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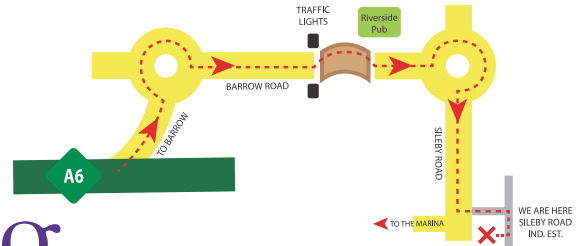


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A different kind of space

On this page you can read about a new initiative to open Holy Trinity Church on a more regular basis. John Whittaker would like to provide a place right in the centre of the village away from the hustle and bustle of modern living - what he calls 'a different kind of space' that can be enjoyed by all. Elsewhere, we celebrate the life of Harold Mitchell, find out about the musical talents of John Whitworth and welcome a new headteacher to Humphrey Perkins.

We have a new feature where Ginny Willcocks puts members of the BV team on the spot and, as the days shorten, we look back on some of our summer village events and on to those that will take us to the end of the year.

We rely on our loyal band of distributors who ensure that you get your copy through the letter box four times a year. I'd like to give a special mention to Margaret and Graham Clarke and Barbara Hillman who have decided to step down from the role after many years of service. Our grateful thanks to all three of you.

Frances Thompson

News

Holy Trinity Church - The Open Church Challenge

The Soar Valley is noted for its fine collection of medieval churches and Barrow Parish Church is no exception. Few country parishes have a church of such beauty and dimensions. The church was originally built over 800 years ago and was substantially rebuilt between 1862 and 1870, not least because of a collapse of the tower and a large part of the nave on 18th December 1868.

Today the church building offers immense historic interest, incredible artwork expressed in stained glass windows, the carved reredos, the wood furnishings and the general architecture, support to a worshipping community and a place of quiet and stillness, giving space for our engagement with ourselves, our creation and God.

Over the last five years, members and supporters of Holy Trinity Church have been working towards an extension to be built onto the north side of the church. Our vision is for this to open up greater use of the church and to offer the village a modern, accessible, community space.

Recently, the church council spent an evening exploring our hopes and vision for the future of the church and the extension. One of the themes which emerged in the discussions is the inspiration behind this article and can be called, *'The Open Church Challenge.'*

The Open Church Challenge is a vision for the members and supporters of Holy Trinity Church, including those who have a pattern of attending services and those who don't, to serve on a rota in order allow the church to be open each week day for visitors from 10 am to 12 md. This would greatly extend the current times when the church is open for visitors, outside service times, which is all day on Saturday. There would always be two 'hosts' and their role would be to provide a presence and welcome. We want to do this in order to offer a different kind of space, in contrast to the busy intensity of life around us, for refreshment and reflection. We want to open up the church to more people more of the time.

If you would like to find out more, or provisionally offer your name so we can check if there is enough support to make this vision a reality, then please do contact the Parish Administrator, **Emma Black (07985 110598** or via e-mail at **morse02@hotmail.co.uk** or c/o 27 Cotes Road, Barrow upon Soar).

Before the initiative began we would have briefing sessions on procedures and the church history for all the volunteers. Whilst we will be working towards starting this new initiative next Spring, we do need a good response to this article to give us the confidence to keep developing this possibility - a gift we want to open up to the village and beyond.

Rev'd John Whittaker



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Holiday at Home 2010

All you have to be is over 60. You don't have to be a Baptist, Methodist, RC or C of E or anything at all - all you have to be is over 60. There's no maximum age limit; a good number are in their 70's and 80's with a few hardy types enjoying the week in their 90's. All are welcome. Although Barrow Baptists run the Holiday at Home Week, the organisers emphasise that anyone can come and this all inclusive nature of the scheme is really appreciated by the people who attend. "It couldn't have happened 20 years ago" I was told, "but people have realised that getting on together is what matters not which church you go to. We all mix together - the fellowship is marvellous."

This year the scheme attracted about 80 people, mostly from Barrow but several from Sileby and Loughborough. Even Barrow born and bred stumble across long term Barrow residents they've never met before. How delightful and what a surprise! Getting people to mingle and extend your circle of friends is all part of the experience. A lady who's attended in past years said, "The organisers mix us up as we have to go to different rooms for different activities and we change tables at lunch time too so

we sit next to different people. We chat and laugh a lot. It's all very friendly - enjoyable from start to finish. I'm over the moon during Holiday at Home week." To cover the costs of lunches, teas and talks small donations are requested but never insisted upon. In fact it's Barrow's senior holiday-makers that insist on paying their way; they don't want charity.

This scheme for seniors has been going since 2004 having developed from the church's monthly luncheon club. Now the

experienced organisers make sure the week not only gets off to a cracking start but continues to provide four stimulating afternoon activities linked by a common theme. This summer's theme was Water for Life. As an experienced Holiday at Home said, "You do things you never thought you would. It gets you out of the house and you use your imagination instead of just watching television. It's the craft work I love. It keeps your brain going even though your body's gone!"

There's always a craft afternoon spent making or doing something following a talk or demonstration on the subject. This year's craft was Canal Boat Art following a talk about life on a working canal boat and crafty activities during Friday's Day at the Seaside. Most of the activities take place in the social room behind the Baptist Church in Beveridge Street but there's always one full day's outing. This trip is very much looked forward to especially by people who can't get about easily because they are using wheelchairs. Holiday at Home has many hands to help them get into private cars or onto a special coach with a lift. Leamington Spa was this year's destination.

There are light-hearted quizzes and games scattered through the week; rumour has it that this year tails were pinned to donkeys after a fish and chip lunch when

the seaside came to Beveridge Street! Certainly there were ice cream cornets, hook-a-duck, skittles and a chance to paddle! Music ended this July's programme with the Loughborough Concert Band playing in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday August 1st. This was followed by a short service of Praise where, as usual, favourite well known hymns were sung with great gusto. For the 'Holiday at Home' folk Sunday is not their day of rest, it's Thursday. Nothing happens on Thursdays as holiday makers may like a rest after the Wednesday outing and get themselves organised for the final three days.

An unusual extra for this summer's Holiday was the presence of an Aquabox (get the water theme?). It's a collection of useful items that a family might need for their survival after a catastrophe such as a

hurricane, a flood, a tornado or an earthquake. The Homers were invited to contribute small items to build up a complete aquabox which will be distributed to a needy family somewhere in the world by the organising charity.

So, if you are in your 60's 70's 80's or 90's, like the sound of what you've read and think you would enjoy Holiday at Home 2011 call **Judith Morrison** on **412770** or send her an email **sunup26@tiscali.co.uk**. She'd love to hear from you.

I would particularly like to thank Beryl Harriman, Denis Hudson, Josie and Fred Faulkner and Tom Mitchell for help in the writing of this article.

Gaynor Barton

Belles go from strength to strength

Barrow Belles have just finished their second season as Barrow's 11-a-side girls' football team and they are extremely proud of their achievement this year. Having finished 6th in the league last season it was fantastic to finish 3rd in this season's Leicestershire and Rutland girls' FA league, gaining almost twice as many points as last season.



The highlight of the season for many players was in fact the first game of the season which saw the Barrow Belles play Asfordby Amateurs, a team which before that day we had yet to get a point off. But in an amazing performance by all the Belles we managed to beat Asfordby 3-1. And we certainly started as we meant to go on, losing only 5 of the 18 games played and

winning the rest. Every single player on the Belles squad showed excellent skill and teamwork, with each and every player improving immensely throughout the year.

The success of the team is largely down to the amazing people backstage. Firstly, our manager/coach, Pete Cox. Pete has, throughout the season, shown his commitment to making the Belles great,

and his confidence in every player's ability to play outstanding football is always apparent.

Pete's wife Julie, Dain and Tracey Alford together with Sarah and Dave Nicholls have also spent many hours supporting the Belles, both on the touchline and off.

We are also grateful to all the parents who have turned out for us whatever the weather and given us their support. We had the opportunity to show our appreciation to Pete and all our supporters at the end of season presentation evening, hosted by Pete himself. This was a huge success largely due to the effort put in by Pete and co.

Looking ahead to next season the Barrow Belles will definitely be chasing for top of the league. With 18 girls signed up we will surely be a contender and a worthy challenger for all teams. Watch out!

Caty Whitehouse
(member of Barrow Belles)

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Now Charnwood has announced that it will be closing all rural public conveniences on 31 March 2011. By the time you read this, the short consultation period to gather views on the closure by the Parish Council will have closed.

The Parish Council is discussing 'what happens next' and we will be following this story in future issues.



Speeding traffic on Fishpool Way

A reader on Nursery Close has raised the issue of traffic exceeding the 30mph limit on Fishpool Way, an area with quite a lot of pedestrian activity as people use the Millennium Park regularly.

He would like to see 30mph signs on the lamp posts as a reminder to drivers to keep their speed down. He has lobbied various local councils without success.

While acknowledging that, with street lighting already there, this is not a legal requirement, he feels that if something is not done, then there will be a serious accident.

If you walk or drive in this area and have a view on this issue, please write to the editor or email editor@barrowvoice.co.uk



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Harold Mitchell 1916 - 2010

Harold was born in New Street in 1916 and stayed in the village for the rest of his life, dedicating a large part of it to helping others. He started his education in the primary school on Cotes Road and as the system was then, moved onto the big school in Church Street. When he had finished his schooling at the age of 14, he had several jobs: he was a joiner with Mr Hind of Briggs Hill, Barrow, delivery boy for Bonsor's Bakery in Quorn, a joiner for Clemersons of Loughborough and finally a knitter at Drivers Hosiery in the village. He stayed at Drivers for over 49 years with a six year break when he was serving with the REME during the Second World War. Harold fought all through the European campaign but like most men of his time was very modest, and didn't talk about his experiences. One can only imagine the memories he carried with him.

Harold met Lucie, a young lady from Belton near Hepworth in Lincolnshire and made her his wife in 1945. They were married for an incredible 63 years, having three children, two girls Ann and Elaine and a son Les. Elaine has fond memories of travelling in a little green van with Harold when he delivered the Sunday papers for Clarks and later on for Webster & Barnes, covering the villages of Burton and Wymeswold and also to some of the yards in Barrow that are now long gone.

After Harold retired there was to be no sitting around for him; he became a lollipop man on Mill Lane / South Street, seeing the children over the road safely for 14 years in all weathers and never missing a day.

Harold had a passionate interest in the village and its residents. He was a valued Parish Councillor for 15 years and would help anyone out with a problem. If he didn't know the answer himself then he would leave no stone unturned until the problem had been solved. Being a Parish Councillor was only one string to Harold's bow.

He was a trustee of the almshouses, secretary of the Mountsorrel branch of the Ancient Order of the Foresters, a volunteer with Citizens Advice Bureau in Loughborough, a member of the committee of the WEA and also of the Local Studies group and an avid reader.

He was greatly interested in the history of the village and surrounding area. He was also a member of the Bishop Beveridge club, a lifelong member of the Methodist church, but also a friend of the other churches in Barrow. Many people will remember Harold carrying the British Legion Flag on Remembrance Sunday and in later years laying a wreath for fallen comrades.

Unfortunately Harold had a severe stroke that was very debilitating but his awareness

and interest in the village never diminished and right to the end he would acknowledge people with a smile. In his daughter's words people knew Harold as a kind, thoughtful, charming, cheery and helpful man, who had time for everyone. He was a fount of knowledge on local history with a wonderful memory and interested in the world in general.

The village has lost a true character.

Thanks go to Les & Elaine Mitchell for the details they have given me.

Val Gillings



Barrow Voice welcomes the new Head of HPHS

In our last issue, we paid tribute to the retiring Head of HPHS, David Edwards. In this issue, we welcome Peter Nutkins who has been in post as the new Head since August 31.

Peter comes to Humphrey Perkins High School from the West Country. He was brought up in Somerset going on to Exeter University to read maths and education. Having taught in several schools in Devon over a period of 14 years, he moved with his wife (also a maths teacher) and their four children to St Dunstan's Community School in Glastonbury as Deputy Head. The schools that Peter has worked in have either been for pupils aged 11 - 16 or aged 11 - 18 and have included specialist status such as Technology, Science and Arts (like Humphrey Perkins High School).

His hobbies include photography, cooking (and then eating, of course) and motor sport (he says he's a bit of a Formula 1 and Lotus enthusiast). He spends most Saturdays with his children and the family are at Church on Sunday. At some time in the distant future he envisages travelling the world with his wife and camera.

Peter always knew he wanted to teach. His mother was a teacher and as a teenager, he was able to go into her school to get some first hand experience. He had a career-affirming experience when one of his junior pupils suddenly 'got' a maths concept. He says it was like a light bulb being switched on. After that, Peter was hooked.

During his career Peter has been much involved in strategies to raise the attainment of pupils in a truly meaningful and relevant way. He believes there is no ceiling to achievement and at HPHS he aims to establish a culture that recognises and strives for excellence at every level within the school. He says "Everyone is an individual with potential, and I will endeavour to realise that potential.



Humphrey Perkins is already a success; I look forward to leading the school to even greater heights for the benefit of the children and staff in our care."

Peter is no stranger to the community dimension of schools. He sees Humphrey Perkins not only as serving the local

community but also a place where the village feels welcome and a part.

Barrow Voice wishes Peter well and we hope that he will quickly feel welcome in the community.

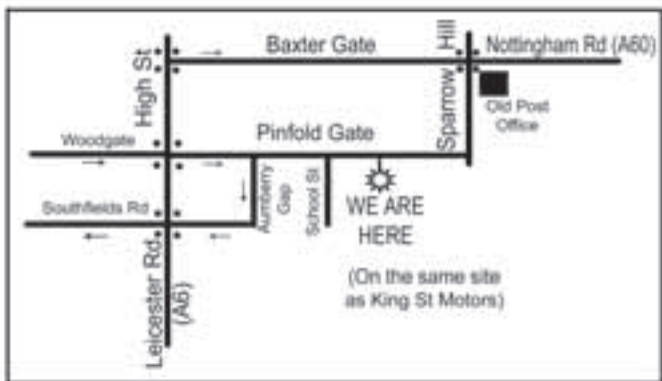
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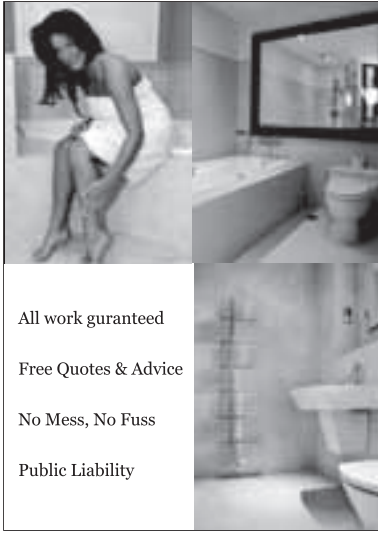
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60 seconds with...

As a contributor to Barrow Voice for a number of years now I'm always on the lookout for something a little different. At the last editorial meeting the team agreed to a new article to be called: 60 seconds with... (a member of the editorial team).

Nothing too involved and not too much work for me either. The idea is that I will spend a minute, with a contributor, ask them a few questions and record their answers for each edition. It will give readers the chance to get to know a little more about who writes, edits, prints etc Barrow Voice. Who better to begin with than our editor, Frances, so here goes:

Frances Thompson



How long have you been involved with Barrow Voice and what do you like best about the magazine?

Since I moved to the village 25 years ago. The best thing is being free to cover any story without the constraints of commercial newspapers.

What has been your most memorable issue since you've been involved?

The lead story, in the Autumn 1997 edition was about the controversial building of a bridge at the weir. The headline was 'A Bridge too Near' and it provoked more comments than any other edition.

If you had to describe yourself in one word, what would it be?

Focused.

Do you have any pets and if so what do you have and what are their names?

Two cats, Mungo and Freya named after the explorers Mungo Park and Freya Stark. They have now reached the grand old age of 18 so don't do as much exploring as in their youth.

If you were marooned on a desert island what 5 things would you take with you and why?

A large supply of paper and pencils (I suppose that counts as two things) to create that best selling novel I've always wanted to write; (3) packets of seeds as even on a desert island I would want to be gardening; (4) a wind up lantern for those dark nights and scary noises; (5) lip salve as I never leave the house without it.

How long have you lived in Barrow and why did you decide to come and live here?

I arrived in 1985 from North Yorkshire with my husband Richard and two small children. I was impressed with all the things there were to do in Barrow.

What would be your ideal holiday?

Anywhere remote and beautiful with a view of the sea. The worst thing about living in Barrow is that we are so far from it.

Do you have a day job? If so what do you do?

I work for the Ministry of Justice drafting replies to correspondence and answers to Parliamentary Questions for Ministers.

What is your motto for life?

Don't waste regrets on things you can't change.

What are your hopes for the future of Barrow Voice?

To remain a 'voice' for the people of Barrow on the issues they feel are important.

Next time: 60 seconds with Judith Rodgers

Ginnie Willcocks

Barrow Voice Issue 69 from Autumn 1997. It provoked more comments than any other edition.





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MEETINGS CALENDAR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2010 Full council Meetings in Village Diary

October

5th Full Council **7.15pm**

4th Planning **12 noon**

12th Policy and Finance **2.00pm**

November

2nd Full Council **7.15pm**

1st Planning **12 noon**

11th Policy and Finance **2.00pm**

16th Playing Fields **9.30am**

18th Millennium Park **11.00am**

24th Cemetery **11.00am**

24th Care for the Elderly **12 noon**

December

7th Full Council **7.15pm**

6th Planning **12 noon**

9th Policy and Finance **2.00pm**

MILLENNIUM PARK INSTALLATION OF BOARDWALK AND FOOTPATHS UPGRADE

You will have noticed our new boardwalk and upgrade to the footpaths and steps at the Millennium Park.

We are delighted that this project was made possible by funding awarded by the Big Lottery and SHIRE grants.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2010

The Parish Council has agreed to organise this year's Poppy Appeal. Volunteers are desperately needed to coordinate this mammoth task which includes distribution and collection of collecting boxes to static collection points, house to house collectors and eventually the count.

Please contact **Lesley** at the Parish Office Tel: **416016** if you can help.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2010

Children's Choir and Recorder Playing, Street Entertainment, Festive Stalls, Refreshments, Santa's Grotto, Coffee and mince pies.

Anyone requiring space for a stall please contact the Clerk or Judith Rodgers (07718153117).

A Road Closure will be in operation from 4.30pm to 7.00pm which includes High Street and Church Street. Diversion signs will be in place during this time.

ACCESS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

A portable ramp is available for anyone dependant on the use of a wheelchair for access to meetings of the Council. Prior notice is required.

Please contact the Clerk.

GREEN AND GLOBAL ISSUES FORUM

Are you interested in green issues in your local community and in your home?

- Energy/water efficiency
- Waste recycling
- Eco-friendly products
- Greener gardens
- Grow your own/bake your own
- Active travel and more...

Come along to the inaugural meeting of the Green Issues Forum on **29th September 2010**.

starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Council Offices, High Street.

Light refreshments will be served.



LEARNING ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

A very successful presentation evening by the Alzheimer's Society was held in March. Following a request for more information, the Parish Council has arranged for the Alzheimer's Society to give a training session in the village.

Mrs Vivienne Dickens, RMN, will run the session on **12th October 2010** at the Gap, Beveridge Street.

It will include the following issues: Signs and symptoms, Appropriate activities and Behaviour we find challenging.

A minimum donation of £2.00 to the Alzheimer's Society payable on the night would be most appreciated. All are welcome.



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A profile of John Whitworth

In Barrow we seem to be extremely lucky to have a wealth of talented people. Through the pages of Barrow Voice it is possible to show off one of them and learn more about him.

John Whitworth, Pat his wife and their three girls moved from Quorn to Melton Road, Barrow in 1986.

They have always been involved in art and music and from our own experience, as their immediate neighbours, there was nothing better than hearing summer evening rehearsals of The Vautor Ensemble held in their garden. The wonderful sounds of unaccompanied early choral music could be heard wafting over the garden wall under the watchful baton of John, often I might add, accompanied by hoots of raucous laughter as a joke was shared!

John was born at Ely, Cambridgeshire on the 27th December 1921. He recalls a very happy childhood, the youngest of four children, having an older brother and two sisters. His father had a good bass voice and his sister Angela was musical and a talented pianist. John remembers his first musical experience, at the age of four, sitting on his brother's knee and playing the piano with him.

He was educated at Kimbolton School, Huntingdonshire, which he hated! John recalls hating the food, being away from home and the Headmaster! However he had no trouble studying or with other members of staff.

In the 6th form he was the only pupil to study the Arts and English, French, Music etc. He also enjoyed sport, especially cricket and even football, then! Cricket continues to be one of his passions.

When war broke out in 1939, John was 18 years old and his schooling was interrupted as he volunteered for service in the RAF. His desire to be a pilot was thwarted by his failure to pass the eye test so he trained as a Flight Mechanic and served as a Flight Lieutenant. He was transferred to Canada in 1941, travelling on the Queen Elizabeth. Here he worked on Harvard trainer aircraft. While in Canada, John was fortunate enough to sing in the RAF male voice choir and also in the Cathedral in Kingston

Ontario, where he regularly practised on the Cathedral organ.

From 1946 to 1949 he was an undergraduate at Kings College Cambridge, having won a scholarship as a Choral Scholar. As a male alto he sang in all the services. On his graduation in 1949 he was appointed as Alto Lay Vicar at Westminster Abbey, a position he held for 22 years. During this time at the Abbey, John developed his career as a soloist and performer. This included singing in specialist small groups such as The Deller Consort, The Golden Age Singers and the Well Tempered Singers, which was a very successful male voice quartet, giving nearly 80 public concerts. John also sang in other specialist choirs such as Schola Polyphonica, and the Renaissance Singers, which he directed for seven years.

He sang as a soloist both in England and abroad, including performing at the Three Choirs Festival and the Festival of Britain, to name two of many. Other solo performances have been at the Albert Hall in the Proms, the Festival Hall, Brompton Oratory, St Paul's Cathedral and of course Westminster Abbey.

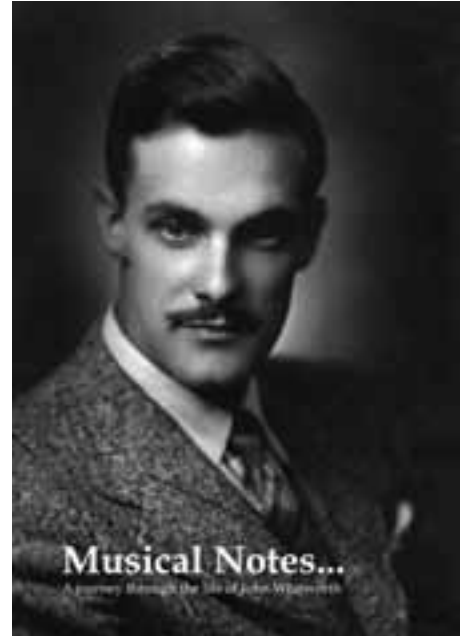
He gave over 100 broadcasts for the BBC until his retirement, as well as making many recordings.

During this time he also taught at the Guildhall giving singing lessons to aspiring counter tenors.

John was commissioned to write musical arrangements for groups such as the world renowned Kings Singers.

He was organist from 1965 to 1970 at St Paul's Covent Garden, the Actors' Church as it is known.

In 1963, when they both sang in a Bayswater church choir, he met and married Pat and the next year they had their first daughter Alexandra. Juliet was born the year after, followed by Victoria in 1969. John and the family moved to



Leicestershire in 1971 on his appointment as Assistant Music Adviser to the Local Education Authority. Outside education, John was organist and choirmaster at Holy Cross Priory in Leicester until he retired at the age of 80.

John's passion for aircraft is only exceeded by that for his cars. During his life John, has owned over 35 cars including three vintage Rolls Royces (they were cheaper in those days), two Daimlers, two Jaguars, and a Morris Oxford called Emma.

Many people will know John through the family dogs, William and Freddy, and previously Henry, who he regularly walked around the local fields. Some will recognise him as the father of Vicki of Wash and Wags fame. Few will be aware of his remarkable history and his contribution to the world.

John has just completed a book about his life entitled 'Musical Notes'. It will be available to buy at a cost of £20.

To order by email:
whitworth833@btinternet.com

Ceri Fairbrother

Barrow Going Green?

On Wednesday 29th September, Barrow Parish Council is inviting anyone who is interested in Green Issues to come along to a meeting in the PC Office on High Street to promote Green projects in Barrow.

Personally, I am a passionate Greenie and I've been doing a bit of sleuthing to see what other people in Barrow are feeling and doing about Green issues. I was going to stand outside Somerfield and stop passers by but then I remembered how much I hate other people doing that to me. So I've been a bit more discreet. Perhaps you didn't realise!

Over a year ago, Charnwood BC involved Barrow in a pilot on ways to improve recycling and reduce what is put out for landfill. They chose Barrow for the Switch pilot because there had been a very positive interest shown by our residents. The outcome, many months later was a dramatic increase in the use of recycling boxes and bags, a reduction of landfill waste (black wheelie bins), a big take-up of brown wheelie bins for council composting and a lot of people starting to do their own composting with wormeries, cones and the like.

Also over the past 18 months, the demand for allotments has soared. More and more people want to grow their own although, sadly, the supply of land for allotments is not meeting demand. The Parish Council is pressing for more land to be made available.

I have spoken to several Barrow families who have decided to shop in the village rather than in Tesco or where ever, and to buy little and often to save wasting unwanted food. One lady waxed lyrical about the money she was saving, partly because she was buying less, partly because she had started to cycle to the shops. I'm hoping she'll turn up at the meeting on the 29th and enthuse others.

We are starting to see solar panels sprout on Barrow roofs. At the moment, the most common is the solar water heater: it's plumbed into your central heating and supplies hot water to the taps. Even on cloudy days in winter it can warm up the water enough to give you a decent shower



or a sink wash.

One Barrow family has had a panel for four years and they are able to turn off the central heating from March to October and still have hot water in the taps (but not the radiators, of course).

I have just installed the other kind of panel: the photo-voltaic panels which generate electricity. I have enough south-facing roof to put up 16 panels which can generate nearly 4kW when it is clear bright sun at midday. I benefit from the new 'feed in tariff' whereby my electricity provider pays me 41p for every kW hour I generate regardless of how much I use. On top of that, I get a lower electricity bill because I generate some of what I use and I also get 3p per kWh for half of what I generate because it is deemed to feed into the electricity network (ie I don't use it). I am expecting to have covered the cost of the panels within the next 10 years. If anyone wants to know more about my experience with photo-voltaic panels, I would be more than happy to natter.

However, perhaps the most impressive example of green behaviour of all sorts must be found at Humphrey Perkins. The school has teamed up with Manor Farm in Long Whatton to supply their organic meat

and home-baked bread for the school restaurant and to run educational trips for pupils to help them understand where our food comes from. They will find out about green farming methods, responsible farming and a lot more. Then there's the new school vegetable garden; it's a sight to behold and is already supplying the restaurant with fresh salad and herbs. Read Dominic Boston's account of how it came to be created following this article

So people in Barrow are taking the lead in trying to live environmentally responsible lives. What we need now is more people doing more of these things. So do please come along to the meeting on September 29th. Details can be found on the Barrow Focus page. As a community, we could be helping promote green awareness and in the future, who knows, we could be generating community hydroelectric power by harnessing the River Soar in Barrow. And building a community wind turbine or setting up a community composting scheme. The possibilities are tremendously exciting but they need committed people to drive the ideas forward.

Judith Rodgers (0771 815 3117)

The Vegetable Garden

How it started...

A group of our Year 8 students have been involved in the Npower Climate Cops competition. They want to encourage people to grow their own vegetables in an effort to reduce air miles and encourage healthy eating. To do this they made a vegetable garden at school and use the produce in the school restaurant. This also ties in with our vision to transform food culture as a Food for Life Flagship School.

Donations

In January and February, the team contacted local businesses to ask for materials and support in building the raised beds and were very successful. Andy Barker at Hathern Nurseries donated compost, seeds and young plants, Vital Earth donated compost and Travis Perkins had also kindly donated £150 of wood towards the project. We also received lots of advice and help from Groundwork Leicester and Garden Organic.

Making the raised beds

On the 24 Feb, with advice from the Soil Association, the pupils planned where the

beds should be positioned, how many they could accommodate and how to build the beds. The day started at 12.20pm with a safety briefing and then all the pupils and volunteers from staff, governors, parents and the local community enjoyed a nutritious gardener's lunch before starting work.

The group were visited by the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood who wished everyone well with their venture and then started proceedings by digging up the first clod of earth. The team worked hard from 1pm to 4pm and achieved a great deal. They built several raised beds, laying down ground cover over the path areas which

will later be covered by bark chips and preparing space for the compost bins.

At the end of the day they were tired, dirty but delighted to have achieved so much.

By Dominic Boston (Humphrey Perkins Student)



Centre Stage sees the return of Opera Dudes in Codfathers of Croon on Friday 26 November

We were last entertained by this comic duo in 2008 and what a cracking show it was: a wonderful mix of hilarious puns and jokes along with superb singing.

These two Dudes are from very different backgrounds: Neil Allen started singing in the pubs of Nottingham when he was still working as a builder. After a lengthy period retraining as an operatic tenor, he now performs all over the world.

Tim Lole first sang as a cathedral chorister before studying at Cambridge and pursuing a career as a conductor and pianist. However, he soon realised he wasn't getting enough attention behind the keyboard and decided that tenors had all the fun.

This year they make you an offer you cannot refuse: two hours in the company

of Opera's answer to the Spice Girls - Posh and Bricks - with some of the most romantic music, the sharpest suits and the corniest jokes! Be invigorated by Verdi, ravished by Rachmaninov and bowled over by Bernstein.

This show will satisfy genuine opera buffs but equally amuse and entertain those who love popular music. They provide entertainment with some great music and first class singing into the bargain. A unique opportunity to enjoy 'salmon' enchanted evening! *You won't have laughed so much in ages.*

As usual, the show will be at **Humphrey Perkins Community Centre** starting at 7.00pm. Tickets will cost £7.00 (£8.00 on the door) and £6.00 (concessions) (£7.00 on the door) available at the Paper Shop.



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Barrow's Got Talent 2010

A review by Craig Johnstone

Back in June my family and I, including grandparents, attended one of Barrow upon Soar's leading annual events; Barrow's Got Talent 2010, hosted by Barrow Youth Theatre. Once again we were surprised by the quality of the production and creativity displayed by the people of what must be one of Charnwood's most talented villages.

Put together to showcase the village's amazing talent, Barrow's Got Talent is a 'one night only' spectacular that was nearly a year in the making and some of the people we saw had never been on stage before. Exactly like the real TV show, we had the chance to vote to decide who our favourite act was. However, unlike the real show, they did not have Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden and Piers Morgan to stop the very few slightly iffy performers.

I must say that though I know some of the people involved in the organising and production of this event as well as a few of the performers taking part, my expectations were not very high... probably because a few months prior I was encouraged to be one of the acts. For those who have not witnessed one of my theatrical performances, I really can't sing and certainly can't remember my lines! In fact, my only high point was when as Abanazar I fumbled Aladdin's lamp, caught my thumb in an elastic loop in my false beard, tumbled the lamp down the steps into the audience and twanged my beard into the orchestra!

The most notable acts on the night were:

- *Elvis is in the building* – Alistair North
- *Tilly Yates with a Monologue*
- *George Robinson with a comedy moment!*
- *The one's that you want*, Vicky and Sarah
- *Dance* – Georgia, Lauren, Daisy and Molly
- *Lou, Hugo and Cop... be surprised*
- *Ali and Kimberley the Diablo-ing Duo!*
- *The sensational Olly Caver*
- *The melodic Andy Kenneth*

Having all voted for our winners by writing the act number on the back of our tickets and handing them over, we were kept amused by the compere, Andy Kenneth and



a young lad with a big glass goldfish bowl which served to be the repository for the raffle tickets – eat your heart out FIFA!

And so to the moment we were all waiting for – it was really exciting – the results.

First place went to...

Ali and Kimberley the Diablo-ing Duo!

Second place went to...

Dance – Georgia, Lauren, Daisy and Molly

Third place went to...

The melodic Andy Kenneth

The great thing was that we really did not know who would win – all of us in our group voted for a different act and even afterwards had no reason to feel that the winners didn't deserve it, the standards of the people of Barrow being so great and variety being what it is... *the spice of life!*

Finally a big well done to those brave people who took part, to those who organised and ran the event including Carol and Gordon Kenneth and Barrow Youth Theatre, in aid of the Holy Trinity Church Extension Project, and of course the winners.

Bring on Barrow's Got Talent 2011!

For a fuller version of this review with full descriptions and ratings for all of the acts please visit www.whatcanwedotoday.co.uk

Oliver

Fifty years after its composition, Lionel Bart's Oliver! is in ruder health than ever. It has proved to be impervious to changing times, tastes and to the realities of recession.

Barrow Youth Theatre is excited to be performing Lionel Bart's musical masterpiece Oliver! with its parade of unstoppable hits.

This is the definitive musical adaptation about an orphan Oliver, who runs away from an orphanage and hooks up with a group of boys trained to be pickpockets by an elderly mentor who is probably the most delightfully engaging musical villain of all time, Mister Fagin.

Oliver! is a great vehicle for demonstrating the talents of Barrow Youth Theatre's vibrant cast. Oliver! It's a great story with colourful characters that make this a great night of entertainment for young and young at heart to be entertained in Barrow Youth Theatre's record-breaking 7th anniversary production!

See you there!

Friday 19th November 2010

7pm

Saturday 20th November 2010

2pm and 7pm

At Humphrey Perkins Community Centre, Cotes Road, Barrow upon Soar

Tickets Adults £6 Children & Concessions £4. Party booking reservation details on request from Carol on 01509 620572

Creative people getting together

We run a Craft Session on the second Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Church from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Chris Bates is usually on hand to advise the artists - mainly on watercolour at the moment. Other people have come to learn to knit or crochet. We have sent some clothes for premature babies to Leicester Royal Infirmary and are also busy making things to be included in the Christmas boxes. Some people do embroidery - very creative people, others are finishing something that was started years ago and was stuffed in a drawer. We held a session on bread making in July and have starter sessions for calligraphy that began in September. These are limited to 12 people from 2.00pm to 3.15pm to fit in with the tutor. The charge is £2.50 per session if we get 12 people.

The Craft session is open to anyone. Each session will cost you £1 which includes a drink, a biscuit and a chance for a good chat and a laugh. You can come and go as you please to fit in with your other commitments e.g. collecting children from school. Unfortunately we are unable to offer creche facilities.

Contact Tilly Yates on 01509 413085 for further details.



Painting by Chris Bates

Pre-Christmas Arts and Craft Fair

This will be held on Sat 30 October at Humphrey Perkins High School, Cotes Road, Barrow, organised by the Village Hall Action Group.

The event will be open to the public from 10.30 to 16.00 and traders from 9.00. Admission costs 50p and refreshments will be available all day.

purchase your craft materials and gifts ready for Christmas.

For further information and trade enquiries phone Mike Collins on 413649.

It will be a perfect opportunity to

Club hosts autumn art exhibition

On Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November, the Bishop Beveridge Club will be hosting an Art Exhibition at the Club Hall on South Street between 11am and 5pm each day. There are a number of talented artists in and around Barrow upon Soar and all local artists are invited to show their work, which will be shown on display boards, if framed, otherwise entries can be made on mounts. It is hoped that many will be for sale along with cards for every occasion. There will be a small fee per display item for entries, however they will be commission free on sales. This is a further expansion of the Club's activities and refreshments will be available at all times.

Anyone interested in taking part please contact **Joyce Noon** on **01509 414519** or email **joyce_cp@yaho.co.uk** for further details. Entry forms will be available after 1 September, final return date will be Saturday, 30 October. Set up of exhibition will be on Friday 12 November and there will be a maximum number of entries per exhibitor.

Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival

Holy Trinity Church will be holding its annual festival starting on Thursday 2nd December and concluding on Sunday 5th December.

The new contact this year is **Jean Cook** and if you want early information, phone her on 07775 508 259 or email on jeancook45@tiscali.co.uk

Full information and application packs will be sent out nearer the time.



BUSCA – Art and Craft Exhibition

Are you an artist, a sculptor, a photographer, enjoy craft work, and would you like to show your work to a wider audience as well as just family and friends?

Many of us do art and craft at home, some of us go to classes, but it is difficult to know what artistic talent there is in the village.

BUSCA (Barrow Community Association) would like to hold an Art and Craft exhibition sometime in the future, possibly next year, but would first like to try and gauge the level of interest from would-

be artists, to find out who does what and who might like to exhibit their work, and so build up a picture of Barrow's craft and artistic talent.

*If you think you might be interested, contact me **Chris Bates** on 01509413475 or by e-mail, at chris.bates4@btinternet.com and I will try to keep you informed of developments.*

Painting by Chris bates



Down to Earth

Holy Trinity Church and Barrow Gardening Club will be hosting a Radio Leicester recording of the popular Down to Earth gardening programme on Thursday November 18. This will take place in the Church, and anyone wishing to come should be seated in church by 7.15pm as the recording is to take place promptly at 7.30.

We shall need at least 16 good gardening questions from 16 different people for a successful programme. Anyone wishing to ask for the panel's advice should please send their question, giving name, address and telephone number to **Val Thompson** at 34 Breachfield Road, Barrow upon Soar, LE12 8NN. E-mail valatbarrow@aol.com, and be able to attend the recording to read out their question to the panel.

Everyone is welcome and there will be no entry fee on the evening but any donations received on the night will be used for the Barrow Garden Fund.

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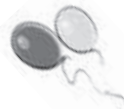
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The Charnwood Orchestra

There is to be an annual concert in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday October 2nd starting at 7.45pm.

The evening's programme is as follows:

Haydn: Symphony No 80

Mozart: Bassoon Concerto

Elgar: Serenade for Strings

Schubert: Symphony No 5

Tickets: Available from the Paper Shop, rogers_david@hotmail.com and 07718 153117 and are £10.00 (£8.00 concessions) and £3.00 for accompanied children under 16.

Bishop Beveridge club available to hire

The Bishop Beveridge Club, South Street is now under the management of Sylvia Steane (Chair) and Joyce Noon (lettings secretary).

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Getting fit & fabulous for a good cause

Have you noticed that some of your neighbours are looking fitter and more FABulous than normal? If you want to know their secret they have been BOOTCAMPing with FAB fitness every week.

The BOOTCAMPs have been designed to allow all members of the family to work together getting fit whilst having fun. There have been members of the local community and their families from 6-60+, running, walking, jumping, squatting and hula hooping at Beacon Hill whilst raising money for Cancer Research and Loros.

Last year we raised over **£300** for prostate cancer. This year we raised over **£500** and all members of FAB fitness celebrated their fitness achievements with a tickled pink tea party on Race for Life day 12 June 2010, raising money through raffle tickets and baking cakes. Yes we could have our cake and eat it!

FAB fitness (formerly New You Health & Fitness) organised by Mairi Taylor has been running classes in the village for the last 7 years and this Autumn will be launching a new and exciting timetable offering a variety of classes at different times through the week to bring the opportunity for all

members of the local community to achieve their fitness goals.

The outdoor BOOTCAMP has now finished for the summer and is moving indoors to Humphrey Perkins, so if you would like to be FABulous too then contact **Mairi** on **07889 255702** to discuss how you can be Fit & Active in Barrow.

Peppercorns

You will probably have already noticed *PEPPERCORNS OF BARROW*, a new cafe and cake shop on the old Coombes-Wakerley site on the High Street

Peppercorns is run by Cathy Cliffe and her Mum, Helen Butterworth. They already run Peppercorn Catering, based in Glenfield. The cafe specialises in homemade cakes, sandwiches, savouries, soups and children's food, salads, light lunches, paninis and speciality tea and coffee. All the homemade products are literally spanking fresh and made on the premises.

When I met up with Cathy on a baking day (no pun intended) in July, the shop was in the middle of refurbishment and she was hoping to open between 8.30 and 4.30 with seating for 16 to 20 people. There is a disabled toilet and baby-changing facilities.

Cathy is very anxious not to compete with neighbouring shops but to provide a different range of goods and services.



For outside catering orders, you can phone 0116 2228845. Peppercorn Catering specialises in cold buffets, children's party food, cup cakes and birthday cakes.

Awards success

In the March edition, we introduced Print Monkey, a print solutions business based in Barrow. Husband and wife team Emma and Andy recently scooped three awards in the national COGS Awards (for the Institution of Promotional Marketing).

With much anticipation, they hot-footed it to London for the awards lunch in July where they won the Promotional Print Award, a fantastic achievement. Emma also won the Individual Award and to finish it all off they were highly commended in the Company Award.

Well done, Print Monkey!



The Curtain Workroom

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Open Gardens June 2010

Open Gardens has become another Barrow institution, eagerly awaited by local and not-so local enthusiasts. This year, the 23 gardens were visited by about 480 people raising £2420 for Rainbows. And, YES, it will take place next year. Many of the gardens were new from last year, all were interesting, most were really beautiful and some were excitingly different. Here is a taste.

Guide Centenary Celebration raised bed

In 1977 Barrow upon Soar Brownies created the rose beds at the corner of North Street and Nottingham Road to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Recently, the beds have needed rejuvenating and Charnwood Trefoil Guild offered to update the area as one of our Centenary Challenges. We approached the Parish Council with our ideas and they very kindly provided funds and manpower to make the raised bed which is now installed. The Guild provided the plants and spent an evening in June planting up the bed. The design is taken from the centenary logo (Guide trefoil) and the plants seem to be thriving despite the hot dry weather of July.

Tilly Yates



Methodist Church

What was an untidy scrubland has been completely transformed since this March. You can now sit and enjoy the colourful raised beds.



Humphrey Perkins School Vegetable Garden

You can read about how this came to be established in Dominic Boston's interesting article on page 19.

"I've rarely seen such a productive veg garden established in such a short time. And the school restaurant really is using the produce. Well done, Climate Cops from HPHS!"



John Wilford Memorial Garden, Barrow Scout Group

Barrow Scouts have designed and built a garden at the top end of the Scout HQ car park in memory of their iconic and much loved leader, John Wilford. John had often said he would like to turn this waste ground into a garden so what a fitting tribute. The garden includes a striking scout fleur-de-lis in mosaic.



All about youth

News on the village Youth Council, the Youth Group and the Barrow Youth Action Group.

The Youth Council is now in its second year; it is part of the Parish Council and provides a young person's viewpoint. It has recommended play equipment and spoken to a rep. from Kinch buses about weekend and evening travel. Youth Council members meet on the last Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. If you are aged 13-18 and would like to make an impact on the village please come and join in.

The Youth Group meets with the detached youth workers on Tuesdays (Arnie & Mark) and Thursdays (Jo & Emma) at 7pm. The venue is flexible but usually they get together somewhere on North St or in the King George V recreation ground. They not only arrange activities and outings for teenagers but they also cover a variety of subjects in informal talks.

Barrow Youth Action Group was set up as a result of the Parish Plan to look for ways to meet the needs of the young people in the village. They are guided by the young people that they meet and often consult with both the Youth Council and the Youth Group about various activities, discussing initiatives and working in partnership to enhance the quality of life and provide more opportunities for young people of all ages in Barrow.

Following the tremendous success of the family coach trip to London last year BYAG is repeating the outing on 18th October. Participants will have the option of enjoying a morning tour of the House of Commons or spend the day shopping and seeing the sights. Tickets will go on sale in The Paper Shop during September; the cost will be £7.50 for adults and £5.00 for children. Look out for posters in the village with more details or contact Sharon on the mobile number below.

The canoeing events that have been run by BYAG in conjunction with Colin Broadway from The Boat House have always run at capacity with young people enjoying learning new skills as they navigate the loop past the weir and Quorn Hall. More events such as an Army Experience Day and turntabling are also



planned; all the people on the BYAG mobile phone list will be reminded by sms otherwise look out for those posters!

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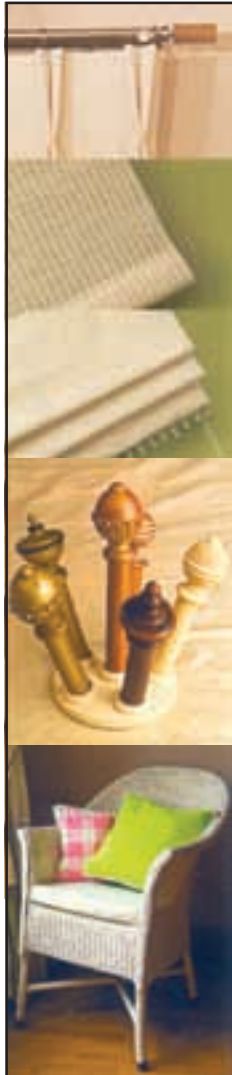
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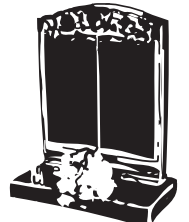
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Karate Six Years on

Well who would have thought it? It seems no time at all that I was one of the first adults at a then new karate club in the scout hut that had just become alive and, well, kicking. It was all a bit strange really and I even wrote a piece about it for Barrow Voice ('A morning with Mr Punch', from memory). There was Mr Punch, whose name was Pete, getting us to do a range of odd Japanese exercises in a space that he explained was called a 'dojo', a word that is unlikely to be Japanese for scout hut. And six years on, a Joseph's coat of coloured belts have come and gone and to my surprise I find myself with a newly-acquired black one.

Quite a day all round actually, I reflected as I collapsed in the bath after the grading exam, if that's not an unattractive mental image. A gingerbread man clothed in white icing with a black liquorice belt had been presented to me on my return home and - get this - my teenage daughter (also a club member and, irritatingly, better at it than I am) said that she was proud of me.



But the really astonishing thing - the punch line, if you'll forgive the phrase - is that I am the living proof that pretty much anyone can do this, for sporting talent have I none. Indeed, throughout my school days, mediocrity did not so much describe my prowess as represent a distant goal of which I could only dream. A third place in the school sports day obstacle course aged 11 was as good as it got in primary school and I once made a third choice rugby team in secondary that got thumped by a bunch of Neanderthal men from Birkenhead. So no great sporting talent required: just being able to find the time to train once or twice a week and I now find myself lining up with the other black belts - if not the best, fastest, or strongest, then at least the baldest. And anyway, those of us longer in the tooth than we might wish, need our

exercise like everyone else and karate is good exercise. Not just because you get out of breath, although you do, but because it works equally the upper and lower body, left and right sides, so limiting the likelihood of repetitive strain injuries. And as with any course of good exercise, you do start to look better, which is good for your own ego as well as - how can one put it - being appreciated by your significant other, which is as far as one would want to go in a magazine with a family readership.

You'll note by the way, that I haven't mentioned fighting. I don't like it much and strictly speaking, karate isn't really about fighting anyway. It's all got rather more to do with courtesy, self-awareness and confidence, all of which are far more likely to keep you out of a fight than knowing

what to do if you were ever attacked (although there's no getting away from it, you do learn how to do this). Nor for that matter is karate about destroying pieces of wood with your bare hands. So if this is something you have a pressing need to achieve, then a small saw purchased from B&Q will accomplish the task rather better than taking a course of karate instruction. I did, however, once witness a very experienced black belt dispatch a wasp into the great scout hut in the sky with a single strike from the edge of his hand and in so doing, cut it neatly in two.

For all the wonky eyes, the gingerbread man was probably in better shape than I was by the time I'd finished the grading exam.

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Just under **£11,000** was raised for Loughborough Women's Aid which works to help LOCAL men, women and their children who experience domestic abuse.

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Sun 26th	Heritage Group Exhibition: "The old industries of Barrow"; Parish Council Office; 10.00 - 3.00pm
Mon 27th	WI Harvest Supper; 7.00pm; Bishop Beveridge Club
Sat 2nd	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am Charnwood Orchestra Concert; 7.45; Holy Trinity Church; tickets from Paper Shop. BUSCA Autumn Dance with Just Us; 7.30 - 11.30pm; HPHS Hall; tickets from Paper Shop; proceeds towards Village Hall
Mon 4th	Holy Trinity Men's Group: talk "The Environment Agency and the Local Environment" by Trevor Burton; Church Rooms
Tues 5th	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 7.15pm; public participation at approx 7.30pm; everyone welcome
Wed 6th	Gardening Club: "Fun with Orchids"; HPHS Community Lounge; 7.30pm
Fri 8th	Baptist Church Luncheon Club; 12.30pm
Mon 11th	WI: "Fascinating Feet" by Anne Hughes; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Wed 13th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Church; 2.00 water colour; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Sat 16th	"Holiday at Home" Reunion; Baptist Church; time tba
Sun 17th	Baptist Church Service for Seniors; 4.00pm
Sat 23rd	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30am
Wed 27th	Methodist Church Afternoon tea and games; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Sat 30th	Village Hall Action Group Craft Fair; HPHS; 10.30am - 4.30pm
Mon 1st	Holy Trinity Men's Group: talk "Health and Fitness: Active Together Programme"; speaker Carol Dixon from Charnwood Leisure services; Church Rooms; 8.00pm This is an Open Meeting
Tues 2nd	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 7.15pm; public participation at approx 7.30pm; everyone welcome
Wed 3rd	Gardening Club: "Using your weeds"; HPHS Community Lounge; 7.30pm
Sat 6th	Methodist Church Minimart and coffee morning; 10.00am. BUSCA Autumn Dance; 7.30 - 11.30pm; HPHS Hall; tickets from Paper Shop; proceeds towards Village Hall
Mon 8th	WI: AGM; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Wed 10th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Church; 2.00 water colour; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Fri 12th	Baptist Church Luncheon Club; 12.30pm
Thurs 18th	"Down to Earth" Radio Leicester recording in Holy Trinity Church; 7.15 for 7.30; donations to Barrow Garden Fund
Fri 19th	Barrow Youth Theatre: "Oliver"; 7.00; HPHS; tickets from Paper Shop Twinning Association Quiz Night; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Sat 20th	Barrow Youth Theatre: "Oliver"; 2.00 and 7.00; HPHS; tickets from Paper Shop
Wed 24th	Methodist Church Afternoon tea and games; 2.30 - 4.00pm
Fri 26th	Centre Stage: Opera Dudes present "The Godfathers of Croon"; 7.00pm; HPHS; Tickets from Paper Shop
Sat 27th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30am Methodist Church Christmas Fayre; 2.00pm
Wed 1st	Gardening Club: "AGM and Party Night"; HPHS Community Lounge; 7.30pm
Sat 4th	Switching on of Christmas lights Methodist Church Minimart (Special for Christmas); 10.00am
Mon 6th	Holy Trinity Men's Group: Annual Dinner
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
Sat 11th	Clock Club Jumble Sale; Church Rooms; 10.00 - 11.30am. Methodist Church: Display of Scenes from the Nativity; 10.00am and on; refreshments including lunches
Sun 12th	Methodist Church: Display of Scenes from the Nativity; 10.00am and on; refreshments including lunches
Mon 13th	WI "Christmas Garlands"; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
Fri 31st	BUSCA New Year's Eve Disco (HPHS Hall) and Ball (HPHS Restaurant); tickets from Paper Shop



AUTUMN DANCE
with Just Us
2nd October

WINTER WARMER DANCE
with Alf Tozer
6th November

BARROW YOUTH THEATRE'S "OLIVER"
19th & 20th November

CENTRE STAGE
Opera Dudes
26th November

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Party Disco with Ben & the Big Taste Disco
31st December

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Dance with Colin Sound
31st December