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Willow Walks

We started the Jubilee ball rolling with our red, white and blue cover in the spring edition. Now we bring you the main event with all the action from the 'wet but wonderful' Diamond Jubilee weekend in Barrow. Read all about it on page 15.

We also bring you up to date with news about potential housing development in the village and thank BRAG for their comprehensive report and, along with the Parish Council, for the ongoing commitment to fight to preserve the quality of life in Barrow.

This issue is a lively mix of news and views, people and places and what is going on in the village over the summer. Barrowlympix is coming very soon - Sunday July 8 - there is lots of information about what is happening where and it promises to be a great day for both competitors and spectators.

Barrow Voice would like to thank the Parish Council for funding the Olympic celebration and the Jubilee picnic. At the time of writing, far from being flaming June weather, it has remained damp and chilly. But soon exams will be over, school will be out and the holiday season will be upon us. Whether you are going away or having a well-earned rest at home, have a great time.

The much - awaited Signpost project is nearing completion. The newly - refurbished website www.barrowsignpost.info is now live and is available for residents to register in order to and and edit content. We will be working over the summer to get it just right and in the autumn, we will hold a launch to demonstrate how it can be used. This will be especially helpful to community groups and businesses. Read all about the launch in the September edition of Barrow Voice.

Frances Thompson
Editor



Major Housing Development in Barrow – an update

Jelson Appeal

Jelson Homes has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate following two refusals of planning permission to build 300 houses on the field behind Breachfield Road (The Breaches). Refusal of permission is based on a technical reason; the sub standard design of the South Street – Sileby Road – Grove Lane junction which would come into use by more traffic if the development were to go ahead. The appeal will be considered on the submission of written cases to the Inspectorate from all parties. Charnwood Borough Council will employ a planning consultant to 'robustly' defend the Council planning committee's decision. Barrow Parish Council and ourselves, BRAG, will also employ consultants to present our case, as third party objectors. BRAG would have preferred an Appeal Hearing where the inspector asks questions on the written submissions. Written submissions were due in to the Inspectorate by 8th June 2012 and a decision will follow.

Beat the Builders' Fund

BRAG was aware it would need to raise funds to represent the village's objections. Several fund raising events were planned including exhibitions and cake sales, which were well supported but we are overwhelmed by the success of the Beat the Builders' Fund. This fund raiser involved the delivery of a flyer with a donation envelope to all residential properties in the village. This raised funds to pay the professional fees of a planning consultant to prepare, write and submit our written case to the Inspectorate. We instructed Phil Rowlands at Landmark Planning, Leicester. The aim of the 'Beat the Builders' Fund was to raise enough money to present the best case we could to the Inspectorate, to try to ensure a fair



decision, not one based on who can afford to spend the most on the Appeal.

We thank all who have donated to 'Beat the Builders' Fund' BRAG Aid and Picnic in the Park.

Our BRAG AID fundraising event was cancelled due to lack of support but we were able to successfully roll over the raffle prizes and (blind) auction items to the Diamond Jubilee event which took place at Humphrey Perkins School, not on the KGV park, due to the dreadful weather. Nevertheless, our stall was well supported. These fundraising events together have raised more than enough to pay the professional fees of our consultant who will present our case to the Inspectorate, on behalf of the residents of this village.

Strancliffe Hall, Cotes Road

Barwood Homes has submitted an application to build about 80 homes on land around Strancliffe Hall, Cotes Road. The application is due to be considered by Charnwood Borough Council Planning committee in 21st June 2012. There has been strong objection on ecological grounds from the Borough Council's ecologist. BRAG has undertaken a traffic survey, will submit its findings and will make a verbal presentation, opposing the development, to the Borough planning committee. Barrow Parish Council has also submitted a strong objection, as have a number of local residents.

Alan Willcocks, Vice Chair, BRAG.

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A return to retail life

At last, 5 High St (Morgan's Pine) returns to retail life after a year of emptiness.

With all the paper work completed, licenses obtained and arrangements made, Darren and Lorraine Hickman are celebrating! But now, the really hard work starts as they prepare to convert 5 High Street into an up-market convenience store. It will be known as Best-One and will sell everything that convenience shops usually sell, even including a few newspapers! Barrow people are familiar with Darren and Lorraine in the Paper Shop but now their empire is about to double.

Darren explained that Best-One is what is called a symbol group. Best-One operates independent stores under its umbrella. It is the third most common in the UK (after Spar and Premier) and its stores are rapidly spreading. It is known for the quality of its

fittings, both external and internal. It will sell Best-One own brands as well as top brands, with lots of very good special offers. As Darren pointed out, once the Co-op started selling newspapers and then National Lottery tickets, he and Lorraine had to find some way of gaining a share in other markets. They will keep the functions of the two shops separate so giving them lots of scope for very wide opening hours. Hickman Retail will provide truly convenience shopping in Barrow.



The Hickmans will continue their policy of supporting employment in the village. The expansion will offer new employment opportunities to local residents as well as the first step of employment to many more of our young people. They also intend to continue supporting community groups by providing free advertising and sale of tickets and hope eventually to be able to sponsor community events as their way of giving something back to Barrow.

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Lillian Hickling – A wonderful childhood and a teaspoon of honey

The item in the Autumn 2011 edition of Barrow Voice, about sisters, Joyce Sutton and Doris Hammond, stirred Anthony Riley to contact the BV team. He was keen to inform us that his grandma, Lillian Hickling, also has some wonderful memories and stories of bygone times in Barrow.



Lillian is possibly the oldest person living in Barrow. She was born on February 2nd 1914. She often entertains her children and grandchildren with tales about her memories of how life was in Barrow in her younger days.

It was suggested that Barrow Voice readers might like to hear some of her reminiscences.

She was born Lillian Foster, at 5 North Street, a property that no longer exists, where she lived with her mother, father, three sisters and three brothers. The property would have been very similar to that described by Joyce Sutton. She attended the Top School, the school in Church Street and left at the age of 14 to take up a job at Drivers hosiery factory on Sibley Road.

Lillian didn't take to the work at Drivers so left to start a job at Wright's (elastic webbing manufacturers) at Quorn. She trained as a Warper and continued to work in Quorn for the next 14 years. In the early days of her employment she would walk with friends across The Slabs, to Quorn but after a number of years she was lucky enough to have a bike.

She married Cecil, always known as Cis Hickling, on Boxing Day 1936 at The Prims Methodist Church. Her wedding dress of white satin, was made by a Mrs Wright from material that was purchased at Loughborough market. The four bridesmaids wore mauve dresses of crepe de chine trimmed with purple sashes. The flowers were yellow chrysanthemums. The colours sound fabulous. The reception was held at the Cotes Road primary school.

After a brief spell of living in Freestone Square when she first married, Lillian and Cyril lived in New Street for 40 years and their daughter Marie was born there. The couple moved into a bungalow in Bryan Close when Lillian was aged 72. It was the first time she had lived in a property with a bathroom.

Lillian told me she felt she had a

wonderful childhood. She, like Joyce, used to take her father's hot dinner in a basket, over the fields to Ellis's where he worked. I can imagine that there must have been almost a swarm of young girls snaking across the fields up to the cement/concrete works on Sibley Road as I've heard similar stories from a number of people that had to make this journey so dad could have a hot meal at lunch time.

However, the most vivid memories that Lillian recalled were from her childhood and were about helping the publican, Mr Illston, of the Three Crowns with his carrier business. The house, on North Street, where Lillian lived, shared a yard with the pub. This is where there were stables for the horses and outbuildings, including a coach house, where the Landau (a very smart, open topped horse drawn carriage) and the Brake (a horse drawn carriage for paying passengers) were stored. The Landau could be hired for weddings and would be polished and trimmed with white ribbons and the horses with white feathers. On these occasions Lillian was expected to paint the hooves of the horses white. Another duty was to paint them black for more sombre occasions like funerals.

Now Lillian lives comfortably in her bungalow and is visited daily by one or other of her grandchildren. Friends and other family members call in regularly. I'd like to thank Lillian for sharing her memories and wish her continued longevity.

She celebrated her 98th birthday in February this year. I asked her if she had a secret for her long life. She shrugged her shoulders as if to say, not really, but then said she does have a spoonful of honey in her tea every morning!

Ginnie Willcocks



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Iris Spencer-Lovett at No 3 The Banks

Iris came to Barrow in 1998 with her new husband, Dennis, to a bungalow on The Banks. Sadly, Dennis died five years later but Iris says they were five wonderfully happy years for both of them. She had always been a busy person and had nursed Dennis through his illness until he passed away. Afterwards she began to consider what she could do with her time.



At first she busied herself doing tapestries, as I could see from the numerous, colourful cushions in her conservatory. However, she wanted to be more involved with people so began her venture with growing and selling bedding plants and perennials from her front drive.

Iris had trained as a nurse and had finished her working life looking after the elderly in nursing homes so felt she wanted to raise money for a caring charity. The service Dennis received from the local ambulance provision helped Iris to decide that the money she would raise from selling her plants would go to the Air Ambulance. In addition Iris has a love of her pet poodles so some of the money raised goes to animal charities, College Garth Kennels and the PDSA. This is her fifth year of fund raising and year on year the amount she collects has increased.

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Emily's inviting smile and friendly yet professional manner instantly set me at ease as I was cocooned inside a layer of pink sheets, feeling very much like a caterpillar snuggled into its chrysalis. It's to keep you warm' Emily explains. Your body temperature will change with the treatment and this keeps it constant'. Twinkling fairy lights, elegantly entwined around the beams in the ceiling are the last things I see before closing my eyes and permitting the hypnotic music to carry me away.

Never having previously experienced anything of the sort I was unsure what to expect, nevertheless my facial surpassed any beliefs I might have had. The 55 minutes

appeared to vanish before my eyes as I slid, deeper and deeper, into a state of relaxation. Soft notes of almond, lavender and a third scent I could not quite place but will now come to associate with utter peace floated on the air as cool, capable hands swept along my face like ocean waves, washing away, as they did so, any hint of stress. I could feel my skin releasing the toxins of everyday life as my shoulders, arms and hands were also attended to.

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I'd like to get more teenage clients Emily informs me. She feels that doctors frequently over prescribe treatments for problems like acne, which can damage the skin. She would like to offer them a simpler alternative of professional cleansing.

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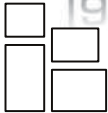
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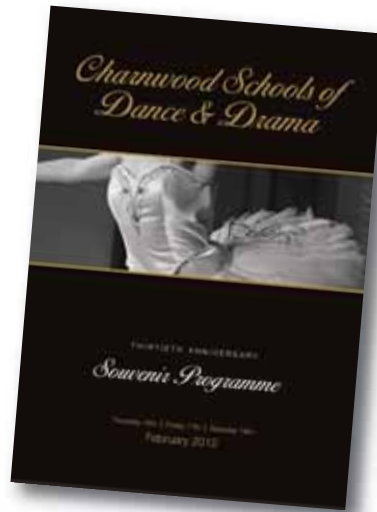


30th Anniversary Show

The 30th Anniversary of the Charnwood School of Dance and Drama was celebrated in style with all of their students performing in honour of this achievement. The performers were amazing in their performances from the youngest of the dance and drama group to the older and more experienced of the group, the dances were perfect and brilliantly done. With carefully practised routines and well thought choreography the performances created the perfect entertainment for the 30th anniversary celebrations.

The grand finale of the show saw old faces return to the stage to perform for their teachers Helen and Rachael. Some of the first ever students that attended the school performed the Hungarian Tap Dance dressed in the traditional Hungarian costume having been a popular dance when it was first performed. Some of the students, now bring their children to the school started by Helen Stephenson from Barrow upon Soar. It was quite an emotional evening for the founders of the school as the original students had put in the time and effort to practise the dance for the show. There was also a speaker phone call from one of the students, as she now lives in Australia, to give thanks and share the celebrations.

In 1982 Helen Stephenson who wasn't yet 19 decided that with the help of her brother Mark, she was going to pursue her ambitions of setting up a dance and drama school. Using Barrow's Trinity Church Hall Helen and Mark were able to hold their first ever class. Having completed a two year



course in dance and drama the family knew how to create a successful performing school and it is still going 30 years later! Since that first class the school has seen more than 250 over the years. Many students have gone on to work in the performing arts as either teachers or as professional dancers. The school has reached its 30th anniversary by adapting to new styles of dance whilst still keeping the traditional forms and sometimes combining the two to make sure that the students

learn, experience and enjoy the classes to the full. The day after the show there was a party for the original students. It gave them a chance to catch up with each other. Old stories were remembered and memories were reminisced. It was a lovely surprise for Helen, Rachael and Mark who have worked very hard to create the school and build it up from what it was. Starting in the village of Barrow the school has gone on to a bigger studio in Loughborough growing in size over the years.



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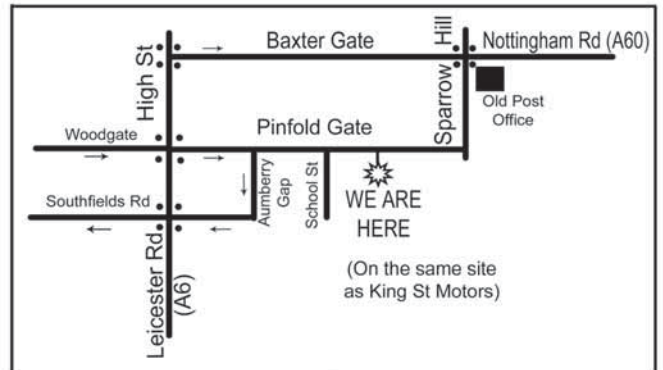
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Barrow's Diamond Jubilee Wet but wonderful

On June 2nd the Queen went to Epsom and 'Camelot' won the Derby. In Barrow however Tim Allen was having a street party! He thought of the idea in the pub, sent dozens of flyers round to the other forest-dwellers in Birch, Elm and Ash and put up the bunting. On the day a goodly number turned up with extra food and children ready to play games. In the best traditions of street parties they cooked burgers, drank beer and prayed it wouldn't rain. But apart from Tim's street party Barrow Voice didn't hear of any others.

On June 3rd the Queen celebrated by sailing down a grey Thames in a grand but chilly barge. In Barrow we stayed warm and dry having our picnics and festivities in Humphrey Perkins High School to avoid the endless rain. But in spite of the change of plan the event went off extremely well with visitors and stall holders alike saying how much they enjoyed it all. A big thanks to the Parish Council for providing the funding to make it happen in the first place, and to Judith Spence and her BUSCA Youth Action team for their hard work. Of course the picnic should have taken place in King George V Park only the rain had been so constant the grass was sodden and the flag so depressed it couldn't even flutter.



Plan B

In the morning, immediately it was known Plan B was going ahead, a willing army of workers moved in and with little ado transformed every inch of HP's ground floor – foyer, hall, stage, bar, restaurant and lounge into a cheerful red, white and blue festive scene with bunting everywhere except in the toilets. As a consequence by the official starting time of 1pm everyone was set up and ready to go.

Outside Barrow Scouts had erected a gazebo for their hot-dogs and were frying onions and slitting their first buns not far from the stocks. These ancient village stocks (!) proved to be amazingly popular in spite of the rain as children dragged their parents to play 'Off With His Head'. After all it was only 50p for three wet sponges and you can't often hurl something at your Dad. Mark Squires said he was more or less in charge but admitted he couldn't have done it without youth club members Ryan, Tom B, Tom H, Ashley and Dan.

In the main hall Barrow Gardeners with their trowels and 'special' children's Jubilee petunia plantings were easy to see messing about in soil by the window next to visiting artists with their craft cards and jewellery and then came Fairtrade's healthy food. Across the hall the Conservatives had set up their crowded Bric-a Brac stall followed by

two tombola stalls – side by side but quite different as one was bottles based and the other filled with Barrow Junior's cuddly toys. BRAG (Barrow Residents Action Group) needed the whole of the bottom corner for their three pronged attack - raffle, blind auction and cakes , against Jelson's plans for that large Barrow field they're determined to keep as a field. The BRAG cake with its decoration of a new Jelson house being demolished by a tiny JCB underlined the point brilliantly in icing!

Best in Barrow

To find the rest of the stalls and the 'Best in Barrow' competition you had to wander into Humphrey P's long restaurant area. There Helen and Mark Sadler were in charge of a wonderful display of entries, a fantastic showcase of local talent from cake baking to painting and photography. Unfortunately

Barrow Voice hasn't got the space to list the prize winners here but they will be displayed on the Community Notice board outside the library. Helen wants to send a huge thank you to her judges: Anneka Collier from Peppercorns (cakes) Linda Taylor (greetings cards) Judith Rodgers (recycled items) Betty and Mary from the WI (chutneys and preserves) Chris Bates (paintings) and Liz from Elizabeth Michael (photographs) – she's truly grateful.

It was much noisier further along as there was great fun to be had at The Barrow Pre-School Play Group stall where little ones could have a go at easy indoor games or pick a lolly and win a prize depending on what colour stick it had – two prizes in one! And children were also winning prizes nearby at the 'Friends of Humphrey Perkins ' stall by hooking ducks or lifting up little lids. But there were quieter moments amongst the

children at the Soar Valley Guides stall where Frances and Linda were helping them to decorate their own biscuits into royal crown designs - lots of sugar and lots of fun – but it seemed you definitely had to think hard before you placed your silver balls.

Royal Memories

Opposite the Guides the WI had a fabulous display of pictures going back over the years bringing back great memories of previous royal occasions. They were giving away cup cakes too if you filled in a form expressing interest in joining them. Surprisingly two young lads filled in two lots of forms for the Women's Institute and of course got two lots of cakes. Bright lads - they'll do well.



Called to order

Every village needs a strong Town Crier to start off a Royal Party so it was good that Barrow has a loud one. At 1pm David Dipple rang his bell, called his loyal villagers to order and asked our magnificent Queenie, panto dame Richard Bailey to cut the tape. This was done with giantess elegance –pity a tremendous explosion occurred just when she bent down! Her comment about the tape being stolen from the A6 was unworthy of a royal personage and totally unjustified.

Immediately afterwards the band 'Sound Like Swing' began to play and the afternoon took off in earnest. The band played classic American songs of the 30's and 40's and made a really valuable contribution to the day filling in odd gaps between activities as well as playing their own sets. The activities varied a lot from the morris-women of Anstey, with bells on their clogs, hoofing it in the hall, to the Hall Orchard Recorder Group playing beautifully for twenty minutes followed by children's games involving much enthusiastic running around in circles or in and under a huge 'parachute'. Nobody seemed to miss the egg and spoon or wheel barrow races that should have taken place outside on the grass.

Our own King and Queen

In 1953 at 3.30 pm our present Queen was crowned in Westminster Abbey so in 2012 at 3.30pm Barrow too had a coronation only we went one better - we crowned a king as

well. Our crowned heads were King Ben Gibbs and Queen Millie Amos ably assisted by Footman Alfie Gilbert and Lady in Waiting Abbie Titchener. They performed their roles really well looking 'right royal' to the tips of their toes. Royal duties over, our Town Crier's next task was to announce the prize winners for the 'Best in Barrow' competitions and soon afterwards the afternoon came to a close with him calling everyone to the hall to sing their hearts out in a 'Jubilee Songs of Praise'. This 4.30 service had been announced through 'The Churches of Barrow' network so was particularly well attended.

What does it all mean?

So the jubilee afternoon went off well with crowds of people leaving festooned with union-jack hats, jubilee medals and souvenir booklets. But what does it mean? Does a Diamond Jubilee really warrant a four day break? Is the Royal Family still highly esteemed? And what is Britain's place in the world today? We wanted to know what Barrow's Jubilee stall holders felt so asked them. All were unanimous in thinking such a unique occasion deserved a four day break! However, excluding the Queen herself, the Royal Family was much more contentious. The Queen was almost universally praised - fantastic, huge asset, provides stability and constancy, fabulous, does an outstanding job, astute, great role model, strong upholder of the faith - were some of the comments. But several people were very against Charles, he's an adulterer, shouldn't be head of the

church, nor could they stand Camilla, for what she did to Diana, yet the younger royals were thought to be doing a good job acting as great ambassadors for Britain. And Britain's place in the world today? Well, a few thought it had declined over the years and one thought it was now actually low but again the vast majority thought it high, very good, in the top five countries of the world and in spite of everything still a really good place to live. What do you think?

Gaynor Barton

I'd like to thank Gillie Fairbrother and Judith Rodgers for help in the writing of this article.



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60 seconds with...

I first met Gaynor when her husband, David, joined the village panto group, then got to know her a little better when she worked at Leicester College as I also worked there. Now I feel I know her much better since having conversations with her at Barrow Voice meetings. These meetings tend to be much livelier affairs since Gaynor joined the team and she always brings along some interesting ideas, for instance the articles about local bands and musicians.

Last year she was our roving reporter covering local parties that were held to celebrate the Royal Wedding and this year she has done something similar for the Diamond Jubilee in June.

Thanks Gaynor for sharing your 60 seconds and for your action photo!

60 Seconds with : Gaynor Barton



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

For almost six years now. I had time to spare as I'd stopped teaching EFL (English as a Foreign Language) at Leicester College the year before and just returned from a short stint in Shanghai. I went along to an editorial meeting, very much enjoyed the welcome and the wine and have been contributing ever since. For a village magazine I think B V is amazing the way it covers so many topics so well and is so beautifully produced. It's also invaluable when things go wrong and you need to call an IT man, builder, electrician or plumber.

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

Summer 2011 and the Royal Wedding. I was given the BV "roving reporter" role and loved visiting all the different street parties interviewing organisers and taking photos. It

was such a sunny day and the whole village was enjoying itself.

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

Can I have two? Generally cheerful. I tried to get "brilliantly competent" past those at home but no luck.

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

No, not now, but we have had in the past. I like dogs a lot. A loving lazy mongrel called Tinker came with the house in Brazil. We had a mad rescue dog called Badger in Sileby but he was too much for us and had to go back. In Barrow we adopted Nipper, a lively Jack Russell cross, and he stayed with us until the end. He'd been owned by a deaf old man and trained to bark when the phone or door bell rang. He wasn't popular with the pianist in the family!

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

1. A book of Guardian Quick crosswords - several years' worth to get me up each day.
2. Roget's Thesaurus to help with 1 above.
3. A camel as I'd want to move around and walking can get boring.
4. A huge cool-box full of butter as life's not worth living without it and there'd be all those bread fruit.
5. A metal-detector to find hidden treasure and return, like all good shipwrecked sailors, with pockets full of pieces of eight!

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

We'd returned from Brazil in 2006 as my husband David (Spiller) had retired from the British Council and taken up a post at Loughborough University. His colleagues advised him to live in a village but not Quorn - early morning traffic problems. At first we

rented a large quirky old house in Sileby (it had its own old bread -oven) but decided on an easy to run David Wilson in Barrow. No regrets.

What would be your ideal holiday?

We love the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, dashing around between the shows, but I also get a lot out of long-haul working-holidays. Since 2006 I've been back to Shanghai four times, working as a summer visitor - a replacement IELTS (see later) examiner for a month. I'm also very much looking forward to working in Delhi for two months up-dating a guide book to Old Delhi I co-wrote in 1988. We'd lived in the city for five years by then so knew it well. It's been up-dated before; this will be the third edition. In the last edition (2002) the Delhi Metro was only being built, not up and running as it is now, so there's a lot of up-dating to be done.

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

No, but a week-end one! I work for Warwickshire College, Rugby Centre, as an IELTS examiner. We work on Saturdays and Mondays - six days a month max. - perfect. IELTS, the International English Language Testing System is like an A level in English for foreign speakers wanting to enter British universities. It's much in demand at present.

What is your motto for life?

Sorry, haven't got one.

What are your hopes for the future of Barrow Voice?

I'd love to see great action shots in the magazine. I know it's easier to get sharp photos when people are sitting still, only a touch of movement gives a photo such a lift. B V readers please, please send in your action shots.

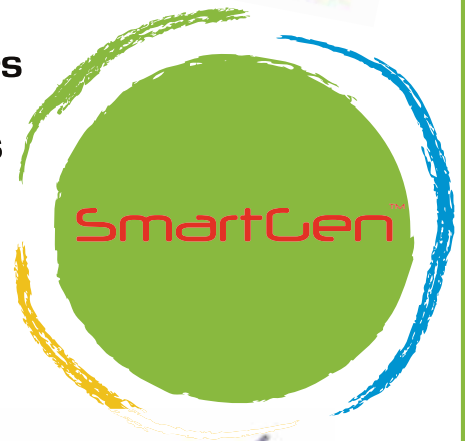
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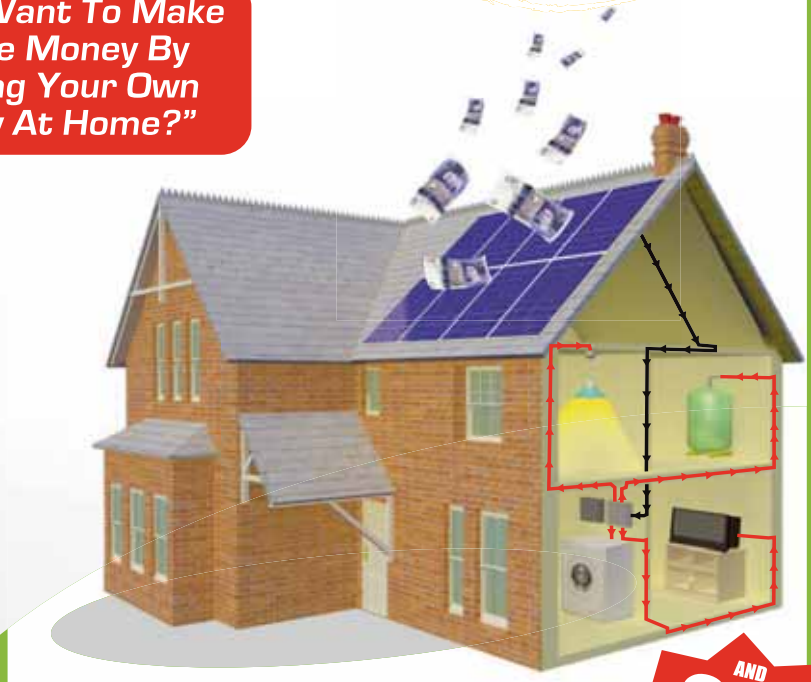
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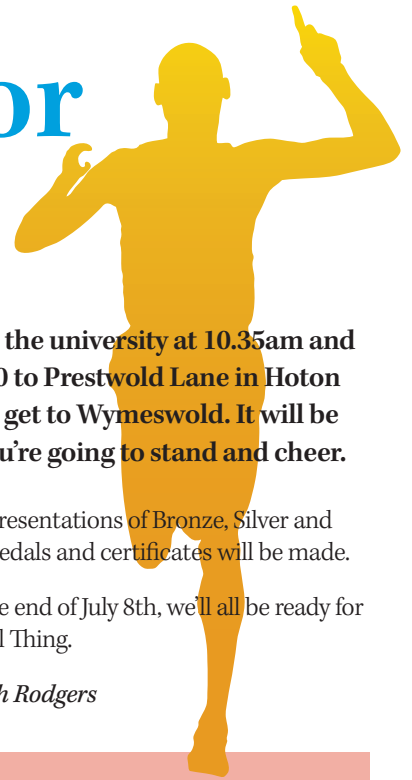
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Where will you be for the 2012 olympics?



Olympic fever starts with the Torch Relay in our area on July 3rd. The Torch will leave the university at 10.35am and weave its way through Loughborough before hopping into a car to be driven up the A60 to Prestwold Lane in Hoton by 11.20am. Torch bearers will carry it through Hoton before it hops into a car again to get to Wymeswold. It will be carried through Wymeswold and then be driven to Asfordby. So you can plan where you're going to stand and cheer.

The REAL Olympics (in Barrow, anyway) are on Sunday July 8th. We're calling this day of Olympic celebration BARROWLYMPIX and what a day it promises to be. The four main sports are running, football, cycling and tennis but there are lots more activities. It is mixture of competitions and join-in activities and there are plenty to try.

BARROW RUNNERS are organising a one mile Fun Run within the campus of Humphrey Perkins as well as a 5 km road run. The Fun Run starts at 10.30 but the Road Run starts at 11.00, after the Fun Run has finished. All the usual safety precautions will be taken especially for the Road Run including a paramedic on site and marshalled route. Anyone can enter the Fun Run but the Road Run is by registration with Barrow Runners (contact Mick Ballard on 01509 413586). This run starts on the front school car park and finishes outside Orchard Block.

BARROW TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB will be running coaching sessions for U7 U8 U9 U10 which will start at 1.00 p.m. Clubs and individuals interested in taking part should contact Mark Yates on 01442 208896 / 07740 816963 or just turn up wearing your kit.

The **PARISH COUNCIL** is managing the **VILLAGE BIKE RIDE**. There will be four routes with staggered starting times so that families have some chance of being able to ride together: the 1 mile Fun Ride starts at 2.00pm and will be within the perimeter of HPHS. The other rides are all on point-marshalled road routes. The 10 mile ride starts at 2.30pm, the 7 mile ride starts at 2.40pm and the 4 mile ride starts at 2.50pm. The starting point for all the bike rides is on the back car park and the finishing point is outside Orchard Block. Registration for the rides takes place at the event from 1.00pm but unaccompanied children under 14 must have written permission of a parent or

guardian. You can phone **01509 416016** for details.

The **MINI TENNIS** is a Come and Have a Go activity. It is available from 1.00pm and is open to all. It will be held on the hard play area behind HPHS. It is a mini version of the real game but using soft balls. All equipment will be supplied.

There are lots of activities which are available throughout the day and are open to all. These include **CRAZY FLING** which is a team game that has to be seen to be understood. It is available to all and you just turn up to have a go. It will be on the grass area behind school.

There is a **BMX/SKATEBOARD .SCOOTER/BLADES TRACK** with 2 quarter pipes, fly offs, flat box etc situated on the hard play area. Using it is free but only available to children over 8 and they must have parental permission. You really need to bring your own wheels, safety helmet etc. Playgroup children have their own version of this and are invited to complete a **TRIKE TRACK** on the hard play area. When they complete the track, they will be given a certificate and a medal.

The **CRAZY GOLF** is a must for all the family. The 9-hole course is situated on the hard play area.

The list of entertaining activities goes on. You can challenge a friend to a Scalextric race, bounce on the castle and inflatable slide, enjoy the fun of the fairground, watch dancing displays, have a go at street dancing, have your hair braided or your face painted and have a go at **CIRCUS SKILLS**.

You'll find burgers, hot dogs, cakes, drinks, ice cream etc over on Orchard Block terrace.

The Barrowlympix wouldn't be complete without an awards ceremony so at 4.15pm there will be a **CLOSING CEREMONY**

when presentations of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals and certificates will be made.

By the end of July 8th, we'll all be ready for the Real Thing.

Judith Rodgers

My Olympics by Zac Gudger

Where will I be on July No. 3
When the torch comes right through my town?
Will I be stuck?
Up a tree?
In the brook?
Or playing cricket with Andy Brown?
The Olympics are coming to London
In the summer for all folk to see
But I bet you ain't got no tickets
So you'll have to get watching TV
The Olympics are awfully special
They take four years to plan
I know that, cus my mother told me;
So did my Dad and my Gran.

The opening ceremony will be a spectacular occasion
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With performers in various costumes
And lots of people who dance.

Running the one hundred metres
Usain Bolt has always been best
He has so far never been beaten
But team GB will give him a good past.

I think long jump is the most awkward
The athletes they puff and they rant
They run and jump about eight metres
And end up with sand in their pants

I'd like us to win a gold medal
So I can stand very proud in my town
I think team GB have got it
I know they won't let me down

Not everyone wins a gold medal
Some come second or third
But after four years of training
To give up would just be absurd!

Team GB are staying in Loughborough
The university is their training ground
I might see somebody famous
If I have a good look around.

So get out your flags and your bunting
In this jubilee year and be proud
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July

2nd Planning Committee **12.00**
3rd Full Council **19.15**
24th Policy and Finance **10.00**

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6th Planning Committee **12.00**
7th Full Council **19.15**
21st Policy and Finance **14.00**

September

3rd Planning Committee **12.00**
4th Full Council **19.15**

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

The Parish Council has been informed that Jelson has gone to appeal and that the Planning Inspectorate has decided to “hear” the appeal in writing.

The Parish Council awaits further instructions.

PROGRAMME OF SUMMER WALKS

The programme will be 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.

A full programme of Parish Walks is available from the Parish Council on request. See page 31 for further information. Additional walks to be confirmed.



GRIT BINS

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- there will be more flexibility in planning powers – being able to identify where development may and may not take place.

Parish Councils are being encouraged to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan which will provide an opportunity for communities to shape their own future and will be used by the Borough Council within its overall aims. Production of such a plan would encourage engagement between district councils and parish councils as well as with developers.

Barrow Parish Council will encourage groups or individual residents with an interest to be involved in forming a Neighbourhood Plan. Consequently the Parish Council has established a Development Committee, chaired by Cllr Cantle, to consider implications relating to the Localism Act and to progress a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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Living in the countryside he is well aware how the impact of renewable energy systems, such as solar panels and wind turbines, can divide communities.

I want to show people that adapting their home with energy saving technology is just as important to maintaining property value as the annual lick of paint.

With this in mind, Michael and his fellow company directors, who have over 20 years of experience in the industry, established Ellipse Energy. The company is founded on a new approach to renewable and energy saving measures which he calls the whole house approach.

Rather than telling people they need to install solar panels, we look at the whole building and whether there is a combination of energy-saving options, he explains. Then we design a system that works for that building, from scratch, and let the householder or business decide if they're happy with it. From his home base in Barrow, Michael has big plans to expand Ellipse Energy whilst servicing the local community.

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Parish walks and Plague

A Zumbathon will be held at the Barrow Town Football Club on July 14th from 13.00 – 17.00 in aid of the better mental health charity "Mind".

Apart from Zumba, there will be stalls about fitness, health & beauty as well as food and drink and lots of activities to keep the entire family entertained. Several beauty industry leaders will come to demonstrate their latest products and services and there will even be cooking demonstrations.

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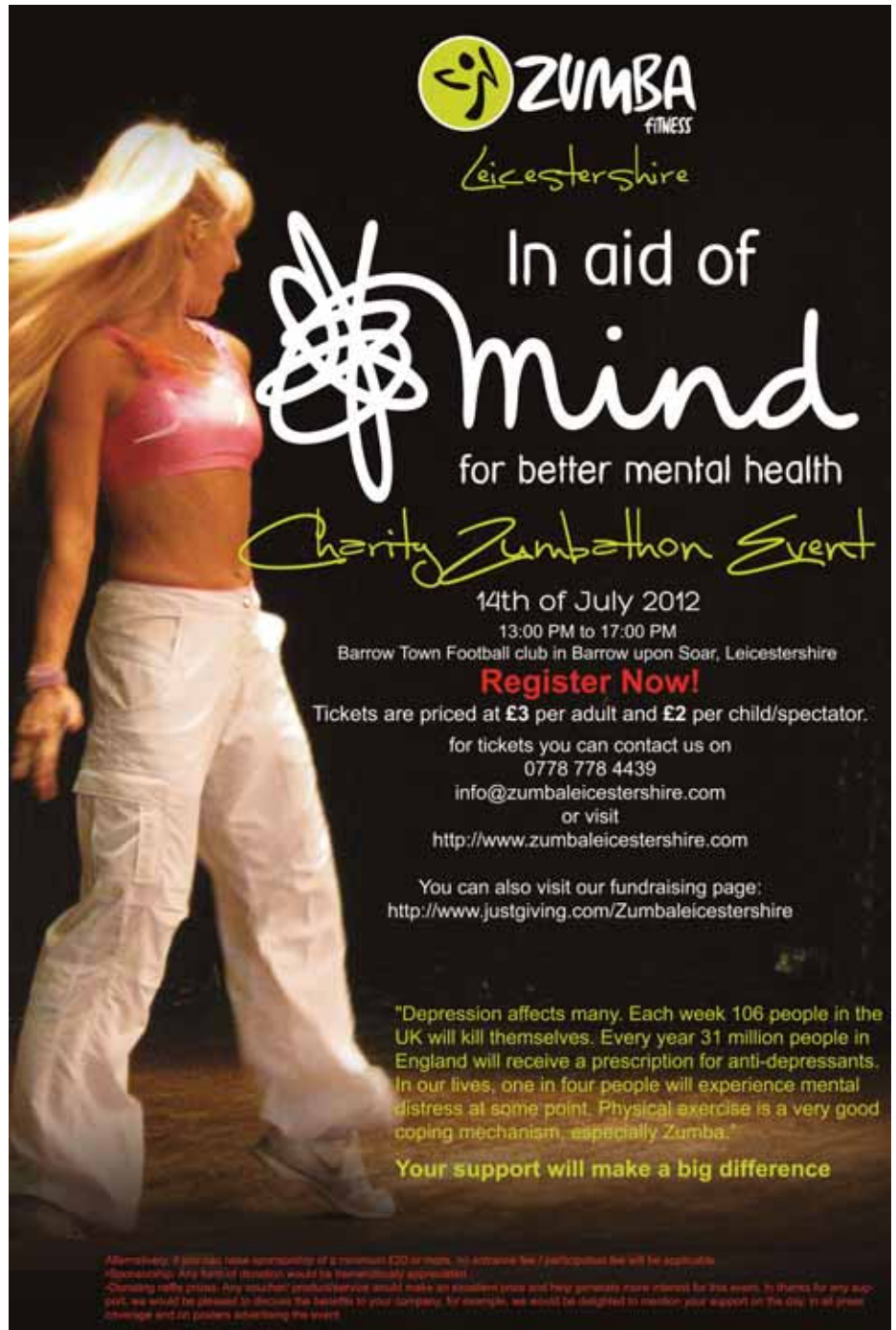
Some hard facts: each week 106 people in the UK will kill themselves. Every year 31 million people in England will receive a prescription for anti-depressants. One in four people will experience mental distress at some point in their lives. Many sport stars and celebrities have recently mentioned in the press that they suffer from depression.

Physical exercise is a very good coping mechanism, especially Zumba. People often remark how much better they feel once they've left a Zumba class, especially after a difficult day. I've even had, on occasion, two participants who came to my class after bereavement, in order to cheer themselves up. It became more apparent just how much it meant to so many when I recently recorded testimonials. Several people remarked that they suffer from depression and it had been a great escape for them to come to Zumba.

We would very much appreciate lots of support. We are encouraging people to join the event or just pledge their support through donations for this very worthy cause. If you can raise sponsorship to a minimum of £20 you will be given free entry. Raffle prizes would also be much appreciated.

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Parish walks and Plague

A look back at 2011 and invitation to step out in 2012

Last year's Parish Walks were very well supported in comparison to the previous year. I'd like to mention just a couple of them here and hope that readers will be encouraged to join in with the 2012 programme.

Over 20 people took part in the walk to Cotes Mill (I15) which is quite strenuous due to the number of stiles involved. I found it quite challenging as the stiles are tackled twice over as the walk is linear, so you climb them on the way there and clamber/struggle over them on the way back! However, it is a lovely and unusual walk and worth the effort. It would be good to see the same numbers taking part as last year.

The other walk worth a mention was the one from Woodhouse Eaves, where walkers need a lift to the car park in the centre of Woodhouse Eaves. The route takes you along the side of the village cricket ground then by the brook that flows along the lane at the bottom School

Lane and brings you to Pestilence Cottage. Last summer the group stopped to read the plaque, outside this picturesque cottage, that explains its unusual name. It's linked to Thomas Rawlins who came to live here to escape the great Plague of London in 1865. If you want to see the full text you will either have to walk by the cottage or access it via the internet.

While the walkers were reading this tale one of the group became engaged in a conversation with the owner, who was watering his plants. Suddenly, we were all invited in to have a closer look at the pretty cottage garden and to see his miniature ducks in a small pond at the back of the property. It made an interesting diversion to our evening ramble.

This year's programme of walks will include some of the favourites, Miller's Bridge is definitely there plus a new one that includes a walk around Cotes but cars will be needed to get to the starting

point. There was a Jubilee Walk around the village which included many of the village's interesting buildings, and incorporate jitties, the Millennium Park and the river. Please try to support these events that aim to show you the rights of way in and around Barrow.

The following walks have been arranged so far:

Wed 27th June: Jan and Mike Hind lead the walk to Walton from Three Crowns car park un Strancliffe Lane, returning by Cream Lodge. 19.00 start.

Thurs 12th July: Don Mitchell will lead a walk to Millie's Lodge along the canal from the Three Crowns car park. 19.00 start.

Wed 25th July: Micheal Culbert and Bob Mudge will lead the I 15 walk from Humphery Perkins bus bay along the river to the old pumping station. 19.00 start.

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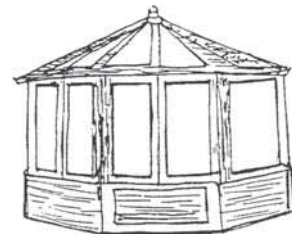
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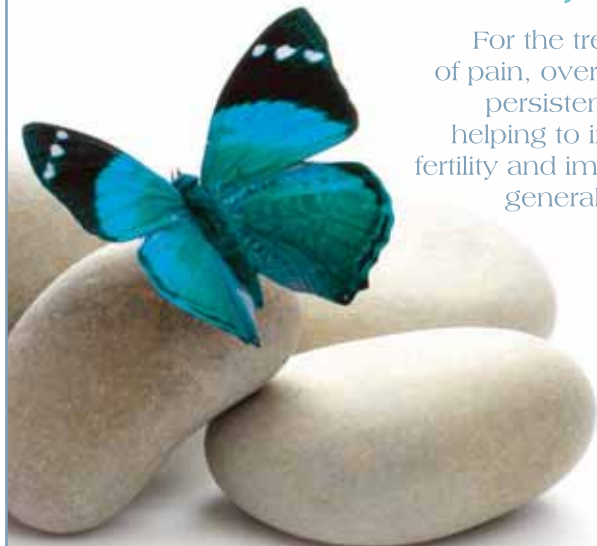


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We are offering transport to and from each venue, at a time of your choosing. If you need an arm, take ours, and if you require a wheel chair, we have several available, (along with people to push them). It would be such a shame to miss these fun village activities through frailty or lack of company.

There will be some suitable games, to say nothing of the field full of attractions with something for everyone.

All are welcome, and if you require more information please telephone Judith Morrison 01509 412770.

In addition to these village events, we have two more special days to help the summer along.

- **Tuesday 4th July**
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Brochures for the 2012 Summer Playscheme have been sent to Primary Schools in May. They are also available in Libraries from early June. A registration evening will be held at Humphrey Perkins School, Community Lounge on Wednesday 20th June 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

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Update on Strancliffe Hall

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A gentleman rang me to say he had carried out some work for the last owners, Mr and Mrs Ipasso. He had been commissioned to fit drapes and blinds in a number of rooms and recalls that one day he was fitting blinds to an upstairs window when he thought he was seeing things. He shouted to his assistant to confirm what he was seeing, namely the roof of the swimming pool that appeared to be moving. The swimming pool had a retractable roof so when the weather was warm enough the roof could be drawn back to make an outdoor pool!

He also recalled Mrs Ipasso telling him

that a bed he was making drapes for had once been owned by Napoleon. During the time that the Ipasso family lived at Strancliffe the house was beautifully furnished and decorated. The same man recalls an enormous cut glass bowl that was displayed on a table in the hall under the atrium as well as a room with a pure white carpet and his concern about the red brick dust that might cause a stain when he had to drill the walls to fit the new blinds.

The other memory comes from someone who was a member of the Holy Trinity Young Wives Group in the 1960's when the Towle family lived in the house.

At Christmas the group went carol singing around the village to raise funds for a nominated charity. They had been invited to Strancliffe and the group were asked inside, to stand on the curved staircase in the main entrance, to sing. They sang their carols and were rewarded with seasonal drinks and mince pies.

Thank you for sharing these memories of Strancliffe and if anyone else has any other recollections about past events or life at Strancliffe I would love to hear from you.

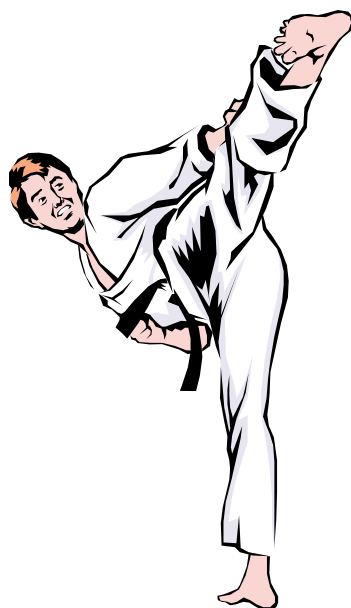
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Mr Thomas has recently opened a Dojo in Barrow. In addition to teaching karate, this Dojo also teaches Jinbukan Kobudo. A dojo is a place of martial arts training and for Barrow, this is in the Conservative Club on Saturday mornings. For more information, contact Mr Thomas on 0776672148.



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Sun 24th	Open Gardens in aid of Rainbows
Sat 30th	Hall Orchard PTFA Summer fayre contact Ali Shaw for details (07940506174)
Mon 2nd	Holy Trinity Men's Group: Visit to traffic control centre in Leicester
Tues 3rd	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; public participation at approx 19.30; everyone welcome
Sat 7th	Methodist Church Mini-market and Coffee morning; 10.00
Sun 8th	Barrowlympics 2012: The community celebration of the Olympic Games; HPHS; 10.30 - 17.00
Mon 9th	WI: Facial Aerobics by Adrian Hunt; Bishop Beveridge Club; 19.30
Tues 10th	Neighbourhood Watch: 19.30; Cons Club
Wed 11th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall; 14.30 - 16.00
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Sat 1st	Methodist Church Mini-market and Coffee morning; 10.00
Mon 3rd	Holy Trinity Men's Group: Visit to Costock vineyard
Tues 4th	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; public participation at approx 19.30; everyone welcome
Wed 5th	Mother's Union: 2012 Theme by A Hall; Holy Trinity Church 14.30
Mon 10th	WI: The life of a chemistry teacher by Gareth Bennett; Bishop Beveridge Club; 19.30
Tues 11th	Neighbourhood Watch: 19.30; Cons Club
Wed 12th	Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall; 14.30 - 16.00 including Knit Nativity
Fri 14th	Baptist Luncheon Club; 12.30
Sat 15th	Holy Trinity Men's Group: Coffee morning in church
Wed 19th	Gardening Club: The wonderful world of ferns by Des Martin; Community Lounge; 19.30
Sat 29th	Horticultural Show: Methodist Church; Veg, fruit and flowers; open to all. Charnwood Orchestra; Play in Holy Trinity Church; 19.30

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