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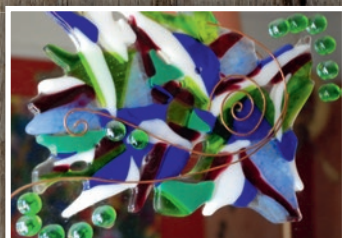
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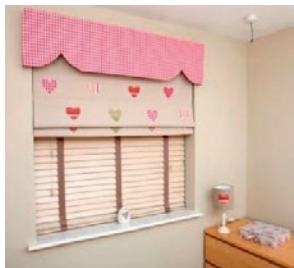
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Got a Good Selfie?

Chloe Bakewell was taken by surprise when I asked her to take a selfie in the Co-op car-park but she generously agreed and is now our 'example selfie'. Many thanks Chloe.

In the next edition we would like to receive more selfies; we hope to get enough to fill a page. Go on, make us laugh! Anyone living in the village is eligible; just tell us your name, or names, if two people are in the pic, and where it was taken. Please send to editor@barrowvoice.co.uk

And now to rectify an oversight. In the last edition I received helpful advice on the canals forming the 'Leicester Ring', from the staff at Sileby Mill Boatyard. I'm sorry that I didn't acknowledge their help in the writing of 'Sailing By' nor mention that, like other companies along the canal, they too rent out narrow boats by the day.

Front cover: evening sunshine - Nottingham Road allotments, Barrow.

Gaynor Barton



The Mysterious Bench

Thanks to Kirsty Cunningham of Nursery Grove for providing the answer to the 'Mystery Bench' courtesy of a DVD entitled, "An Oak Bench For Nursery Grove" by Lindsay Jelley & Peter Leadbeater for Jelson Homes Ltd.

The DVD tells the story of the bench, from an oak tree grown in Charnwood Forest, designed by Lyndsay Jelley, hewn and carved by Peter Leadbeater and finally its installation in Nursery Grove.

All the residents of Nursery Grove were given a DVD, and Kirsty, very kindly, lent hers to the Barrow Voice team to enlighten us as to the origin of the bench.

Ginnie Willcocks



Calling all thespians

Barrow Panto Group is welcoming **NEW MEMBERS**, particularly those over 25.

We will be starting rehearsals of Aladdin in the early autumn for next year's family panto on the 7th March 2015.

Rehearsals will be in Humphrey Perkins Community Centre (hall) on a Wednesday evening. It's very good fun and you will enjoy it. Oh yes, YOU WILL!

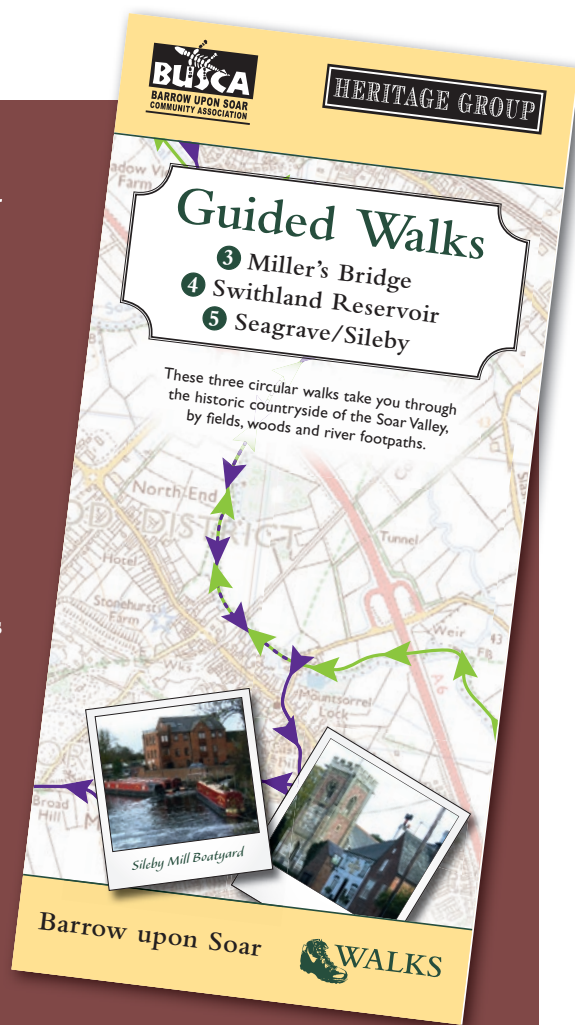
Please contact Judith on 07718153117 or judithrodgers155@gmail.com if you are interested.

Updated guided walks leaflet

You will recognise this Heritage Group walks leaflet as one that was produced a number of years ago, and we hope that you ventured out and enjoyed one of the walks.

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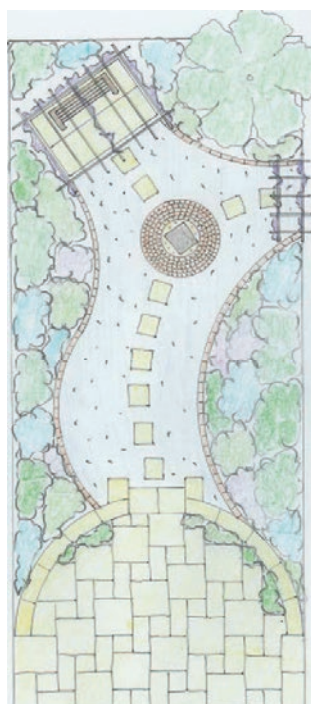
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Hubbard's hang up the saws

On August 30th, Barrow said 'goodbye and thanks' to Hubbard's Butchers, probably the last remaining High Street family business. Did you see signs of retirement celebrations with David and Prue's loyal customers?

David Smart has been in business in Barrow's High Street since 1967 when, at the age of 20, he joined his granddad Alfred Hubbard. Prue his wife joined him in 1973 and the two of them have run the butcher's shop for over 45 years. Now they think it is time to hang up the saws, put the knives away, scrub the block one more time and enjoy retirement.

David and Prue want to take this opportunity to thank all their customers for their loyalty and support.

In 1966, Barrow had four butchers shops: AJ Hubbard's in High St, Lockwood's in North St, Townsend's in Beveridge St and the Pork Butcher, also in High St. Alfred Hubbard had bought the High St business from Owen Condon in the 1950s. Condon owned a large three-storey Georgian house containing the butcher's shop as well as a cottage next door. He also had a lot of land behind, in which he kept pigs and operated the slaughter house with its holding yards, and he ran the butchery.

Alf bought the lot and took over the whole business, helped by his wife and, for a short time, between 1960 and 61, Jackie Penney, who was his butcher's girl. David came to help in 1967.

In 1969, Alf was approached by Fine Fare who wanted to develop a supermarket (a very modern idea). He agreed and as a result this became all-change-time on the High Street. The "mansion" and cottage were demolished and the present supermarket was built along with a modern shop. Alf bought No. 23, the present shop, and transferred his business. Fine Fare was established and Lilian Middleton bought the empty shop to run Middleton's Chemist's

(now Boots the Chemist). The paddock behind became the Health Centre and two car parks. Fine Fare subsequently became Gateway, then Somerfield, and is now the Co-op.

David was very close to his granddad and as a lad would often travel from his home in Nottingham to Norfolk, where Alf ran a slaughter house. He lounged around, as boys do, especially in the slaughter house (unless an animal was being killed, when he would scarp quickly). So, when Alf moved to Barrow, it wasn't surprising that David came to help him run the business. Prue remembers how hard Mrs Hubbard worked; she and Prue made the deliveries to a wide area around Barrow. Alf retired in 1971 and David took over the business with Prue joining him once she had had their two girls, Emma and Holly.

Until 1994, the village had a delicatessen - where the flower shop is now. Jackie Penney was the manager but when it closed down, David and Prue decided to fill the hole in that market and set up their own deli. Jackie came to work at Hubbard's, adding filled cobs to the range. The three have worked as a

happy team ever since, helped by the Saturday butcher's boys.

I asked what changes David and Prue have seen in the business over 40 years.

They listed the loss of the slaughtering side of butchery, the greater scope for refrigeration, the development of supermarkets and consequent loss of customers, the resulting diversification of goods for sale, the increasing demand for less fatty meat, lack of interest in offal, and finally, the emphasis on quality meat that is locally reared.

We will lose the butchery after the Smarts have retired and I for one will really miss being able to buy their wonderful meat and David's prize-winning sausages. Not to mention the scope for ordering really wacky cuts. I very much doubt that Tesco will supply me with a pig's head or udder (!) or sweetbreads.

Judith Rodgers



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Paul studied agriculture at Brooksby College some 30 years ago and first made a living selling agricultural equipment, before going into car sales. Now he has moved into creating beautiful lawns. His motivation is an interesting one: he says, "I wanted to start a local business that my children could join in the future. I am excited about the adventure ahead and passionate about transforming tired-looking gardens into attractive oases."

He has two sons aged 24 and 18; Matthew is already helping his father and may become an apprentice shortly.

Although Paul was brought up in Houghton on the Hill, he is now very much part of the Barrow community. He was Secretary of Barrow Town Youth Football team and was involved in the merger between Barrow Juniors and Barrow Town Youth. He is looking forward to building up a client base in Barrow and the surrounding villages, and Barrow Voice offers him our best wishes.



ULTIMATE PIZZA comes to Barrow

July saw the closure of Barrow's Piccolo Pizza High Street takeaway shop. Fortunately, a new one, Ultimate Pizza took its place and opened in August under new management and with an exciting face lift.

The new proprietors, Fari and Richard, explained that Piccolo Pizza first opened in 1996 and it was now time to present a new and modern image. When I looked in on the refurbishments, I could see the beginnings of a very attractive and well equipped shop. There will be a new menu, new items and new offers. Ultimate Pizza will open at lunch times for the benefit of local businesses. There will be special lunch time offers including jacket potatoes, a noodle and rice bar, and burger and kebab meals. Do call in and see what's on offer.

'A cut above the rest' - Bradshaw and Tindle Tree Services

Jack Tindle will probably be known to many of you. This young man, Jane and Gordon Tindle's son was born and bred in Barrow. A pupil of Hall Orchard, Humphrey Perkins and Rawlins, his roots are certainly well anchored in Barrow.

He did a Diploma in Arboriculture at Brooksby College and after gaining valuable experience as an employee of another local Tree Services business, he set up in business last March with his business partner David Bradshaw. Together, they now run 'Bradshaw and Tindle Tree Services Ltd and bring a total of 24 years' experience to their expanding business.

Jack explained that he specialises in private work rather than commercial because this helps to preserve the personal feel to the business. It means that he meets new householders all the time and he particularly enjoys working within Barrow, although the customer base now spreads to Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

I asked Jack if he had started building a fund of amusing anecdotes yet and he immediately regaled me with accounts of aggressive squirrels running at them down the pull ropes, chattering away in indignation; or being dive-bombed by birds. More worryingly, he told me that people seem quite unaware of the need to keep away from a felling operation, despite all the warnings, and tend to make a bee-line for their equipment to provide them with comfortable grandstand seating! Barrow Voice wishes Jack well in this new venture.





Steve Squires and his Amazing Flying Machines

Some time ago, Barrow Voice was contacted by a relative of Harry Squires offering the following vivid recollections by Harry of the exploits of his brother Steve (21 years older), who built his own 'Flying Flea' in their father's garage.

Harry was born in Barrow in 1929 but later went to live in Canada where, sadly, he died in 2008. The garage was Perkins Yard off North Street where the family coach business was run. Steve was born in 1908 and died in 1980. The 'Flying Flea' was a kit plane which, with materials costing approximately £75 and a wing span of just 13ft, was designed to provide the man in the street with a cheap means of building his own aeroplane and learning to fly.

that its pilot had no flying experience didn't seem to present a problem at the time!

In later life, Steve Squires was interviewed about his youthful exploits in the flimsy aircraft, which he recalled with great clarity...

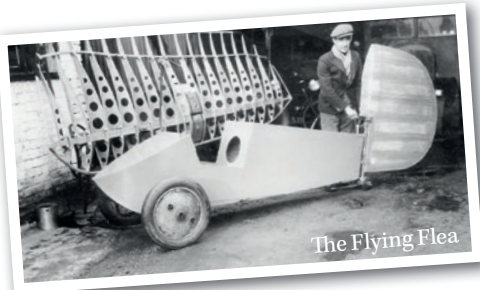
"With the support of several friends, I took the 'Flea' to an airfield near Melton Mowbray and embarked on what now seems a daredevil and foolhardy feat of taking to the air with the flying instruction book on my lap. I had studied it carefully on the ground, but it proved a vastly different experience putting theory into practice when airborne.

On that maiden flight, I didn't venture much higher than 20 feet, and found that the most difficult part was coming down to earth again, as the plane no sooner touched the ground than she bounced into the air again. The second flight proved even more hair-raising, as I took off with great flourish, far too quickly, the result being that I flew between two large trees at the end of the runway, severing

the ends of both wings and breaking both my ankles. I reckon if those trees hadn't stopped my progress, I would have been the first man to reach the moon!"

Undaunted, and with his first plane in pieces, Steve Squires embarked on an even more ambitious project, to build and fly a single-seater Luton Minor, which he completed at the end of 1936. This time, he was determined to stay aloft a little longer and joined the County Flying Club, where lessons were 10 shillings a time.

He made a natural pilot and gained his licence in 1937, taking the Luton up for hours at a time, with only two forced landings.



The Flying Flea

Carefully following the instructions in the step-by-step construction manual, Steve created the body of the plane mainly out of simple plywood. Slowly, under the watchful eye of little brother, Harry, who was also bitten by the flying bug, the aircraft took shape. Once its 5 horse power engine was in place, the 'Flea' was ready to fly. The fact



Steve with his Luton Minor

Playful stunts were part and parcel of the flying scene, and on one occasion Steve planned to surprise his cousin Marie on her wedding day. The idea was to drop a decorated horseshoe from the sky at the feet of the happy couple as

they left the church. Unfortunately the stunt misfired, and an alarmed wedding party had to run for cover! He flew the Luton quite often before the hostilities of the Second World War got in the way, but sadly, with the outbreak of war, the plane was put in storage and later sold. However, this was not the end of the story for it was later featured both on TV and at air displays.

During the war, Steve continued flying for the Home Guard and was a glider pilot instructor with the Air Cadets.

He also flew demonstration flights on "War Weapons Week" money-raising drives for the Auster Aircraft Company. Steve made light of his exploits, likening his activities to the hang-gliders of today: "I suppose in those days, amateur plane-making and flying was considered quite a daring pastime, which any young blood wanted to try," he said. As for his little brother, Harry, it was a while before he allowed the flying bug to really bite. After emigrating to Canada with his wife and children in 1957, he finally got around to learning to fly, receiving his pilot's licence in 1974. Harry was a regular subscriber to Barrow Voice from Canada.

Our thanks to Nora Squires in Canada for providing all the information.



The Flying Flea

Murder comes to Barrow (again!)

This year's murder mystery is to be held at Humphrey Perkins High School on 11th October 2014. This year it's called *A Fête Worse than Death* and features an abseiling vicar.

It follows the familiar format. The audience watches a short drama, then the first course is served, then it's time to question the suspects. The pudding course and more questioning and finally the murderer is finally revealed and the winning table announced.

This year's proceeds are to be split between BUSCA and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The charity was chosen because one of the characters in the play has a link with Multiple Sclerosis; if you want to find out who, you'll have to come along and join in! For those of you who remember last year's mystery raffle, I have Big News: this year there is no raffle!!

A Fête Worse than Death will be performed on Saturday 11th October at 7.30pm. Tickets will cost £10 and will be available from The Paper Shop and members of the cast from September.

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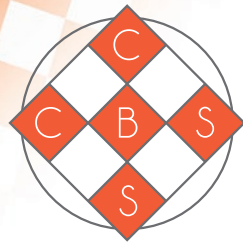


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Barrow, Berlin and Miss Liberty Pink

The Great Central Railway's 'Wartime Weekend' saw an extra touch of 1940s glamour at Rothley Station this year as the living history groups portraying German infantry were joined by Barrow singer, Katherine Pledger, who entertained the troops and visiting crowds with a spot of Berlin Cabaret and a selection of German wartime songs.

Katherine, also known as 'Miss Liberty Pink', performs all over the country, both as a solo artist and as lead singer of 'The Midnight Cabaret Band' and specialises in jazz and cabaret. The band have recently completed a critically acclaimed tour of the East Midlands, with their full length show 'From Berlin to Broadway', which showcased the work of German cabaret composers such as Kurt Weill and Freidrich Hollaender, as well as a wide range of musical theatre songs; but the 'Wartime Weekend' was a rare opportunity for Katherine to focus on the music that first inspired her as a



professional vocalist.

"When I first began to train, I was always looking for something different to sing from all the other girls at auditions. I came across a Berlin cabaret song called I Am Vamp and loved it! It's still one of my favourite songs ten years later. I began to look at other composers of the era, and just loved the drama and emotion of the songs - some of them are pretty tongue in cheek too, which is always fun to perform." Speaking of the 'Wartime Weekend' she continues, "It was fantastic to get to sing at the event, and to have an excuse to perform the songs in the original German. I even learnt a German marching song, Erika, by popular request, which was a great hit with the troops."

The re-enactors aim to provide an authentic experience of an occupied station for the visitors, but the armed soldiers and wartime regalia could not deter the crowd from joining in with gusto as Katherine encouraged them to clap along as they gathered along the platform to await the battle - which finished off the day's entertainment in spectacular style.

If you'd like to see Katherine Pledger as Miss Liberty Pink perform the song 'Sex Appeal' with 'The Midnight Cabaret Band', go to YouTube and search under the band's name, or go to the Barrow Voice website version where there is a direct link.

Eric Ellingworth

BARROW'S GOT VARIETY

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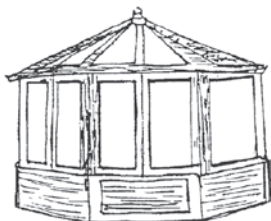
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Barrow Weddings

Dean Burston married Miss Réagan Fern Brodie at Holy Trinity Church. The date was July 7th and they are now living in Barrow at 7 Huston Close. Sevens are very important to both of them!

They started dating seriously seven months after they'd first met. This was on July 7th 2007 at the Global Gathering Music Festival, and they married seven years later on July 7th 2014.

Sevens are so integral to both their lives they each have 7s tattooed on their feet. Although they've had a break in Portugal since the wedding, they delayed their honeymoon in Sri Lanka until December to avoid hitting the monsoon season.



The marriage between Keeley Pestell and Callum Neal took place on August 24th at Holy Trinity Church.

It was a double celebration as Keeley's parents were married at the same church twenty-five years ago. Keeley has lived in Barrow all of her life, whereas Callum grew up in Mountsorrel. The couple have known each other since school days but only got together four and a half years ago. Callum is in the Royal Marines, so has done a lot travelling, but is stationed in England now and, luckily, can get home most weekends.

Amazingly, there were five generations of Keeley's family at the wedding; the youngest one being Keeley and Callum's five month old daughter, Dollie.

Richard Elms and Lucy Graham married on 23rd Dec 2013 at Barrow Baptist Church.

Lucy and Richard chose to get married at BBC as it is the church that Lucy grew up in, and they were the 3rd generation of her family to get married there; her parents Duncan and Sue Graham (née Hudson) in April 1980 and her grandparents Denis and Dorothy Hudson (née Jordan) in April 1948.

Lucy and Richard met at the church after Richard had moved to the area from Suffolk to study at The University of Nottingham. Richard organised the honeymoon as a surprise for Lucy. It wasn't until she was on the plane that she knew they were going to Sri Lanka! They still live in Barrow.



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Artist in Residence

One of the fringe benefits of writing for Barrow Voice is that I get to meet some lovely people. Anne Kingham welcomed me into her home, offered me coffee and within a very few minutes we found that we had a great deal in common - careers in education, opinions on Michael Gove and daughters who lived in parallel streets in Norwich included.

As soon as you enter her house, it is obvious that Anne loves colour. The first thing I noticed was a large painting of flowers (one of Anne's) - all my favourite shades of pinks, blues and purples. It looked stunning against the red of the wall it was displayed on.



Anne explained that after leaving school (aged fifteen and with no formal qualifications) she became a window dresser at Morgan Squires, a department store in Leicester. She feels this is where she developed her sense of the visual. Eventually she married and had three children and then took the first step towards a journey that would eventually lead to her achieving a good degree, despite the fact that she had

little confidence in herself, having failed the eleven plus. She took O Level English in 1969 and the following year she did A Level - and two more the year after. Impressively she gained A grades in both English Literature and in Sociology.

She then went on to Loughborough University where she trained to be a teacher, achieving a B Ed. She taught for four years in a primary school and then became a community tutor, eager to teach those who, like her, had not been particularly successful at school, that it's never too late

to learn. She worked in the Braunstone area of Leicester.

When she retired Anne was ready to learn something new so she took up painting. Then, four years ago, she did a course on a Greek island, learning the basics of stained glass, as she had always loved the vibrancy of the colours in glass work. This led to further courses in Bristol where she learned about fused glass. For those of you who, like me, need



some clarification of these terms, stained glass is the traditional technique where coloured glass is joined together with lead or soldered (as in Tiffany glass). Fused glass is placed in a kiln and literally fused together.

Anne makes a variety of glass objects including plates, bowls, coasters, mirrors and wall panels. She has already sold some of her work and she has entered three pieces for exhibition at The Sock Gallery in Loughborough. To see more of her work go to www.anneglass.co.uk/ (Please don't omit the final forward slash - without it the site doesn't appear.)

Julie Gardner.

Drawing and Painting Group at Bishop Beveridge Club

If you have an interest in painting or drawing, you are warmly invited to call in to Bishop Beveridge Club between 12:30 and 2:30pm on Monday afternoons. The group meets weekly, apart from the one Monday each month when the hall is booked for a film show.

Linked to Charnwood Drawing and Painting Club, the aim of the group is to provide an informal setting where people can drop in, share ideas and experiment with techniques.

Just drop in from September onwards, or call Anne on 01509 41682



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BARROW LIBRARY IS AT RISK

Currently, Barrow library is threatened with closure from April 2015, along with all other Leicestershire rural libraries. We will know by the end of September whether county councillors have agreed to pursue this course of action. If they do agree then Barrow has a choice: we either go into a community partnership with the County Council, whereby the community runs the library aided by a fairly generous package of financial, technical and material support including the book stock and computers etc provided by the County Library Service, or our library is replaced by a weekly mobile service.

It was very apparent at the consultation event at Hall Orchard School in June that residents want to keep the library open. So therefore does the Parish Council.

If in September we learn that county councillors have decided to bow to popular pressure and re-instate the security of rural libraries then nothing need be done. However, if the decision is to stick with the community partnership idea then Barrow needs to be ready to hit the ground running.

The County Council has stated that it will only form the partnership with certain types of local groups. In Barrow's case that could be the Parish Council working with a properly-constituted registered charity, preferably a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). The Parish Council cannot form the partnership with the LCC alone for legal reasons, but it may be able to do so in conjunction with BUSCA (Barrow Community Association), which is now a CIO.

BUSCA trustees and Barrow Parish Councillors have agreed to make plans

together to try and enable them to make a rapid response if September's announcement confirms what we expect (i.e. that Barrow library will close unless Barrow provides the partnership to run it).

You might ask, "Why the rush?". Good question. The answer is that at the moment, the County Council's stated timetable is that the partnership must be agreed by January 2015 and the library ready to be run by the community by April 2015. We think this will be a rush! Hence we are making plans now even though we don't know what decision the county councillors will reach at the end of September.

To this end, BUSCA, supported by the Parish Council, has arranged a PUBLIC MEETING ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 14TH AT 7:00PM IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, NORTH STREET. This will be primarily for residents who want to offer some time as volunteers to run the library.

The amount of volunteer time that a person could usefully offer might

range from a couple of hours a week to something much more substantial. At this stage, we are hoping that we may be able to pay a manager to manage the volunteers. WITHOUT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS WE WILL LOSE OUR LIBRARY.

So keep a close eye on posters, your Neighbourhood Watch leaflet, the press, Facebook, Twitter, village website and any other means we can think of to keep you informed. WE THINK WE ARE GOING TO NEED YOU!!

If you would like:

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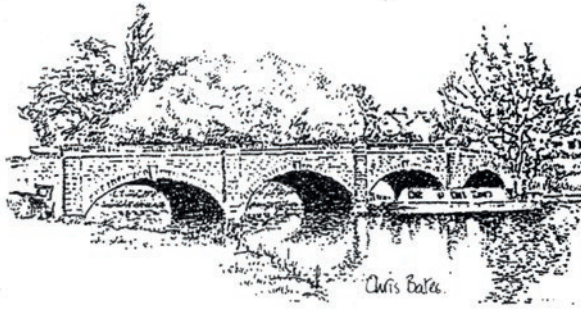
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27th December

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What aspects of living in Barrow upon Soar do you value most?

What aspects of our community need our support and protection?

What changes do you want to see?

What needs to be brought in or developed?

Barrow upon Soar Parish Council needs YOUR opinions

Our task is to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish of Barrow upon Soar to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Our vision is to maintain and enhance what is good about the area and embrace the positive things that development can bring, helping the entire community share in the improved quality of life it offers.



Our village is a good village - together we can make it better

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey
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Sandie Forrest – a year as Mayor of Charnwood

‘Why are you wearing a pirate’s hat?’ was a query made by a small boy to Barrow resident Sandie Forrest during one of many engagements in her year as Mayor of the Borough of Charnwood.

Sandie, who is a Labour councillor for Storer ward in Loughborough, was elected Mayor at a ceremony in Loughborough Town Hall in May 2013, having served as Deputy Mayor in 2012 – 2013.

Sandie says, ‘I have had the most wonderful year as Mayor, having met so many people I am full of admiration for, such as those who give their time for charitable and voluntary work in the Borough.’

Sandie is always a keen volunteer and, during the year, was able to raise funds for her chosen charities; £3000 each went to John Storer House and The Alzheimer’s Society.

There were more than five hundred formal engagements during the year, efficiently managed by the Mayor’s office of the Borough Council. Sandie’s husband, and Mayor’s consort, Roger, accompanied her on the vast majority of these. Several were in this village. There were three visits to Hall Orchard school, including the opening of their Peace Garden, also a visit

to Humphrey Perkins School, the Bishop Beveridge Club, the Baptist Church lunch club and Barrow Open Gardens.

An unexpected privilege was being asked to present a WW2 Arctic Convoy medal to Mr Eric Latham of Barrow. These medals were only recently issued and arrived in the post. Mr Latham’s family asked Sandie to make a formal presentation to him and she duly obliged with an invitation to a presentation at the Mayor’s Parlour in the Town Hall.

There were a number of traditional engagements including the Civic Service of the Borough, the Remembrance Day service and the Civic Carol service. The opening of Loughborough Fair is also a tradition for the Mayor with words from the time of King Henry III. The Mayor is the Chair of the Council and Sandie presided over six meetings of the full council and chaired an Extraordinary General meeting of the Council to discuss the Borough’s Core

Strategy, the blue print for housing in the Borough into the next decade.

Now it is back to work as Borough councillor with case work in Storer ward, and as a member of the Borough Planning and Policy Scrutiny committees of the council. Sandie intends to seek re-election in Storer ward in the Borough elections in May 2015.

Does the role and position of Mayor remain important in these times, I asked? “Yes, certainly” is Sandie’s view. “It is important to have formal representation of the Council outside the Town Hall to allow people an opportunity to connect with the Borough. People respond to the Mayor and appreciate formal visits and the involvement.”

Through Barrow Voice, Sandie wants to thank all in Barrow who showed their support during her year as Mayor; it is really appreciated.

Alan Willcocks.

Autumn's Gold

As the days shorten towards autumn and the nights grow longer, the trees begin to change: no longer the fresh greens of spring that gave way to the deeper greens of summer, but in their place we see glorious golds and oranges... scarlets and reds too... But why?

Well... trees use a chemical process called photosynthesis, which is the reaction of water, air and light on the green chlorophyll in the leaves.

This produces the energy for the trees to grow.

But there are other chemicals in the leaves too that are hidden by the green... they are called the carotenoids which (unsurprisingly) produce the yellow and orange colours, not only in leaves but in carrots and other yellow and orange fruits and veg too.

As the trees stop making food in preparation for winter, the veins in the leaves start to close and the green is not produced... it allows the golden colours to show through.

There is another chemical reaction going on too, this is the anthocyanins... the reds of cherries and strawberries,

The yellows and golds are normally seen but it takes an autumn of warm, shorter, sunny days followed by cool, longer, crisp - but not freezing - nights to give us the most brilliant colours.

If the conditions are right then we can expect truly magnificent autumn colour.

My favourite is the Liquidambar styraciflua, that really lives up to its name; but the Japanese and Canadian maples are lovely too... even the Gean, the wild cherry, is glorious in good years.

So will this year be a fiery golden autumn? Well, we'll soon find out...

Maggie J.



Barrow - love at first sight!

My impression of the typical English village has always been that of a sleepy, off the beaten track row of quaint crafters' cottages with lush English gardens, and so I was very much looking forward to joining Julie Gardner in Barrow-Upon-Soar upon completion of our writing course in Oxford.

And while I was quickly disabused of my idea of what Barrow would be like, I must say that I have not been disappointed. Although there is more traffic and it is larger than I had imagined, it has maintained its English village character with its impressive, well kept homes (not altogether my idea of cottages!) and their stunningly beautiful gardens. Julie, an inveterate walker, has already had me clock several miles as we strolled the village streets and 'jitties,' and along the canal to watch the locks in operation. Everywhere I turn, I sense that the people of Barrow have a very

strong sense of civic pride, and I can well understand why people love to live here.

On a humorous note, while Skyping with my husband last night, he asked if I had seen the Barrow kipper. While Julie gesticulated by pointing to indicate that the kipper was indeed something of interest here, my understanding was that a kipper is a revered and very traditional British breakfast food. As it turns out, he had been doing some research on the internet about where exactly I was, and had gleaned a significant amount of information to add to his rather meagre knowledge of British history, which

consists solely of the date 1066 as being the year of the Battle of Hastings.

Coupled with his copious knowledge of Barrow-upon-Soar with my having fallen in love with your village, it will certainly be a stopping place when we return together someday to England.

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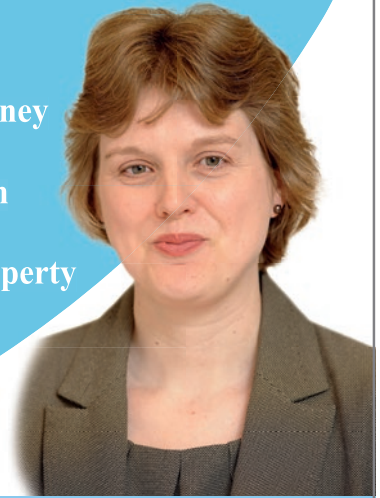


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B.O.G. 2014 – Simply the best!!

As the autumn leaves begin to fall and the gardens of Barrow settle into their winter hibernation, hopefully this might bring some cheerful memories for the many people who supported the Barrow Open Gardens 2014 event. Not one drop of rain fell on our weekend of fun and fund raising - it was sunshine all the way and we were delighted to hand over £3,245 to Jennifer Leach of Rainbows. The final amount increased to a record sum of £3,287.49 - a fantastic 'pot of gold' on Rainbows' 20th anniversary.

Over 20 villagers showed off their gardens, sold plants and served delicious refreshments to many regular visitors as well as new ones that came from near and far. What a variety of gardens there were to enjoy as well – it would be hard to have gone away without at least some new ideas for your own little patch. Even Hall Orchard, our local primary school, joined in with their 'in progress' raised beds and wildlife garden. Additional special charity events showed off what creative talents we have in Barrow and included; Glenda Phillips' wonderful OCD (Obsessive Container Disorder) 'Guess How Many Pots' competition.



Doris Fox (Sibley) guessed the number of Glenda's pots as 510

Well done Doris (and Glenda!!) You can take a YouTube 'walk' round Glenda's garden in all its splendour (Glenda's Open Gardens 2014).

In New Street alone, Jessica Bruce and Libby Slingsby did a fantastic job raffling the big B.O.G. teddy bear and selling Slushies; Ella and Mollie Freer wove some magical hair braids; the B.O.G. Dog Show attracted 10 competitors and was great fun with requests for a repeat performance next year – possibly too much sun and Pimms?!!

Anne Kingham displayed her imaginative paintings and glasswork, while round the corner on Melton Road, Helen Hudson's daughter, Rosey, exhibited her colourful floral artwork, which was a perfect complement to the occasion.

This year there are so many to thank for their continued support; The Paper Shop, Taylors Flower Shop, Victoria Jane, The Co-Op and Feather & Fur Pet Shop all did a brilliant job selling programmes for us and the Old Parsonage Kennels, Hoton made a generous donation via the B.O.G. Dog Show.

Gardening Club plant sales were as popular as ever.

Much praise must also go to Barrow Gardening Club, the 2014 B.O.G.

team – Jeanette Hollis, Lin Winter, Glenda & Richard Phillips and Geoff & Jeanette Austin for giving their time, energy and enthusiasm. Special thanks go also to Roger & Jo Chappell for hosting a marvellous 'after B.O.G. get-together' in their stunning garden.

But the stars of the show who deserve the biggest thank you are the Barrow gardeners and their families whose hard work and support ensured it was an enjoyable and successful weekend for our village.

We are already planning B.O.G 2015 and hoping that we can attract some new gardeners to join in. The dates for next year are Sat 20th & Sun 21st June, so drop us an email on barrowog@gmail.com if you think you'd like to take part in this great annual event.

Jennie Gladwin.



Floral Paintings by Rosey Hudson



Fun at the dog show



Street Market Tales



Met Office weather forecast on Wed for Sunday (market day) showed a nightmare blend of heavy and sustained rain in between light showers and gusts of wind up to 25mph. Not good. However on the day, the sun shone hotly for most of the event. 25 rain drops fell at 4.56 as the last few traders were finishing their packaway. The clap of thunder at 8:15pm and 30 minutes of pouring rain after that were just an irrelevant bonus for gardeners.

Some statistics: 71 stalls were booked - 9 were no-shows - and of the 62 left 11 were Barrow community stalls.

The remaining 51 included an astonishing array of local business initiatives, from bird boxes, handmade clocks, funnel cakes and designer watches to fudge, ceramics and cycle accessories. They were all local – the furthest was from Mountsorrel.

The market was formally opened at 10:30 by Sandie Forrest, our resident Mayor of Charnwood 2013/14 who did

Barrow proud with a short, funny, punchy speech before the ribbon parted prettily. By lunch time, more than 1,000 people had visited. High Street was seriously busy. Great! The pie man had more or less sold out by 11:30. Less great. But crêpes continued to appear and people kept passing me munching on giant bacon butties, burgers and the like. You didn't need to go hungry.

Or thirsty: customers of my homemade fruit punch swooned and demanded the recipe. Please find it on page 28.

I found time to chat to some of the traders. One declared enthusiastically that it was the best village street market he'd ever been to and when were we doing the next? (Sat Dec 6th). Another bemoaned the lack of toilet facilities. Hear, hear! The Parish Council was really fed up that it hadn't succeeded in replacing the public toilet by July 6th, and certainly not for lack of trying. Another said what a friendly place Barrow is (true) but there weren't enough bins (also true). One trader admitted that she'd never run a stall before and hadn't realised that if it rained, she wouldn't be able to take her wares indoors. Fortunately, it didn't. "It'll go quiet after lunch, you mark my words" muttered one harassed stall holder. But it

didn't. If anything, it was even busier. The Beehive Plants stall holder couldn't believe that he'd sold so much. He showed me his big white van with a trickle of plants in it; "That was bursting at the seams when we arrived. Over 1,000 plants. And look what's left. The customers swarmed over my stall like a herd of locusts". Good one! I wondered whether he felt aggrieved that perhaps his plants weren't going to good homes. Then Iris Oakley (Barrow's Mrs Air Ambulance) rang up the next day to tell me she raised over £320 selling her jams in aid of the local Air Ambulance and she was thrilled. She specially asked me to thank her customers.

So it was a big success and I guess we'll do another (same day next summer?). But before that we are just beginning to plan the Big Switch On and Street Market on December 6th. Heavens, it will be Christmas next! Sure enough, three days later, Mrs Handmade Elephant emailed to book her stall for December.

So I was able to find out that she sells baby and children's clothes, which I assume she makes herself. I love the name.

Judith Rodgers.



Visit to Marans 2014

At 4am on the 28th June bleary eyed members of the Barrow-upon-Soar Twinning Group met at East Midlands Airport for the 6:30am flight to La Rochelle. We were on our bi-annual visit to stay with our friends in Marans, the town that we are twinned with. Marans is in the Charente Maritime Region, which is a low lying, very flat area. Despite Ryanair's meagre luggage allowance, we were able to pack gifts for our hosts and now that you can take a duty free bag on board it helped with last minute gifts.

We were met at La Rochelle airport by our French hosts. For seven of our members this was a first time experience, but many of the group have been going to Marans since the charter was signed in 1997 so we have some long standing friends and it is always a pleasure to meet up with them. We had an official welcome by the mayor at the Mairie (Town Hall) then walked to the old fish market, which has been made into an exhibition hall. There was a display of paintings, sculpture and other crafts and these made a very pleasant setting for the reception, which included delicious nibbles and drinks. Of course there was also Galette, a flat cake that is a local delicacy. The rest of the day was spent with our hosts.

On Sunday we drove to the Chateau-de-Dampierre sur Buttons and were given an excellent guided tour by an English lady, so thankfully we were able to understand the history of the place. After the tour we had time to stroll around the maze and gardens. In the afternoon we visited a donkey sanctuary, but first we had our picnic lunch. It was very enjoyable; we even tried wild boar pate, the boar having been shot by the man that made the pate, unbelievable! After a surfeit of food and wine, we set off to see the purpose of our visit, the Poitou donkey.

This particular donkey was perilously close to extinction so the sanctuary was set up to breed them. The Poitou is very different to any donkey I have seen before, quite large with a very shaggy coat. It was interesting to hear about the breeding programme and how many generations would have to be born before they could achieve a 100% Poitou. After this detailed tour we felt we had a great knowledge of this particular type of donkey!



The treat in store for Monday was a trip to the Car Museum Talmont St Hilaire. This was a large transport museum, and obviously the vast majority of vehicles were French, so you can imagine our delight when we spotted an English one. This was definitely one for the boys - as most of the technical conversations went over the heads of the ladies. On leaving the museum we drove to the restaurant Auberge de la Court d'Aron in Saint-Cyr, where we were served an excellent three course lunch. Afterwards, we went on to a Floral and Tropical Park. There were many species but the thing that stood out most for me was the large lake covered in lotus flowers, some of which were in bloom. It must be a magnificent sight when they are all out.

Monday evening saw the now traditional final get together. This year it was held at the home of Colette and Didier and after an aperitif of Pineau, a speciality of the Charente Maritime region, we had our supper, then sang for it! We sang a variety of songs, the words having been given to our hosts so that they could join in. Then their turn came. They sang a selection of traditional French songs which made a lovely end to the evening. Tuesday came around all too soon and after lunch we headed to La Rochelle airport where fond farewells were said. We are now looking forward to hosting our friends in Barrow next year, and the planning begins.

Val Gillings.

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Charnwood Orchestra concert in Holy Trinity Church

Charnwood Orchestra will return to Holy Trinity with its annual concert on Saturday September 27th, starting at 7:30pm. Last year was a memorable one including the festivities that celebrated its 40th year. Now the orchestra is all set to carry on wowing its many new audience members with lovely music, a very high standard of playing and the warm and enthusiastic atmosphere for which it has become renowned.

The programme has not one but two symphonies (Haydn No 67 and Mozart No 36 'Linz'), a Schubert overture D470 and the wonderful Bach Double Violin Concerto played by Nic Fallowfield, our conductor, and Claire Bhabra, one of his colleagues.

Tickets can be bought from The Paper Shop at £10, £9 (concessions) and £3 for accompanied children under 16, or contact Judith on judithrodgers155@gmail.com or 07718 153117.

Dec 4th to 7th Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity Church

The Christmas Tree Festival Committee is working hard to put together an exciting programme of events. We already know that this year's festival will be opened at 7:30 pm on Thursday 4th December with a quiz along with suitable refreshments. We are currently pursuing several options for who will open this year's Festival, and more information will be available soon - keep a look out for posters!

Soup and bread will again be served on Friday and Saturday lunchtimes and there will be a range of cakes and biscuits to go with your tea and coffee, which will be available throughout the day whilst you look at the different Christmas trees. We will shortly be finalising our Friday evening concert and more information will be available shortly.

The Festival weekend ties in with the switching on of the village lights on Saturday 6th December and ends on Sunday afternoon, 7th December.

Last year we had a record 82 trees and we hope that this year's Festival will exceed this number. If you would like to take part, please contact us for further information. Do, please, put the dates in your diary and come along to join us.

Contact Jean Cooke or Terry Brown on 01509 412929.



Don't forget Sept 20th. Barrow's Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show

How are your leeks? Are your beans making progress? The slugs have eaten my French beans but maybe yours have escaped their notice.

Have a look in your garden and count how many flowers are blooming; could you enter a mixed vase in the show?

Have a go at making fruit jam or jelly, and it will soon be chutney time; it is such a good way to use a glut of produce. Curried marrow chutney is always much better than stuffed marrow and it is very tasty with home roast ham and salad.

Find the schedule or get another one from: The Paper Shop, Barrow Library, Londis Garage or The Feather 'n Fur pet shop on Babington Road. Cream teas will be available. The Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Society will have their show in the Conservative Club on the same afternoon. Barrow's Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show is at the Methodist Hall.

Tilly Yates.

BOSCAPS 2014 at Humphrey Perkins School

Barrow upon Soar Summer Play Scheme took place again this year in the week commencing Monday 4th August. Nearly 350 children came together to share in the activities, which included various crafts and sports. Now every child in Barrow must be wearing a loom band and a personally designed T shirt!

There were also special workshops which included dance, sport, circus skills, karate and the very popular animal man who brought in a variety of animals.

On the last morning, the dance workshop performed a show which they had worked hard to put together throughout the week, accompanied by some circus skills routines. This was enjoyed by all the children who had the opportunity to watch. The show was filmed and you can purchase a DVD for £6.00. If you haven't ordered your DVD and would like one please send a cheque to Alison Johnston, 2 Grebe Close, Barrow upon Soar, LE12 8YB - please make cheques payable to BOSCAPS.

This year, we introduced Rushcliffe Park to our afternoon trips. It was an amazing afternoon; everyone had a good time, children and adults alike and the weather was brilliant. Our normal trips, ice skating and a family day to Skegness were as popular as ever.

The play scheme was a great success and enjoyed by all the children; a big thank you to the 43 staff / volunteers who gave up a week of their holiday to make it such a massive success. A thank you also to all those who supported the scheme: Barrow Parish Council, BUSCA, Leicestershire County Council, Charnwood Borough Council, Early Learning Alliance, Humphrey Perkins School and Central Business.

Judith's Summer Fruit Punch

5lb of gooseberries boiled up with 5 lb of blackcurrants and 2 pints of water. You can leave all the stalks, leaves and gubbins in. Strain (I used a cider press). Heat the liquor with about 1lb sugar, 2 tablespoons of whole allspice, same of whole cloves and same of powdered nutmeg. Boil for approximately 30 minutes. Strain to make the fruit base. Chill it.

Take a ½ pint glass and half fill with cold fizzy lemonade. Add a slosh of cold ginger beer and a generous slosh of the fruit base. Add sliced apple, raspberries (lots), cut pieces of strawberry, mint leaves, cucumber and lemon slices and top up with ice cubes. It IS better than Pimms and of course, if you feel like replacing the ginger beer with brandy, that's your choice.



Movies in Barrow upon Soar at the Bishop Beveridge Club

Whilst we generally have enough support at our monthly Monday (each third afternoon at 2:15pm) Movies, this summer has seen a mixed response to our new venture, the Friday (evening) Flicks at 7pm. We hope this gives more choices to residents who are film fans.

Our first evening film (Captain Phillips) was well supported with over 40 attending. However 'Rush' in June and 'The Monuments Men' on 1st August have both run at a loss.

We have initially run the films on the first Friday evening bi-monthly, with a decision to run monthly from the autumn. However, a re-think has been necessary and this will be the future programme.

Friday 3rd October: 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' the farce, starring Ralph Fiennes, a hilarious romp through Europe surrounding the adventures of the hotel concierge, Gustav H, and the hotel lobby boy Zero Mustafa who becomes his trusted friend. Lots of cameo roles played by well-known actors.

Friday 5th December: 'Jersey Boys' the story of four young boys from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic 60's rock group the 'Four Seasons'. Great music: Cherie Cherie Baby, Big Girls Don't Cry, Who Loves You Pretty Baby. Directed by Clint Eastwood. A new release.

These film shows are presented via the excellent rural touring scheme set up by the Phoenix in Leicester. Big Screen presentations are fully professional and give the opportunity to see both newly released and well-loved favourites on the big screen.

If you need further information call either Joyce on 01509 414519 (joyce_cp@yaho.co.uk) or Wendy on 413212. In addition Friday Flicks tickets, priced £4 will be available from The Paper Shop two weeks before each performance.

The picture is of the screen set up with presenter Pete Groschl.

Joyce Noon



Barrow Book Group - a year on

Members of Barrow Book Group have now been meeting for over a year and during the course of that time new members have been welcomed - while the original four have continued to attend. There are usually between six and eight people at the monthly gathering.

The atmosphere is very informal and relaxed. We have a drink, chat about our impressions of the book, often refer back to books from previous months briefly and then generally put the world to rights before going home.

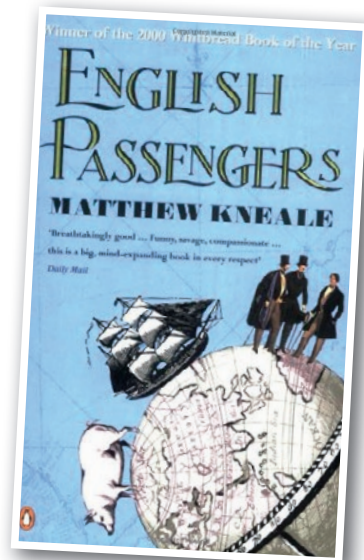
We have read from a wide range of books - but cannot agree on which is the favourite. Where there is agreement though is that we have all read books that we would probably not have chosen to read, and that for the most part we are glad to have read them.

The advantage of meeting at 'The Hunting Lodge' is that no-one has to tidy the house before book group - and also it means if there are more people than expected at any meeting they can easily be catered for. We are grateful to the staff at 'The Hunting Lodge' who always reserve a table for us and make us very welcome.

We usually (but not always) meet on the last Monday of the month at 7pm. The discussion part of the evening usually lasts for about an hour. On September 29th, we will read 'English Passengers' by Matthew Kneale.

If you would like to join us you will be made very welcome. If you want to know more please contact Pip through email pip.russell@btinternet.com

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World Cup Memories

England's part in the 2014 World Cup produced few joyful moments, but the photos prove they did exist - if fleetingly! The pics were taken at 'The Three Crowns' in Barrow 15 minutes before the end of the England v Uruguay match, just after Rooney had scored the equaliser. For nine glorious minutes a happy delirium invaded the packed pub, but with six minutes remaining Suarez scored a second goal for Uruguay and England had lost. 2014 definitely won't be a year that's remembered with pride, but what of 1966?

David and I'd just got married in 1966 and were living in a furnished flat in North London. I hated living in London. There were only three consolations that year, swimming in Hampstead Heath pools, realising that Leicestershire is a rural paradise compared with London, and the camaraderie of World Cup Day. We were invited to the basement flat beneath us where the tenant had a tele. Neither of us were remotely interested in the footie (as now) but both moved by the friendliness of our neighbours and by the roar that filled London when that clinching goal was scored.

Judith Rodgers.

The memory itself is very clear but exactly where it took place has gone. I was part of a large group of British university students en route to Moscow as part of a 'Red Flag Days to the Soviet Union' exchange scheme. We were at a coach station in Europe somewhere and I saw one of the boys write 'England 1966 Weltmeister' with a finger in the thick dust on the back of a German coach. The other boys from our group milled around laughing. But what's remarkable is that this took place a year later. It was August 1967!

Gaynor Barton.

I was in Moscow in 1966 involved in a British exhibition. We didn't see much of the build up because the Russians didn't show all the matches on television, only the ones they were involved in, and not having TV in the hotel rooms it was shown on a large screen in the restaurant. Once the Russian team got knocked out, which I believe was in the quarter finals, they were, surprisingly, right behind the English team - they didn't want the Germans to win. On the final night the restaurant was packed with British exhibitors and quite a few of our Russian friends.

All I can really remember is that it was a very boozy, noisy night and England won.

John Nurse.

Myself and my wife Susan were living in Luxembourg during the 1982 World Cup. The country has a strong population of foreign residents, including a lot of Italian and Portuguese workers in the construction industry, who all supported Italy. The World Cup was won by the Italians beating Germany in Spain, and following the Italian win, the streets of Luxembourg at night were blocked with a cavalcade of cars waving Italian flags and blowing horns. A friend and I finished up doing traffic duty as the cavalcade was blocking the exits around our local ex-pats' pub! An embarrassing moment came when a German registered Renault that we had waved through, accelerated fiercely at a junction with a main road and was bumped in the back by a car driven by flag waving Italians and its fuel tank dropped off in the road!

Eric Ellingworth.



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