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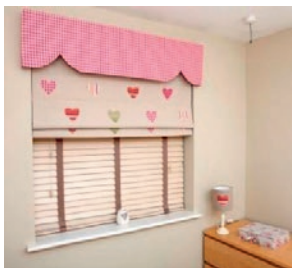
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Welcome

To reflect the national mood of remembrance in Britain today this summer edition of Barrow Voice contains two articles related to World War 1 which, as many of you will know, started in the summer of 1914.

They are very different as one tells the history behind the hand-embroidered pictures soldiers sent home from France, the other is a letter sent from home in Britain to France. This letter is an example of letters written by thousands of people taking part in the 'Letter to An Unknown Soldier' project where people use their imaginations to write personal letters to someone in the trenches in France. Here at Barrow Voice we would love to receive similar letters sent in by you.

Any received would be published in the winter edition to commemorate the end of the war in November 1918.

For more information on the project please go to <http://www.1418now.org.uk/letter/> and be inspired.

In the last edition the name of the writer of the article 'Life at Bristol' was missing from the bottom of the page.

It was written by Genevieve Silk. I'm very sorry, Genevieve, my fault, and thanks to all the BV readers who let me know it was missing!

The cover photograph was taken last summer at the Navigation Inn, Barrow upon Soar.

Gaynor Barton

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Proposed new housing; a BRAG update

Will there be 300 new houses on land at Melton Road?

In the last edition of BV I reported on Barrow Parish Council's (BPC) challenge, heard in the High Court, to the Secretary of State's decision to accept the Public Inquiry Inspector's recommendation to build 300 houses on land at Melton Road.

The judge, Mr Justice Collins, QC, whilst expressing much sympathy with the residents of this village, said he had to make his decision based on planning law and did not uphold the challenge. However, in his judgement he emphasised the conditions within the granting of permission where the Environment Agency had said, 'No development shall be commenced until a scheme for the improvement and extension of the existing (sewer) system and improvements to the sewage treatment works has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the local planning authority...' also Severn Trent Water is required to demonstrate that foul discharge from the development will not cause an increase in spill frequency or sewer overflows.

For a review of the judgement and implications go to: www.39essex.com/docs/newsletter/pep_newsletter_february_2014.pdf (note; gaps are underscores).

In an interview on Radio Leicester, following the outcome of the High Court judgement, a spokesperson for Jelson said they had a solution to the sewer planning conditions. Maybe, but at what cost and when? The developer has three years to deal with Reserved Matters and five years to provide some housing units or have the permission 'timed out'. We are advised the timing runs from the date of the public inquiry outcome – May, 2013.

In the same interview the Jelson spokesperson was very critical of BPC which, in his view, had wasted tax payers' money on the Judicial Review. I will make two points on that. Firstly,

in his report the Inspector said that the Jelson scheme causes harm to the village. In this circumstance it must be the responsibility of our Parish Council to protect our interests and the High Court Judicial Review was the legal and appropriate means of doing so. The result could have dismissed the permission. Secondly, it costs as much to lose as it does to win. If the JR had gone in favour of BPC there would have been no criticism of the amount spent or the action taken. Well done BPC for taking them on, you have BRAG's full support.

Will there be 70 new houses on the Orchard Kennels site, Nottingham Road?

Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) planning committee granted permission to David Wilson Homes to build around 70 units on land at Orchard Kennels, Nottingham Road, in 2013. BRAG was advised by CBC in April 2014 that this site is now deemed undeliverable.

The plan approved included the Orchard Kennels site and adjacent land which is not part of the same site and in the ownership of a third party.

Planning law allows for an application for planning permission for land not in the ownership of the applicant. In this case the land, between Willow Road and the Orchard Kennels, required for the development for which permission was granted, has not been sold to the developer. The developer may reapply for planning permission using a different scheme.

And what about Strancliffe Hall?

It is almost two years since planning

permission was granted for around 70 houses on land at Strancliffe Hall, Cotes Road. It now seems that development will go ahead following a dispute concerning the drainage of surface water from the site. This was of considerable concern to residents living on the opposite side of Cotes Road. A scheme for pumping surface water, including maintenance, has now been agreed with Severn Trent Water.

Land at Catsic Hill, Cotes Road.

A public exhibition was held by Morris Homes to display their intention to apply for planning permission to build 60 units on land between Cotes Road and the railway embankment. BRAG will oppose this development on the basis that all developments use a common infrastructure regardless of the 'unique' nature of each development or the quality of the houses. The same roads, schools, doctors' surgery and sewerage system are used by all.

Core Strategy

The Borough's Masterplan for housing for the period 2013 to 2028 was examined in public by a Government appointed inspector in March. The inspector concluded that the proposed strategy was not sound because an acceptable analysis of the needs of the housing market had not been carried out and consequently suspended the public examination for around nine months. The Core Strategy could offer protection to the village from unwanted development but as we stand now we are wide open to more housing.

Alan Willcocks

Martin Page

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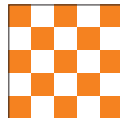
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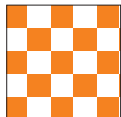


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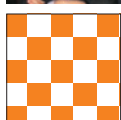
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World War I silks

Silks came to prominence in the Great War of 1914-1918. They were bought by soldiers fighting on the Western Front to send home to their loved ones.

The silks were hand embroidered on strips of silk mesh with as many as twenty-five to a strip: when completed they were sent off to factories to be cut and mounted on to postcards.

These hand embroidered silks were worked on by French and Belgian women in their homes, and must have been a valuable source of income for them as an estimated 10,000,000 were made.

Few of the cards have postmarks on them as they would have been sent home in military pouches. The silks had various messages embroidered on them such as: To My Sweetheart, To My Dear Mother as well as patriotic symbols and flags.

They nearly always had forget-me-nots. The silks were highly valued by the

people who received them and I can vaguely remember, as a small child, seeing two large picture frames on my Gran's living room wall containing several silks that had been professionally mounted.

At the time I didn't know that these would have been sent home by family loved ones fighting in France and Belgium.

The saddest fact of all is that many of the men, or even boys, who sent them never returned home.

One hundred years on we must still remember them.

Val Gillings.



Letter to the unknown soldier

May 4th 1915

4, Strawberry Hill, Lymington Devon

Dearest Father,

How we all miss you. Ever since you left to catch the train at Lymington station, Mother has kept your chair dusted and its cushion well plumped up for when you eventually return to us all. You were the first soldier to leave Lymington and Mother and Jonnie and I are so proud of you, fighting for us all back home.

You know my friend Clare: her daddy went last week even though he is the Rector. We all went to the station and waved Union Flags to wish him and the other new soldiers Good Luck. Marianne Brown's daddy has been killed in action. Now we really do know that all you brave soldiers need a lot of luck as well as our prayers. It was awful. Her mother had a visit from a lady from the Army.

She handed Mrs Brown a letter. Marianne says the envelope had a black corner on it. Inside, the letter explained that Private Brown had died from wounds to his stomach. I think Marianne said he had been speared by a sharp knife on the end of a gun. Mother told me that it was called a bayonet. I hope you never have to spear anyone.

And of course Jonnie and I and Mother all pray that you don't get speared. Mrs Brown cried and cried. Marianne came back to school yesterday. She wasn't her normal noisy laughing person and the teachers were especially nice to her. Next week the Lymington Flurry Dance will take place, even though so many of the fishermen have gone to the war.

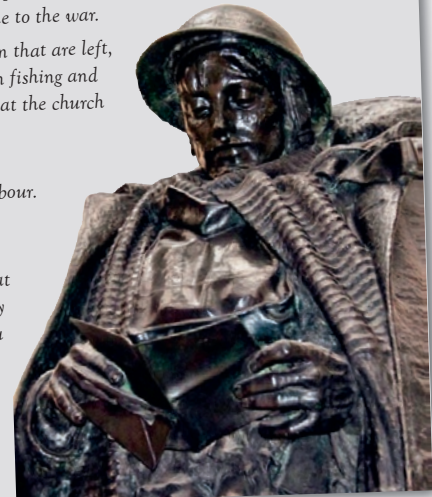
Mother says the Village Council decided that we should still have it so that the fishermen that are left, and the farmers, of course, feel that everyone understands how important it is to carry on fishing and growing our food while we are at war with Germany. The Flurry Dance is going to start at the church instead of the Saddlers Arms to make it a bit shorter.

Then the old curate will bless the crops and the shoals of mackerel from the end of the jetty as usual. If it's a nice day, I'm sure we will have swimming races across the harbour. Jonnie has learnt to swim properly now so he will want to join in although I don't think Mother will let him.

My 10th birthday is in 15 days. The best birthday present ever would be if we heard that the war has ended and my very own Father was on his way home. Mother says I can say that in my prayers but not to expect it to come true yet. Please come home as soon as you can; we miss you so dreadfully.

Your loving daughter

Judith





My book - 'Every Letter Tells a Story'

Iwould like to thank the residents of Barrow upon Soar for making my book a success and in this article will try to answer a few of the questions I'm most often asked.

The first one is, "Why did you write it in the first place?" Well, I wrote it to mark my 30 years as a postman in the village and raise money for 'Heart Link', a Glenfield Hospital charity for children born with heart problems.

But writing my memoirs was originally meant to be a retirement project only after an incident last year, when I was ill, I changed my mind. This is how it happened. One night I had promised to see the grandchildren in the 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' then suddenly felt very ill. I went outside and passed out. A kind lady came to my aid, but just as I was getting up again passed out again, much to the lady's dismay.

A trip to the hospital followed and many tests. It was then that I decided if I did not write it soon there may not be another chance. I wanted to record all the funny stories and great characters I'd met throughout my working life for my great-grandchildren to enjoy: people who I will probably never know.

So with the kind permission of work colleagues, ex colleagues and local residents who let me tell their stories I sat down in the long winter nights and started to write.

The second most asked question is, "Did you have any help?" And the answer is

"Yes". My sister in law Margaret Barton was very supportive and helped right from the beginning. I could mention all my colleagues by name but hope you will buy the book and see for yourself the high regard in which I hold them. And then there were the Barton Spillers! Gaynor did the editing. It was David's idea to add the pencil drawings, which my granddaughter and wife did brilliantly and which added so much to the book - the drawing of the postman on the bike always makes me smile. When it came to the time for publishing Ben Spiller was outstanding in putting my work on 'Kindle' and sorting out Amazon's 'Lulu' - their print publisher.

I'm also asked, "Were you nervous about how the book would be received?" I was worried when it was time to put my head above the parapet and see if people threw rocks as I wanted to raise money for charity. If nobody bought the book writing it would still have been a nice experience but I would have felt I had disappointed all the people who had given their time to help me.

But sales took off! Bob the postmaster agreed to sell the books at the Post Office for no reward which was great: we had a Point of Sale anyone could go to. Only family and close friends bought books in the first few days but then

Linda Conway put it on Facebook and suddenly sales multiplied. In six days we had sold fifty copies and I needed to order more; two had gone to the USA and one to an ex postie in Ireland. Then other people offered to sell books too. Stuart Conway and Fiona Grant began to sell to colleagues at the Loughborough Delivery Office and Mrs Boothey from Derwent Rd. sold to friends and the whole community around her responded. It was beyond my wildest dreams.

I love getting reactions to the book. Anne Harrison of Huston Close, with a smile on her face, told me how many memoirs it had brought back, and young Hannah Taylor from Loweswater Close came to the door and said she had loved the book. I have known her since her granny took her to her first day at school so that brought a tear to my eye.

Once again thank you for giving your time and stories. Without your help none of this would have been possible. The book can now be bought from Barrow Post Office, The Paper Shop, thanks Darren, and the Fur and Feather Pet Shop, thanks Ann and Graham. The total raised for Heart Link now stands at £275 and still rising. What fantastic support from all the community!

A Biker's Dream

Help! Single and twin cylinders and friction dampers - all these technical details are going over my head - which is precisely why I asked Kevan, my husband, to accompany me when I met John Smith to talk about his motor bikes.

John's love affair began when he was twelve years old and his Dad bought a Vincent Comet 500cc single cylinder motor bike. At the age of sixteen John passed his motor bike test and promptly bought a Vincent like his Dad's. He got it from a butcher in Nottingham the only problem being that it was in bits! John and his Dad lovingly rebuilt it.

The bikes are dated from 1951 so are classed as 'post-vintage' and have been to many shows including the Abbey Park Show and the Heartlink Steam Show. The Vincents were ahead of their time as other bikes of that period had rigid rear suspension whereas the Vincents had a swinging rear frame which was sprung and gave a smoother ride. (It is obvious I had help with this bit.)

The love affair continued and about thirty years ago, after patient negotiation, John bought a Vincent Rapide 1,000cc V twin motorbike.

It was in a terrible condition as it had been on its side in long grass for some time. John has renovated it to its present immaculate condition.

It is still possible to buy parts for the Vincents, from a place in Kettering, but they are very expensive.

The Rapide is capable of 125 mph which was fast for a machine of that date.

For anyone interested, the Vincent Owners Club meets at Sutton Bonnington every week.

The bike that John uses to take him out and about nowadays is a Suzuki which



His aim is to own a Harley Davidson, but his hope is that his children and grandchildren will keep his Vincents in the same immaculate condition as he has done. Thanks to John and Kevan for letting me listen to their conversation.
Val Gillings.

Beacon Hill's Magical Labyrinth

Have you visited Beacon Hill lately? Try the "bottom" car park, it's well worth the £2.50 entrance/parking fee.

I took my grandchildren during the Easter holiday. Our first stop was the Labyrinth - amazing!! The children loved it, actually, so did I. It's quite magical, especially if you've never been before. There's a raised wooden walkway to lead you through the rhododendron undergrowth of twisted, gnarled and ancient branches. Along the route there are breaks in the foliage that seem to invite you to leave the designated path and venture into the darker interior of the maze. If you do this you'll come across some interesting wood carvings. We found an eagle, a goblin's chair and a teapot, even a crocodile!

In one spot there's a faerie glade with benches and mushroom seats where you can have a rest and listen to a story. I won't tell you which story; you'll have to visit yourself to find out.

After we had exhausted all the possibilities within the Labyrinth we headed off in the opposite direction towards a new play park where there is a wonderful climbing, adventure structure with ladders and netting. There's also a slide, a seesaw and a wobbly thing all beautifully made from wood. There are also wooden sculptures from Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit, I think, because there's also a frog who is definitely Jeremy Fisher.

If you take a picnic there are a number of benches to sit at. You can even take a barbecue if that's what you prefer. It's worth



taking a walk across the wildflower meadow which is lovely although seen at its best in May and June.

When you've walked through the meadow you'll arrive at Beacon Rotary Wood. There's a wide pathway through the woods that tempts you in and as this path rises and disappears into the distance you might be left wondering, as I was, "What is on the other side of the hill?" I won't spoil it for you, visit yourself and make your own discovery.

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A Warm Welcome at the 'Old King Bill' – From Brisbane to Barrow and back

On moving to Brisbane, Australia, last May 2013, I used the time, while waiting for my visa to be approved, to do something that had long been on my mind - I started researching my family history. I am originally from Brighton in East Sussex, but knew that my mum (Jean Buttery) was born in Sileby in 1935 and that she had also lived in Mountsorrel before moving to Sussex in the late 1950's.

Mum's parents separated in the early '50's and I was never fortunate enough to meet her dad Bill Buttery, who I knew had played in the local Sileby band 'The Gregorians' in the 1930's. Her mum died in the 80's, and as we were not in touch with any other remaining relatives stopped visiting the area from then on. While in Brisbane, and researching the history of Leicestershire villages on the internet, I found an article on the Barrow Community web pages about the restoration of the King William IVth public house in Barrow. I get side-tracked far too easily and began to read the featured article purely out of interest in the building's history, not thinking for a minute that it would have any relevance to me. Imagine my excitement when I began to realise that there was actually a family link!

I read and re-read the names of the couple mentioned in the article – Joy (nee Buttery) and James Greig. When it finally sunk in that this really was my mum's cousin, I decided to contact the site administrators to see if they could put me in touch. My initial e-mail was answered very quickly and luckily Judith Rodgers informed me that she would call in at Joy's and give her my details.

Apparently Joy was a bit disbelieving at first, since she and my mum had never met, but when Judith mentioned her Uncle Bill (my mum's dad) Joy realised there was a family link. Joy and I began to exchange e-mails and photos and I was even lucky enough to arrange to stay with her and her husband Jim in their lovely home on a recent trip back to the UK. I almost had to pinch myself to believe that I was really there with the two of them in Barrow!

I was a little nervous and apprehensive about meeting someone I knew only through e-mails, but Joy and Jim couldn't have been more helpful or friendly.



I got on with them both immediately and it really felt like we had known each other for years. Many mannerisms and expressions, even some of the things that Joy has collected, made me think of my Mum and Aunt. I felt very welcome and strangely very at home in her company.

Joy and Jim really were fantastic hosts and took me to many of the places that my mum had talked about. We walked up Watling Street in Mountsorrel, where Mum had lived, and on to Castle Hill and the memorial where another relative is listed. Unfortunately,

Joy did not remember my Grandad and her Uncle Bill, who I would love to have

discovered more about, but we were able to exchange many stories and lots of information that will help in my research.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Judith who enabled our meeting to take place. Joy and I intend to stay in regular touch and I will visit again as soon as I am able. How wonderful to have discovered a new relative and friend through your site!

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Boaters passing through Barrow

'Sailing By' can only be followed by one thing - the Shipping Forecast. Viking, North Utsire, South Utsire, Forties, Cromarty, Forth, Tyne, Dogger, Fisher, German Bight and on it goes evoking sand banks, islands and rough seas all around the British Isles.

But those 'Sailing By' our village are on a much calmer circuit - 'The Leicester Ring'. Those of you with narrow boats will know all about it; for landlubbers it sounds like one of Tolkien's more parochial efforts but in reality it's a series of canals.

I discovered 'The Ring' over the Easter weekend as I talked to boaters near Barrow Deep Lock. I quickly realised these friendly people fell into three categories; those out for a week or more doing the 'The Ring', those out for the weekend sailing from places like Leicester Marina to Loughborough or the one-day people sailing very short distances such as Pilling's Lock to Mountsorrel and back. You can hire a narrow boat for a day from either Barrow Boating or Pilling's Lock and have a lot of fun not going far at all.

Although you can do it faster 'The Ring' takes about ten days. To give you a rough idea of its extent if you started from Barrow you'd sail north along the Grand Union as far as Trent Lock in Nottinghamshire, then south-west along the Trent and Mersey as far as Fradley Junction in Staffordshire, where you'd join the Coventry Canal. And you'd

keep sailing south but now south-east along the Coventry Canal which merges into the Oxford Canal until you reached Braunston in Northamptonshire. The Grand Union joins here and to get back home you'd join it too and would soon be sailing northwards through Leicester towards Barrow. The locks at Foxton, all ten of them, would be your little challenge en route.

Cruising 'The Ring' were Ann and Pete on their boat 'Avril'. They'd been boating for six years and had started this journey from Bugbrook in Northamptonshire. They were very much enjoying their trip but wouldn't be stopping in the village as they didn't have enough time. A lot of boaters just sail through. Not going into the village was a common theme. Boaters often moored up and visited the Soar Bridge Inn or the Navi for meals and drinks but didn't actually get into the village unless short of bread, milk or dog food.

One boater who bucked the trend was David with Daisy, Michelle and three whippets on 'Alacrity'. He lived on his boat, had been cruising for three years and when passing this way always moored in the village. He loved

the quietness and beauty of the canal bank just here. He thought highly of the village too as it had good shops, lots of pubs, a handy source of Take-Aways in 'The Bengal' and nice walks for the dogs. However, it was Alex who put it even more strongly. She said she adored the village and visited it frequently but then I discovered she was based at Barrow Boating! She'd been sailing for over twenty years, not all on narrow boats, yet had an unusual problem with the one she was on. It had come with a name she didn't like but hadn't decided on a new one. This explains the caption; 'Alex on Nameless'.

I've only mentioned a few of the people who contributed to this article but many thanks to all the others who stopped, invited me onto their boat and told me their plans. I am very grateful.

To read this article whilst listening to the tune 'Sailing By' please go to www.barrowvoice.co.uk, select Summer 2014, then click Features 'Sailing By'. The music will begin when the page is selected.

Gaynor Barton

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The Mysterious Bench



Someone asked me if I knew anything about a bench that's situated on the grassed area near the new houses on Nursery Grove. I asked for a few more details, from the information I was given my curiosity got the better of me, I just had to see it for myself.

I was completely taken aback by this unusual, beautifully carved seat and wondered where it had come from and who had put it there.

It appears to be carved from a complete tree trunk with a strip of metal embedded across the back support which I believe is meant to depict a river as the words, "Wibtoft", "River Soar" and "Trent" are embossed into this ribbon of silver.

I'm afraid my photograph here does not do the seat any favours as the real thing is much more impressive.

The Barrow Voice team would love to hear from anyone who knows the history of this new bench, who carved it, where it came from and the significance, if any, of it being placed in Nursery Grove

Ginnie Willcox

Serendipity The Steam Train

An encounter with a couple of train spotters on the footbridge over the railway in Barrow meant that I was able to view an unusual occurrence on the train line these days.

When I saw these two gentlemen I thought they had come to Barrow to photograph a special train but there was nothing exceptional expected on that particular day. However, they informed me that a steam train would be passing through Barrow on the coming Friday evening; they were even able to tell me the exact time it would arrive.

Armed with this information I informed friends and family about this extraordinary event and went along to find there were quite a number of enthusiasts waiting to witness and photograph the engine from a number of viewing points in the village. One gentleman had even brought along a ladder so he could get the best possible view from the High Street bridge.

There's something so exciting about a steam train, especially one on the mainline, I remember, as a child, visiting

my grandparents, who lived on Sibley Road. After tea we would cross the road and follow a grassy track to the railway line to watch the trains.

It was never the same when diesel engines came along.

The train that came through Barrow on that Friday evening was the 'Earl of Mount Edgumbe', and to my surprise the Italian flag and the words "The Italian Job" were displayed on the front of the engine.

Thanks to the internet I was able to ascertain that this train belongs to a company called 'Vintage Trains', the trip was called 'The Great Spaghetti Western', and was offering an onboard Italian themed dining experience, hence the title on the engine.

In future, if you ever want to know when a steam train

might be coming through Barrow it's quite easy to find the information on the internet. Just put "steam trains coming through Barrow upon Soar" into a search engine and you'll have all the details you'll need.

To see a good video of 'The Great Spaghetti Western' arriving and leaving Coleshill Parkway station on April 4th on You Tube go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsO2VWG0U08>





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Committee meetings for July/August/September are detailed below though may be subject to change. All meetings are open to members of the public. Agenda/minutes can be found on the Parish Council website.

MEETINGS CALENDAR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2014

(for other meetings, see Village Diary on back page)

July	7th	Public Toilets Committee	10am
	7th	Library Committee	11am
	8th	Millennium Park Committee	10am
	8th	Enhancements to Entrances to the Village Committee	11am
	14th	Planning Committee	10am
	16th	Care and Well Being Committee	2pm
	17th	Localism and Neighbourhood Plan Committee	6pm
August	5th	Planning Committee	10am
	18th	Planning Committee	10am
	19th	Events Committee	10am
	19th	Policy and Finance Committee	2pm
	20th	Playing Fields Committee	10am
	21st	Cemetery and Other Grounds Committee	10am
	21st	Localism and Neighbourhood Plan Committee	6pm
September	1st	Planning Committee	10am
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25th June – Woodhouse Eaves/Old Woodhouse - 3½ miles

15th July – Walton – 4½ miles

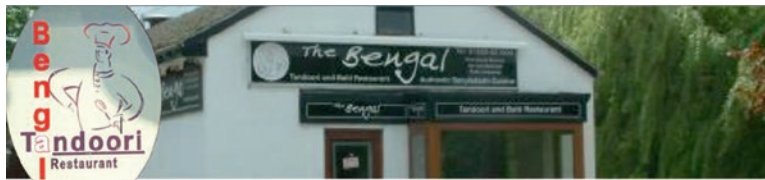
20th August – Mountsorrel via the Marina, Slash
Lane bridle path – 4 miles

27th December – Plod off the Pudding – 4-4½ miles

A full programme is displayed on the Parish Council website/window display/notice board and is available from the Parish Council on request.

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Gordon Kenneth

I'm sure it came as very sad news to many people to hear of the untimely death of Gordon Kenneth on February 25th after a year of illness. He gave much of his time and energy to the village especially with young people through youth club work and in the Barrow Youth Theatre.

Gordon and Carol Kenneth, with their six year old son Andy, moved to Barrow in 1999.

Traditionally whenever new neighbours arrive I call to introduce myself and say welcome to Barrow so as usual I popped round to make my visit, armed with a bottle of wine!

I soon found out they had come from Rotherham as Gordon's job with 3M was transferred from Hellaby to Loughborough. They had looked at houses in Loughborough and surrounding areas but liked the look of Barrow.

Weren't we lucky they decided to live here?

During our conversation it became apparent that they had a love of musicals and theatre and they had both been acting members of their local operatic society at Maltby. This led to some discussion about Barrow Panto Group and the invitation to come along.

They both joined the Panto group and there was nothing that Gordon liked better than treading the boards as an outrageous character.

He was scary as a villain, larger than life as a dame and even tried his hand as a crocodile in Peter Pan!

The Panto group gained lots of young members so Gordon and Carol decided to form a Youth Theatre, for eight to eighteen year olds.

Membership flourished and approximately 40 young people performed a successful show each November.

They also produced Barrow's got Talent raising over £4,000 for various charities over four years.

Andy wrote and delivered a wonderful eulogy at his father's funeral service and asked the question, So what was Gordon like as a person?



He answered "Well, he was a man that truly cared for others. He was someone who you would go to for advice.

He was someone that would not judge you in a situation but merely listen and give his opinion on how to make something right.

Making things right was the most important thing for Gordon as he had very high morals. Gordon was someone who made people laugh.

He had some of the most unfunny jokes ever (believe me!) but he could always put a smile on someone's face."

Gordon enhanced the lives of dozens of people in the village and left it a better place.

It was a privilege to know him and call him a friend.

Ceri Fairbrother



Written for the birthday of a Barrow horsewoman

**I love the Barrow countryside
The hills, hedgerow and trees
Riding o'er the bridleways
With just myself to please.
The smell of grass so sweet
The lark up in the sky
The rabbits as they hop about
The buzzard circling high.**

**I love the country air
And fields of green and brown.
On a ride, I love to see
Nature in her crown.**

*Ceri Fairbrother
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Swallows

I always look forwards to the swallows returning; it feels as if summer is on its way.....They have been coming to the stables here for 20 years at least so they can't be the original pair as on average swallows only live for around 8 years, although ones of 16 years have been recorded. Maybe they are the children or grandchildren of the original pair?

It amazes me that these little birds weighing only 20g... (that's 1/2 an ounce).... can fly 10,000 miles from Africa to come home to this stable to raise their young.

One year we forgot to leave the top door of the stable open and there on the fence was a rather cross swallow chattering, and probably swearing! As I rushed to open it for him he flew round once.....cheep cheep.....and off he went to the pond for a well earned drink.

The distance they fly when migrating is incredible. In the autumn, returning to Africa, they fly 200 miles a day. They travel through western France to the Pyrenees then down eastern Spain to Morocco. Some choose the most hazardous journey across the Sahara Desert, others fly along the west coast of Africa, then further east and down the Nile Valley. Their journey can take a few months, eating on the wing, resting at night or staying a few days in a favourable spot to catch their breath.

They may only stay there for two more months before beginning the long journey back.

The instinct to breed is so strong that the journey back is not like their previously leisurely travel down to Africa but more of a rush, a need to arrive and to nest. This journey only takes five or six weeks if all goes well.

And if all goes well more swallows will arrive and our pair will spend time tidying the nest or building a new one before laying, on average, 5 eggs. Both parents

will sit on the eggs and when they hatch will be kept busy feeding the babies who are born naked and blind.

It takes constant care from both parents for 2 1/2 to 3 weeks until they fledge. The stables and nearby pond give a regular supply of flies to feed them. It's a lovely sight to see the young begin to fly, returning to the stable rafters to roost, until the parents begin to nest again and raise another brood before leaving for Africa.

Watching the swallows dip and dive over the pond seems more than just for a drink. On a still summer evening it's like an aerial ballet as a dozen or more swoop across the pond.

This year there are house martins amongst the swallows. These are a similar bird but with a noticeably shorter tail; they have a white rump too. Little is known of their migration but work is being done with tiny tracking devices to learn as much as possible about them. Their numbers are declining and they are now on the amber list of endangered birds.

All too soon it's time for them to fly the long journey back to Africa, gathering together on TV aerials and telephone wires chattering away to each other.

Then suddenly they are gone..... God's speed little birds, hope to see you next year.....

Maggie J



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Memorials in Holy Trinity Church

Over the winter the Heritage group has spent quite a lot of time in Holy Trinity church.

As a result of the work which was done on Martha Utber and Elizabeth Lilley, for the Notables and Luminaries exhibition, we decided to look at all the memorials to make an accurate record of them all and to discover something about the people whom they commemorated.

Two memorials which were recorded by John Nichols when he visited 200 hundred years ago have already disappeared, probably as a result of a restoration, and some others which are still there are getting very faded and difficult to read.

Because Barrow was the mother church with chapels in Quorn, Mountsorrel and Woodhouse, it is possible that local notable people would choose Barrow as their place of burial. In the South Transept are the graves and memorial to members of the Smalley family who were wealthy mercers in Mountsorrel. The will of Robert Smalley, possibly the father of the Ralph Smalley buried in Holy Trinity, shows that he owned land all over the county.

The best known memorials are the two on the north wall of the chancel. The Cave memorial, with the doggerel verse, commemorates Theophilus Cave who in 1630 was one of only five freeholders in Barrow.

The Latin inscription on the upper part of the memorial composed by Humphrey Babington extols his virtues: "He was a man of good morals and fearless faith He was not ever disloyal to God or King.....However God desired that he, lacking children should be a father to the poor and orphans. In his Will he appointed as his lawful heir Humfrey Babington,

the son of his sister Margaret, an orphan whom he had first maintained from boyhood....."

He died as he lived, worthy of God & indeed more worthy because he piously judged himself the most unworthy".

The more recent memorials commemorate people who have given service to the church and the community. (Harold Pell, Ivy Brookes, Ann Ladkin) We hope to make a record of all of them so that they are not forgotten. The end result of all this work will be a small publication so that visitors to the church can learn a little about the people who have contributed to its continued presence as a focal point in the village.

1. Latin inscription transcribed from John Nichols (History and Antiquities of the County of Leicester) Translated by Jess Jenkins, Leics & Rutland Records Office Kathryn Timmins



Remember and be glad

Welcome to Barrow Baptist Church 'HOLIDAY AT HOME' 2014. All over 60s are invited to join us on 'holiday' at the Baptist Church Beveridge Street.

MONDAY JULY 7th - STRAWBERRY TEA DANCE at 3.00pm

We will dance to CDs, encouraged by Linda Wall, and then enjoy a full afternoon tea, including strawberries and cream.

Space is limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

TICKETS £4

WEDNESDAY JULY 9th – OUTING to TRENTHAM ESTATE

This has proved to be a popular day out in the past. There is a shopping village, garden centre, a choice of restaurants for all tastes, lakeside walks, a boat trip across the lake and

Italian Gardens (extra).

We set off from Industry Square, Barrow at 10.00am and leave Trentham at 4.00 pm. An escort will be provided for those who require one, including wheel chair assistance.

TICKETS £10

FRIDAY JULY 11th - FISH and CHIP LUNCH at 12.30 pm

After lunch there will be a short talk by Rev. Pauline Wills from Blaby Baptist Church, followed by an afternoon of varied activities and an opportunity to sit and chat over endless cups of tea and cake. Ice cream will be served on request.

Activities will include:-

A water colour painting class with Chris Bates, microwave cooking for one, computer buddy tuition, banner making, games e.g.

snooker, TV tennis and more **TICKETS £5**

SUNDAY JULY 13th - 'SUNDAY SPECIAL' at 4.00pm

This is a short service of praise and thanksgiving.

Our guest speaker will be REV. PAULINE WILLS from Blaby Baptist church. Afterwards tea, coffee and cakes will be served with time to relax and enjoy each others' company.

Transport will be provided each day for those with mobility needs.

For enquiries and booking contact:- Judith Morrison tel. 01509 412770 or the Church Office tel. 01509 416603.

“Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made by singing: -“Oh, how beautiful!” and sitting in the shade”

The green-fingered, generous-hearted folk of Barrow have once again joined together to open their gardens and support the Rainbows Children’s Hospice. Open Gardens is a wonderful way of showing off our gardens, meeting old and new friends and not least for having a bit of a nosey behind that garden wall!! However, it is very much a charitable event and this is especially so in 2014 because Rainbows is celebrating their 20th year of care and support to families across the East Midlands.

Taking place on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June, this year’s event will see a wonderful selection of over 20 village gardens open and along with all the additional attractions there is something to keep both young and ‘less young’ members of the family happy.

For the expert and novice alike there is a wide variety of different garden designs to wander round, with water features, wild-life ponds and woodland; colourful flower beds, funky sculptures, flourishing veggie plots and even a garden clearly suffering from OCD (that’s Obsessive Container Disorder!!)

Other highlights for 2014 well worth a visit include exhibitions of original paintings and glasswork by two local artists and the Hall Orchard School project which incorporates veggie plots and a fantastic wild-life area with dipping ponds to attract wild-life and new saplings planted by the children.

Another special event hoping to raise more for Rainbows is the B.O.G. Dog

Show which will be held at 9 New St at 3.30pm on the Sunday – this is very much a ‘just for fun’ occasion with prizes for all 4 legged contestants. However, if you do fancy entering your doggy friend in the show please don’t expect them to be welcome in any of the other open gardens.

As you meander round the gardens you can meet the owners and find several opportunities to buy home-made cakes, indulge in the odd cuppa and cream tea or purchase some exciting plants from the gardens as well as the Gardening Club stall in the War Memorial Gardens.

What a bargain!! The 2-day entry programmes (£3 per adult) are on sale now from The Paper Shop, Taylors Florist, Victoria Jane and The Co-Op (all on the High St) and Feather & Fur pet supplies on Babbington Rd. Alternatively, you can buy your programme at any of the open gardens on the day – free entry for accompanied children under 14 years.

If you missed out this year but think you’d like to open your garden in 2015, then

please come and have a chat to the B.O.G. team – we will be on hand to inspire you at the BUSCA Launch & Welcome evening on 20th May at Humphrey Perkins.

Jennie Gladwin



“The Glory of the Garden”



“Rudyard Kipling”

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2014 SUMMER PLAYScheme will run 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. for one week during the summer holidays, Monday 4th to Friday 8th August. Cost : £27.50 if enrolled on enrolment evenings, £30.00 if paid after enrolment evenings. NO applications will be accepted after Friday

11th July. Any late applications will be processed at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 4th August.

Places are available to all children including children with additional needs or disabilities. Your child will be able to access the scheme as long as the organisers are advised prior to the play-scheme starting to ensure adequate support is in place to meet their needs. Registration evenings will be held in the community lounge at Humphrey Perkins

School on:

- **Wednesday 11th June**
5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
- **Monday 16th June**
6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

BOSCAPS is supported by BUSCA, Humphrey Perkins School, Leicestershire County Council, Barrow Parish Council, Charnwood Borough Council and local businesses. For further enquiries or if you are interested in helping please contact:

BARROW'S GOT VARIETY

Panto review - Mother Goose.



Actor Richard Bailey jokingly described this play as “Awful, appalling and abysmal” - certainly not words that I would use to describe this Triple A play!

I have to say that the Barrow Panto group outdid themselves again with this smashing pantomime! The audience was truly involved this time round, with Macauley Carter as Billy Goose relying on us to protect his BIG RED BUTTON - which brought a nasty surprise for Queen Raven at the end of the play!

In the audience, I could feel the atmosphere of anticipation and excitement within the crowds. I massively enjoyed this play and despite a few naughty jokes (does the word ‘pianist’ ring a bell?) I’m sure that the rest of the audience did too.

The scenery and sound effects were amazing, as is usual for the Barrow Panto Group, with the waterfall in the cave, where ‘Mother Goose’, played by Richard Bailey, showered was beautifully crafted.

It really does enthral me how much detail is put into these productions. I loved the musical aspect of the panto as well, with classics like “One Night Only”, “Push It” and “Let’s Get Ready To Rumble!” coming to mind. As for my favourite parts of the production... well it’s hard to choose.... but I must admit that the stand out actors for me were Macauley Carter and Richard Bailey with his amazing stage presence and constant banter with the crew and audience.

Also, Val Gillings, who played ‘Priscilla the Goose’, is to be hugely commended as she truly stayed in character, and anytime she was on stage, and laying another egg, the audience roared with laughter.

All in all I hugely enjoyed Mother Goose and I can’t wait to review the next play!

Seun Matiluko

An interview with Doug Kennett - local author

Doug Kennett has lived in Barrow for seventeen years. A chartered engineer, he came to Barrow in order to work as a volunteer with the Peter le Marchant Trust.

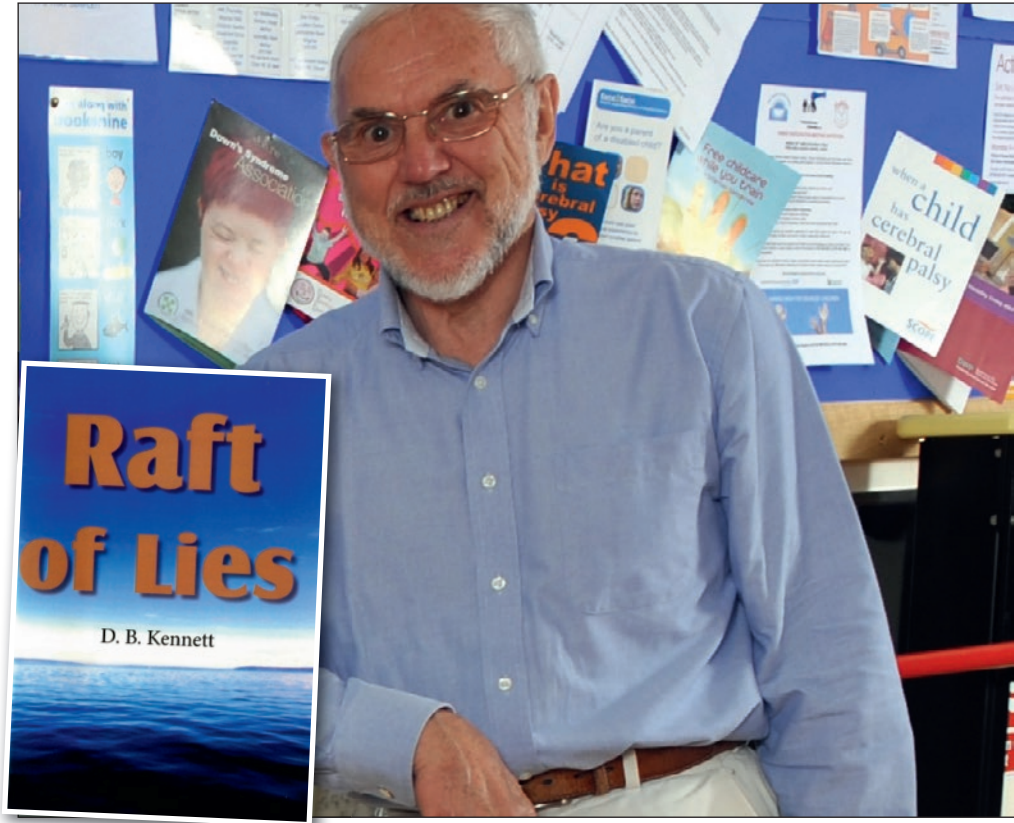
Doug Kennett has lived in Barrow for seventeen years. A chartered engineer, he came to Barrow in order to work as a volunteer with the Peter le Marchant Trust. A keen yachtsman himself he was eager to help those with disabilities to enjoy life on the water. He also spent fifteen years helping the charity REMAP (Rehabilitation Engineering Movement Advisory Panel). This involved designing and making equipment for people with disabilities if no standard aid was available. This information alone is enough to tell you that Doug is a man with talent. However, he is also a published poet and now his first novel is in the bookshops.

'Raft of Lies' was published at the end of March. Favourable reviews appeared quickly and the book has been described as 'a tale of intrigue and suspense', 'a great yarn' and 'a real page turner'. One reviewer writes, 'the twists and turns of the ingenious plot keep the reader guessing to the end'. Having read the book myself I can vouch for all these comments. Doug told me that the ideas for the novel were based on his life experiences.

Indeed, his life story reads a bit like a novel. One of his earliest memories is of a bomb falling near his home during the war, shattering windows in the house where he was living.

The youngest of four brothers he only stayed on at school after the age of sixteen because his headmaster contacted his parents saying that the young Doug had the ability to achieve well if given the opportunity. This timely intervention meant that Doug was able to go on to Kings College, London where he studied engineering science.

His career has meant that he is widely travelled as he worked in Nigeria where he installed and maintained trunk telephone radio communication systems and in a variety of locations in East Africa as well



as travelling in Europe, North and South America, the Philippines, Thailand and the Middle East.

He and his wife have sailed around the Mediterranean three times in three different boats and across the Atlantic twice (see map).

Their nine and twelve year old children were on the first Mediterranean trip, and all four of them wrote a diary every evening.

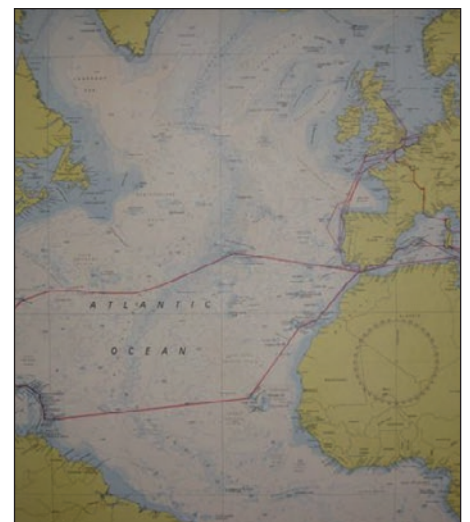
Many of his ideas for stories stem from his work as an International Project Manager for a very large secure high tech system and his final job before retirement when he was Operations Director of a hi-tech security company for major VIP and strategic security systems in the UK and abroad.

I was surprised when Doug told me that he was not a great reader himself. He explained that as a child his mother had often told him to 'get your head out of that book and do something useful.'

Now he does most of his writing in his 'recycled shed' - a cabin overlooking

the charming back garden of his house. He told me that his wife takes the credit for the garden.

I asked him if there was a second novel in the pipeline and he told me that he has a number of notes and journals he has kept over the years - rich sources for plot lines although, with a twinkle in his eye, he added that some of the plots he dares not write.



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Grass Track Family Robinson



“

Mick and Debra
jumped in at the
deep end six
years ago ”

Ten years ago, 12-year old Ashley was quite a handful. His dad, Mick, had the wonderful idea of encouraging his son to get involved in grass track racing.

What sport could be better for the lively son of a car mechanic? And it worked. For four years, Ashley was thoroughly absorbed in his hobby.

He loved the racing but he also quickly gained the skills needed to tinker and tweak the car. Weekends became a family outing with Mum (Debra), Mick and sister (Emma) accompanying Ashley to the race, cheering him on and supporting him when things went wrong.

Then, one by one, they got hooked. Mick and Debra jumped in at the deep end six years ago and entered a race themselves. And loved it.

Mick likened the buzz at the start of a race to the adrenaline rush when he did a sky dive for his 50th birthday. Then, three years ago, daughter Emma had a go, got the bug, and did rather well. In fact, when I went to Robinson's Garage to interview Mick and Ashley, they were both looking fed up.

Emma had just had a really bad weekend. She was leading the pack in her race (pic 1) and then was bumped. The car rolled over (pic 2) and Emma ended up bruised and sore. Worse, the car was badly damaged and Ashley was now busy putting it together again.(pic 3)

Mick explained that grass track racing can be thought of as entry level motor racing. You drive on short oval circuits made of grass and clay.

You drive as fast as you can to see who can get round in the shortest time. In theory, it is a non-contact sport but, like the roll over, spills and thrills do happen. It is a very safe sport with extremely high safety standards.

The roll cage that contains the driver must be properly welded so that it doesn't burst in an accident. So safe is it that juniors of between 12 and 16 are allowed to race albeit only in an unmodified (ie not souped-up) 1,000cc car.

Men and woman have separate classes but women can take out a man's license and race with men. This doesn't work in reverse with men.

The nearest tracks are in Melton, Shepshed and Nottingham but Family Robinson currently race for Spalding Autograss Club at Holbeach.

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Nordic Walking Taster Session.

Following the article in the last issue of Barrow Voice, a group of Barrow residents met at the Millennium Park on 26th April for a Nordic Walking taster session. It was led by Catherine Hughes, a NW instructor. For the record, all the participants were women – why? Fitness is not a female only preserve!

Catherine was the perfect teacher – she gave us technical information, technique instruction and lots of reassurance. She challenged those who were totally new to the sport and those who had some experience. Some of the technical information included locating the muscle groups that were exercised by using the poles.

The poles are crucial to the sport – they act as a tool to enhance the speed at which you walk and aid the alignment of the body so that when Nordic Walking you move in the most efficient way.

As a result the fat burning potential is huge: NW burns 20-40% more calories than normal walking.

Before the session there was hope of improved fitness in a sociable atmosphere. At the end of the session there was a burning need to carry it on.

Nordic Walking works because of the muscle groups and the pace you go at, and people keep doing it because it is sociable and fun. Being an outdoor sport is an added bonus.

The cost of hiring Catherine for this session was underwritten by

Barrow Parish Council so the participants paid half the usual cost. I wish – and the participants wish - to thank the Council for its generosity.

Watch this space for a Barrow Nordic Walking Group!

Helen Sadler

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Jackie Selby, Barrow resident and Nordic Walking instructor is now offering sessions from Barrow.

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Petanque at The Soar Bridge Inn



*Caption?? Id magnate nihit
aliquate velli qui re magnatem*

It's a 7.30 pm on a Wednesday so it must be raining; that's the wry attitude of John Rozentals, landlord and leader of the 'Soar Heads' petanque team, to the evening's showers. Many summer evenings are dry, perfect for petanque, but we are playing in April, before the season has officially begun to meet Barrow Voice deadlines.

But the rain is brushed aside, they're a hardy lot, and off we go to play a 'Friendly' at the back of the pub. Tonight it's John's 'Soar Heads' against Tracy Green's 'Soar Bottoms' and, as the picture shows, throwing metal balls at a tiny coloured ball is fun whatever the weather.

Petanque has many subtleties but basically it's a form of bowls. The gravel strip you play on is the piste, the little coloured ball you aim at is the cochonnet (piglet), or coche for short, and the balls are boules.

Each player has two boules, and although they look very similar from afar, each person knows their own from numbers or patterns marked on the surface. The other crucial fact is that you have to throw with your feet together in a circle, or behind a semicircle, marked in the gravel. There are six people in a team and they're split into two groups which play the two groups of the opposite team. During a match there are twelve players involved; two

concentrating on their throws, the others watching the progress of the games or getting the drinks in. The chink of metal against metal is the accompanying sound track.

Unlike bowls you don't alternate team members one throw after another.

The person who throws the coche follows it with a boule and then a member of the other team throws, and keeps throwing, until one of his team's boules is nearer than the first team member's boule. Then the first team throws again until all the boules are thrown. Have you got that?

And there's a lot of changing ends. The team that ends up with boules nearest the coche at the end of the game gets two points. The match ends when one team scores 13 points. It can get very competitive - the measuring tapes come out - but for our 'Friendly' feet, and parts of feet, sufficed.

It's all very sociable as teams are almost

always attached to pubs and after every match the host pub provides a good country supper. Like football there are leagues, and divisions within them, so that teams travel around playing others of the same standard. It's a well organised sport. What makes it special is that it's such a mixture of skill and luck as landing on gravel adds an element of unpredictability to the way the boule moves.

Tracy told me that anyone can play - old or young, male or female - you can even throw from a wheelchair. All you need is decent hand-eye coordination and a good sense of humour! If you'd like to try the game go along to The Soar Bridge Inn one Wednesday evening over the summer months and tell someone you're interested, or if you'd like to play on a Saturday afternoon, there's a spare set of boules you can borrow kept behind the bar. Bon chance!

Gaynor Barton

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Fri 13th	Baptist Luncheon Club; 12.30
Mon 16th	Bishop Beveridge Club Big Screen Film: "Saving Mr Banks"; Bishop Beveridge Club hall; 14.15. All welcome
Wed 18th	Gardening Club: Evening outing - tba
Sat 21st	Open Gardens; proceeds to Rainbows; programme from Paper Shop
Sun 22nd	Open Gardens
Wed 25th	Bishop Beveridge Club members' Strawberry Tea. Book with Sylvia Steane on 413565
Mon 30th	Book Club; "Praxis" by Fay Wheldon 19.00; Hunting Lodge. All welcome

Tues 1st Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.30

Sat 5th Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00

Sun 6th High Street Market; 10.00 - 16.00

Tues 8th Neighbourhood Watch: 19.30; Cons Club

Wed 9th Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall; 14.00-16.00; Water colour painting and other crafts. All welcome

WI "The King in the car park"; competition: object beginning with U; Trinity rooms; 19.30

Bishop Beveridge Club Bingo; 14.30

Wed 16th Gardening Club; The Gap, behind Baptist Church; 19.30

Sat 19th Mother's Union: Coffee in Holy Trinity

Mon 21st Bishop Beveridge Club Big Screen: "Roman Holiday"; 14.30; Bishop Beveridge Club

Wed 23rd Bishop Beveridge Club: visit to Ridgewold Farm, Wymeswold; 14.30; cost: £5.50 including tour of 2.5 acre garden and tea and cake; book via Joyce Noon on 414519

Sat 26th Event at the Boathouse

Mon 28th Book Club; "The Slap" by Christos Tsiolkas; 19.00; Hunting Lodge. All welcome

Fri 1st Bishop Beveridge Club Big Screen: "The Monument Men"; 19.00; tickets £4 from Paper Shop or members; Bishop Beveridge Club

Sat 2nd Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00

Tues 5th Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.30

Tues 12th Neighbourhood Watch: 19.30; Cons Club

Wed 13th Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall; 14.00-16.00; Water colour painting and other crafts. All welcome

WI "My year as Mayor of Charnwood" by Sandy Forrest; competition: object beginning with P; Trinity rooms; 19.30 Bishop Beveridge Club Bingo; 14.30

Mon 18th Bishop Beveridge Club Big Screen: "The Invisible Woman" (Dickens' secret love); 14.15; Bishop Beveridge Club

Wed 20th Gardening Club; The Gap, behind Baptist Church; 19.30

Mon 1st Book Club; "Time line" by Michael Crichton; 7.00; Hunting Lodge. All welcome

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