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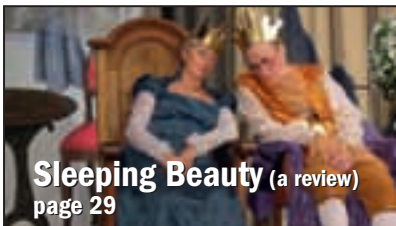
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**T**he general response to our last edition where, for the first time, we had sixteen pages in full colour, was a resounding YES to the new look magazine. A big thank you goes to Mulberry Square who gave us the confidence to take this step and to BUSCA for supporting us in this new venture.

Most of our production costs are covered by our advertising revenue and so that we can continue to achieve this, we are looking for a volunteer to take on the collection and accounting side of things. If you think you would like to get involved, then please give Judith Rodgers a ring on 01509 412063 to find out more.

This summer edition goes to press following a weekend of hot sunshine, torrential rain and thunderstorms. After last year's predictions of a barbeque summer, the weather forecasters have been understandably coy about this season's fortunes. Hot dry weather may suit most of us but not so gardeners and fishermen. We take a look at the very popular sport of angling, both locally and in more exotic climes. And whether you've caught your fish or just brought it home from the supermarket, there are some mouth-watering recipes to try.

Do log on to our website where there are longer versions of some of our stories – the BRAG report on the Jelson development and the growing success of Shotokan Karate in the village are just two.

*Frances Thompson*

## The Icing on the Village Website Cake

**W**e posted an item of Village News on the Barrow website in March. "*Barrow's award-winning leicestershirevillages website www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk again won the coveted Best Community Engagement Oscar at the leicestershirevillages presentation celebrations at Beaumanor Hall last Wednesday 24th March. As well as this, John Nurse, one of Barrow's site administrators, was presented with not one but two further awards...*"

Immediately after the posting, we received the following email from Phoenix, Arizona:

*I just read the following on your famous website :*

*"But the icing on the cake came when John Nurse, one of Barrow's site administrators, was presented with not one but two further awards: Community Commitment Award 2010 and the Most Postings Award 2010. He made over 1000 postings during last year to Barrow's village website. He has already built up the most amazing array of Family History records (eg births, marriages and deaths, census records etc) as well as putting on over 1500 photographs of Barrow and its residents. The site is visited by people all over the world. Small wonder that the site administrators frequently receive appreciative emails from Canada, New Zealand, America etc."*

*Please count this as one more appreciative email, this time from Arizona. I am thrilled with the magnificent manner in which you and so many others of the Land of my Ancestors are making the Family History data available to us. I and my family will continue to search the records as more become available and as we continue to trace our roots and our family histories.*

*Chuck Bowler, Phoenix, Arizona*



We've now made a Bouquets and Brickbats page so that we can record tributes like this one. And since our last BV report, we have introduced lots of new pages and added masses more local information such as "Accommodation in and around Barrow" and "Places to Visit from Barrow". Most village groups now have their own pages or links to their own websites. This includes the new BRAG campaign pages, Allotment pages, Open Gardens and the Youth Action Group. John has transcribed all the available census data and most of the records of births, marriages and deaths and also made paper copies that are available in the library.

And the latest arrival: a link to a Barrow upon Soar Village Face Book. So there should be something for everyone.

Which explains why our Barrow website clocked up over 46,000 hits during the past 3 months. That's nearly twice as many as any other leicestershirevillages.com site.

We're always looking for new ideas so if there's something you would like to see in Barrow's website, just phone me on 07718 153117 or email Rodgers\_david@hotmail.com

*Judith Rodgers*





# Homes Plan - The battle is won but maybe not the war

**M**any people around the village will have heard that Charnwood Borough Council refused planning permission on the 4th March 2010 for around 300 homes proposed for land off Melton Road, as detailed in the Spring 2010 edition of the Barrow Voice. Members of the Barrow Residents Action Group (BRAG), villagers and the Barrow Parish Council attended the planning committee with a full to overflowing public gallery. Many points were put across and a lengthy debate between members of the planning committee ensued.

The members of BRAG were proud to represent the village. Considering the village only had days to object to the development, this would not have been achieved without all of you who wrote to object at short notice. All your letters made a difference and all were considered by the planning officers who commented on their numbers and the feelings about the application they expressed across the village.

What many won't know is why it was refused and what happens next. Well, Jelson

can appeal against the decision within six months of the refusal date, but if they address all of the issues for refusal raised by the Borough Council they can resubmit their application within the next 12 months.

So, what were the issues that the Borough Council refused the application on? There were nine issues. In summary these were;

1. The proposed development would result in harm to the biodiversity of the site, and harm nature conservation.
2. The Flood Risk Assessment did not comply with Government requirements, which are to ensure that flood risk is taken into account at all stages in the planning process to avoid inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding and to direct development away from areas of highest risk.



- 3. Insufficient archaeological information was provided to properly assess the effects of the development on the potential archaeology of the site.
- 4. The proposal failed to ensure a sufficiently high quality design.
- 5. The Charnwood Borough Local Plan indicates that developers should contribute to the cost of infrastructure and facilities required to support development such as educational requirements, library facilities, waste provision, health facilities etc.
- 6. The proposed roundabout at the entrance to the development would result in the unacceptable loss of public open space on the north side of Melton Road.
- 7. There were inadequate technical details of access into the site from Melton Road to satisfy the highway authority that access can be satisfactorily achieved to their standards.
- 8. The proposed development would result in an increase in vehicle traffic on the local highway network in the village, particularly the existing signal controlled bridge on Barrow

Road and the Jerusalem roundabout junction of Barrow Road/South Street/High Street.

- 9. The existing junction of Grove Lane with South Street/Sibley Road is lacking in adequate visibility to the left out of Grove Lane. The proposal, if approved, would lead to increased dangers for road users and not be in the interests of highway safety and is contrary to Charnwood Borough Council policy.

BRAG wanted a further condition to be considered by the planning committee which was the suitability of the site and its visual impact which was not considered to be consistent with previous Council policy decisions regarding this site in the Local Plan. The development would destroy the natural gateway to the countryside with its open aspects for all to enjoy.

In the consideration of this site in the local plan it was discarded for development because it was considered "an intrusive development in a prominent and highly visible area of open countryside" and BRAG asked the committee to include this as an additional reason for refusal along with the other points identified. Unfortunately after lengthy discussion by the planning committee this condition was not included.

As you can see some of the points for refusal are more easily addressed than others, but everything can be bought at a price, and if these nine issues are addressed satisfactorily then this could open the village to even further development!

BRAG will continue to fight this development. Barrow's community spirit is strong. We may need to demonstrate this again.

More recently, residents may have noticed surveying activity around the village. It is likely that this is connected to the proposed development and Jelson and its contractors are preparing to address the Charnwood Borough Council's points of objection to their Plan and then re-submit it seeking agreement.

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***This article was written and submitted by BRAG member, Trevor Burton.***

A longer article with more detailed information about these nine issues is available on the website:  
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# BUSCA annual report: Highlights of activity over the year

We hope you are well aware that BUSCA (Barrow upon Soar Community Association) sets up and runs lots of activities for the benefit of Barrow. As a charity, we have to produce an Annual Report of the previous year and make a budget for the future year. The document is then approved at the AGM which, this year, was held in April. It is a public document and there is a copy in the Library. You can also find it on the Charity Commission website: [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) - our charity number is 505692.

However, we aren't very good at reminding the village what we've been up to so this year we are giving Barrow Voice readers a list of highlights from last year.

- £2000 to fund to a second evening of youth work in the village. The Parish Council and County Council contributed a similar amount
- Improved advertising revenue for Barrow Voice, enabling the publication of part colour editions
- The new and highly successful "Barrow's Got Talent", organised by the Youth Theatre Group

- The Youth Action group won a Community Cashback award and installed the graffiti wall

Most of the activities which took place in 2009 will be repeated in 2010. New projects which are planned include:-

- Working with the Parish Council to improve the entrances to the village
- Running a Barrow Art/Photography Festival
- Improving the Community Centre entrance at HPHS hopefully by commissioning a sculpture or piece of art work

There are many aspects to the work of BUSCA and we are always looking to involve as many residents as we can. So why not have a read of the Annual Report to see if there is anything that interests you.

*David Rodgers - Treasurer*  
07718 153117



Wizard of Oz : Barrow Youth Theatre





Graffiti wall : Barrow Youth Action Group with youth council



Village bike ride :  
BUSCA events team & parish council



Leah Caverner, winner of Barrow's Got Talent 2009,  
organised by Barrow Youth Theatre



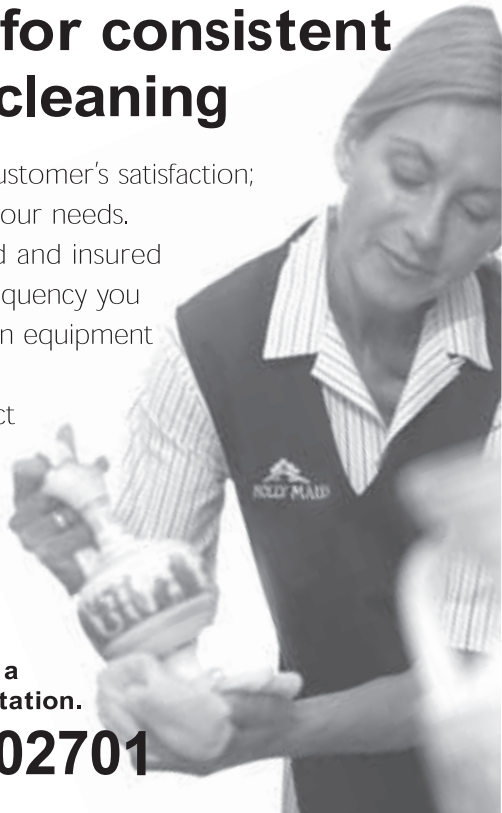
Stiltman at 2009 switching on the Christmas lights : BUSCA & parish council





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# Retiring head, David Edwards, shares his vision for learning

Having welcomed David when he arrived at Humphrey Perkins 12 years ago, Barrow Voice now puts him in the spotlight once again as he prepares to retire at the end of July.



When I interviewed him at the start of a typical busy school day, he commented that while his arrival seems like only yesterday, he is finding it quite odd to look back and reflect on all the changes of 12 years. His overwhelming feeling is what an enormous privilege it has been to be able to touch the lives of the children and adults who have passed through Humphrey Perkins but, also, what a huge responsibility. Increasingly, he believes that school must never become a factory to churn out children who meet attendance and exam result targets. Rather school must have a conscience for the lives and needs of each child as an individual.

David is quite sceptical about the external systems that are supposed to measure "success". Over the last few years there has been a coming together of the aspirations of teachers and governors at Humphrey Perkins to take the broader view. During this time, School has developed the confidence and power to challenge the "official orthodoxy" and, therefore, to change quite radically its aims, priorities and placing of resources. It is no longer limited just to meeting official targets. Instead, Humphrey Perkins is now all about placing the total well-being of the person at the centre of its priorities. The new systems that have been put in place represent the school moving to achieve its own vision; to be innovative.

One such development has been the establishing of Humphrey Perkins as a centre of excellence in the Arts. David is enormously proud of the Arts College status that was achieved in September 2008. However, he points out that School was already moving in this direction before the opportunity arose to allow High Schools (ie 11 - 14) to apply. There had to be plenty of co-operative working with local schools to tick the right boxes. Eighteen months later, David can rattle off exciting examples of individual children who have really benefited from their involvement in the very wide range of arts activities - orchestral and choral music, whole school productions of musicals and plays, dance, drama, film, media, creative textiles, visual arts and so on. For example, singing leaders from year 9 have visited partner primary schools to encourage the younger pupils in their singing as part of a giant "Sing Out" project, culminating in choral workshops and performances at HPHS for large numbers of junior children. You can imagine the boost it gives those Year 9 pupils! However, David acknowledges that what has been achieved so far has only scratched the surface of what is possible. He is confident that his successor will have the vision and ambition to drive Humphrey Perkins forward in this and other areas. David sees the school of the future existing as a centre of resources not just for its pupils but for whole families; a single point from which a range of services can be accessed to offer a life line to children and parents who need them. The well-being of the child and, indeed, of their family, is a vital starting point for any kind of real learning. He had hoped that this might be what was meant by the expression

"transforming learning" that is supposed to be at the heart of bids to access the pot of money called Building Schools for the Future. Sadly, he suspects that this isn't what politicians are looking for. They merely want better exam results and better attendance figures.

It is hardly surprising that David has decided not to train as an Ofsted inspector. Instead, he proposes to retire "properly". He wants to spend more time on the passions that recently have had to take second place: catching trout by fly fishing, bird watching and getting back to serious piano playing. He hopes to take a bigger role in his church and to provide more support to his wife in her passion for gardening. I wondered if this might help to fill the void when there are no longer children at the centre of his life. He knows he will miss them terribly and also the staff and governors who have been so supportive.

Barrow Voice would like to take this opportunity to thank David for all that he has done for the school and community and to wish him a rewarding retirement.



# A message from the governors

**B**ack in 1998 when the Governing Body appointed David Edwards as the Head of Humphrey Perkins they were hoping for a few changes from the young, keen and enthusiastic newcomer with a great vision for the future of the school. Some 12 years later as the two of us, who have been chairs of governors with David look back, we can see that we have not been disappointed; David led the school boldly into the 21st century and there is much to show for his time with us!

## So what has David achieved over this period?

Well first it must be recorded that David's time at HP has seen excellent improvements in learning and teaching standards. When David came the school was good but through hard work and dedication from David and his staff over the years it is now verging on the brink of being outstanding - at least according to our School Improvement Officer. The next Ofsted inspection will hopefully confirm this.

Measurements of achievement have changed over the years with the demise SATs for 14 year-olds but David has recently overseen the introduction of GCSEs for some of the gifted and talented students in year 9 which will hopefully set the school in good stead for the move to 11 to 16 or 18.

One notable introduction was the Celebration Evening, an up-to-date version of Speech Day or Prize-giving with the emphasis on the celebration of success of the students. Of particular note was the Celebration in 2002 marking the centenary of the move of the school to its present site on Cotes Road. This was attended by many old scholars and was accompanied by the production of a book on the recent history of Humphrey Perkins.

One of David's particular areas of interest has been in the wellbeing of the students in his care. To this end he has been responsible for the development of some novel approaches to mentoring and the

pastoral care of students but one of his greatest achievements in this context must be the changes to the catering provision at Humphrey Perkins. David was responsible for taking the management and provision of catering in house with much improved, healthy menus with increased uptake by the students, long before the Jamie Oliver effect. Moreover, this increased uptake has been sustained and the restaurant continues to thrive.

Early on in his time at Humphreys David introduced the position of School Manager and this has had a big impact on the running of the school. Caretaking has been revolutionised and cleaning contracts taken in house. Over the years we have had problems with lack of central funding but David has always been prepared, with governor's backing, to stand up to the Local Authority and has been highly respected by the officers at County Hall.

Two of the most recent achievements are the building of the Sports Hall and the gaining of Specialist Arts College status. Whilst the former has not been without its problems, the latter has led to some really great changes in what Humphrey Perkins is able to offer the school and local community. David's own keen interest and talent as a musician has underpinned much of the arts development which has, of course, seen some much needed injection of extra cash leading to improved facilities, notably the refurbishment of the old gym as an Arts Theatre and the redecoration and equipping of the main hall.

It hasn't always been an easy path to tread and David has often had his work cut out to persuade those around him to follow his lead but this is often the case with good leadership. Some times we have had to encourage and coax David often using the phrase "well, David it is up to you to manage the situation" but manage he has and Humphrey Perkins is all the better for his management verging, as we have already indicated, on the brink of becoming outstanding.

No account of David's time at HP would be complete without a mention of Penny Chatwin, first Deputy, who David appointed and who has steadfastly supported David for most of his time at HP. So many, many thanks too to Penny.

David has decided to retire at this time to allow someone else to take over the reins to see Humphrey Perkins move, most probably, to become an 11-16 school. So there have been some exciting developments over the last 12 years and there will, no doubt be more to come in the future.

It remains for us to thank David on behalf of everybody at the school for all that he has contributed to the life of Humphrey Perkins and for the honour and pleasure of working with him over this time. We have enjoyed being your "critical friend" over the last few years and may we take this opportunity, on behalf of not only the Governing Body but of everyone involved at Humphrey Perkins, to wish you all the best in your retirement.

*Mike Neale and Brian Tetley*

## Is 70 years together a record?

On 23 March 2010 Iris and Jack Green celebrated 70 years of marriage - a Platinum anniversary. Iris and Jack were married at Holy Trinity Church in the spring of 1940. It was a wartime romance. *Is there another couple in Barrow who have enjoyed married life for this long, or even longer? Barrow Voice would be pleased to hear from you.*





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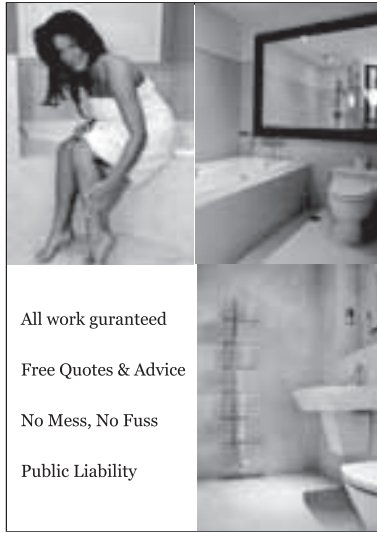
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# Alan Dawkins - Barrow Town Supremo

**Alan Dawkins died on January 24 aged 64 following a fight against liver cancer.**

**Away from the pitch Alan, who grew up in Shelthorpe, married Sonia Waldron in 1968 and they were together until her death in 2007, having one son, Chris.**

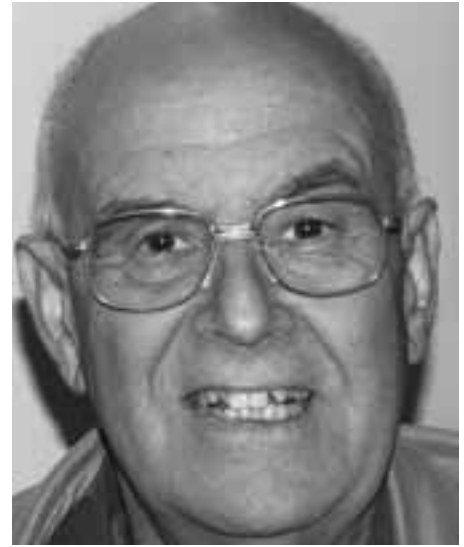
**A**fter refusing to attend Loughborough Grammar School because they didn't play football and instead attending Loughborough College, Alan worked for Ladybird Books in Loughborough before he retired when the factory closed in 1999. He later bought the company's car shaped like a ladybird.

Alan's death ended his long association with football in Barrow. It began 43 years ago when he joined Barrow Old Boys FC as a player, and apart from a few seasons away playing for other teams and winning trophies, Barrow is where his loyalties remained. Alan's involvement with the club came in many guises: player, manager at junior and senior level, club secretary, fund raiser and match reporter for the Loughborough Echo.

In 1995 floodlights were essential to enable the club to stay in the Senior League Premier Division. As usual, Alan was there devoting time and effort to ensure that the funds were raised and the lights installed.

The next large project was the extension to the clubhouse and the fund raising was not confined to local sponsors; Alan and Paul Carnall went to London to meet with the Football Foundation where they put a strong case forward for the improvements. This resulted in a considerable sum of money being awarded towards the total cost. The rest of the money come from various other sponsors and the new extension opened in the summer of 2004.

The Barrow Town Fun Day is a big event in the football club's fundraising calendar; the Five-a-side Tournament is the highlight of the day, with 24 teams regularly taking part. Alan organised and co-ordinated this



event, and it is due to his hard work that this has become such a successful tournament.

Alan always gave one hundred percent when helping the club in whatever capacity he could, and it is obvious that he will be greatly missed. However, his name will live on in the 'Alan Dawkins Suite' at the clubhouse he did so much to improve.

Thanks go to Mick Bland for providing me with details of Alan's involvement with football in Barrow.

*Val Gillings*

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# Gone Fishin'

**Gaynor Barton gets the low down on the local fishing scene**

**W**hy do so many people love fishing in Barrow? Well, the answer is easy - the fishing here is excellent! There's a good variety of fish such as roach, bream, chub, barbel carp and pike swimming around just waiting to be caught by a skillful fisherman. And the local clubs have relatively easy access to all parts of the river within their jurisdiction. You've never far to walk with all your heavy fishing tackle from your car to the river itself; this is often not the case.

Nor is it an expensive sport if you keep your rods in good condition and use simple bait like maggots and worms. However, even before you thread your first maggot onto a hook you must spend some money. Everyone needs a rod licence and if you are between 12 and 60 they're £27 a year; between 12 and 16 they fall to £5 and concessions pay £18. You can buy them from any post office or on-line from the Environment Agency.

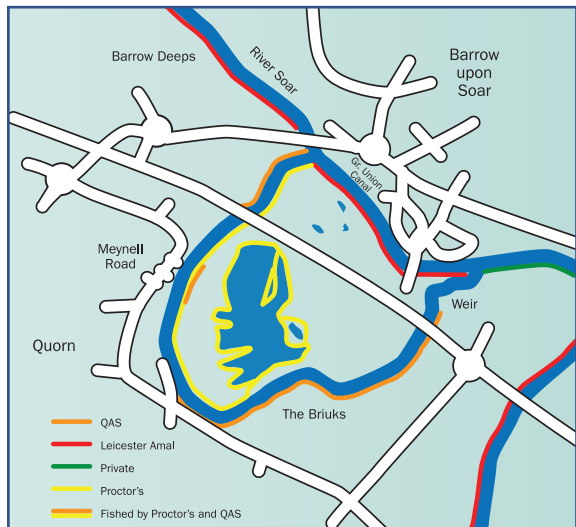
Once you have your rod licence all you do next is join a club. Two angling clubs and one private organisation are in charge of most of the fishing in Barrow; see the map. The most famous club locally is Quorn Angling Society (QAS) with about 250 members, mostly Leicestershire based. The other is the Leicester and District Amalgamated Society of Anglers always shortened to Leicester Amal.

It only costs £25 a year to be a member of QAS and for this fee you can also fish river-banks controlled by Leicester Amal. When you join QAS you get a sturdy coloured membership card known as a 'book' which lists where you can fish in Barrow. When fishing along a bank you may be asked to produce your 'book' to prove you have the right to be there. Because of an agreement between QAS and Leicester Amal anyone joining one club also becomes a member of the other so gets two 'books', two membership cards, always printed on card of different colours to make each clearly distinguishable. Join one, get one free! Two clubs for less than 50p a week what could be better value?

The private organisation mentioned earlier is Proctor's Pleasure Park which controls fishing in Proctor's Lake and on

the inside of the loop of the River Soar bordering their caravan park. At Proctor's a day ticket costs £3 per rod. Day tickets are always available as you insert your three one pound coins into a slot machine just before the entry barrier to Proctor's Park and out comes the day's fishing permit, your 'ticket'. So it's always easy to find somewhere to fish near our village.

Another reason why Barrow is well known is that The 'Angling Times' Soar Valley Winter League Fishing Competition, the biggest Winter League in the country, takes place along the River Soar with several sections in Barrow. It's on these days that Barrow seems to have cars squashed into hedgerows at insane angles on Barrow Road as fishermen sit at their permitted places, their 'pegs', along the section of the river known as Barrow Deeps. The competition involves six



matches on six Sundays starting in late October and finishing in mid December with a few 'gap' Sundays, when men can actually spend all day with their families, dotted in between.

### A distinct lack of harmony

So Barrow is a very good place for fishing but do fishermen have to face any problems here? Yes they do; two problems surface quickly. Boats travelling at speed is the first. There's a British Waterways' speed limit of 4mph on all narrow canals such as the Grand Union in Barrow yet it is sometimes (often ?) ignored by boat owners and the wake set up by a craft sailing faster than 4mph can do a lot of damage to a fisherman's lines as well as harming the canal banks. Considerate skippers actually lessen their speed to 2mph if they see anglers on the tow-paths and if all skippers followed suit, harmony would reign. At present there's frequently a distinct lack of it! Fishermen feel aggrieved.

The other problem involves taking river fish home for supper. The fish are bony and often, I've been assured, taste awful, but just the same some anglers will run off with them. Fishermen usually keep their catch in nets for a few hours, take them out to show them off and take their photos, but before leaving the river bank they let them go. It's illegal anywhere in England to catch river fish and not return them to the water.

The problem of fish being taken home is being tackled through an educational

policy as much as through the legal system as many caught taking fish were discovered to be new immigrants from Poland and Eastern Europe where the concept of catching a fish and throwing it back is completely alien. You throw it back? You crazy? No, you catch a fish and you eat it! Now there are notices on gates in Barrow explaining through use of symbols and in Polish that you can't take fish home. Roger Marlow told me that two men were fined £700 in

2008 for illegal fishing in the Soar.

If you are out for a walk along the flowing part of the river and you see someone breaking the law, either by fishing in the 'Closed' season (March 15th to June 15th inclusive) or putting newly caught fish in the back of a car, the number to ring is 0800 807060 - the Environment Agency. They are really keen to know when and where this is happening.

But what about the future? Will fishing hold its own in an increasingly fast paced world? It's been noticed that fewer children are learning to fish these days, partly because of other, often excitingly electronic, pastimes being available but there's a second reason too. The amount of

paperwork involved in teaching the art of fishing to children has increased massively; the CRB checks, the hoops to be jumped through in transporting youngsters not your own to rivers and once there ensuring that all the health and safety regulations are complied with is off putting to experienced fishermen who might otherwise have given their time in the past. But everyone I talked to believed that fishing will continue for many years to come. After all it's said that still more people fish on a Saturday than attend football matches.

For reasons lost in the mists of time Quorn Angling Society no longer actually meets in Quorn. Committee meetings are held either at The Navigation Inn or Meadow Farm Marina Clubhouse in Barrow so in spite of there being the village name 'Quorn' in the title the club is Barrow based. So if you like the idea of a day by the river get in touch with the Quorn Angling Society (414254 or 414247) where you will be given a hearty welcome and very soon may find yourself leaving a scribbled note "Gone fishin'".

*I would very much like to thank Roger Marlow, Alan Snow, Rod Hubbard, Richard Proctor and Bennett's Angling Store (Mountsorrel) for help in the production of this article.*





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# Gone Fishin' in the Tropics

I love eating fish but have never caught one with a rod and line. However, I have shot a few with a spear gun (only, I hasten to add, ones which I could eat). Nowadays I spend my time snorkelling and watching fish rather than trying to catch them and on occasion this has been a lot more exciting. When on holiday I regularly snorkel along the same stretch of coast in the Canaries, about a hundred yards out along the edge of a bank which then disappears into the abyss. The water quality is superb and one can see for perhaps 30 or 40 feet.

One day I was swimming along this stretch when I noticed what appeared to be a large rock. It stuck me as strange because I had not seen it before and had swum along this part many times.

I got an even bigger surprise when it started to move. It was an enormous Ray and I mean big; about six or seven feet from wing tip to wing tip and about eight feet long with the base of the tail as thick as my arm. We often see rays out there but they are normally nothing like this. I decided to get a bit nearer the shore; about 30 yards out I started to swim parallel with the beach again and as I glanced back, to my horror it was still with me about 10 feet away and just behind. Now I was feeling nervous, I turned immediately in for the beach.

I never saw it again but always now keep a wary eye on that bank near to the abyss.

Another interesting fish that lives out there is the angel shark. These get to about five feet long and lie on the bottom. They are quite flat and can conceal themselves under the sand except for the last bit of their tail which has a small fin on it. When swimming above you can usually make out their outline and just see the tail.

I was snorkelling with my daughter one day and we came across a group of divers kneeling on the sea bed about 12 feet down doing some sort of communication exercise. Just behind one of them was an angle shark concealed under the sand; they obviously had not seen it. I had read that providing you do not pull the tail, (that produces an angry response) but just gently move it they will rise from the sand move on. I dived down and just twitched its tail. The fish rose from the sand like a ghost from its grave and sailed

straight through the kneeling divers. There was large expulsion of air from their masks as they rocked back on their knees in startled surprise. My daughter was already laughing by the time I reached the surface.

I have tried pike and found it a bit bony but I do like trout which I get from someone who fishes in Rutland water.

*Dave Bird*

## BARBEQUE RECIPE

- Pre heat grill to a medium heat
- Line the cavity of a trout with slices of garlic and lemon
- Stuff fresh basil and rosemary inside
- Season and wrap the fish in foil
- Place on the bbq grill
- Cook for 15 to 20 minutes
- Remove lemon and herbs
- Hold fish up by spine and comb meat from bones using fork
- Squeeze fresh lemon over fish and serve

# Fishy recipe – Devilled Mackerel with tomato and onion salad

**D**evilling food is not a new thing - in fact this English tradition goes back at least a couple of centuries. The ingredients for what may seem to be a bit of an Indian recipe does include essentially British flavourings; mustard, cayenne, pepper and vinegar. This coating/marinade compliments this oily fish perfectly and sits very well with the salad to make an ideal light summer dish, cooked either under a grill or over barbeque coals.

## SERVES 4

Mackerel  
(one per person - gutted and cleaned)  
40g Butter  
1 tsp Caster Sugar  
2 tsp Salt  
2 tbsp Red Wine Vinegar

A mixture of spices: English mustard powder, cayenne pepper, paprika, ground coriander, black pepper (about 1 tsp of each according to taste).

## METHOD

1. Pre-heat the grill to high or wait for the barbeque coals to turn white
2. Slash the skin of the mackerel at intervals on both sides without cutting too deeply into the flesh
3. Melt the butter then stir in the sugar, mustard, cayenne, coriander, paprika, vinegar, pepper and salt, mixing them well
4. Now coat the mackerel rubbing the marinade into the cuts and the cavity of the fish

5. Grill or barbeque (taking care not to allow the skin to stick and tear off) for approximately 4 minutes on each side until the fish is cooked through

This is adapted from a Rick Stein recipe and he serves devilled mackerel with a tomato and onion salad but if you prefer just to grill your mackerel without the spices, then try a tomato and chilli salsa to give the dish a kick.

## FOR THE TOMATO AND ONION SALAD

8oz Vine-ripened Tomatoes  
½ Red Onion  
A little chopped Mint  
1 tsp Fresh Lemon Juice

## FOR THE TOMATO AND CHILLI SALSA

½ Red Onion  
1 clove garlic, finely chopped  
1 red and 1 green chilli, finely chopped  
2 tomatoes, skinned and diced  
1 tblsp each of red and yellow pepper, finely diced  
Chopped coriander  
Olive oil



## TIP

As with any fish, mackerel can be a little bony so an appreciation of the skeletal structure of the fish can increase the enjoyment of eating it. I suggest that the flesh can be drawn away from the bones by inserting a knife laterally down the flank of the fish and pushing the knife and therefore the flesh towards the back or belly of the fish leaving the bones in place. Enjoy!

*Gianluca Bazooka*



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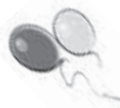
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# L & L Shotokan celebrates its ninth year in Barrow



**H**ow quickly the years pass; looking back it is three years since an article was written featuring the Barrow-based Karate School Leicester and Loughborough Shotokan (L&LS for short) and amazingly the club is now in its ninth year at its original two bases, Loughborough base being at The Scouts Hut, Grove Lane, B-U-S, LE12 8NP and the Leicester base at The Braunstone Civic Centre, LE3 2PP.



As L&LS (with its students both new and long term) has developed, so have its bases, with two of the three senior 2nd Dan (Black belts) branching out to run Schools of their own. Sensei Henry Bellinger now runs classes in Stonegate and Alison Golland runs classes at Twyford Village Hall, Melton Mowbray.

Along with the three students that have trained hard and have achieved their 2nd Dan Black Belts, there are now 31 students who have achieved 1st Dan Black Belt status within the four L&LS Schools; nine of those actually come from our school here in Barrow. In no particular order they are: ANWEN EDWARDS, BRADLEY & RHEANNA SPENCE, JOHN SPENCER, NEIL THOMPSON, THOMAS, FRASER & STUART McHALE, and GUY SILK (who will hopefully be featuring in an article in September's Barrow Voice - a follow up to the article he wrote for Barrow Voice seven years ago when first starting Karate lessons in Barrow). There are also many more students both young and old (ages ranging from 5 to 52 yrs) working through their coloured belt grades to hopefully achieve the coveted Black Belt and perhaps beyond themselves. Karate development is a

personal thing and everyone aspires differently.

Bradley Spence (15) was selected for the AMA England Karate Squad at the International Championships in February and on his first call up achieved a bronze medal in the Individual Kumite ( free fighting). Henry Bellinger also took part, following his call up to the squad last year, winning one contest nine - nil.

Since our last article in the Barrow Voice, I have also passed another milestone in the world of Karate; the extra training and time that was required is perhaps one of the reasons why it has been so long since I last wrote. Back in August 2008 a group of us travelled to Torquay for a week of Karate training with the Amateur Martial Associations (AMA), to whom we are now associated. This in turn makes L&LS recognised by the European and the World Karate Federations. Whilst in Torquay I successfully graded for my 5th Dan and this I am pleased to say now classes me as a Shihan; a formal title meaning a "teacher to other instructors" (A "teacher of teachers"). This is something that I never normally mention and at the club I am still formally

known as Sensei Pete (Sensei simply meaning "teacher" in Japanese). However, this being an informative article and an effort to impress with recent developments then I think I will pop it in:!

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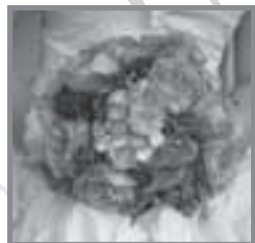
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**W**e are very sad that Ginnie Willcocks, our Director for the last four shows has decided to step down from that demanding role. We thank her for her huge commitment and for giving so many people so much fun.

We are quite delighted to learn that Sue Onslow will take over the reins from Ginnie. Sue is enormously experienced in directing all sorts of "amdram" and she is certainly no stranger to panto. Oh no, she isn't...! And she, too, is determined that Barrow Panto Group will carry on being great fun. Her enthusiasm is very infectious.

SO, WE'RE ALREADY THINKING  
EXCITEDLY ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S PANTO!!

We do need new members to step into the shoes of those who have recently left the village. We would particularly welcome new actors. You mustn't feel that you have to be highly experienced or particularly talented. Sue will be guiding members to improve

their acting skills during our weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals.

We are also looking for people to help back stage: you've no idea how many people it takes to put on a show: people to prompt, to pull the curtain, to move scenery, make the tea, make the costumes, make the scenery, do the make up, operate the lighting and sound equipment, etc etc. You really do feel part of a big family.

So if you're thinking "yes, I fancy getting involved in that", what next? We are holding an introductory meeting on Tuesday June 29th at Bishop Beveridge Club (on South Street) starting at 7.00pm. It's for anyone interested in being in the cast of the next

Panto and it will involve reading through sections of two or three scripts in order to decide which panto to choose for the next show. If you can't get to that meeting, don't worry. It isn't for casting (did I see a joke there?)

Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday 12th September in the Arts Theatre at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre. Look out for posters.

*If you would like more information or if you want to register your interest, you can contact me, Judith Rodgers on 0771 8153117 or Rodgers\_david@hotmail.com*

## Sleeping Beauty

A review by Craig Johnstone

**M**y family and I recently attended Barrow Panto Group's opening night performance of "Sleeping Beauty." I can't remember a better evening of family entertainment for many a year.

It is always imperative to set ones expectations at an appropriate level when embarking on a visit to see any live performance, particularly so when that performance is written, directed and performed by a group of amateurs, however experienced. I was delighted to find that this year's script was an original one by first-time panto writer, Helen Sadler and was not disappointed by it in any way. Following an opening number of "Let me entertain you", the excellent King Ken and Queen B played by Simon Long and Val Gillings delivered what was to be only the start of a snappy and humorous dialogue.

The performance was in many ways given a professional edge by the younger members of the cast with every one of the characters understanding the meaning and theme of the script and expressing it well. However, the stars of the show were, as it should be in pantomime, the dames. Mrs Gruntfuttock, played by Gordon Kenneth, showed huge

confidence and charisma to ad-lib when baited by a somewhat small but raucous audience. The finest moments were reserved for the evil Hortense, played by George Robinson, who gave a vintage performance. I promise that I have never cried so much with laughter. Though George was assisted by the prompt on a few occasions, he maintained an almost serene composure and never slipped out of character once.

The Barrow Panto Group perform all of their pantomimes in February or March each year, this year to what was, sadly and surprisingly, a small audiences, at their long standing home at Humphrey Perkins School.



The cost of the panto at £20.00 for a family of four was great value and I will certainly be reserving my tickets for next year.

To sum up, this was the perfect antidote to those late winter blues and one the whole family enjoyed. I can recommend a visit to see the village panto group to anyone who is in the mood for some fun!





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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS CALENDAR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2010

### Full council Meetings in Village Diary

#### July

**5<sup>th</sup>** Planning Committee

**12 noon**

#### August

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Planning **12 noon**

**19<sup>th</sup>** Playing Fields **9.30am**

**26<sup>th</sup>** Policy and Finance

**2.00pm**

#### September

**6<sup>th</sup>** Planning **12 noon**

**15<sup>th</sup>** Cemetery **11.00am**

**21<sup>st</sup>** Millennium Park **11.00am**

JULY TO SEPT 2010

## THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL CONSULTATION ABOUT ALLOCATION OF NEW HOUSING IN RELATION TO BARROW UPON SOAR'S ROLE AS A 'SERVICE CENTRE'.

**STRENGTHS** – Barrow upon Soar fulfils the requirement of a 'Service Centre' and retains a good community identity, it has an excellent 'Community Association' and a committed and hard working Parish Council. Its proximity to the river Soar provides recreational facilities and makes it an attractive place to live. It has both junior and high schools, is in close proximity to the A6 and has good access to the A60 and A46. It has both bus and rail links to neighbouring villages, Loughborough and the cities of Leicester and Nottingham. It has good local roads to the Wolds villages, Hoton, Seagrave and Sileby and many narrow picturesque streets with historic buildings within the designated 'conservation area'. Barrow is fortunate to have a relatively low crime rate. Barrow's Churches, Holy Trinity, Methodist and Baptist are welcoming and a very active part of our community. The Bishop Beveridge Club caters for all residents over the age of sixty years.

Church halls, Bishop Beveridge, the Sports Hall and Community Centre based at Humphrey Perkins High School offer room hire to the community and wider area.

Businesses in Barrow are supported by an active local Business Forum.

Barrow also enjoys the following facilities:

Selection of retail outlets mainly situated along the High Street corridor which include a small supermarket, a newsagents, a butchers, a florist, an upholsterer, a gents barber, several hairdressing and beauty salons and two craft/gift/furniture shops, Health Centre, Dentist, Optician, Chiropodist, Pharmacy, Post Office, Library, Bank, 2 public car parks (Old Station 33 spaces/North Street 8 spaces)

All of the above facilities serve the following neighbouring villages:

The Wolds villages; Walton, Burton, Prestwold, Wymeswold

Hoton, Cotes, Seagrave and to a lesser degree Quorn and Sileby

**WEAKNESSES** – Barrow has recently taken in a substantial development of 360 homes, not yet complete and in addition numerous smaller sites creating an additional 200+ homes, some recently completed and others under construction. The full impact of ongoing development is therefore not yet evident.

Traffic trends are chaotic. Barrow is a main trunk corridor along the east of the Soar and for access to and from A6 and A60. Links to the A6 are seriously affected due to difficulties at the South Street/Bridge Street junction and by the traffic controlled bridge at Bridge Street exacerbated when Slash Lane is in flood, which is a regular occurrence, causing delays affecting junctions at Cotes Road, Grove Lane, South Street and beyond.

Its narrow picturesque streets are hampered by on street parking which restricts access to emergency services. This is further exacerbated at areas adjacent to both schools at dropping off and picking up times.

There are difficult junctions between South Street/Melton Road and South Street/Grove Lane both of which are a part of the bus route through the village.

There is no parking provision at the railway station only a pick up/drop off point. Streets in this area are already over subscribed with regard to on street parking. The level of rail service is limited with only a single train to Leicester and one to Loughborough/Nottingham during a typical weekday morning peak. The service does not support shop or shift workers and seriously restricts leisure opportunities. Local evidence would suggest that current services are at best unreliable and also overcrowded at peak times, making rail an unattractive alternative mode of travel. The station is accessible only to the very fittest residents due to its stepped access.

The village is served by two bus services one of which provides two buses into Leicester (journey time of 45minutes) during a typical peak period weekday morning. Neither service supports shop or shift workers and again seriously restricts leisure opportunities.

There are no designated cycle routes within the village. Cycle access is dangerous in places.

Existing public car park facilities are inadequate.

Barrow's traditional employment base has all but gone and its working population commutes out of the village. Shopping outlets have reduced greatly and those existing include a number of takeaway outlets which are closed during the day. Those businesses still in existence rely to some extent on new technology and existing broadband speeds are inadequate. Young families simply move away be it for reasons of securing suitable employment or suitable affordable housing.

Both of the schools in the village are currently at capacity. Hall Orchard school is land locked and is located near old lime mines. There is therefore little or no opportunity for expansion.

The Health Centre is land locked and has no direct road access; development of this site is limited. Evidence would suggest basic health care is failing. The doctors are over subscribed and patients queue outside early in the morning in all weathers in order to secure an appointment. Our pharmacy is also overstretched and its service to the community is deteriorating. Repeat prescriptions now take seven working days.

Barrow currently has no community focal point/facility

Lack of available land for allotment purposes. There are two sites which residents have access to, both of which are privately managed and both are heavily over subscribed

**OPPORTUNITIES** – There is potential to refine and enhance Barrow as a service centre within the constraints of limiting its audience base.

To provide a community focal point/facility (e.g. village hall).

To reverse the trend of employment leaving the village.

Improved internet speeds.

Provision of a new doctors surgery on the Wolds side of the village.

Improved signage to existing public car parks and provision of additional spaces, (derelict land at the Three Crowns could provide additional spaces at the North Street car park)

Provision of improvements to signage to indicate alternative routes to the A6 avoiding Bridge Street.

Strengthening of the Bridge at Bridge Street, creation of a footbridge alongside the bridge and introduction of two way traffic.

Upgrade to the Essex bridge and to Slash Lane, to alleviate flooding, thus providing access to the A6 at all times and the matter of flooding in other areas addressed.

Creation of a car park/drop off area at land at Hall Orchard school to alleviate congestion in this area.

Provision of suitable housing for our aging residents.

To provide allotments/land gifted to the Parish Council to facilitate provision.

**THREATS** – Traffic issues in and around Barrow will deteriorate further given the housing infill and additional development in progress.

The impact in respect of schooling and health provision of current and projected developments will have significant negative impact on their infrastructure. It is not in their interest to admit to their difficulties and failings.

Migration of both the younger and older generation through a lack of suitable living accommodation, and with regard to the younger, employment opportunities.

Impact on public transport will affect those commuting to their workplace and for leisure opportunities.

Community identity will be adversely affected by any additional substantial development.

Climate change alone is likely to have an adverse effect on existing flooding issues. Our close proximity to the river Soar and existing issues relating to flooding of Fishpool Brook exacerbated by recent development are a very real concern.

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# The Lime Kiln becomes the Lime Tree Children's Day Nursery

**M**ike and I recently had the pleasure of meeting, and talking with Kate Greenaway and Andrea Mardel-Ferreira. These names may not ring any bells at this time but if I tell you that these two delightful ladies, are planning to make a serious commitment to Barrow-upon-Soar, by opening a full time day nursery in the village, you will realise who I mean.

Many people have been wondering what would happen to the original site of the Lime Kiln (or Trap, its alternative name) once a very popular "watering hole" for thirsty workers when they returned home after a day's work in the local lime quarries and kilns. Speculation has been rife, with many and varied solutions being proposed. .... but now we know the real story. The site has been purchased for the purpose of converting the pub into a day nursery, which is to be called the Lime Tree Nursery.

We decided to ask Kate and Andrea to meet with us over coffee with a view to an article for Barrow Voice. They very kindly agreed and we met them along with Kate's young daughter (not to mention a noticeable "bump" carried by Andrea).

Both are very experienced in the field of childcare. Kate is a qualified teacher and nursery nurse. Andrea is an experienced lecturer and assessor in child care, to date for 15 years, and is now in her last year of

a child care degree. It has been a huge leap of faith for them to put all their hopes and dreams together and run their own nursery.

Both women are also local to the Barrow area, and are really looking forward to setting up this interesting business. It will be run as a partnership and is scheduled to open on 1st September 2010. The Nursery has been approved by Ofsted and Charnwood Borough Council and will have a safe outside play area and shelter, as well as the assurance of safety and security for the children. Access to the nursery area will be by programmed key fob only.

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*Jan and Mike Hind*

## Could you be a community governor?

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# Barrow Baptist Church Holiday at Home Monday 26th July - Sunday 1st August

**Summer is here again and we are looking forward to our holiday week 2010.**

For those new to Barrow, this is our 6th annual event for the over 60s age group. We meet most days through the week for a variety of activities, and this year our theme is 'Water for Life'.

Our holiday celebrations often include meals together, and this year is no exception. On Monday we will have lunch followed by a light hearted quiz, and plenty of time to chat with your friends, and hopefully make some new ones.

Our other days include 'Messing about on the river', (not really - but it will be a very interesting day); 'I do like to be beside the seaside', to include fish and chips, and our coach excursion this year is to Leamington Spa. (I hope you have picked up on the water connection!) Book early as seats go very quickly. (Coach with a lift available)

On Sunday 1st August we end our week with a Prom Praise to be held in Holy Trinity Church at 3.30pm. Our music will be provided by the Loughborough Concert Band, and this is open to all who wish to come.



Look out for further details which will be available in June. Booking is essential for the outing and helpful for the other days, (esp. where food is involved.)

If you need wheel chair or other assistance be assured that we are there to help you. Transport to and from events is available for those who need it.

We hope you will enjoy it. You are very welcome.

Please telephone for more information:  
Judith Morrison tel. 01509 412770

***'TAKE A BREAK' On Friday 9th July  
COFFEE and BISCUITS will be served  
between 10.00am and 11.30am. This would  
be an ideal time to come and find out more.  
We will be there to answer any questions  
about the holiday week, you can book  
tickets, or just use the time to catch up on  
each other's news.***

## Parish Council Programme of Walks 2010

<b>TUESDAY 22nd June 2010 @ 7.00pm</b>	I.15 TOWARD COTES & RETURN 4½ miles	Humphrey Perkins Michael Gilbert	Taking the I.15 to Cotes via old pumping station, to end of footpath and return. Care to be taken @ Walton Brook. Wellies/walking boots essential.
<b>WEDNESDAY 30th June 2010 @ 7.00pm</b>	MILLERS BRIDGE 4-4½ miles	Three Crowns Public Car Park Judith Rodgers	Out via I.27 to Millers Bridge, returning via K.31 to Fleshovel Lane and K.29 to the road or via the old three corner spinney to the Soar Bridge Inn.
<b>WEDNESDAY 7th July 2010 @ 7.00pm</b>	QUORN 4½ miles	Old Station Car Park Bob Mudge	Out via the river and Tom Longs Meadow. Returning via One Man Bridge taking refreshment stop at Navigation Inn.
<b>THURSDAY 15th July 2010 @ 7.00pm</b>	SEAGRAVE 4½ miles	Breachfield Road Joyce Noon	Out by I.23 by Paudy Farm to Seagrave. Refreshment stop at the White Horse returning to Barrow.
<b>WEDNESDAY 18th Aug 2010 @ 7.00pm</b>	WALTON 4½ miles	Three Crowns Public Car Park Jan & Mike Hind	Out via I.13 to Strancliffe Lane, I.5, I.12, I.14a and I.4 to Walton. Refreshment stop at the Anchor returning via I.4 to Cream Lodge, I.32 & Brook Lane.
<b><i>Walks after 30th June will be confirmed in due course and notices placed throughout the village advertising these</i></b>			



# BARROW BOATING

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We provide learning through play for children aged 2½ - 5yrs. Sessions are run at the Methodist Church Rooms, Barrow upon Soar from 9.15 to 12.15 weekdays during term time.

For more information please contact Cathy Walker on **07975 957242** or email [barrowplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barrowplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk)

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**Village Diary**

Sat 19th	Holy Trinity Coffee morning; Church Rooms; 10-11.30 Barrow Youth Theatre presents the 2nd Barrow's Got Talent; 7.00pm; HPHS
Sun 20th	Father's Day Fun Gala and Village Bike Ride; 3-5.30; behind HPHS
Wed 23rd	Afternoon Tea and Games; Methodist Church; 2.30 - 4.00pm;
Sat 26th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30am
Sat 27th	Concert by pupils of Alison Print; Holy Trinity Church; 2.30pm
Sat 3rd	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am
Mon 5th	New Horizons: Summer outing; 12.00 noon departure Holy Trinity Men's Group: Local walk in Barrow area
Tues 6th	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 7.15pm; public participation at approx 7.30pm; everyone welcome
Mon 12th	WI: "Save the Children past and present" by Josephine Burgess; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Wed 14th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Church; 2.00 watercolour; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Mon 19th	W.I. Walk
Sat 24th	Coffee Morning in aid of motor neurone disease; 43 New St; 10.00 - 12.00 noon
Mon 26th	Start of Baptist Church "Holiday at Home", for one week until Sun 1st August; events every day except Thurs to 1st Aug
Wed 28th	CBC Sports Roadshow/ Mini soccer session; King George V recce; time tba Methodist Church Afternoon tea and games; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Mon 2nd	New Horizons: History of Music Hall by Charlotte Cook; Methodist Hall; 2.00pm
Tues 3rd	CBC Sports Roadshow/Family Fun Day; King George V recce; 12.00 - 2.00 Parish Council meeting; PC office; 7.15pm; public participation at approx 7.30pm; everyone welcome
Sat 7th	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am
Mon 9th	BOSCAPS holiday playscheme starts 9th until 13th; at HPHS; 9.30 - 12.30 'WI: "Antiques Road Show" by Sheila Mosley; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Wed 11th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Church; 2.00 water colour; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Sat 21st	Scouts 'Midsummer Sparkle' event for adults only; tickets from the Paper shop
Wed 25th	Methodist Church Afternoon tea and games; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Sat 28th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30am
Wed 1st	Gardening Club: "Water features for smaller gardens"; HPHS Community Lounge; 7.30pm
Sat 4th	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am
Mon 6th	New Horizons: "Just Joyce" by Hilary Ayling; Methodist Hall; 2.00pm Holy Trinity Men's Group: "The ospreys of Rutland Water" by Tim Mackrill; Church Rooms; 8.00pm
Tues 7th	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 7.15pm; public participation at approx 7.30pm; everyone welcome
Wed 8th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Church; 2.00 water colour; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Fri 10th	Baptist Church Luncheon Club; 12.30pm
Mon 13th	WI: "Loughborough Fair" by Peter Legg; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Tues 14th	Community Association Trustee's Council meeting; HPHS Community Lounge; 7.30pm
Sat 18th	Holy Trinity Men's Group: Coffee morning; Church Rooms; 10.00am



<p><b>BARROW'S GOT TALENT</b></p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p><b>VILLAGE BIKE RIDE AND FATHER'S FUNDAY ACTIVITIES (WITH PARISH COUNCIL)</b></p> <p><b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p><b>AUTUMN DANCE</b> with Just Us <b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b></p> <p><b>WINTER WARMER DANCE</b> with Alf Tozer <b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p><b>BARROW YOUTH THEATRE'S "OLIVER"</b></p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p><b>NEW YEARS EVE</b> Party Disco with Ben &amp; the Big Taste Disco</p> <p><b>31<sup>st</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>NEW YEARS EVE</b> Dance with Colin Sound</p> <p><b>31<sup>st</sup> December</b></p>
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**BUSCA EVENTS**

All these events take place at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre and tickets can be bought from The Paper Shop, High Street, Barrow