evening and may dip into a programme called "Look Wider". The group runs rather like a youth club with trips and activities but girls can also do their Queen's Guide Award and/or the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Trefoil Guild

Guiding is such a powerful philosophy of how to live your life that many adults wish to carry on long after they have left Guides or Rangers. Some were never in the movement but have become interested.

There are about eight members in Barrow who meet up with members from other villages once a month in Birstall. They also have a (casual) uniform and, like all the other branches of Guiding, they go out on trips, have meals out together, make cards and decorations for the Christmas tree, help out at Carol Services and Guiding celebrations and some even work on the adult version of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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Celebrating the Centenary of Guiding 2009-2010

The events planned for this centenary year are quite mind-boggling. They are a mixture of national and international events such as the huge international Centenary Camp at Harewood House, regional events such as the mile-long carnival procession that will take over Birmingham city centre at the end of April, county events including the Princess Party for Rainbows to be held in Leicester at the start of April and the Brownies Takeover Wicksteed Park in May plus lots of local events.

The Guides of the area have The Great Guide Getaway to the Seaside in June and local Brownies had a Brownie Takeover of The Great Central Railway last November and lots more.

Barrow itself has its own celebrations. There was a big campfire and sing-song at the Scout HQ last November 2nd and more events are planned for 2010.

All the Barrow units are busy working on the "Adventure 100" Centenary Challenge badge.

Each girl has to get 100 points to win this badge. Challenges are arranged into 10 sections. Their headings give you a good idea of where Guiding is going in

2010. They include "In the Dark" (adventures, sleeping and exploring at night time), "Wet and wild" (getting around on water and getting wet), "What a performance" (Singing, dancing, acting and mime) - this is what both the Guides



and 1st Barrow Brownies were doing when they were visited by Barrow Voice - and "Ice Cool" (Freezing activities and being chilled out), ie in this Health and Safety obsessed society, Guides go out (safely) and do adventurous and challenging things.

All over the world, the Centenary celebrations will officially end with the "20:10 20.10 2010" To explain: every member of the Guiding Movement will renew her Guide Promise on October 20th 2010 at 20.10. What is this Promise that binds so powerfully so many girls and women? The Promise has changed slightly over the years (can you remember

yours?) and it is slightly simpler for Rainbows, slightly fuller for the Trefoil Guild. In essence it goes: "I promise that I will do my best to love God, to serve the Queen and my country, to help other people and to keep the Guide Law."

And the Guide Law is...

- A Guide is honest, reliable and can be trusted.
- A Guide is helpful and uses her time and abilities wisely.
- A Guide faces challenge and learns from her experiences.
- A Guide is a good friend and a sister to all Guides.
- A Guide is polite and considerate.
- A Guide respects all living things and takes care of the world around her.

Last Words from Frances

There have been Guides in Barrow since the 1920s and today we have up to 100 girls in the village from the ages of 5 to 15 actively involved in Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, as well as a Senior Section (Rangers) unit that meets in Quorn. We can only continue because of the time and commitment given by our volunteer leaders, and we are always in need of more help - if you would like to find out more about this very rewarding and fun role, please contact Frances Acton on 413827.

Contributions are from Frances Acton, Tilly Yates, Jan Hind, Val Gillings and Judith Rodgers.

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Barrow Youth Theatre is planning another night of cracking entertainment on Saturday June 19th with Barrow's Got Talent. All proceeds will go to the Barrow Holy Trinity Church extension. A great worthwhile venture that will be fantastic for the community.

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Barrow Youth Theatre

A selection of images from Barrow Panto Group's production of Sleeping Beauty



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The show will be on Sunday April 25th starting at 7.00pm in Humphrey Perkins Community Centre.

Tickets will be available at the Paper Shop at £7.00 (£8.00 on the door) and £6.00 (concessions) (£7.00 on the door). It’s a family-friendly show (suitable from 14+) so you can also buy a family ticket for £24.00.

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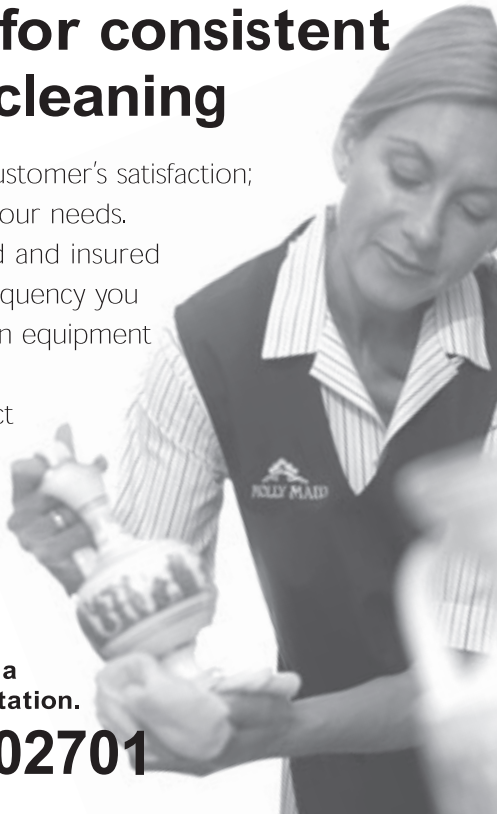
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Barrow Playgroup shines in OFSTED inspection

Barrow Playgroup was delighted to receive high praise from their recent OFSTED inspection. They were visited unannounced by an inspector at the beginning of December and were graded 'good' with some 'outstanding' qualities (OFSTED's highest grade).



Ofsted were very impressed with the way staff work closely with parents: 'Staff work extremely well with parents to ensure that they know and value children as individuals, so building children's self-esteem and helping them to be confident in their relationships and play. Parents greatly value the playgroup's welcoming approach.'

There are excellent arrangements for parents and staff to share their on-going observations of children's changing interests and abilities, and of how to work in partnership to promote the next steps in children's learning.'

Playgroup was also awarded an outstanding grade for encouraging their

children to follow a healthy lifestyle by providing lots of opportunity for exercise, healthy eating and teaching of good hygiene, and for keeping their children safe with excellent safety and child protection procedures.

The report reflected the hard work and dedication of staff and committee over the last 3 years and the enthusiasm and enjoyment shown by the children and families who attend. 'Children show a strong sense of security and confidence as they quickly settle to their play, and develop

strong relationships with adults and peers. They learn to cooperate and negotiate well with each other because staff are consistent and positive in explaining expectations for children's behaviour.

To see a full copy of the report visit www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Barrow Playgroup is open from 9.15am to 12.15pm every weekday during school term time for children age 2 to 5 and is held in the Methodist Church Rooms on North Street in the village.

The Playgroup has recently appointed a new Registrar. Cathy Walker is available on Monday and Wednesday mornings during term time to talk to you about your child starting at Playgroup, fees and funding. At other times, please leave a message on 07975 957 242 or email barrowplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk

The Playgroup operates a waiting list, so please be sure to get in touch with your child's details as soon as possible.

Barrow Youth Action Group

During the Spring half term the Youth Action Group organised a coach trip to London with a tour of the House of Commons.

We are liaising with the Youth Council and the Youth Group to see how we can work together to improve facilities, activities and information for young people in Barrow. If you've got any suggestions please let us know!

We now have our own pages on the Village Website, the domain name is www.leicestershirevillages.com/barrowuponsoar/youth-action-group.html

You can see photos of past events, find out our contact details, about details of future activities and associated groups for young people, etc.

A COMPETITION FOR BARROW YOUTH COUNCIL

Barrow Youth Council is a group of young people who are working for the youth of the village. They have already been involved in the Christmas Lights event, the acquisition of a graffiti wall and plans for play equipment on the David Wilson estate.

They are currently working hard behind the scenes campaigning for improved public transport at weekends and recreation equipment for young people on the George V playing fields.

You too can help make a difference in the village - join us at one of our meetings, 4th Tuesday of the month at the Parish Council Office starting at 7pm.

You could find out more information by phoning Lesley on 01509 416016.

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BECOME A YOUTH COUNCILLOR YOURSELF!

The Youth Council would like a LOGO for our stationery and for events.

COULD YOU HELP US TO CREATE A LOGO for Barrow Youth Council?

The competition is open to anyone under 18. Please drop your entries off at the Council Office, 12 High St, before May 31st 2010.

They should be on A4 paper and don't forget your name, address and age on the back of your design.

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Two new businesses start up in Barrow High Street

We welcome Print Monkey and Indigo to Barrow upon Soar's High Street.

Print Monkey

Barrow Voice was contacted recently by Emma Moore from Print Monkey, the wife half of a new husband and wife business partnership in Barrow. Emma was keen to share with Barrow Voice readers the success of this 'small business working with global brands'. I called on their office in Room To Work to find out what Emma and Andy actually do.

Print Monkey is a print solutions business, that works with a variety of clients from global brands to small local design agencies where sometimes, procuring the print can be more of a hassle than a delight, whether that be from a lack of expertise or more usually a lack of time! Print Monkey can advise on materials, print technologies, finishing techniques and lots of little things that can help your brand stand out from your competitors.

designers, choosing the right printing firm and arranging for distribution of the product.

The two of them together have a huge amount of expertise and experience and, above all, they both love their jobs. In year two they tripled the turnover of their business which can't be bad in the depths of a recession.

Emma and Andy live in Loughborough and have two young children. Emma started up the company two years ago, initially working from home and then last May, moved to the serviced office in Barrow High Street. Andy joined Print Monkey in November last year. Emma is a



Indigo

Immediately opposite Print Monkey's office is the new hairdressers, Indigo. I called on owner, Dawn Botting at her well-established salon in Sileby. So successful has the Sileby salon been that Dawn jumped at the opportunity to lease the premises in Barrow as soon as they became available. She is thrilled to be able to expand the business into this 'beautiful and prominent building'.

Indigo is a hairdressers specializing in colouring and really good cutting. Her staff are all highly experienced and have trained and worked in some of the best-known salons in Leicester. In fact she aims to provide city centre type hairdressing but in a village setting and very competitively priced.

Dawn has two passions in life, hairdressing and interior design. She has personally supervised the renovations and superb design of the new salon and she is confident that Barrow residents will quickly warm to the friendly family atmosphere and the delightful surroundings of this new business.

Barrow Voice wishes both businesses well.

Judith Rodgers



It may be three million copies of national door drop campaign, the building and branding of 65 push bikes for a large Brewery or on demand digital printing. They manage all aspects of the print project from purchasing materials, selecting and working with graphic

real advocate of running your own business and both she and Andy have found a huge improvement in their life as a result. Suddenly they are able to have a proper family life and can even mountain bike to work.

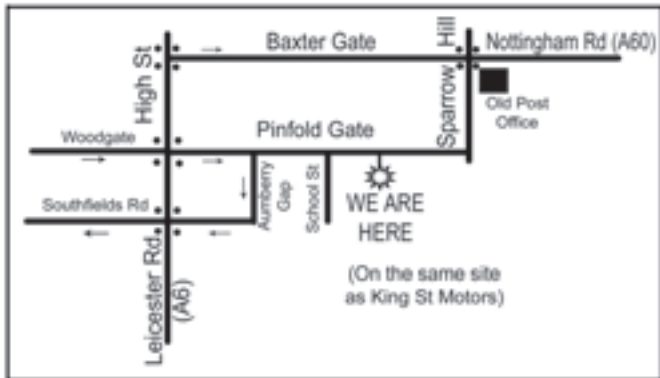
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Tracks in the Snow

When the snow was on the ground one could see the variety of animals and birds that had been around the fields by their tracks. It was surprising to see so many fox tracks and of different sizes, always a worry when you keep chickens.

I was in my workshop the other day with the door open trying to repair my old 410 shotgun. It has a habit of misfiring so I had taken the hammer and firing pin out. Around the side of the stables came a rabbit in a bit of a hurry closely followed by a fox. When the fox saw me he stopped and gave me a look like a child would if you had just caught it with its hand in the sweet jar.

I rather expected it to put its paws behind its back start whistling and walk off as though nothing had happened. Instead it sat down and looked at me.

I now had my gun in bits on the bench at the very moment I needed it. Keeping one eye on the fox I quickly tried to reassemble the gun. I had to push the hammer into a slot against the force of a spring; I got it part way in then it sprang out hit me in the face and fell on the floor.

The fox was still there although by now getting a bit bored. Panic started to set in as I scabbled to find the missing part on the floor. It felt a bit like being at the Battle of Isandlwana with a cartridge jammed in my Martini Henry; though perhaps not as serious.

Eventually I got the gun together but by now the fox had moved. I crept round the corner of the workshop and there he was, quite a way across the field well out of range with his head in the ditch concentrating on a rat or some other tasty morsel. I decided to give him a barrel anyway. The bang quickly refocused his attention and he slipped through the hedge and was away.

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What can you find out about Barrow from Trade Directories and the census?

Kathryn Timmons shares some facts and figures with us from the 19th century

The Heritage (Streets) group is looking at the Trade directories for Barrow in the 19th century and at the census information which is available between 1851-1911. We are mostly interested in looking at how occupations have changed, as well as what services were available in the village during this time. Here are just some snippets of information.

In the Trade Directory for 1846 in North St (which included what is now High St) there are five pubs and four beer houses, three bakers and five butchers. The people of Barrow must have been well shod as there are eight boot and shoe manufacturers.

In 1851 there were 293 framework knitters recorded (17.3% of the population). Other main occupations were agricultural labourers (110), seamstresses (77) and lime quarry workers (58). There were also many servants working in the larger houses of the village (63 are classified as servants, coachmen, footmen and similar).

Occupations which would not be easily recognisable now are cordwainer (shoemaker); worker in cordovan, (the Spanish for leather), haggler (street seller) needle maker, chair bottomer, ostler (stableman at an inn) and straw bonnet maker.

In 1863, there are 14 grocers listed, one of whom is also a hairdresser. There are two wheelwrights, one of whom is also listed as an ironmonger; the other as a cricket bat maker.

In the 1881 census a Card Student is listed: what did he do? There were eight beadswomen (Enumerator's spelling) living in the almshouses in North St. In addition to 59 stocking frame knitters, there were seven others working in the hosiery industry. More than 132 people were involved in lime production. This indicates it was a major industry in Barrow at that time.

In the census for 1901 in Beveridge St alone (then called Industry St), of the 177 people listed 24 were employed in hosiery, 8 in some aspect of the lime industry and there were still 9 framework knitters, though Black and Drivers factory probably opened between 1885 and 1887.

In 1911 the census records show that in the 12 households in Nook Lane, (now Melton Rd), there were two limestone workers, five hosiery workers, four cement workers, two overhead crane fitters, two farmers, and a nurse, who was presumably a midwife too. Unusual entries in this census were an Anglo French gardener, an Army Pants maker, a gas engine driver, and a 14-year old hosiery hand errand boy.

Kathryn Timmons for the Streets Heritage Group



Frame Knitter

Barrow Lime Industry: Investigation 2

Did you notice the building work going on down Cotes Road, next to Brooker's ex-nursery, for another small development of houses?

Well, the beauty of it is that we get to find out a little more about the industrial past of Barrow upon Soar. You may/may not remember the number of different limekilns that were discovered under the Miller and Wilson's developments (over 100). Yes, you've guessed... yet more kilns. This time, only TWO.

One had not survived in the ground so well, but the other survived very well both at and below the ground level. It shows another development in the history of Barrow limekilns. This one (pictured right) has a wider

area at the mouth or base of the kiln, built in the local mudstone in the form of small slabs. This wider area is believed to allow a wheelbarrow more space to turn round and take the lime out from the kiln. (why didn't they think of that before?). It also has a deposit of the lime produced in the kiln, showing as the white layer left near the base. The date? It is thought to be about the late 18th century, but that has not been confirmed as yet.

At the time of writing, the archaeological unit who investigated the larger developments already mentioned, is 'geophys-ing' on the Melton road site proposed Jelson development, and WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'LL FIND THERE! More kilns maybe. Watch this space.

Terri Davies



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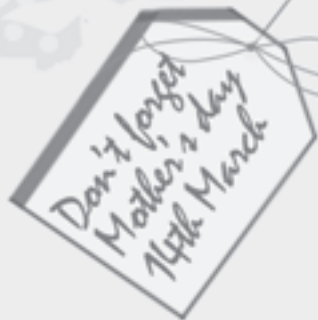
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Everyone has been clamoring to do it again next year and that is exactly what we propose to do. You'll have to snap up your tickets quick when they become available.



Open Gardens June 2010

The June 2009 event was more successful than ever, producing over £3,000 for Rainbows Children's Hospice and attracting people from Northampton, Coventry, Long Eaton, Nottingham, Derby, Hinckley, Market Harborough, Melton as well as from nearby villages.

In the area of 'Open Gardens' Barrow has the reputation for 'a great variety of gardens and a most welcoming and friendly place'. We invite you to join us on June 12th & 13th and open your garden. No garden is too small or too large, the greater the range, the better the event will be.

Proceeds raised in 2010 will again be for the benefit of Rainbows Children's Hospice where we continue to support the provision of a separate facility for teenagers so that they do not have to be with the younger children. I'm sure you will agree that this is a worthy cause.

We would like to have even more gardens open in 2010 and make the event even more enjoyable and successful.

If you are prepared to join us and want more information then please do not hesitate to contact: Mike Morley 01509 412982



Keep the bells ringing!

The bells of Holy Trinity Church, Barrow have been ringing out for 360 years. When I called to take some photos of a practice session, there was a really good attendance, a lot of laughter and a warm sense of comradeship.

It also seemed to be a good form of exercise: up the corkscrew stairs to the belfry, gentle arm exercise with the ropes and real mental exercise to keep pace with what everyone else is doing.

However, this tradition may soon come to an end due to the dwindling number of ringers; I was assured that the numbers on this day were unusually high. Unfortunately, the group is unable to teach beginners from scratch and are looking for any former ringers to join them on Sunday mornings from 9-15 to 9-45am.

At present, practices are held only on the first Friday of the month - from 11-00am to 12 noon. Visitors are welcome but it is advisable to check beforehand that ringing will actually take place.

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Village Diary

Sat 20th	Barrow Guiding Reunion; for all ex and current members of the Guiding world; Methodist Hall; 10.00am–4.00pm; Drop in, chat and bring photos if you can find them.
Wed 24th	Afternoon Tea; Methodist Church; 2.30-4.00pm; Everyone Welcome
Sat 27th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00–11.30am BUSCA Spring Dance; HPHS; 7.30–11.30pm; tickets £10 from Paper Shop; in aid of Village Hall project St. Cecilia's Choir in Concert; Holy Trinity Church; 7.30pm; tickets from Paper Shop
Mon 29th	New Horizons Bereavement Group: Self Confidence by Sue Selfe; Methodist Church Hall; 2.00pm
Tues 30th	Holy Trinity Men's Group Holy Week Service in church with Mother's Union
Sat 3rd	Methodist Church Minimart and Coffee Morning; 10.00am
Wed 7th	Gardening Club: Compost Heaps and Wormeries; Humphrey Perkins Lounge; 7.30; All welcome
Fri 9th	Baptist Church Luncheon Club
Mon 12th	WI; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30; "Wet on wet - Oil painting" by Miss J Good Holy Trinity Men's Group in Church Rooms: "Storm Chasing" by Stuart Robinson. This is an Open Meeting
Wed 14th	Craft afternoon; Methodist Church Hall; 2.30 - 4.00pm; Everyone welcome
Thurs 15th	Holy Trinity Fashion Show; Church Rooms; Tickets from Paper Shop
Fri 23rd	Holy Trinity St George's Day meal and sing-along; tickets from Paper Shop
Sat 24th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00–11.30am WI Spring Fair; Bishop Beveridge Club; 10.00–11.30am
Sun 25th	Centre Stage: "Those Magnificent Men"; HPHS; 7.00pm; tickets from Paper Shop
Wed 28th	Afternoon Tea; Methodist Church; 2.30-4.00pm; Everyone Welcome
Thurs 29th	"Who Cares? We Care"; Booklet for the Elderly Launch; Bishop Beveridge Club; 10.00am
Sat 1st	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am
Mon 3rd	Dog Show & Family Fun Afternoon; Holy Trinity Church; 2.00pm
Wed 5th	Gardening Club: "The Yellow Book"; Humphrey Perkins Lounge; 7.30; All welcome
Mon 10th	New Horizons Bereavement Group: Springtime Lunch at Gates Garden Centre, Langham; departure at 12.00 WI; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30; "Resolutions" Holy Trinity Men's Group in Church Rooms: Talk by Holy Trinity organist, David Birchenough
Fri 14th	Baptist Church Luncheon Club
Sat 22nd	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00–11.30am 2nd Annual Dragon Boat Racing Festival; Loughborough Women's Aid; starts from Boat House at Barrow; contact Michele on 01509 550317 for information or booking a team.
Sat 5th	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am
Mon 7th	New Horizons Bereavement Group: Circle dancing; Methodist Hall; 2.00pm Holy Trinity Men's Group visit to Loughborough Carillon; 6.30pm
Fri 11th	Baptist Church Luncheon Club
Sat 12th	Open Gardens; contact Mike Morley on 412982 BUSCA Summer Ball; HPHS; 7.30–11.30; Tickets from Paper Shop; proceeds to Village Hall project; Martyn Whitlam - Organist
Mon 14th	WI; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30; "Cookery Demonstration - puddings" by Anne Holden

MARCH

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SPRING DANCE

with
"Just Us"

27th March

CENTRE STAGE

"Those
Magnificent Men"

25th April

SUMMER DANCE

with
"Martyn Whitlam"

12th June

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Youth Theatre

19th June

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the Big Taste Disco

31st December

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

with Organist
Martyn Whitlam

31st December

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