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On the morning of Friday 29 April, Barrow was like a ghost town. For about two hours just one man on a bike and a dog went past my house on North Street. It reminded me of the day of Diana's funeral when a similar eerie calm settled on the village. But this time it was all about joy and fun and a family wedding and right Royal occasion rolled into one. Our roving reporter, Gaynor Barton was out and about with the wedding parties in Barrow. Turn to pages 8 – 11 and you may find yourself there!

We celebrate 100 years of Barrow Methodist Church – take a close look at that 'old' photo – do you recognise anyone? There is a fascinating glance back at the history of village football. Even the team names in the 1900s league are wonderful : the Rising Stars, the Old Boys, the Trinity and their rivals – the Excelsiors, nicknamed the Vultures (you can only wonder why) and who could resist being in a team that played at Chocolate Hill.

The holiday season is well underway and don't forget to send in your traveller's tales, be they recommendations of stunning locations, strange customs and coincidences. Or if you are holidaying at home, the same applies – who serves the best beer in Barrow, river trips down the Soar, a picnic in Millennium Park; if you have something interesting to say, we'd love to hear from you.

And can you top these pictures of Barrow Voice abroad – on the ski slopes, in the wilds of Wales or on the streets of Paris? No prizes but take BV out to Leicestershire and beyond, include it in your photo and we will show the best in the next edition.



Frances Thompson

Youth work under threat

One area which is suffering cuts by the County Council is Youth Work. For the last six years the County Council have run detached youth work, Streetwise, on a Tuesday evening youth group in Barrow under the leadership of Arnie and Mark and in November 2009 a Thursday evening group run by Emma & Jo began.

Each term they have a syllabus of subjects to cover including drug awareness, relationships, domestic violence, sporting events, etc. They give the young people advice concerning training for careers as well. The numbers attending each evening varies but may reach 30 at times.

We have all noticed that the amount of anti-social behaviour in the village has reduced over these years; for example last year the police said that there were no reports of damage to property on Bonfire night, whereas a few years ago there were

many. This is a wonderful achievement due to all the village organisations involved with young people including the detached youth work that is aimed at those unlikely to join other groups. Because of the reduction of crime perpetrated by young people in Barrow the village is no longer considered a priority area and for this reason the County Council has decided to stop funding the youth work here.

It is my personal opinion that removing the detached youth work would mean that we see an increase in the number of young people wandering around Barrow at a loose end, young people who have not been given the input that these specially trained youth workers can give. I also believe that we are unlikely to notice any change for a while but that after a few months the number of complaints to the Parish Council and the Police would start rising. The knock-on effect could touch every part of the community including businesses and residents.

Although the County Council was funding Streetwise on Tuesday evenings, the Thursday evening group has been jointly funded by the Parish Council and the Community Association. It is proposed that this joint funding continues to provide one evening of detached youth work for at least the next year and BUSCA is actively seeking funding towards a second evening. The young people of the village deserve the opportunity to benefit from the help, friendships, advice and training that could be on offer; they deserve the backing of the community raising funds for this service. We, the residents of Barrow, deserve to live in a village where all of us, no matter what our age, can avail ourselves of services aimed at improving our quality of life.

Judith Spence

New playground opened

Just before Easter the barriers were finally removed from the very splendid new playground on the David Wilson Homes estate on Willow Road. The Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor Jill Vincent cut the ribbon to mark the official opening and then tried out the equipment for herself to give it the civic seal of approval. We watched her swing and slide with enthusiasm. The event was attended by a representative of Barrow Parish Council who worked closely with David Wilson Homes and the Borough Council to plan the area.

The playground was given a big thumbs up by the crowds of eager children who were the first to try out the new equipment. It comprises three main sections; an equipped play area with state of the art swings, slides and various other equipment; a multi-use games area, or MUGA with basketball net and football pitch as well as a natural play area which is formed from natural materials; and in addition, there are picnic benches and wide open spaces which are designed to encourage community interaction and promote traditional community values.

The area will provide a place of fun for children of every age, from toddlers to teenagers as well as space for families to get out into the fresh air.



Improvements at the Health Centre

Dr Simpson, his partners and the staff would like to thank all our patients for their patience and understanding over the last few months during a very difficult and interesting time. We have undergone two major changes at the surgery: firstly, the migration to another computer system and secondly, the refurbishment of the Health Centre.



Many of you will have seen the receptionist sat at the kitchen hatch greeting patients whilst dodging ladders and boxes containing equipment and administrative paperwork waiting to be installed in the newly refurbished consulting room, and the doctors and nurses not knowing from one day to the next which room they would be working in.

The largest and most expensive piece of equipment was the air handling unit which has been installed in the treatment room. This is now a compulsory piece of equipment needed in any surgery where invasive procedures are performed.

We are very pleased with our new reception which has been designed to give a friendlier approach to the surgery and easier for our disabled patients.

The girls are all now wearing uniform as you can see from the photograph and I think you'll agree, very smart they look too. There are still a few finishing touches left to do and we still haven't got to grips with the workings of the automatic doors, but we are hoping they will be done soon, and during our closed time so no more disruptions.

We have introduced a slight change to our appointment system: A limited number of appointments are released the day before for patients to pre-book a morning appointment. If you would like to pre-book a morning appointment call the surgery after 11am the day before. This is a trial and we will be monitoring the usage of these appointments and the effect it has on the queue in the mornings. The Extended Hours are being well received for those of you who find it difficult to get here during

normal working hours and these can be booked online via our website.

We also have another GP coming to work here on a regular basis and we have increased our specialist practice nurse hours in the minor illness clinics to help with the increasing demand.

Sadly we are losing Nurse Karen Davis to New Zealand, but we all wish her and her family every success and happiness in their new lives far away, and we are busy at the moment looking for her replacement.

Congratulations to Janet for 25 years service at the surgery. I'm sure most patients at sometime or other have been helped by Janet and a lot of you have got to know her well.


We are looking to set up a Patient Participation Group, and are asking for volunteers to join. Are you interested in finding out more about Barrow Health Centre, influencing the development of the surgery and local health services? If the answer is YES, why not consider joining our Patient Participation Group. For more information please visit our website at www.barrowhealthcentre.co.uk or leave your name and contact details at reception.

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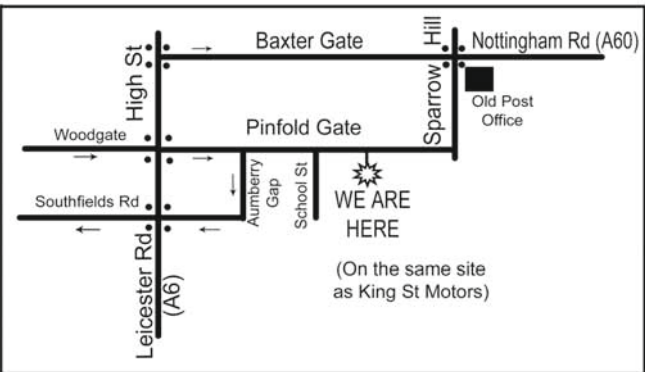
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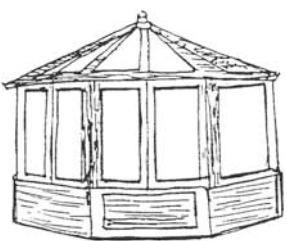
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BRAG mounts a demo on High Street

When a private meeting was arranged between GVA (Jelson's representative) and the Parish Council before Easter, BRAG jumped at the chance to mount a demonstration outside the PC office.

With a good turnout of placard-waving protestors, no-one could have been in any doubt that Barrow would not welcome yet another big housing development: "Barrow says NO to Jelson" we shouted. Someone brought a megaphone so the car drivers got it too. When they tooted their support, we cheered even louder.

Update from BRAG

Recently, it has been a rather quiet period on local planning although there were some notable applications for developments declined, in Sibley and Rothley, in the weeks before the local elections. The plan for a development of around 300 homes on land off Melton Road, re-submitted by Jelson Ltd last summer, has not returned to an agenda for the Charnwood Borough Council planning committee although, on 26th May 2011, it had its first meeting since the local elections.

We understand that the local highways authority, Leicestershire County Council, has raised concerns with the developer and

to date they have not responded. You may recall the original submission from the developer was turned down on nine points of objection in March 2010, mostly on highways related issues. Until the highways authority can give its assessment to the Borough Council no decision on the application will be made. It was open to the developer, after three months without a decision from CBC to make a non-determination appeal. This has not happened. We wonder why?

There is suggestion in the village that other developers are considering planning applications for housing in other parts of the village. Observation of traffic queue counting at the junction of Cotes Road and

North Street/ High Street has added to speculation. At this time no applications for major housing development other than the Jelson application appear for Barrow Upon Soar, on the Borough Councils planning website.

At a recent meeting BRAG members agreed to oppose any further major housing developments in the village from any developer, in particular those which would have the effect of pushing out the built boundaries of the village. We want to see our countryside preserved. Enough is enough in this village.

Alan Willcocks,
Vice Chair - BRAG



Bunting, burgers and bubbly How Barrow celebrated the Royal Wedding

There were parties and picnics scattered throughout Barrow on April 29th and all differed. If you were away, or didn't get to any, this is what you missed!

The party in the Church Rooms was completely different as it was held simply to give children a great day. It started early, even before that first balcony kiss, when High Street could have been renamed Ghost Street. But the Church Rooms were busy as Leeann Timpson, Tiffany Cox, their friends and neighbours were getting games and food ready for an 11 am kick off. One or two tots were running around but most of the children were good friends from Hall Orchard or Humphrey Perkins and half an hour later were having a lot of fun fighting over the tug of war, racing about balancing eggs on spoons or jumping up and down in sacks amidst a lot of happy squealing. There were side shows too; a coconut shy, hoopla, limbo, and you can't have a party without pass the parcel and musical chairs. Several of the girls had brought along their own tiaras and all had acquired a tattoo of either a crown and Princess or a patriotic flag. Inside with a buffet to do any children's party proud, was a snowy telly (aerial problems) which could keep you in touch with the goings on in the Abbey but was disregarded in favour of the excitement of the races and then, once they'd finished, the serious business of tucking in to the buffet.





Once Wills had kissed Kate life returned and the street parties really got going. You knew the Crossley Close party had started even before you reached the end houses where the barbies and Bouncy Castle could be found as the wonderful smell of hot burgers, sausages and chicken drifted down towards you. As in the Church Rooms the buffet was extensive and delicious but more alcoholic- lots of wine and beer and Pimms in a jug amongst the patriotic iced fingers, and, thanks to Vivien Whiley, a really beautiful Royal Wedding cake. I asked Richard Bailey, the chief organiser, how this big party (65 to 75 people) had been put together. He told me that although he'd talked about it to friends months ago they'd only got down to the nitty-gritty a few weeks ago. Fliers had been made, a price of £5.00 per head decided upon – funds to decorate the Close and fill the children's party bags, and most importantly the food side

handed over to four competent women, Sue Graham , Karen Libby, Susie Bailey and Vicky Williamson. Then everyone pitched in. Richard was delighted that everything had gone off so extremely well and that everyone in the Close had turned up, unless on holiday, and helped in some way with food, drink, tables, chairs, putting up bunting or bringing games.

Music : from Billy Ocean to The Killers.

It had only taken Crossley Close a fortnight but New Street did it even faster – in a day! Lara Goodwin and Clare Stone had talked about it months ago but did nothing until the day before. However, they had a great advantage as there is a tradition of holding street Boxing Day parties so they just went up and down knocking on doors telling people to come along with some sausages or cakes or whatever they liked and there'd be champagne at 1.30. It had been a great

success ; lots of burgers for the kids and more road space for charging around as the end houses had 'lost' their cars.

Music: Black Eyed Peas and ipod selection.

The Loweswater Close people had had to move their cars too as they partied in their parking space and let the children run riot. A floppy line of bunting was used as a 'road closed' sign but, like every street party in Barrow, the gathering was unofficial. Cameron's remark 'Go ahead and have one' was the only prompt people had needed to party especially as those in Barrow were all in either non- through roads or cul-de-sacs. Tiffany Perkins was the ring leader of the relaxed Loweswater group, sitting in garden chairs sipping wine in the afternoon sun and chatting before playing pin the tail on the donkey. Tiffany had put round fliers sounding out interest and gone ahead when the results

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were positive. It'd been easily arranged, she said, as each person was asked to bring their own meat plus one other dish and they hadn't even needed a starting time. She'd just told people to look out of their front windows and when they saw something happening to come out!

Music: *None. They felt they wanted to get to know each other better and could talk more easily without background music.*

Ennerdale and Ribble Drive didn't have parties, they had picnics held on nearby grassy greens or slopes underneath trees. Well, under just one tree in Ribble Drive's case. The Ennerdale circle of picnickers, chatting quietly, drinking their favourite tipples, shifting seats round now and then to catch the sun, mostly knew each other well because, as Annette Hall, pointed out to me many of them had lived as neighbours for at least twenty years, or were related to each other or both! However, everyone was made extremely welcome, even new arrivals from Thirlmere! Celebrating royal events was quite a tradition as the Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilees had been celebrated on this very same patch of grass. Again the picnic had been easy to

arrange, fliers, knocks on doors, bunting in the trees, tables and chairs made into a circle where people could eat their own picnic lunches. Finally a CD player was plugged into a nearby house and a rug spread in the middle for the babies – perfect.

Music: *Michael Buble and Lady Gaga.*

Chris Bowles, Sally and Darren Fox live in the houses behind the tree in Ribble Drive. They wanted to celebrate the wedding and so sent out fliers to Avon, Welland and Cherwell Roads advertising the picnic and encouraging others to celebrate publicly too. You certainly couldn't miss the venue as the Union Jack bedecked trunk stood out like a fat patriotic Maypole with its diagonal lines of bunting stretching from branches to grass. Chris and Sally said the afternoon had gone really well, everyone pitching in with food, the pièce-de-resistance being a large pork pie! Other parties had impressive Royal Wedding cakes but one of their bunch was a pie maker and he'd made a fantastic 'William and Catherine Royal Wedding' inscribed pork pie. When I was there, in the late afternoon, nothing remained but a pic on a mobile phone....

There were touches of patriotism everywhere on April 29th: yards of

bunting, red, white and blue balloons, the cross of St. George on iced buns, Wills and Kate cup-cakes, but nowhere came close to exuding the patriotic enthusiasm you felt immediately you joined the Royal Tea Party at the Bishop Beveridge Club. The guests, all club members, were a sea of red, white and blue, as many had chosen outfits in the national colours, and heads were topped by glittering red white and blue Stetsons, wedding hats, even a crown! One lady had draped a Union Jack around her shoulders as a shawl and the crowded room itself was awash with bunting, flags and the buzz of chatter. People were in especially good voice as the party had begun with an old fashioned sing song, Terry Locke was at the Yamaha, and a Royal Quiz was followed by games. Then came the splendid party-tea, wine for the royal toast and finally the much appreciated organiser, Sylvia Steans, with help from a club member, cut the first slice of their own magnificent wedding cake. It was a truly marvellous party.

Music: *It's Long way to Tipperary, Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia – in full voice, waving flags.*

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The year 2011 is a very special one for Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church as exactly 100 years ago in June 1911 the present church was built for the Primitive Methodist Society.

As was common in most English villages at that time, there were two Methodist congregations – The Wesleyans who followed the rules of John and Charles Wesley and the Primitives or “Prims”, a society which was founded by Hugh Bourne in 1810. It appears that Methodists first met in Barrow upon Soar at 10 Church Street and the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in High Street (then North Street and now the Dentists) can be dated to some time after 1822. However, the Primitive Methodist Church can be more reliably dated as the 1826 Loughborough Circuit Plan includes Barrow upon Soar.

Prims go posh!

In 1820, the Prims worshipped in a converted barn on the same site as our existing North Street (then called Town Street) chapel but in 1910 it was decided to

build a new church. The Trustees were offered land at the top of Warner Street (now Maran’s Court) at a cost of 4d per yard but after some discussion it was decided to pull down the barn and build on that site. By this time the farm yard had been put to another use and a public house known as “The Royal Oak” had been built and also a small cottage. The latter was bought from the brewery to be used as the caretaker’s house. Plans were drawn up and Messrs Faulkes of Loughborough were awarded the contract for the building at a cost of £900 and by 1911 the building was completed and opened. What a transformation – with central heating and gas lamps – the “Prims” had gone posh!

But, it had to be paid for and money was not plentiful as the average man earned less than £1 per week but in common with most Methodists at that time, they were not

deterred. There is a fund raising panel of bricks in the Quiet Room with names or initials engraved on them – the charge for this was 2/6d for initials and 5/- for a full name. Almost every Saturday evening, a social was held but by 1914 there was still a debt of £250. So many had to go into the armed forces that fund raising efforts were suspended and it was not until 1922 that they could be resumed. A bazaar was held on Easter Monday in the Cotes Road School and the sum of £375 was raised – the Church was no longer in debt.

There were plenty of activities during the week with a regular preaching service on Monday evenings, the Good Templars’ Lodge on Tuesdays and the Christian Endeavour on Thursdays. The highlight of the year was the “Sermons” or Sunday School Anniversary and when the great day

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Churches

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arrived after much preparation and practice the children would meet before the service at 29 North Street and march in orderly manner across the road to chapel.

Remember, while all this was going on worship and activities were also taking place at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel just down the road and this church also made a very valuable contribution to Methodism and to the life of our village.

Although Methodist Union had taken place in 1934, there had never been any attempt to apply this to local level until 1964 and it was not until 1968 that a District Commission issued the report that recommended "that the two societies should unite and all services should be held in North Street" and this happened in 1970. Over the next years, the "Royal Oak" and the old prefabricated Hall were demolished and

the new Hall and Coffee Lounge, a patio and garden area built but, more importantly the two societies now became one united Methodist Church, sharing, worshipping and witnessing together in Barrow upon Soar.

Special services

Special services are being held throughout the year to mark this centenary and in February the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Alison Tomlin shared in worship with us. On Sunday 26 June the preacher at both morning and evening worship will be Rev Dr Stuart Jordan who is Co-Chairman of the Methodist London District. Stuart used to live on North Street and was a member of our Sunday School – a real "Barrow Boy"! Social events have also been organised and a 1911 Tea Party was held in April when members and friends, dressed in Edwardian manner, shared 'afternoon tea', cucumber

sandwiches and cakes.

In August we say goodbye to our present Minister, Rev Jane Carter who is moving to Melton Mowbray. She is not being replaced as the Loughborough Methodist Circuit is being organised into a Team Ministry which will cover ten churches under the guidance of Superintendent Minister, Rev Adam Wells based in Loughborough.

Why not come and share in these celebrations with us? Sunday services are at 10.15 am and 6.00 pm with Messy Church on the fourth Sunday of every month at 4.00 pm followed by a Bring and Share Tea. Our other meetings, Ladies Circle, Happy Hour, Bible Studies etc. are listed on our notice board at the front of the Church or on our website at www.barrowmethodist.org.uk. Be assured that a warm welcome awaits you.

Building starts in earnest!

After preliminary work as SP and AJ Builders Ltd of Mountsorrel set up their site at Holy Trinity Church in Barrow upon Soar, there was much excitement when the digger finally started to remove the grass and top soil in readiness for building to start. Mike Neale, Chair of the Development Group, poses at the controls of the digger with Pam Brown, Chair of the Fundraising Committee looking on and Simon Black, Director of the contracting firm, overseeing events.

The building of a community facility adjacent to the church has been in the planning stage for several years and fundraising has been on-going for the last four and a half years. The project is costing over £550,000 and whilst there is still some way to go with the fundraising, with the help of a loan, it has been possible to start the build which is expected to be completed mid-December.





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MEETINGS CALENDAR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2011

Full council Meetings in Village Diary

Additional meeting dates will be decided after the Annual Meeting

July

- 4th Planning **12 noon**
- 5th Full Council **7.15pm**
commencing with Public Participation

August

- 2nd Planning **12 noon**
- 2nd Full Council **7.15pm**
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September

- 5th Planning **12 noon**
- 6th Full Council **7.15pm**
commencing with Public Participation

PARKINSON'S UK, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND MOTOR NEURONE

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 2011

This year's annual event included presentations from Parkinson's UK, Multiple Sclerosis Society and Motor Neurone Disease Association. Representatives were also on hand to offer advice and support on a more personal level. The meeting was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all those who attended.

The Parish Council has agreed to hold a Parkinson's UK training evening in October 2011. The event will be promoted through posters in village outlets and Parish Council notice boards.



ANNUAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2011 7.00 – 9.00PM

The first Annual Youth Achievement Awards Event will be held at 'the restaurant', Humphrey Perkins High School. The closing date for nominations is 15th July 2011.

Nomination forms are available from the Parish Council and outlets within the village and are welcomed for under 18's and for any achievement be it sports, arts, young carer/volunteer, leadership, services to the community- the list is endless.

We hope to have secured a celebrity to present prizes & certificates which along with the actual event will be promoted throughout the village & schools etc. Keep your eyes peeled and please, please nominate that special young person.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The Parish Council fully intends to take over management of the public toilets at North Street though refurbishment is on-going and the necessary legal agreements have still to be completed.

Regretfully the toilets will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

RIGHTS OF WAY PARISH WALKS 2011

A full programme of Parish Walks is available from the Parish Council on request.

The programme is also displayed in the Parish Council window, notice board (adjacent to the library) and on its website and in addition at various retail outlets throughout the village. For article, see page 37.

P/10/1518/2 REVISED APPLICATION BY GVA ON BEHALF OF JELSON HOMES LAND AT MELTON ROAD

The Parish Council is absolutely determined in its opposition to the application. It does however have a duty to ensure that, should it be approved, the village should be afforded certain facilities in addition to that requirement relating to highways, education and healthcare.

Further to a meeting with GVA, the agent for Jelson, the Parish Council has resolved to repeat its request, both directly to Jelson and to the Borough Council for the following:

Play Equipment for pre-school, under 12's and teenagers (including a MUGA and skate Park), a Trim Trail, a Community Orchard, Allotments, a Woodland Walk, Meadow areas, inclusive access to the train station and over the railtrack at Sibley Road and a multifunctional community facility.

FATHER'S DAY

The cemetery chapel will be open on Father's Day, Sunday 19 June 2011, from 12.00pm – 3.00pm.

Everyone is most welcome.

CEMETERY CHAPEL

Following retirement of our present volunteers Pam and Graham Wilson, to whom our grateful thanks are extended, the Parish Council is looking for volunteer(s) to keep our cemetery chapel clean primarily for its opening on Mothering Sunday, Father's Day and Remembrance Day in addition to occasional use for small funeral gatherings.

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60 Seconds with :

Val Gillings

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

Probably 6 or 7 years, time flies when you're having fun. I like the fact that the contents are truly local, and produced by local people.

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

I think our last edition in full colour was quite a milestone to reach.

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

Happy.

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

I used to have a lovely Red Setter named Bren and a cat named Jakey. They both used to go on caravan holidays with us. It caused quite a few stares, a cat and a dog travelling in a car.

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

- Matches for a warming fire and a beacon and importantly cooking,
- A wind-up radio for company.
- paper...
- ...and pencil to record my thoughts.
- Bug repellent so I wouldn't get gnawed at.

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



I've lived in Barrow for 43 years. Then it was a reasonably small village with good access to Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham. Barrow has grown a lot since then but I still love living here.

What would be your ideal holiday?

Now that my daughters no longer live at home I would love to arrange a real family holiday, with us all together.

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

I am retired now. I was a Civil Servant, an office manageress with the Department of

Transport, VOSA as it is now known.

What is your motto for life?

Live each day to the full, and do as you would be done by.

What are your hopes for the future of Barrow Voice?

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Ginnie Willcocks

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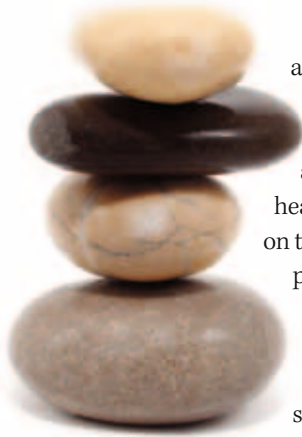
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issues. There are no guarantees, but I do see quite significant changes taking place."

To find out more or make an appointment you can give Penny a ring on 07581 515 141 or visit her website: www.innerthoughts hypnotherapy.co.uk.

She is also happy to come and talk to your group on an informal basis.

Judith Rodgers



The Bengal is top rated with five stars

The proprietors of Barrow's Indian restaurant, The Bengal are celebrating. They have just gained the much coveted five star rating for Food and Hygiene. Charnwood Borough Council doesn't give out many of these so it really is worth celebrating.

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Football History

The following article appeared in the Souvenir Brochure of the Barrow Old Boys Football Club in August 1969. The brochure was commissioned as a souvenir “upon the first occasion of a football team from Barrow upon Soar being promoted to Division 1 of the Leicestershire Senior League” and “as a means of bringing the existence and activities of the Old Boys’ Football Club to the notice of as many as possible of those who live in the village and neighbouring areas.”

A short history of football at Barrow (from information supplied by G.B. Green and A. E. Perkins)

The village of Barrow upon Soar has a long sporting history; at the end of the 18th century the ‘Gentlemen Cricketers of Barrow’ were famous well beyond the County boundary, but it seems that football in the village did not become so well established (or recorded?) until late in the 19th century. The population of the village at that time would have been in the region of 1,000 (as compared. with 3,500 – 4,000 today) and their team was known as the Barrow Rising Stars. This team with their headquarters at the Railway Inn, played their football on a pitch near the Mill and even to this day village football is still played ‘on the Mill’ (floods permitting). The Stars were members of the Loughborough and District League and were obviously formidable opposition. They were winners of Div. I in seasons 1901-2 and 1902-3 and Div. 11 champions in 1911-12. During their career they also won the Bass Charity Cup, the Rolleston Cup and the County Cup. In one particular season, four different trophies came their way.

The Stars were not without local opposition however; the Excelsiors, nicknamed ‘the Vultures’, were also members of the Loughborough & District League and operated from a ground at Chocolate Hill, Walton Lane. They did not however win any honours during their career and appeared to be the ‘poor relations’ of the Stars. It was during the early years of this century that a team called the Old Boys first appeared on the scene; this team, which also played down Mill Lane, was comprised mainly of old boys from the village grammar school, but again their record did not compare with the Stars.

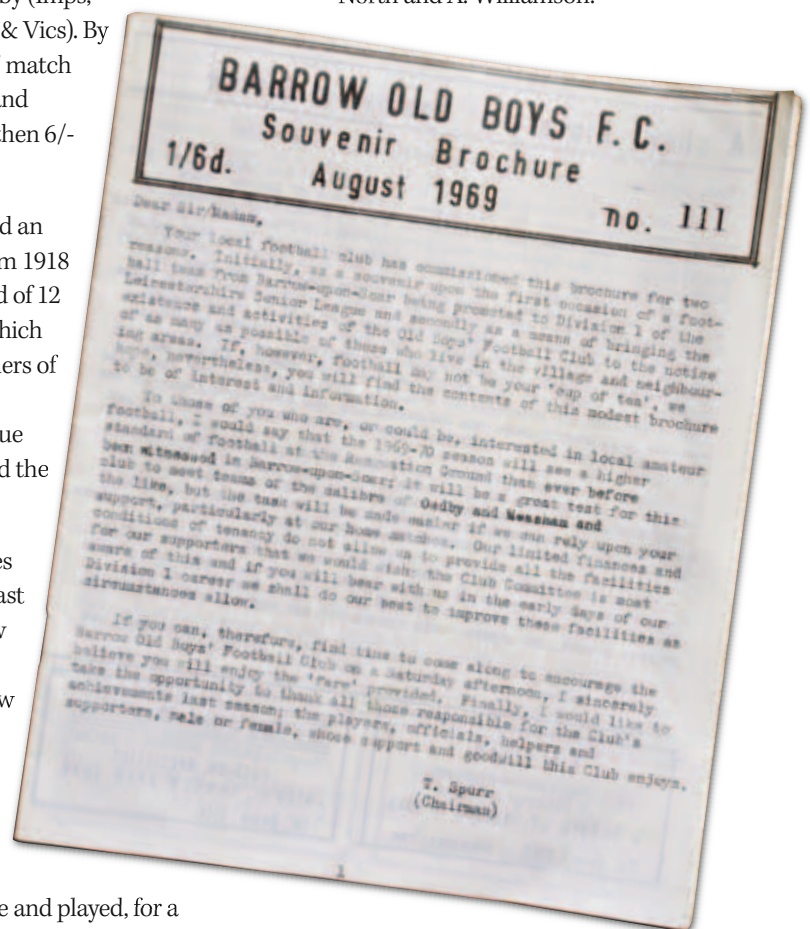
Immediately prior to the First World War, another Barrow team was gaining prominence in the village. This team, the Trinity, had become a member of the Loughborough & District League (Div. 1) and was rivalling the Stars for the position of ‘top team’ in the village. It is interesting to note other local teams in the Loughborough and District League at this period, including Quorn Havelock, Quorn Emmanuel, and four teams from Sibleby (Imps, Excelsior, Amateurs & Vics). By the way, the referees’ match fee in 1913 was 2/6 and football boots were then 6/- per pair).

The Trinity F.C. had an illustrious career from 1918 onwards, for a period of 12 or 13 years during which time they were winners of the League championship, League Cup competition and the Rolleston Cup.

The Trinity’s glories could not however last forever and 1930 saw the advent of ‘The Gunners’ and ‘Barrow Athletic’ with the ‘Old Boys’ re-appearing in 1932. They were then members of the Leics. Mutual League and played, for a while, on a pitch at Cotes Road. In 1938 the Old Boys moved to their present ground at North Street and for a while became members of the Loughborough Alliance.

After the 1939-45 war, the Old Boys were reformed in 1947, following a public meeting at the Working Men’s Club, and entered the Leicestershire Senior League.

They made their presence felt almost immediately by reaching the semi-final of the Leics. Senior Cup (whose contestants included Leicester City Reserves) in the season 1947-48, where they met and were defeated by Whitwick Colliery. The Barrow team on this occasion contained many local village names and consisted of K. Swaine, G. Witham, T. Brookes, J. Belton, M. Hull, S. James, A. Naylor, K. Williamson, R. Marlow, J. North and A. Williamson.



Since that time, other trophies which have been won by the Old Boys have included the Sibleby Cup (1961-62) and the Loughborough Cup (1967-68). In addition of course, the Old Boys were runners-up in the Div 11 of the Senior League (1968-69), losing only three matches throughout the season.

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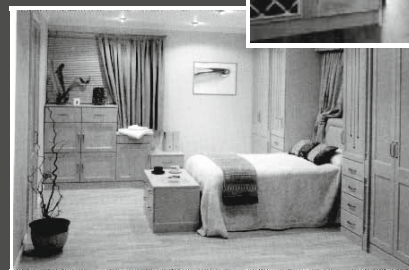
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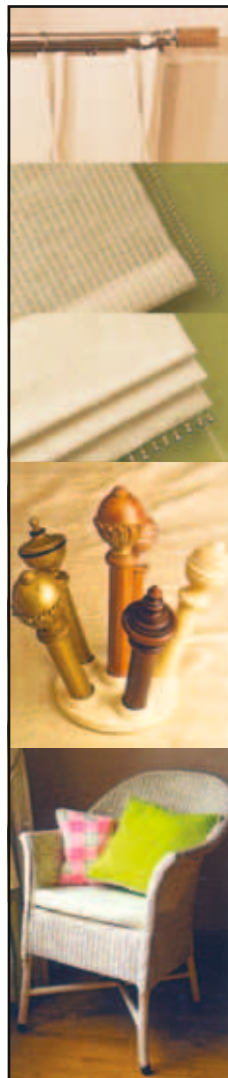
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Brochures for the 2011 Summer Playscheme were sent to Primary Schools in May. They are also available to pick up from libraries.

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Claire, Stella and Walton Lodge Farm

In the accompanying photo, Claire's on the right, Stella's on the left and the family terrier, Millie just squeezed in between them! Although the gorgeous Stella, is Claire Necchi's latest love, Claire has lived with horses most of her life and has a deep understanding of their needs. Although there are also Dexter Cattle, sheep and chickens at Walton Lodge Farm, it's the horses that take pride of place in her affections. A deep understanding of the way horses differ is most important because Claire takes great pride in running a high class livery yard that caters for each horse as an individual. The basis for this however is a strict routine; this way all the horses know what happens and when! Claire says all horses have an uncanny sense of time, which is paramount especially when feeding.



The word livery is a rather strange one but it means that horses can stay in a stable and be looked after as long as the owner pays up – either weekly or monthly. The number of horses at 'Full Livery' at Walton Lodge varies from between six and 10 as do the charges from £75 to £95 a week. This includes everything except vet's and farrier's fees. Many stables not only offer 'Full Livery' but also 'D.I.Y.' where owner riders go in every morning and evening to do all the mucking out, feeding and grooming themselves. This reduces the weekly bill substantially but it's very time consuming for the owners. Claire doesn't offer a 'D.I.Y.' service because she says people coming at different times, upsets the routine and the horses. Claire prides herself that her owners have complete trust in her ability

to care for their horses and appreciate her attention to detail. They also prefer to keep their horses on a yard that does not use fertilizers or weed killers. Many have kept their horses there year after year with one clocking up over 12! She spoke with confidence when she said that although horses do leave her care, it's never because the owners are dissatisfied, only that their circumstances have changed.

You can have lessons here too but only if you have your own horse. Walton Lodge Farm isn't your standard riding stables even though Claire is a Registered B H S I I qualified instructor. She's happy to teach novices with their own horses or ponies to help improve their basic paces, position and understanding, including jumping up to about three foot fences. But once

they've mastered basic dressage skills and perhaps competed in some novice competitions, and they wish to move on to a higher level, she passes them on to trainers who are more specialist in the different disciplines. Claire herself, before she married, used to compete in the demanding discipline of eventing. Many readers who've enjoyed watching Burghley and Badminton Horse Trials over the years will recognise the name of the Olympic rider Lucinda Green, nee Lucinda Prior-Palmer. Claire laughs as she says, 'I beat her once at Locko Park in Derbyshire way back in 1979! I had a very good dressage and double clear inside the time and won!'

The proximity of the Prestwold Estate is a great advantage too as once off her own land anyone can use the designated wide verges around the estate and all the bridle paths. The farm is undoubtedly in a super position for any length of hack, with the use of about 12 miles of tracks. Claire says that they have numerous choices of circuits and never have to turn around to come back which is fantastic.

After the horses – the small sturdy Irish Dexter Cattle are the second favourites. There are 13 on the farm at present, initially brought in to take advantage of the grass the horses didn't need. These animals are special and have a very distinctive flavour to their meat because they get fat on grass alone and were therefore never given the feed supplements which caused such havoc in the 1980's. Dexter cows have never been infected with BSE!! The meat is dark and delicious: I've cooked a roast and can guarantee it had a wonderful flavour. Claire sells privately 'from the farm gate'. If you too would like to try her meat then send her an e-mail: claire.necchi@sky.com and you'll be added to the mailing list. The meat in reality is organic, but the herd is not certified due to the cost of becoming registered being prohibitive for such a small concern. You will be contacted when a steer has been slaughtered and there is meat for sale. It's sold, roughly butchered, in mixed boxes of approximately one kilo joints, starting from 5 kilos. Then all you have to do is drive up Walton Lane, turn in to Walton Lodge Farm and collect your box!

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Dogs of all shapes and sizes were strutting their stuff in the show ring. There were seven categories to be competed in. Wilson had the waggiest tail, Bailey was the best biscuit catcher, Cherry, a beautiful 11 month old Irish Red Setter won the most like owner category: both her and her owner Louise Doyle had the same striking colouring. Cherry looked every inch the aristocrat, as her grandfather Caspians Intrepid won Supreme Champion at Crufts. The best dog by a junior handler was Ralph and the handsomest dog Punch. Maddie a lovely white Westie was named the prettiest bitch, and the winner of the veteran class, seven years and over, was won by Skye a grand old lady of 16, who was a rescue dog. I must apologise to the owners whose names haven't been mentioned, but after all it was your dog's day.

All the winners of the various classes then went into the ring for the grand finale, the best in show. This was won by Wilson owned by Mrs Barbara Hewer. There was also a demonstration in the Hydro pool, and an agility section where the dogs entered for the fun of it, and they certainly looked as if they were having fun running through tunnels and jumping fences. The aim of the day was to raise funds for two very deserving charities, The Glenfield Project for children with severe disabilities and complex medical needs, and the Hathern Animal Rescue. I believe that over £700 was raised on the day. Mr & Mrs Watts must be congratulated on arranging this very successful event, that not only brought the residents of the village together, but also people from further a field. Long may it continue.

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- **Monday** starts our week with rainbow colours, a lunch, followed by entertainment by Tilly and Peter Yates.
- **Tuesday** is green and will be a fish and chips lunch with lots of fun to follow.
- **Wednesday** is yellow: an outing to enjoy lovely scenery and a meal out.

- **Thursday** is blue: a day of rest recharging the batteries!
- **Friday** is gold and silver: an Antiques Roadshow, including afternoon tea.
- **Saturday** is grey: Tea and cakes and a film of last year's holiday.
- **Sunday** Special: a church service at 4pm, followed by tea and cakes, red and white!

We are still making decisions, so colours may change, but the plans will not!

We hope that you will find something that will interest you, and look forward to seeing you there.

If you have never been to any of our events you are assured of a very warm welcome, and if you need extra help we are pleased to be there for you. Transport is provided to and from events for those who need it,

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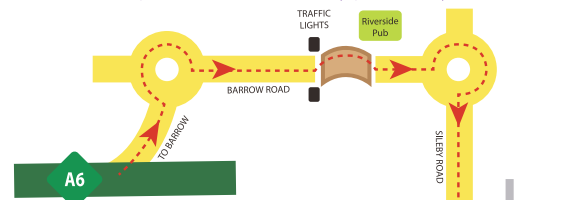


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This year the walks will visit Tom Long's Meadow at Quorn, another walk will take the route back to Barrow over the One Man Bridge, there's one with a route along the river, the river, not the canal, to Cotes

and a couple that start outside Barrow, one at Walton and another at Woodhouse Eaves. The one starting in Walton will include a walk around the very picturesque Prestwold Church and the other from Woodhouse Eaves will take you by Pestilence Cottage and underneath the Great Central Railway. So there are some interesting and varied locations and if you like the fresh air and enjoy walking why not come along? It's also free but unfortunately good weather cannot be guaranteed. The walks are leisurely and some of them will include a refreshment stop at a local hostelry otherwise there's a chance to have a drink somewhere in the village before you go home if you wish.

If you're interested in joining any of the walks this year you can find a full list of them on a notice in the window of the

Parish Council Office in the High Street, on the PC notice board outside the library and each forthcoming one is listed in the Barrow news section of the Loughborough Echo. "Get yer boots out and get walking!" (Actually, you don't need walking boots, just sensible footwear).

P.S. Miller's Bridge is the last bridge over the canal, before Loughborough.

Ginnie Willcocks



DATE/TIME	WALK/ DISTANCE	MEETING POINT/ LEADER	ROUTE
Wed 22nd June @ 7.00pm	I.15 TOWARD COTES & RETURN 4½ miles	Humphrey Perkins Michael Gilbert	<i>Taking the I.15 along the River Soar to Cotes via old pumping station, to end of footpath and return. Wellies/walking boots essential</i>
Wed 29th June @7.00pm	QUORN 4½ miles	Old Station Car Park Peter & Tilly Yates	<i>Out via the river and Tom Long's Meadow. Returning via One Man Bridge taking refreshment stop at Navigation Inn.</i>
Thurs 7th July @ 6.45pm	WOODHOUSE EAVES/ WOODHOUSE 3½ miles	Cars to meet at Old Station car park Ginnie Willcocks	<i>Walk to start at Woodhouse Eaves and end in Barrow</i>
Tues 12th July @ 7.00pm	MILLER'S BRIDGE 4-4½ miles	Three Crowns Public Car Park Bob Mudge	<i>Out via I.27 to Miller's 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.</i>
Tues 19th July @ 7.00pm	WALTON 4½ miles	Three Crowns Public Car Park Joyce Noon	<i>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</i>
Wed 10th Aug @ 7.00pm	MOUNTSORREL & SILEBY MILL 4½-5 miles	Old Station Car Park Bob Mudge	<i>I.25 to I.26 over one man bridge to Mountsorrel, Refreshment stop at Waterside back via A6, I.63 to Sileby Mill, I.26 and I.28</i>

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- Wed 29th Parish Walk to Quorn via Tom Long's Meadow; meet 7.00 in Old Station car park

- Sat 2nd Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00
- Tues 5th Parish Council meeting; PC office; 7.15pm; public participation at approx 7.30pm; everyone welcome.
Holy Trinity Men's Group: Visit to Jaguar Factory, Castle Bromwich
- Thurs 7th Parish Walk from Woodhouse Eaves to Barrow; cars to meet 7.00 Old Station car park
- Mon 11th WI: The story of the music hall; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
- Tues 12th Neighbourhood Watch: monthly meeting in Barrow Conservative Club; 7.30; public welcome Parish Walk to Millers Bridge; meet 7.00 in Three Crowns Car park
- Wed 13th Craft Afternoon; Methodist Church; 2.00 – 4.00 water colour; other crafts from 2.00 to suit you
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- Sat 6th Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00
- Mon 8th-12th BOSCAPS holiday playscheme at HPHS; 9.30am – 12.30pm
WI: The history of Twycross Zoo; Bishop Beveridge Club; 7.30pm
- Tues 9th Neighbourhood Watch: monthly meeting in Barrow Conservative Club; 7.30; public welcome
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- Wed 17th Gardening Club: Summer social evening tba

- Sat 3rd Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00
- Mon 5th Holy Trinity Men's Group: "Experiences of Life" by Rev Nicky McGirty
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- Wed 14th Craft Afternoon; Methodist Church; 2.00 – 4.00 water colour; other crafts from 2.00 to suit you
- Sat 17th Holy Trinity Men's Group: Coffee morning; 10.00am
- Wed 21st Gardening Club: Organism war on Pests; 7.30pm; HPHS Community Lounge
- Fri 23rd Parish Council Youth Awards evening at HPHS; 7.00 - 9.00

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER



**BARROW'S
GOT TALENT
LIVE**

**25th
June**

**AUTUMN
DANCE**

with Alf Tozer

**8th
October**

**DISNEY'S
BEAUTY &
THE BEAST**

Presented by Barrow
Youth Theatre

**18th & 19th
November**

**CHRISTMAS
DANCE**

with C & J Sound

**23rd
December**

BUSCA EVENTS

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