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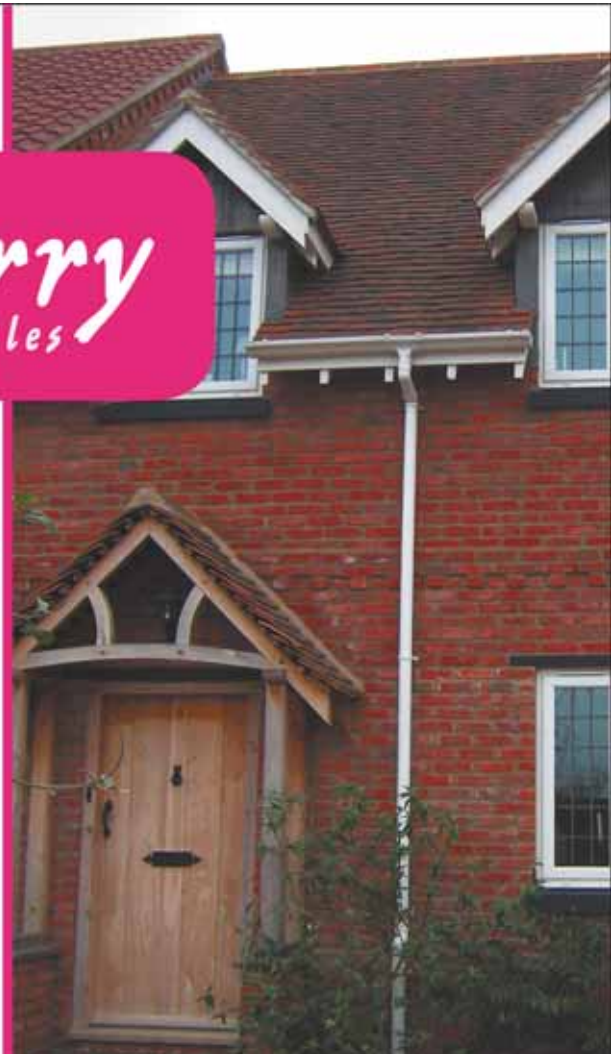
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Thumbs up for 2012!

This year we have built on the successes of 2010 and have moved to a full colour publication. We have had some stunning front covers and some great pictures inside too. Your reaction has been a big 'thumbs up', so we aim to maintain the standard and even improve it further in 2012.

Looking back over the year we have been happy to celebrate successes and none more so than the first village Youth Achievement Awards featured on page 5. We have had lots of other good news stories about young people - in sports, drama and entertainment, travelling, helping others and widening their horizons. When there is so much negative press about the younger generation, it is particularly good to be able to showcase their achievements. If you have a tale to tell, please do get in touch

As well as all the other traditional things at this time of year, it is an opportunity to thank everyone who has committed their time and energy to Barrow Voice over the past 12 months - from the editorial team, the distributors, the advertisers, the design team - a heartfelt thank you to you all.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Frances Thompson

Heritage Streets News

Recently, during some building work in a house in the centre of the village, a beautiful example of a granite lined well has come to light. It was hidden under a small extension built some years ago. The granite lining is in good condition, it is some thirty feet deep and is fed by an underground stream. The new, and very proud owner, has decided to keep it as a feature of the new utility room and has had a glass cover put over it and some lighting installed to show off the granite blocks. Apparently the granite blocks are a possible way of dating wells. Early ones have small pieces of granite that were found lying around. Later ones have larger more even pieces that have been quarried: this one has large even pieces. In the nineteenth century the house was a grocery shop, bakery and beer house.

The family is so intrigued by the very obvious water flow under their utility room that they have thrown empty stoppered bottles in to see where they turn up - message in the bottle style!

As many people probably know, there is a heritage web site (www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk) separate from the main village web site (www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk). There are often comments, questions and corrections from people who look at it, which we are very happy to receive and respond to, if we can. Earlier this year there was a message from Gordon Lawson about the reredos at Holy Trinity. Gordon was writing an article for Wikipedia about Nathaniel Hitch who listed the reredos among his works. Hitch was a very long lived and hard working sculptor (he died aged 92 and was still working a year before his death). Among his many works were statues for the restoration of Westminster Abbey and Beverley Minster, statues and carvings throughout England and in the USA and Australia. If you would like to know more, the full text of Gordon Lawson's article is now published on Wikipedia.



If you are interested in the development of shopping in the village you will find a number of Trade Directories on the Heritage web site. These list the services which used to be available in the village. The earliest is from 1830 and the latest from 1928. We would like to do an exhibition about the changes in the shopping in the village but are having difficulty finding photographs of village shops in the past. *Can anyone help please?*

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Extraordinary Young Villagers Win Youth Awards

The Youth Action Group and Parish Council wanted to celebrate the achievements of the young people of the village and the evening of 23rd September was the culmination of months of meetings, talking, planning and organising. It was good fun and hugely satisfying.

Although a small working party was set up to plan the event most of the hard work was down to Parish Clerk Lesley Bell: organising advertising, our guest of honour, certificates and awards (they were stunning by the way!). Once we had received and read all the nominations we decided on the prize categories, then we had the job of allocating nominations to the categories before choosing the award winners. This was made very difficult as all the young people nominated are jaw-droppingly multi-talented however the choices made were unanimous.

On the presentation evening parents, young people, friends, teachers, youth workers, reporters and dignitaries all gathered at Humphrey Perkins High School. His Worship the Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor Bernard Burr, and Mayoress Rose Burr had front row seats as the Chair of our Parish Council, Councillor Tony Childs, spoke briefly before introducing guest of honour Alan Birchenall. He brought his customary humour to the occasion, chatting about Sven and the team, relating anecdotes and putting the winners at ease.



After posing for official photographs, the award winners and their families were surrounded by relatives and friends congratulating them and taking more photos. Sadly 'Birch' had to slip away as Leicester City had an away match the next day but the rest of us enjoyed talking over refreshments until it was time to draw the raffle - ah, the raffle... Antonia Goater had sourced some amazing prizes from businesses in Barrow: from cup cakes to toiletries, hair dressing vouchers to wine. To most people's amusement the prizes were won largely by the Mayor, the Goaters and the Gudgers.

It was a most delightful evening and we look forward to doing it all again next year. Please keep an eye out for extraordinary young villagers, take note of what they do and nominate them next year. By the way we plan to re-launch the Youth Council and invite young people aged 13 - 18 to apply to the Parish Council Office.

For details of the winners and their awards, see Barrow Focus, page 17.

Judith Spence

Holy Trinity Update

As we write this report, the long-awaited extension is coming along very well with most of the outside work being completed and the interior now being worked on. It looks likely that the work is going to take longer than expected which, with the Christmas holiday, will mean that completion will be January. However it is hoped that the gas will be reconnected in time for the church boiler to be on before the weather gets too cold!

We have had to take out a loan to complete the building and this will be paid off as soon as possible so fundraising events will continue throughout 2012 - watch out for more information as these are planned.

Thank you everyone for your patience and support during the project.

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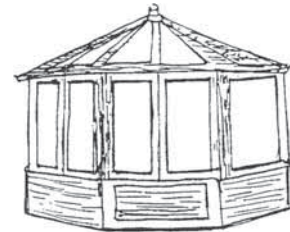
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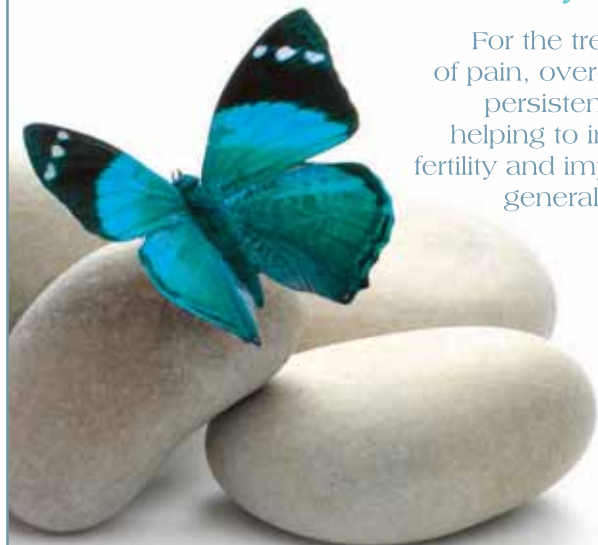
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Barrow Voice welcomes Rob Paddison

A warm welcome is extended to Reverend Rob Paddison, the new priest in charge of the Parish of Barrow upon Soar and Walton and the parishes of Wymeswold and Prestwold. The licensing service for Rob was held on 15th September at Holy Trinity Church. The congregation included a large group of people who had made the long trip from Rob's previous church in Newcastle.

Rob grew up in rural Norfolk where his parents still live. Before he was ordained, Rob worked in the farming community as an agricultural feeding systems fitter and as a farm manager. He was also an assistant warehouse supervisor and a church youth worker, and during an unofficial gap year worked for three months as a young person's advisor for Durham County Council.

Rob trained for the ministry at Cranmer Hall, St. John's College, Durham University, and has a BA (Hons.) in Theology and Ministry. He was ordained in 2007 in St. Nicholas Cathedral Church in Newcastle and on this very special occasion Rob's wife Jennifer was also ordained. The couple have two children, Lucy who is nearly three and Michael who is sixteen months old. The children have settled into Barrow very well and enjoy going to Chatterbox and Toddlers' group.

Rob's hobbies are watching Formula One (his favourite), hill walking and canoeing. Since becoming a father hill walking has been put on hold for the time being, but is certainly a pastime for the future. Rob is also hoping to get his canoe into the waters of the River Soar when time permits. When asked what his impressions of Barrow are, Rob said that everyone he has met has been very friendly, particularly his neighbours and church members.

Rob and Jennifer along with their children are looking forward to meeting many more people and exploring our lovely countryside. I'm sure we all hope that whilst they are in Barrow, the whole family will be very happy.

Val Gillings



Stark Family Tree

Hi to Barrow Voice readers. My name is Tracey Winter but my maiden name is Stark. My father is William Stark and his family all come from Barrow upon Soar. He has been doing his family tree and got back to the 1700s. His father's name was John Stark and was born in Barrow upon Soar in 1901. John's father's name was Richard Stark. Richard Stark moved to Stapleford with his family in late 1800 leaving all the other Starks in Barrow upon Soar. We know one of the Starks married a Lovett and her father was Charles Lovett.

If you know of any Starks that still live in Barrow could you please let me know.

Thanks Tracey



HPHS wishes Maz a Happy Retirement

Richard Nixon became the first US president forced to resign, inflation was running at 11.3%, pocket calculators hit the shops and The Waltons and Kojak were popular TV programmes. The year was 1974 and Marilyn Grummet who joined Humphrey Perkins High School as a kitchen assistant always wore a monocle.

In those days the catering staff wore white overalls and a paper hat. The most common meals were stew, and in Maz's own words, 'good old fashioned wholesome food'. Since then the meals have gone full circle through the turkey twizzler, chips, burgers and pizza days, back to much more traditional and healthier menus. Now, 38 years on Maz is retiring.

She recalls spending many hours, in the old days, peeling onions and preparing beetroot. She also remembers having to lug around large bags of potatoes. Interestingly, there is one member of the catering team who has longer service than Maz; one of the food mixers from those early days is still in use today! She says the favourite part of her various roles over the years was making puddings - and they will be missed.

Maz became a cook and even had a spell of running the kitchen some 10 years ago. She has also helped run a number of local schools' kitchens, including Hall Orchard's. Other memories over the years include the kitchen assistant who tried to retrieve her glasses from a boiling hot steriliser and the teacher who made pupils who misbehaved in the dining room, stand on a chair in the corner.

When asked about her retirement plans, Maz says she is hoping to spend more time with her elderly mother and help her sister out on her farm. All the staff and pupils would like to thank Maz for her hard work over the years and to wish her a long and happy retirement.

HPHS

(Maz is sitting in the middle, front row.)



Park and Ride - a better way to shop at Christmas?

Summer saw the opening of the Park+Ride (P & R), north of Leicester. Park at Birstall, ride on the bus into Leicester centre and return. This facility is managed by Leicestershire County Council (LCC) and Leicester City Council. Its building was funded as a condition of a major housing development on the opposite side of the A6 at Birstall.

We have made use of this a couple of times. Here is our impression.

Midweek on both occasions, it was noticeable that the car park, accessed from the A6 on the south side of the A6/A46 roundabout, was barely in use, less than five percent occupied at 9.40am so we were able to park quite close to the bus pick up point. The terminus is a staffed building, with a waiting room and toilets. The modern, clean, low emission Quicksilver shuttle bus is a typical service type - utilitarian, with reserved seating for those with mobility difficulty and for those with

child 'buggies'. The ticket issued on the bus is used to operate the exit barrier, so you are reminded to keep it safely. Buses run every fifteen minutes between 7am and 7pm, Monday to Saturday. The service links up with the Hospital Hopper bus at St. Nicholas Place or it's a 10 minute walk for those visiting the Leicester Royal Infirmary. This service, 'Hospital Hopper' is Monday to Friday only. For those who need it, P+R services have free Blue Tooth and Wi-Fi.

Between Birstall and St Peters Lane, the bus makes a single stop on Belgrave Road for Leicester's 'Golden Mile'. The St Peters Lane stop is very close to the Highcross Centre and the shopping areas of Leicester. This journey takes around 15 minutes. The return stop is on the opposite side of the road to the inward stop in St. Peters Lane but there's no shelter here. The return bus ran within a couple of minutes of the timetable and took us back to Birstall, again in around 15 minutes.

Leicestershire County Council website states as follows:

'Park and Ride bus services are considered to be an effective way to tackle congestion on the main arterial routes in central Leicestershire, improve access to the city and help promote economic regeneration.'

Birstall P+R is the most recent addition. Meynells Gorse at Leicester Forest East opened in 1997 and is reported to carry 1750 passengers per day and divert 200 cars per peak hour from Leicester's roads. The Enderby P+R opened in 2009. These P+Rs are linked so it is possible to join the bus at Birstall and visit Fosse Park retail area using the Enderby stop, and return to Birstall. It takes a total of around 40 minutes to travel from Birstall to Enderby P&R, then there is about a ten to fifteen minute walk to Fosse Park from the Enderby, Grove Park terminus.

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The Viennese Evening is on January 14th 2012 at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre starting at 7.00pm. As you enter you will be offered a free glass of bubbly or fruit juice to get you in the mood. The Hall will be decked with beautiful flower arrangements (thanks Ann) and even the players will look suitably festive. Apart from the three favourite must-haves: Blue Danube Waltzes, Thunder and Lightning Polka and Radetsky March, we have an entirely new programme for you including Artist's Life Waltzes, the Anvil Polka and Acceleration Waltzes. We will also be welcoming wonderful soprano soloist, Rachel Bowden to sing Vilja's Song from the Merry Widow, Roses in Tyrol and the Laughing Song from Die Fledermaus.

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Rock, Reggae and Pop : The Barrow Band Scene Part II

In the last edition of Barrow Voice the spotlight was turned on two bands with strong Barrow connections 'Megadub' and 'Soundogs'. We have such a fund of musical talent in the village that now it's the turn of a further three: 'The Potholes', 'Ten2Ten' and 'Talking with Ghosts'.

The Potholes

The Potholes are a cheerful five piece covers band who specialise in charity gigs as they very much enjoy raising funds for good causes and don't charge! Although they don't take themselves very seriously as musicians, the fact that they don't charge sometimes surprises listeners as they think them good enough to earn a fee (many bands do ask for one). But no, they play for the love of the music, the fun they have together and the satisfaction of helping to add a few hundred to the bank balance of a worthy cause.

The Potholes is made up of Peter Beckett on guitar, Anne Beckett bass, Colin Lockwood vocals, Andy McWilliam guitar, David Snutch drummer and Ali Preston arranging sound. They are a bunch of good friends meeting occasionally to rehearse and learn new songs in each other's homes. But the odd name - 'The Potholes' - where does that come from? Well, to cut a long story short it involves Peter Beckett coming out of The Trap pub one night pushing his bike only to disappear down a deep unmarked hole the Gas Board had dug earlier. He and his bike were seen to mysteriously vanish then re-emerge a few minutes later from the other side. His friends, watching from the pub, found the incident hilarious and the band found a name.

The friends had jammed casually together for a while but the band itself was formed about five years ago and its members have been pretty stable ever since. They were inspired after attending Malcolm Wagg's 'Barrow's Midsummer Music' in 2006 where they enjoyed listening to other bands and thought to themselves, 'Next year we'll give it a try', and they did! They play hits



The Potholes - From left to right- top row: Colin Lockwood, Anne Beckett, Pete Beckett Bottom: Andy McWilliam, Ali Preston. Dave Snutch, couldn't make the photo.

mainly from the 60's and 70's with a few from the 80's and always choose songs people know and can sing along to such as 'All My Loving', 'Hard Day's Night' 'I'm a believer' 'Bad Moon Rising', 'Stand By Me', 'Proud Mary', 'Out of Time', 'Brown Eyed Girl' and 'Wonderful World'. They usually play two 45 minute sets or at larger events involving many bands play a fast moving shorter set to get the crowd moving.

Their first booking was at The Trap, then a pub on North Street, now a children's nursery. This first gig was a true breakthrough as the band had only been together for six months and they were extremely pleased that their audience was so appreciative. Further charity gigs have regularly followed at the Trap, the Hunting Lodge, Barrow Football Club, Nottingham Sailing Club and at Anstey Nomads FC raising funds for the Meningitis Trust.

Ten2Ten

Steve Ward, one of the key band members of Ten2Ten, lives in Barrow but breathes music! He teaches drumming as a pastime and spends many an evening either helping others to realise their drumming dreams or playing in one of two bands both dear to his heart. These bands differ as one is steeped in heavy metal and the other is alternative rock, original music developed from a basis of mainstream acoustic and folk rock. As Steve lives nearby I went round to his house to ask him about these very different bands. First of all we talked about Ten2Ten.

Ten2Ten is a well established four piece heavy rock band composed of Steve on drums, Nobby Partridge on guitar, Paul Gamble on bass and Gary Bates doing the

continues over...



Ten2Ten - From left to right Paul Gamble (Badger) on bass guitar , Steve on drums, Nobby Partridge on guitar and Gary Bates (Garth) on vocals playing at The Greyhound Inn, Burton on the Wolds recently.

vocals. The band play covers of 70's and 80's heavy metal rock music by groups such as Thin Lizzy, Free, Bad Company and Jimi Hendrix. If you'd like to hear their sound go to < ten2ten@yahoo.co.uk > where, on You Tube, you can listen to them play two Thin Lizzy covers - 'Waiting for an Alibi' and 'Rosali', the Jimi Hendrix number 'Hey Joe', Steppenwolf's 'Born to be Wild' and ZZ-Top's 'Thunderbird' all filmed when the band were playing with great enthusiasm and true heavy metal love of volume at 'The Generous Briton' in Melton Mowbray. They do make a charge, as do most covers bands, although stress that their music is all about fun and freedom, it isn't a business, and that they don't charge when they play at charity events.

From 2006 to 2009 they played a lot of gigs round and about and headlined many local Barrow events including 'The Duck Fest' at the old 'Riverside Inn', now 'The Boat House'. Ten2Ten love playing live and give each audience the best show they can. The best gig the band played was at this year's music festival at 'The Man with a Compass' in Whitwick. Steve said, 'Everything just went really well, the band played their hearts out, the audience were really responsive to what we were doing and the whole thing was just magic.' However one gig that Steve considered a real highlight of his musical achievements took place in 2010 when he had the opportunity to stand in for 'Rainbow Rising' a Tribute Band to 70's super-group 'Rainbow'.

Like The Potholes Ten2Ten is an

unusual name for a band but unlike the Potholes the origin isn't related to the Gas Board. It comes from an old music hall joke that if you say Ten2Ten repeatedly as you sing the Lone Ranger theme tune it mimics the sound of galloping hooves. Try it - it works

Talking With Ghosts

The second of the bands Steve works with is 'Talking With Ghosts'. This group, which attracts a more discerning rock audience, is made up of Steve on drums, Leigh Hornsby on guitar and vocals, Tim Jordon on bass and Mr. John Bean from Sileby on cello. If you'd like to hear some of their original creations go to their 'My Space' page and listen to 'Of Hera and Dancing', 'Agape and Magog' and 'Something to Cry About'. The sound is truly distinctive as the lyrics are often complex relating to myths, or the

chaos and pain of life all backed by the haunting sound of the cello, so unusual in a rock band.

This group thrives on the challenge of writing their own music as they became bored playing only well known rock covers. 'We were aiming to produce music that would make people sit up and take notice, stuff that people could still dance to yet give an outlet for each member of the band to push the boundaries of their instruments and create atmospheric sounds.' As well as playing festivals each summer the band has developed an acoustic version of their set as an alternative to their full set up. As for the name and its origin Steve says, 'Well, you would have to talk to Leigh about that. We think it's based on some sort of theme but as Leigh writes all our material I guess this is something only he can answer, plus we like to keep a little bit of mystery around us, you would need to come to the show and make up your own minds.'

Steve is a very keen advocate of alternative rock and would love the Barrow pubs to put on an 'Originals' Night' even being happy to help set it up. He says he just loves the music scene, the companionship of bands and of helping young musicians gain confidence playing in front of others. Steve doesn't intend to ever stop until he hits the great gig in the sky! If you would like to learn more about or book either of these bands please e-mail him at steve_m_ward@hotmail.com.

Gaynor Barton



Talking With Ghosts - From left to right Tim Jordon on bass guitar, Steve Ward drums, Leigh Hornsby guitar and vocals and Mr John Bean cello.

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60 Seconds with ...

John Nurse is in the spotlight for the 60 Seconds article for this issue of Barrow Voice. In the eyes of many involved with Barrow Community Association John is a Website Wizard. You only have to look at the village website to see the evidence of his skills.

I think Barrow website must be one of the best in the country, it's packed full of such useful information. John has lived in Barrow for over 20 years having lived in Rothley, Syston and Sileby before settling in Barrow. When he retired a friend stopped to chat one day and asked him what he might do with his time and mentioned the need for a village website and wondered if he might be interested! He's not had time since to think what he might do with his time as apart from computers John's passion is golf. During the summer he plays golf as often as he can and during the colder winter months he does his computing, perfect!

Thank you John for your 60 Seconds.

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

In 2004 the Barrow Voice team were looking for someone to take over the construction of their website. Having had some previous experience and time on my hands, I volunteered and I have been doing it ever since. I like the fact that Barrow Voice is free to every household thanks to the contributions of the advertisers.

What was the most memorable issue for you?

I suppose it would have to be the satisfaction and approval of my first issue on the web, although I would like to think my work has improved since then. Comments on a post card please!

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

Impatient (and my wife agrees).

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

No, we have not had any pets whilst living in Barrow but we used to regularly look after my son's two boxer dogs and enjoyed many walks across the local fields and along the river. Unfortunately they have long since gone.

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

* A set of golf clubs.

* If I am allowed, a computer so I could keep in touch with the outside world and so I don't lose touch with the Barrow Voice.



* Insect repellent due to my past experience of being on islands and getting bitten extensively, so this would be a must.

* Fishing kit so I could at least get some fresh food and pass the time.

* A wind up clock.

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

Wendy and I moved to Barrow in 1987 mainly to be nearer my work in Loughborough and the convenience of the bus / train service. Also the lovely local country walks and the handy selection of shops.

What would be your ideal holiday?

In the seventies I spent quite some time working in Australia and New Zealand. It would be nice to go back now to see the changes.

Do you have a day job? If so what do you do? If not, what did you do?

I am now retired but I spent 37 years as an Electronics Technician travelling worldwide for Wm. Cotton's in Loughborough finishing my last few years as an IT manager at BHS warehouse.

What is your motto for life?

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today! Tomorrow may never come.

What are your hopes for the future of Barrow Voice?

To get a few younger members on the production team to help sustain the long term future of Barrow Voice.

Ginnie Willcocks

**MEETINGS CALENDAR
DECEMBER TO
MARCH 2012**

Full council meetings in our
Village Diary

December

5th Planning committee
12 noon

6th Full Council **7.15pm**
commencing with Public
Participation

8th Policy and finance
committee **2pm**

13th Enhancements to
Entrances to the
Village Committee **2pm**

January

9th Planning committee
12 noon

10th Full Council **7.15pm**
commencing with Public
Participation

February

6th Planning committee
12 noon

7th Full Council **7.15pm**
commencing with Public
Participation

14th Millennium Park Committee
11am

21st Playing Feilds Committee
9:30am

March

5th Planning committee
12 noon

6th Full Council **7.15pm**
commencing with Public
Participation

13th Enhancements to
Entrances to the
Village Playing Fields
Comittee **2pm**

14th Cemetery and other Ground
Committee **11am**



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**P/10/1518/2 JELSON HOMES PROPOSALS TO
BUILD 300 HOMES ON LAND AT MELTON ROAD**

Cllr Tony Childs, Chairman to the Parish Council called a PARISH MEETING on Monday 24 October 2011 at Humphrey Perkins School to provide an opportunity for residents to be informed and have their say following publication of LCC Highways' report on the proposed development of 300 houses on land at Melton Road.



Fishpool Brook

The application will be considered at the Charnwood Borough Council Planning meeting on Wednesday 7th December in the Victoria Room in Loughborough Town Hall starting at 5.00pm. Barrow residents are urged to attend. A Planning Officer commented that the agenda will be kept short because it is anticipated that the Barrow Jelson application will take most of the meeting.

**SEATS IN MEMORIAM AT KING GEORGE V
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Any one interested in donating a seat in memoriam for installation at King George V Playing Field as a part of the Parish Council's improvement project please contact the Parish Council Office.

PUBLIC TOILETS, NORTH STREET

Please be assured that the Parish Council is doing everything possible to complete the necessary legal arrangements in order that it can take over management of the public toilets. We sincerely hope they will be re-opened very soon.

ANNUAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The first Annual Youth Achievement Awards Event was held on 23 September 2011 at Humphrey Perkins High School and was hailed a huge success. Callum Johnston was awarded 'Young Person of the Year' and in addition awards were made as follows:

Sports - George Hurst
Arts - Danielle-Grace Guder
Community - Dominic Boston
Young Carer - Callum Johnston
Young Hero - Lewis Scott
Leadership - Ben Wilson

The Parish Council extends its thanks to Alan Birchenall, from Leicester City Football Club who presented the awards. We were truly honoured. Also to Brett Landscaping, David Wilson Homes and Lafarge for their sponsorship and to local businesses for their amazing generosity in donating raffle prizes.



RCC 2011 VILLAGE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Parish Council's entry to the 'Community' category of the RCC Village Achievement Awards was rewarded with 'silver'. The entry detailed the Parish Council's project 'Care for the Elderly' a booklet (produced in 2009, copies of which are available at several outlets, including the Parish Council offices) and an 'annual speaker to the village' and 'training sessions' now in their third year.

PARKINSONS' UK TRAINING EVENING THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2011

A 'Parkinsons' UK' training session presented by Wendy MacKinnon was held at 'The Gap'. She offered advice and support to those who attended. Sufferers and carers felt able to share their experiences.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND PARADE

The Remembrance Service and parade was once again graced with good weather. The service at Holy Trinity Church was followed by the customary parade of uniformed organisations, colour parties and others, led by Janet Widdowson on bagpipes, to the War Memorial where a two minute silence was observed. There followed a wreath-laying ceremony and short service, a fitting and proper tribute to those who gave their lives.

The event was exceptionally well attended.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Parish Council offices will be closed from noon on 22nd December 2011 and will re-open on 3rd January 2012

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There are events throughout the year to which all are invited.

In January we join for prayer during the national Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Each year, during the season of Lent, small groups are arranged to study the Bible together. Lent lunches are arranged every Friday when all are welcome. Donations from the lunches go towards our chosen charity for the year. For Easter we join together on Good Friday for worship, lunch and the traditional Hot Cross Buns. May sees us having an afternoon of fun and games and a picnic on the Hall Orchard field.

Later in the year, various events are arranged, including films and Fair Trade events. We also gather together on Remembrance Sunday. Finally we meet for an Advent Carol Service and we join with Radio Leicester for Radio Leicester's 'Sing Christmas' at the Conservative Club.

The Group's members are always open to suggestions for ways in which we can engage with the wider community of Barrow.

This year we have chosen to use Barrow Voice to send you our Christmas greetings rather than a separate Christmas Card. So please accept this Christmas greeting and our warm invitation to join us over the Christmas period.



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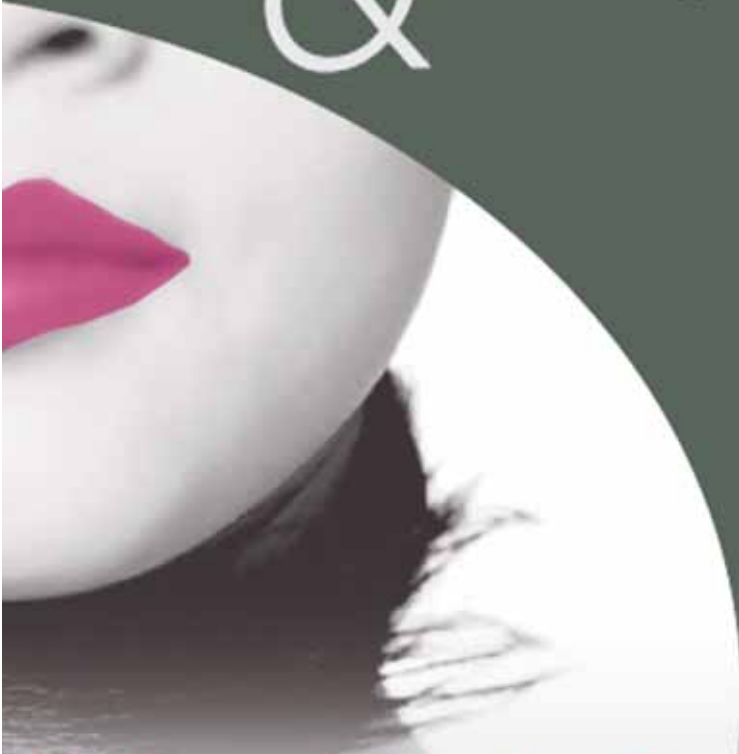
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Services over the 2011 Christmas period

Baptist Church:	Sun 18 10.45 am	Messy Nativity
	Sun 18 6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
	Sun 25 10.00 am	All Age Christmas Service
Catholic Church:	Sun 18 3.30 pm	Joint Carols (at Syston)
	Sat 24 9.00 pm	Night Mass (at Syston)
	Sun 25 9.00 am	Dawn Mass (at Sileby)
	Sun 25 10.30 am	Day Mass (at Syston)
Methodist Church:	Sun 18 6.00 pm	Carol Service
	Sat 24 6.00 pm	Crib Service
	Sun 25 10.00 am	All Age Christmas Service
Holy Trinity Church:	Sun 3 9.45 am	Christingle Service
	Wed 21 7.00 pm	Carol Service
	Sat 24 5.30 pm	Crib Service
	Sat 24 11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
	Sun 25 10.30 am	All age Christmas Communion
Conservative Club:	Mon 19 7.00 pm	Sing Christmas

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The Barrow Voice Christmas Cracker Quiz

Can you match all the questions to the answers in our Christmas Quiz Questions? The answers are on page 23

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|---|---|
| 1. What sort of song would a ghost sing? | A A haunting melody. |
| 2. What has a bed but does not sleep, and a mouth but does not speak? | B A river. |
| 3. What do monsters have for breakfast? | C Over the Severn Bridge. |
| 4. Why does a horse have 6 legs? | D Shell. |
| 5. If a crocodile skin makes a pair of shoes, what do you make from banana skins? | E Mrs Sippi. |
| 6. What is a parrot stuffed with? | F They use snail varnish. |
| 7. How do you get two whales in a car? | G 'Cos it has forelegs in front and two behind |
| 8. What do you get when you cross a dog with a chicken? | H Tarzipan |
| 9. Do you know the joke about the butter? | I A ladder in her stockings. |
| 10. How did you make an apple puff? | J Mustard |
| 11. What does an angry kangaroo do? | K A football team. |
| 12. What beats his chest and swings from Christmas cake to Christmas cake? | L A tightrope walker. |
| 13. What has 22 legs and 2 wings but cannot fly? | M Lost. |
| 14. What did the fireman's wife get for Christmas? | N A polo bear |
| 15. Did you hear about the two spooks who met at a party? | O They come out at night |
| 16. Who needs to eat a balanced diet? | P I am not going to tell you because you will spread it around. |
| 17. Why are false teeth like stars? | Q Get hopping mad. |
| 18. What type of holiday do Post Office workers go on? | R Package holidays |
| 19. What would happen if cows could fly? | S Because 7,8,9 |
| 20. What do you call a penguin in the desert? | T He gets toad away |
| 21. Where do fish get their petrol? | U To the Elf Centre |
| 22. How do snails keep their shells shiny? | V Unlawful is against the law: illegal is a sick bird. |
| 23. Which bear is white and smells of peppermint? | W A hen that lays pooched eggs. |
| 24. Why was the number 6 frightened of the number 7? | X A long jumper. |
| 25. Where do sick gnomes go? | Y It was love at first fright |
| 26. What happens when a frog parks in a no-parking zone? | Z The dogs were found not guilty |
| 27. What reptiles are good at arithmetic? | a Slippers |
| 28. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school? | b You would get a pat on the head. |
| 29. Who is the most famous married woman in America? | c Adders |
| 30. Which bird always succeeds? | d A budgie with no teeth. |
| 31. Where does Tarzan get his loin-cloths? | e Polyfilla. |
| 32. What is the difference between unlawful and illegal? | f From a jungle sale. |
| 33. What athlete is warmest in winter? | g Chase it round the garden a few times. |
| 34. Did you hear about the sheepdog trials? | h Dreaded wheat. |
| 35. What's yellow and stays hot in the fridge? | i Because her pupils were so bright. |





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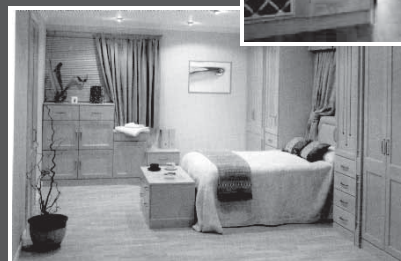
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For the bases:

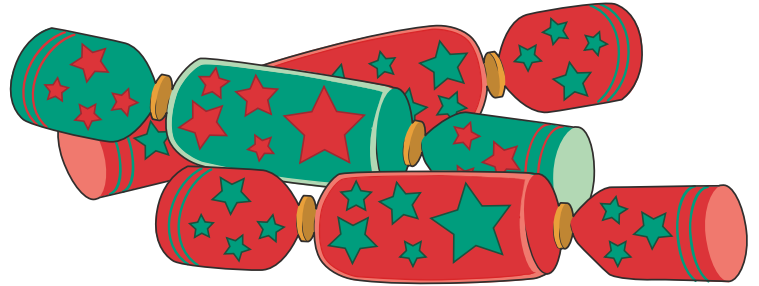
Water biscuits/oatcakes
Melba toast
Thick slices of cucumber
Mini pittas
Crostoni (thin slices of baguette or ciabatta toasted)
Prawn crackers
Little gem lettuce leaves
Mini red/yellow peppers, halved

For the toppings/fillings:

Smoked mackerel/salmon patè (flaked fish mashed together with cream cheese or creme fraiche, lemon juice, black pepper)
Hummus
Fresh/Sunblush tomatoes, chopped or sliced
Sliced mozzarella
Crumbled goats cheese
Cream cheese
Salami/ham
Prawns
Anchovies
Avocado mashed with lime juice

For the garnish:

Thyme/basil/watercress leaves
Chopped parsley
Sliced olives
Hoseradish sauce
Toasted breadcrumbs
Sprinkle of paprika or cayenne pepper
Very finely sliced spring onions
Sesame/pumpkin seeds
Extra virgin olive oil
Chopped dates.



Either make your own patè, hummus etc or buy it from your favourite deli or supermarket. Try some classic combinations such as tomato and mozzarella, prawns and avocado or invent your own. Depending on toppings, you may like to put them under a hot grill before serving. The addition of the garnish can turn an ordinary snack into something special.

Christmas Cracker Quiz Answers

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| 1 | A | 10 | g | 19 | b | 28 | i |
| 2 | B | 11 | Q | 20 | M | 29 | E |
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| 5 | a | 14 | I | 23 | N | 32 | V |
| 6 | e | 15 | Y | 24 | S | 33 | X |
| 7 | C | 16 | L | 25 | U | 34 | Z |
| 8 | W | 17 | O | 26 | T | 35 | J |
| 9 | P | 18 | R | 27 | c | | |

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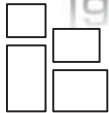
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Playing host to Michel

In June 2011 we played host to a visitor from Marans, Barrow's twinned town in France. We had been members of Barrow and District Twinning Association for only a year and had joined mainly to share with other Barrow members the enjoyable social activities such as theatre visits, meals in restaurants, quiz nights, murder mystery evenings etc. BUT early in 2011 we were told that a man from Marans who had never visited Barrow before would be coming with the group visit in June and we were asked if we would play host to him.

Our daughter and family had hosted a couple from Marans two years before and had enjoyed doing this and staying with them in France so we agreed to do the same. What a good five days we had when the 'Maranais' came to Barrow at the beginning of June. The sun shone and visits to the Lafarge quarry in Mountsorrel, their railhead in Barrow, the Loughborough College restaurant, Rothley fish and chip restaurant, the Old Rectory Museum in Loughborough, a trip on the Rutland Belle and a picnic at Rutland Water all went well. Barrow Parish Council hosted a very enjoyable reception in the Community Room at HPHS and the final evening of the visit was a get-together with home cooked food and plenty of wine (French, of course) at the home of the Twinning Association's chair person.

And our guest? Michel is an 86 year old with the life and energy of a man at least ten years younger (putting him somewhere nearer to our age) and an eager student of the English language for the last 12 months, reviving his Lycee lesson note books from pre-war days with the help of a lady in Marans who also came to Barrow and who is a teacher of English. That was lucky for us, because our French language skills are very, very limited. Michel proved to be a real gentleman, easy to entertain, eager to try out his English language skills, both written and spoken, generous with gifts he had brought for us and appreciative of arrangements we had made for him during his visit.

Our luck was even greater because Michel invited us to visit him and his wife in Marans this year if we possibly could, and in mid September we took our car across the Channel and drove there (it is near La Rochelle if readers do not know). We did not use the car again until our return journey - Michel drove us around Marans and on visits to La Rochelle, the Ile de Re, Rochefort, the Vendee forest and the Marais poitevin. We dined well in restaurants and at his home, where one evening he arranged for seven other guests to join us two, himself and his wife for a dinner party. Some of the guests were members of the Marans Twinning Group and their President expressed the hope that Barrow and District Twinning Association would soon be informing him of dates in 2012 when we would be going to Marans. We can only say that, as we had been told many times before, anyone who goes will be royally (well maybe that is not the word for France) entertained. So if you are interested in taking part why not join the Twinning Association and join the entente cordiale.

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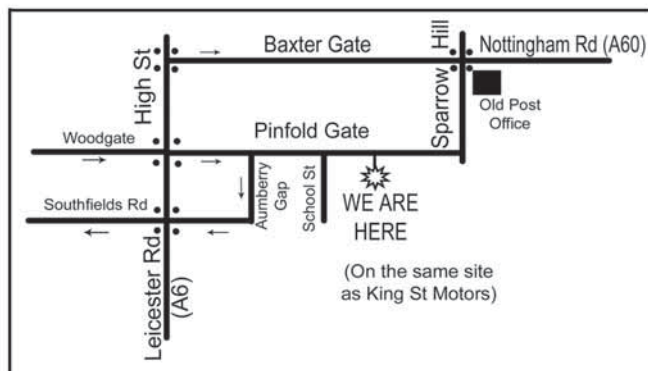
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A sideways look at Barrow

Late at Marans

Stuart Musgrove lived on Grove Lane with his wife Liz and their five boys until 1993 when he took a job with Somerset County Council. He is now retired and continues to live in a small village outside Taunton. He keeps in touch with Barrow through friends, The Loughborough Echo and, of course, Barrow Voice.

The fact is I was probably the redoubtable Miss Walker's worst ever pupil trying, admittedly not very hard, to learn the French language. Weekends were always ruined by French homework - the hated essay; it seemed particularly cruel as I was very limited in writing English essays - and they made me write them in French at the weekend - pure torture. Just to get 5/10 was a very good week but usually 3/10 for half a page of blood sweat and tears was the norm.



And why would I ever need French I ask you?

I had never been abroad, not been to London and foreign adventure was visiting my grandparents in Newcastle - after all they had a very different lifestyle and spoke a language foreign to me - but it was only a bus ride away and it was with my parents. Going to France therefore came to me very much later in life and after we had moved from Leicestershire. I still showed little appetite to travel across any water but pressure became impossible to ignore when one of the children was offered the opportunity to work in France as part of his college course.

The first night was not good. Arriving in Le Havre in the dark, driving on the wrong side of the road for the first time, trying to find a hotel in the middle of the old part of Rouen was bad enough but trying to remember what Miss Walker had tried to teach me in order to ask a French person the way in their own language was probably the most difficult.

But after those initial and temporary problems a whole new world opened up (driven, some would say, by cheap wine and great food) and travel to France and around France became more frequent. In late July 2011 we left our campsite near Royan and headed north for Normandy and the Channel ports, some 300 miles to the north. We could have headed east on a new dual carriage way to join the A10 autoroute at Saintes and taken the payage to Nantes with little trouble but we decided that the road directly north along the coast would be good enough to keep the caravan rolling at 60 mph until we hit the A10 south of Nantes. Also we would pass through Marans, the village Barrow on Soar is twinned with in France.

We had a good journey and really were not much later than anticipated when we reached the outskirts of Marans. However there was a queue and this provided a slow but steady progress as we entered the village. The road carries a great amount of heavy traffic; the A10 is a little too far to the east for those heading back to Paris and the north from the honey pots of La Rochelle, Isle de RÈ and the coastal resorts so they all go through Marans.

Marans does have many geographical similarities with Barrow as it is at the heart of low lying land with many rivers and streams. However we also used to spot the equivalent shops to those we were familiar with in Barrow in the 1980's: Brooker's garden centre on the outskirts, Marcer's boulangerie shop in the centre, the canal and a large river with boats looked like the Soar, the Super U supermarket seemed equivalent to the Co-op although the Co-op never sold cheap fuel! Travelling along the main street through the centre of Marans is very depressing; the road is quite narrow and many of the shops on the 'High street' are closed and look as if they have been shut for many years. The sign pointing to Barrow with the 1017km arm brings a little light relief.

After the very green river - has peculiar algae growing in it - there is a camp site - (Proctors') and then leaving the village there is the immediate decision to still head north onwards to Nantes or to turn right to join the paysage several junctions earlier at Fontenay.

We have passed though Marans a number of times - for several years more often than Barrow itself - and the impression does not change that the Leicestershire village is more prosperous than the French equivalent - but one day we will stop and explore.

And as for being late in Marans - yes I was late - about 35 years too late really. I was offered the chance to go on the school exchange in about 1963 but at that time the possibility was far too scary to contemplate. I shall never know whether the visit would have been a life changing experience!

Stuart Musgrove

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Beauty and the Beast

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In order to write this review I had to rely on watching *the dress rehearsal* of Barrow Youth Theatre's *Beauty and the Beast* Disney musical. Perhaps not the most promising circumstances to see this very talented bunch of youngsters at their best – or so I thought. But how wrong I was. What I saw was the dedication of forty young people and almost as many adults to produce a show that was spectacular, memorable, entertaining and totally convincing. And that describes the dress rehearsal, warts and all.

Spawned in 2003 as the junior offspring of Barrow Panto Group, BYT was putting on its ninth production and each one has been bigger and better than the last. Disney's reworking of the age old story of *Beauty and the Beast* is a vehicle for spectacle. In a nutshell, a handsome but tempestuous prince falls under the spell of an enchantress and is doomed to live as a beast in a castle without human company. Trapped with him, his friends have been transformed into household objects. Teapot, cup, wardrobe and clock are all whim to his rages while knives, forks and spoons provide us with our chorus. Belle, a beauty who is happier with books as company than her fellow villagers, finds herself imprisoned in the castle. Beast eventually controls his temper and allows himself to respond to the kindnesses of Belle who has learnt to love him. When Beast is mortally wounded in a fight with Belle's unwanted suitor, Gaston and his evil cronies, Belle kisses the dying brute and breaks the spell. So everyone (well nearly) lives happily ever after.

For me the highlights were the simply excellent performances of all the principals: Beast by Ben Bateson, Belle by Abbie Cooper, Gaston by Andy Kenneth, Cogsworth the Clock by Marcus Goodger, Lumiere the Candlestick by Stephen Bennett, Wardrobe by Halle McCarthy, Mrs Potts the teapot by Caitlin Evans, Babette the feather duster by Rebecca Fox and Maurice, Belle's father by James Norris as well as some very strong supporting roles. The group has also excelled visually with simply stunning costumes and props including an amazing crazy car and wonderful backcloths, courtesy of Hinckley Panto Group and Hinkley Concordia Theatre.

Well done, Directors Carol and Gordon Kenneth and all their many supporting crew. This is going to be a very hard act to follow!



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Local artist has exhibition at Hind Leys

Anne Kingham is a local artist who lives in Barrow and has lived in the Charnwood area since 1961. She took up art after retiring from work in Adult Education. She thinks that, although there are some disadvantages, never having trained as an artist means she has a freedom to work in her own way. Since she doesn't know any rules she isn't bound by them.

Anne is showing her paintings and some glass work (a new venture) in the Gallery at Hind Leys Community College, Shepshed, between 29 November and 21 December. The gallery is open during college hours, including evenings. The purpose of the exhibition is not commercial but most things will be for sale and for anyone looking for an original gift there may be something suitable.



Planting a Purple Patch

Soar Valley Rotary Club members spent a day planting 2000 crocuses recently. Their aim is that the crocuses should be flowering at the end of February to help draw attention to Rotary's efforts to End Polio Now. This international campaign has been underway for over 25 years and has been successful in limiting endemic polio to a handful of countries with fewer than two thousand cases in the whole of 2010.

The bulbs were planted at the Great Central Station in Rothley. Richard Patching, Operations Manager, at the Great Central Railway said 'We look forward to seeing the results and hope everything will flower at Rothley. We wish the whole campaign every success.'



(L to R) John Newman, John Calow, Graham Cooper and John Tyers look ready to take on a major gardening project.

Holiday at Home in Full Colour

Barrow Baptist Church's theme for Holiday at Home 2011, was 'COLOUR'. This started early in February, when Daniel Cozens, an artist and evangelist, came for the weekend, starting with an 'Afternoon of Colour'. Daniel wove his faith and his life story into his paintings, reflecting good times and bad, whilst giving us a real feast for the eyes. The artists among us were not disappointed either, for he invited technical questions along the way; and we were fascinated by his explanation of his technique for achieving the effect of the bloom on a plum!

What better way to launch our holiday 'Week of Colour' than with the colours of the RAINBOW, on Monday 18 July. We enjoyed a good lunch, followed by a splendid entertainment from Tilly and Peter Yates. Their music and poetry reflected the wealth of our colourful world, and was well appreciated by all. Tuesday was a GREEN day, which began with fish and chips provided by our stalwart village 'chippy'. We explored fun 'green' activities and appreciated a very informative talk from Charnwood's designated experts concerning the green



issues of recycling and composting. Fascinating.

Wednesday had to be a YELLOW day as we hoped for sunshine to cheer us as we journeyed to Bakewell, and Thursday was BLUE, a day of rest at home! For the Antiques Roadshow on Friday we chose SILVER and GOLD. Mark Gilding of Market Harborough examined our 'treasures' and had one or two surprises as to their value! We celebrated our GREY hair on Saturday as we lingered over copious cups of tea and cakes, and watched film footage of last year's holiday. We climaxed on Sunday with RED and

WHITE at the 'Sunday Special'. Mrs Christine Smith creatively unwrapped the verse, 'Though their sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow'.

As I write this we are preparing for our reunion in October, 'Colours of Autumn', as we gather for MORE food, and anticipate a good laugh with 'Phyll' and 'Mave'. Many thanks to all our helpers.

If you are over 60(ish)! And have never been on holiday with us - come and join us next time. You will be very welcome.

Judith Morrison

Karate Pete celebrates 10 years in Barrow

This autumn the Loughborough and Leicester Shotokan Karate School celebrated its 10th year in Barron Upon Soar. Fifth Dan, Pete Statham, opened his school in the Scout Hut on Sunday 7th October 2001. Two young people turned up - and they didn't return the following week. From this not very auspicious start, however, the school has gone from strength to strength and now has four classes every Saturday for all abilities from children to adults. On various Sundays there are specialist classes for Black Belts and Advanced Black Belts. Students who have passed through 'Sensei' Pete's instructions now run affiliated schools in Stoneygate, Twyford and

Braunstone.'Sensei', by the way, means 'instructor'.

Over the passing 10 years, Pete has graded 35 students up to Black Belt and another three to 2nd Dan (a higher level). Three students now have links with the Amateur Marshal Arts England squad, Henry Bellinger and Bradley Spence have represented the country in competitions (and won titles!) and Zach Watts, who is only nine years old, sometimes trains with AMA England.

The decade has seen Pete organise seven inter-club competitions and arranged for special karate training events. Sensei Christine Pullan, a 7th Dan,



Photographs show: Sensei Pete with longest serving club member, Adam Morris who got his first Karate Licence in January, 2002

once Ladies World Kata Champion for the Karate Union of Great Britain, ran a course in 2009 and last year the school was visited by 6th Dan, Sensei John Johnstone.

But whilst there are those who take it very seriously and have great achievements, the school is seen very much as a social, family club where all ages and abilities are included and welcome. Its members include mothers and sons, fathers and daughters and even a grandfather and grandson. The youngest member is only five years old and the oldest is - well, let's be polite and say 'of retirement age'. This is largely due to Pete's patient and welcoming attitude. His dedication is in the true spirit of "The way of Karate" which implies not only the physical aspect of Karate, but also the mental and

social aspects. Working alongside him, to keep the Club functioning, is his wife, Donna, without whose help and support Pete says he would 'struggle to continue'.

From all the School members - 'Thank you and here's to another successful 10 years, Sensei Pete!'



More opportunities for cricket under the Barrow & Burton banner

This season was an exciting one for the club with a trial merger between Barrow and another local team Burton on the Wolds taking place. Over the last few seasons there had been a lack of opportunities for some juniors to play competitive senior cricket with only two senior Barrow league sides. The merger gave us the opportunity to field four teams under the Barrow & Burton banner. The merger which it is hoped to formalise at this year's AGM will give more opportunities for our junior players to progress into competitive senior cricket.

The season ended on a disappointing note with the first team finishing bottom of the Leicestershire Everards Premier League and therefore being relegated to Division 1. The second team again just missed out on promotion from division 5 and the third and fourth teams finished mid table in divisions 1 and 4 of the Leicestershire Senior League.

However, a consolation was that the first team won the Loughborough Charity Cup beating Cropston in the final played at Loughborough Town and a photo of the winning team is shown. The team includes 18 year old Vivek Lodhia and 17 year old Tom Shipman, both products of the junior section.

The junior section again had a very successful season, although they could not emulate the success of last season's U17 team who were crowned County Champions. Early in the season the U17, U15 and U13 teams all won their respective league cup groups, but were unable to progress to the latter stages of the competition. The U11's won a tournament at the Long Whatton festival. The U15 side won their North West Leicestershire division but unfortunately lost to Loughborough in the North West final.

In the New Year both the senior and junior teams will start winter net practice in readiness for the 2012 season. We are always looking to welcome new players both seniors and juniors to the club and can cater for players of all ages and standards. For more information about joining the club or for details about winter nets please contact Gavin Noon on 01509 412818 or 07751049297.

Gavin Noon



Left to right Mo Bobat, Paul Barnes (scorer), Stan Galloway, Tom Shipman, Paul Clarke, Jack Williamson, Imran Khan Lodhi, Rishi Patel, Ramesh Kara front left to right Raul Avatar, Gareth Williamson (capt), Vivek Lodhia.

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Andy Dermott, Secretary of Barrow Town FC, commented, 'We're delighted to have the backing of such a well respected local company and the donation from David Wilson Homes is greatly appreciated by everyone at the club. The attractive new strip means that the players will be more confident when out on the pitch. The remaining funds will go towards essential ground improvements at the club which we hope will help raise the profile of the club.'

The first team at Barrow Town FC have been able to purchase brand new home and away kits because of this sponsorship. The new kit had a positive effect on the team: for the first time in the club's history, they reached the third qualifying round of the FA Cup, although they were unable to progress any further, losing at this stage of the competition to West Midland's team Rushall Olympic in front of a record crowd of 318 paying spectators.

To put this achievement into perspective, Barrow FC were one of only four clubs of their level in the national non-league structure to have achieved this level of success this season. On the way, they beat three teams higher than them in the pyramid structure, including Mickleover who, like Rushall Olympic, play in the Evo Stik Premier division, which is three leagues higher than Barrow. The run has also generated some much-needed revenue, which will be invested in the club to further enhance the facilities on offer at Riverside Park.

Andy Dermott

Naming Barrow Town football team

Thanks to Bert Perkins who was secretary to the club from 1952 - 1962 we are now able to name all of the players in the photograph printed in the spring issue, They are as follows:

Back row - Cyril Clark, Gordon Cox, Ken Swain, Mo Bennett, Sid James and George Witham.

Front row - Jack Belton, Billy (Arnold) Williamson, Eric Earl, Stan Betts and Ralph Earl.

Bert is still an ardent supporter of the club and goes to watch their home games.



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Wed 7th	MU Christmas theme
Fri 9th	Baptist Luncheon Club; 12.30
Sat 10th	Methodist Church Nativity Festival
Sun 11th	Methodist Church Nativity Festival
Mon 12th	WI: Christmas crackers at Bishop Beveridge Club; 19.30
Tues 13th	Neighbourhood Watch: 19.30; Cons Club
Wed 14th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Church; 14.00 - 16.00 water colour; other crafts from 14.00 to suit you; everyone welcome Gardening Club Annual General Meeting & Party Night; HPHS Community Lounge HPHS Christmas festival: music and stalls, mulled wine and mince pies; supporting the PTFA at Humphrey Perkins; 18.30 - 21.00
Thurs 15th	HPHS Christmas festival: music and stalls, mulled wine and mince pies; supporting the PTFA at Humphrey Perkins; 18.30 - 21.00
Wed 4th	LADIES CIRCLE:"My Favourite Things"; Methodist Church ; 20.00 Mothers' Union AGM;GAP; 14.30
Sat 7th	Methodist Church Minimarket and coffee morning; 10.00
Mon 9th	WI: New Year Skittles Party Men's Group AGM followed by a talk: 'Big Boys' Toys' by Clive Stevens; Methodist Hall; 19.30
Tues 10th	Neighbourhood Watch: 19.30; Cons Club
Wed 11th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall;14.30 -16.00
Fri 13th	Baptists Luncheon Club; 12.30
Sat 14th	Charnwood Orchestra Viennese Evening; HPHS; 19.00; tickets from the Paper Shop
Wed 18th	Gardening Club: Flowers of the coast by Eric Webster;HPHS Community Lounge; 19.30 LADIES CIRCLE:"The Orkney Islands"; Methodist Church ; 20.00
Fri 20th	Twinning Association: Quiz night; Bishop Beveridge
Tues 24th	VISTA SOCIAL GROUP meets at the Methodist Church
Wed 25th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall;14.30 -16.00
Wed 1st	Mothers' Union: "Chaplaincy Work with the MU and Fire Service"by Rev'd John Bird; 14.30
Sat 4th	Methodist Church Minimarket and coffee morning; 10.00
Mon 6th	NEW HORIZONS" meets at the Methodist Church; 14.00 Men's Group:My Life in the Fleet Air Arm 1941-6' BY Eric Latham; 19.30
Wed 8th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall;14.30 -16.00
Fri 10th	Baptists Luncheon Club; 12.30
Sat 11th	Clock Club Jumble Sale 10.00 - 11.30; Bishop Beveridge Club; admission 20p; Refreshments
Mon 13th	WI:Candles, Quotes and Girl Talk; Mrs. Maggie Rampley;Bishop Beveridge Club; 19.30
Tues 14th	Neighbourhood Watch: 19.30; Cons Club
Wed 15th	Gardening Club: "Snowdrops & their Companions" by Anita Thorp; HPHS Community Lounge; 19.30 LADIES CIRCLE:"Composting"; Methodist Church ; 20.00
Sat 18th	Shrovetide Supper at Holy Trinity Church; 19.00 - 19.30 Twinning: Meal at White Swan, Sibley
Mon 20th	Twinning: AGM: Bishop Beveridge
Wed 22nd	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall;14.30 - 16.00
Tues 28th	VISTA SOCIAL GROUP meets at the Methodist Church; 14.00
Wed 29th	LADIES CIRCLE:"Henry VIII's wives"; Methodist Church ; 20.00
Sat 3rd	Methodist Church Minimarket and Coffee morning; 10.00
Mon 5th	NEW HORIZONS" meets at the Methodist Church; 14.00 Men's Group: 'Stilton Cheeses Old and New'by Jean Morris; 20.30
Wed 7th	Mothers' Union: 'The Legend of the Easter Egg'by Mrs Vivien Hardy; 14.30
Fri 9th	Baptists Luncheon Club; 12.30
Sat 10th	Clock Club Jumble Sale 10.00 - 11.30; Bishop Beveridge Club; admission 20p; Refreshments Twinning: "Gypsy" at the Curve
Mon 12th	WI:Help my leg has fallen off!; Mr. Bolton;Bishop Beveridge Club; 19.30
Tues 13th	Neighbourhood Watch: 19.30; Cons Club
Wed 14th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall;14.30 -16.00 LADIES CIRCLE:"Experiences of Dr Barnados"; Methodist Church ; 20.00
Sat 17th	Mother's union: Coffee morning; Holy Trinity Church
Wed 21st	Gardening Club: "Nature's Voice - RSPB" John Clewes; HPHS Community Lounge; 19.30
Tues 27th	VISTA SOCIAL GROUP meets at the Methodist Church; 14.00
Wed 28th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall;14.30 -16.00

BUSCA EVENTS



CHRISTMAS DANCE

with C & J Sound

DEC

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SHOO SHOO BABY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

a Centre Stage production

DEC

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VALENTINE'S DANCE

Music by Just Us

FEB

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CHRISTMAS STREET MARKET

with Entertainments and
Switching on of Christmas Lights from 4.00pm

DEC

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PUSS IN BOOTS

Presented by Barrow Panto Group
Fri 7.00pm and Sat 2.00pm & 7.00pm

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