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Election Ahead!

Just think - before the summer issue of Barrow Voice drops onto your doormat, we'll have a new government. To reflect this important event we have a feature encouraging you to celebrate the fact you have the right to vote. It's often taken for granted, but read the article and remind yourself of how long it took to achieve.

Also with spring comes buds. If you are fond of taking photographs please send us your pictures of buds and we'll make a montage of them for next spring's front cover. As always, spring renews enthusiasm for gardening or working on allotments - perhaps even increased cleaning in the home. This issue has them all covered plus cyber-sport and jokes!

Gaynor Barton, Editor

Front cover: 'A Walk Round the Edge' Judith Rodgers

Heart Attack in Barrow?

The outlook's getting better - a defibrillator's coming!

Most people who have Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) die from it - often within minutes. Rapid treatment of SCA with a defibrillator can be lifesaving. A defibrillator is a device that sends an electric shock to the heart to try to restore its normal rhythm.

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) can be used by bystanders, who have had no training, to save the lives of people who are having an SCA. These portable devices are often found in public places, such as shopping malls, golf courses, businesses, airports, airplanes, casinos, convention centres, hotels, sports venues, and schools.

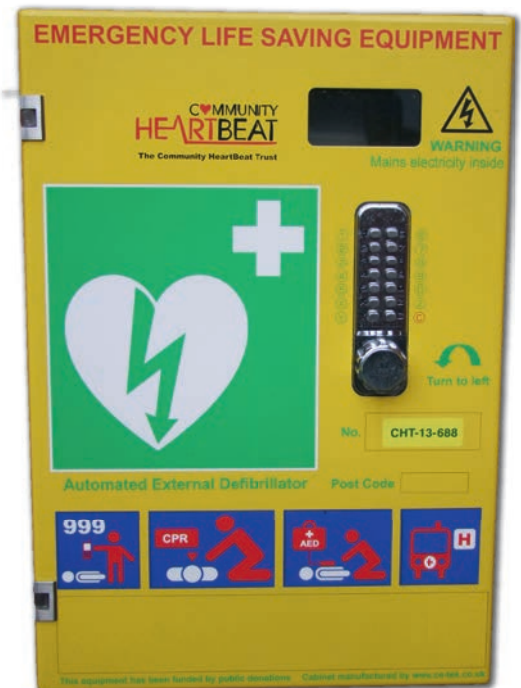
A defibrillator delivers an electrical current through the chest which aims to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm, allowing it to pump again. Rapid response using automated technology can significantly improve the quality of life of a survivor, as the longer the brain is starved of oxygen, the more damage that can occur. An AED (automated external defibrillator) is a portable defibrillator especially designed for people with no medical background. When applied to the victim, voice commands and screen messages will guide the user step-by-step through the process and its intelligent technology will only allow it to shock a 'shockable' heart rhythm.

AED technology opens a window for the public to take on a key role to support emergency services who would otherwise be hindered by the time it takes to reach a victim. It is argued that AEDs should be as broadly deployed as fire extinguishers and first aid kits. One day, Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) will be as common as road signs.

If a Sudden Cardiac Arrest occurs, ring 999 without delay. Get the AED/PAD and follow the instructions the AED unit gives you. The ambulance service operator that you have just called will stay on the telephone to assist you. The equipment itself talks to you and tells you what to do.

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Eric Ellingworth



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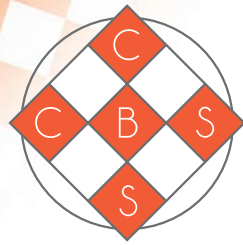
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Barrow Library - Recent Developments

- 1 The County Council has accepted that the BUSCA Library Committee will take over the running of the library.
- 2 The BUSCA Library Committee is now working on producing a business plan, which has to be submitted by March 13th.
- 3 Members of the Library Management Committee, an off-shoot of BUSCA, are visiting successful libraries run by their communities and attending specialist LCC training courses.
- 4 A part time co-ordinator of volunteers will eventually be employed so a job description is being worked on, but much has to be done first before a job advertisement appears.
- 5 The date of the take-over is anytime between July and December 2015: most likely autumn.
- 6 It is very important that there is a stream of new volunteers to make sure the library can stay open for 20 hours a week.

See details of a
Cheese & Wine evening
for library volunteers on page 29

Barrow is one of 29 Leicestershire communities who plan to take over their library. This is out of a total of 36 rural libraries. They are Anstey, Barrow, Barwell, Bottesford, Braunstone Town, Castle Donington, Countesthorpe, Desford, Fleckney, Glenhills, Great Glen, Groby, Hathern, Kegworth, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East, Market Bosworth, Markfield, Mountsorrel, Narborough, Newbold Verdon, Quorn, Ratby, Rothley, Sapcote, Sileby, South Wigston, Stoney Stanton and Thurmaston.

No group has registered an interest for Enderby, Measham, Burbage, Cosby, East Goscote, Ibstock or Kibworth. The Library Service is now exploring how to support those communities to encourage them to think again!

Some questions and answers for people thinking about volunteering

Q: Over and over again, people have contacted me and said "I would like to help keep our library open, but I don't think I could cope with anything to do with computers".

A. We understand this anxiety and so do the County Library Service. I suspect that many people who have had no computer experience would struggle to fulfil the requirements to man the library desk, even after training. Volunteers who struggle don't enjoy their volunteering. They quickly give up and, even worse, feel bad about themselves. Nobody wants that. BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS TO HELP! We will endeavour to channel your wish to help in activities that you will enjoy!

Q. Another concern is about commitment. "What happens if I don't feel very well or I have planned to go on holiday or my daughter needs me to baby sit?"

A. Making sure that every library session is covered by at least two volunteers will be the major role of

the Volunteer Manager.

There will always be a pool of 'spare' volunteers that the Manager can call on to sort out who is free. Of course we will hope that the main session volunteers will be as reliable as if they were at work, but no-one can guarantee 100% reliability. If you expect to be in the "unreliable" category, maybe you could volunteer to be part of the pool that can be asked to fill in as and when you are free.

Q. "Do I have to offer at least 3 hours of my time if I want to offer myself as a volunteer?"

A. Currently our library offers five x three hour sessions and one x five hour session. It makes a lot of sense to use volunteers in blocks of 3 hours for logistical reasons, but the five hour session may well be manned by two volunteers working for three hours and two for two hours. At this stage, flexibility is our key. Just tell us what YOU want to do and when!



Q. "I could offer to help every other Tuesday in the evenings but I'm not free at other times. Is there any point in me filling in a Volunteer Form when Barrow Library doesn't even open on a Tuesday, let alone in the evening?"

A. Although we have expressed the aim to maintain the current level of service, that doesn't mean we have to stick to exactly the same times and days of opening. Here's the same answer as before: let us know what you can do, then we can sort out when we can open.

Judith Rodgers

If you think you would like to add your name to the pool of volunteers, please contact Judith on 07718153117 or judithrogers155@gmail.com .

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Mr Fish Van Man

When I moved into Barrow in the 1960s, not only did Barrow have four butchers but it also had Clark's Fish Shop. Peter Clark closed his fish shop and one by one, so did the butchers.

But now we have a van that visits Barrow every Monday between 3:00pm and 5:00pm in the Three Crowns car park with wonderful fish fresh from Grimsby. Neil Taylor has been visiting Barrow for the past three years.

Neil is at Grimsby docks by 6:00am each Monday morning; he personally selects all his purchases for freshness and variety and then sets off on his day's round. First he delivers to eight local fish merchants then gets onto the motorway and heads south. Breaston is his first van stop followed by Castle Donington. He gets to Barrow by 4:00pm and leaves at 5:00pm for Woodhouse Eaves. They have him until 7:00, after which he makes house deliveries. He stays overnight and trades in the south side of Leicestershire on Tuesdays. He's back home for an evening meal and yes, sometimes it's fish and chips - but pretty superior fish!

On Wednesday he stocks up for Thursday and then delivers orders locally. Thursday sees another trip south including Quorn and Rothley. He's back home on Friday and able to enjoy supporting Grimsby Town FC at the weekend.

Neil certainly has the 'fish game' in his blood. He started work as an apprentice fish filleter at 16 on Grimsby docks. He later moved to a fish factory in Iceland (cold and desolate) followed by Norway (warm and matey) then back to a fish factory in Grimsby. In 2000 he tried out a fish round in the Cotswolds but it kept him away from home too long. Four years later he returned to Grimsby and opened a clothes shop! One or two other jobs later, his current van round became available and it's just fine.

The thing that is notable about Neil's van is his vast selection of fish and shellfish. So far he's had everything I've asked for including the two skate wings that have been cooked for Barrow Voice (see recipe below). Go and see for yourself! Do ask if you can't see what you want; Neil's van is a bit like the Tardis! And the fish are bright-eyed and fresh from the sea. Lovely.

Judith Rodgers



Pan Fried Skate Wing with Mediterranean Salsa

The perfect fish lover's light lunch or supper (Serves 2)

Skate Wings

Ingredients:

2 fresh skate wings
4 tablespoons of plain flour
25gms freshly grated parmesan (or similar Italian hard cheese)
Freshly ground black pepper to season
Small amount of olive oil for frying

Method:

1. Sieve the flour into a shallow bowl, add the parmesan and black pepper and mix.
2. Completely coat the skate wings in the dry mix. Heat up the oil in a frying pan then gently place the skate wing or wings into the pan (depending on the size of your pan) and gently fry on one side until the underside is golden brown before turning over to brown the other side. Be careful to add a little extra oil on turning over as it's not great to dry-fry the flour mix.
3. Once cooked on both sides the skate is ready to serve.

Mediterranean Salsa

Ingredients:

1 small red pepper
1 small white onion
1 small fennel bulb
1 tbsp capers
1 tsp dried mixed Italian herbs
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to season
Small amount of olive oil for frying

Method:

1. Peel the onion and wash the red pepper and fennel bulb before chopping everything to your preferred size.
2. Heat the oil in a pan before adding the chopped vegetables, capers, dried herbs, salt and pepper, and stirring every now and then. Constant stirring will lead to the mix boiling, when you want the veg to brown and the peppers blister. You could choose to oven roast for equally good results.
3. Serve with the skate wings.

Note:

A few flakes of dried chilli can be added to the salsa mix to spice things up but be careful, the skate wings have a very delicate taste so be careful not to over do it.

Serving suggestion:

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Maureen's Kitchen at the Boat House

Maureen Cheung opened Maureen's Kitchen at The Boat House in September 2014. Before moving to Barrow, Maureen had managed 'The Water Margin' Chinese Restaurant on High Street in Leicester and before that had run her own business, 'The Peking' on Charles Street for 22 years. The latter was recognised as one of the top Chinese restaurants in the Midlands.

Tired of the city rat race, Maureen decided to move to Barrow, hopefully to enjoy the slightly quieter life of a village, and to save us having to travel to the cities for good Chinese sit-down meal.

In December 2014, Charnwood Borough Council Environmental Health Inspectors awarded 'Maureen's Kitchen at The Boat House' a Food Standard Agency (FSA) level 5 score for hygiene, the highest score available.

At the restaurant I ate Hot and Sour Soup followed by Beef with Green Peppers in an Oyster Sauce with egg fried rice, Ginnie ate Kung Po style chicken with Chow Mein noodles. Very good! Other customers commented to me on both the good quality of the food and the service.

Sometimes we cook at home, sometimes have a take away, but it does make a pleasant change to be able to go to a good local restaurant, relax, enjoy the food and not have to wash up!

'Maureen's Kitchen' also offers English food and has a collection-only take away service at a 10% discount for this and the Cantonese and other Chinese menu prices.

The restaurant is at The Boat House, 14 Bridge Street, Barrow Upon Soar, Leicestershire LE12 8PN. Tel: 01509 412 260

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Alan Willcocks



'Helping Hands' Care Services in the Home

When I was asked to supply details of advertising rates to Helping Hands, a homecare company specialising in both long term and emergency short term care, my mind immediately flashed back to my own experience of coping with my 96 year old aunt, Joan.

Joan lived in her own home in Somerset, over 100 miles away from Barrow and I was her only relative. At the time, she was being supported by friends and neighbours, monthly visits from David and me, and daily visits from a care organisation. One morning, however, I received a phone call stating very firmly that Aunt Joan needed a care home. I knew this would be incredibly distressing for a fiercely independent woman.

What followed was horrible; I now know the company we'd needed was 'Helping Hands'. 'Helping Hands' is an award-winning, family run business that now leads England and Wales in the provision of care services in the home. Supporting elderly people and those living with disabilities, 'Helping Hands' offers visits from as little as 30 minutes a week, right through to ongoing 24 hour Live-In support. Comparable in cost to residential homes, care packages are built entirely around the individual, adhering to existing routines and lifestyles whilst keeping disruption to an absolute minimum.

Helping Hands aims to provide a first class service every time, which is evident in the thorough training programme carers must complete. In terms of continuity of service, full time

care also means that carers tend to remain in care placements on a long-term basis, allowing them to build a strong rapport and understanding of their customer. This is especially important for those living with complex conditions or dementia, where continuity is vital. All in all, Live-In care provided by 'Helping Hands' would have been a much better solution for Joan.

'Helping Hands' also provides rapid response emergency care for people who need help at home quickly. This can include being discharged from hospital following an operation, people suddenly let down by their current care provider, and those who have unexpected/unplanned illnesses, including end of life/palliative care requirements. Find out more by phoning 0808 180 1016 or visiting their website:

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Judith Rodgers





(Yr 9 L-R) Cara Jarram, Lauren Coulsell, Shan Reid, Evie Pryer, Sophie Morris, Natasha Smith, Jessica Lair Brucki, Emily Richardson, Evie Capewell, Amy Hubbard and Morgan Finnamore.

The Hair and Beauty Academy at Humphrey Perkins

The Hair and Beauty Academy at Humphrey Perkins School was established in 2012. Due to its popularity there are around 50 students between the ages 13-16 studying here.

Lucy Archer (Yr11) writes. This course enhances our life skills, by having respect for all types of people and being confident in new challenges and situations we are put in. We all have our own individual qualities that bring fun and relaxed vibes to the lesson, unlike other classrooms. We are able to show off our creativity through different techniques that are unique to us.



Molly Molloy doing a make-up assessment on her Mum

As young adults who take pride in our appearance, this course allows us to understand how varied styles suit different people and cultures. During the course, in all years, we learn about anatomy and physiology of the body; this complements our scientific education. Pupils who have creative skills and strengths are attracted to this industry and the courses at HPS. Being part of the hair and beauty team has really boosted my confidence in working in a salon environment. It has helped when getting a job with Tony and Guy and I really appreciate everything that Miss Eaton does for us in allowing us to use new, popular styling products.”

Leah Bishop (Yr11) “I enjoy hairdressing because I take pride in my own hair and there is so much you can do with hair to create gorgeous hairstyles”.

Molly Molloy (Yr11) “This hair and beauty qualification is a fantastic opportunity that delivers life skills as well as hair and beauty skills”.

Holly Martin (Yr11) “This course has allowed me to gain confidence when working with new people”.

Megan Tolton (Yr11) “I have gained an excellent insight into the hair and beauty industry which has helped me to establish my strengths and weaknesses”.

Chloe Haynes (Yr11) “As a salon in the school, we have to follow the rules. However we are able to express ourselves individually and get to achieve awards. In January 2014 I received the ‘Stylist of the Month’ award for outstanding performance in the salon”.

Megan Williams (Yr11) “I enjoy the fact that everyone is welcome into the salon and we are able to interact with new people”.

India Jarvis (YR10) writes. "There's lots of different things we do in the salon to get our qualification in hair and beauty; we've developed lots of advanced skills in our Level 1 course. At the start of this qualification we knew hardly anything, but we have progressed so much we are now doing clients in every unit of our course. Our different units are hair, make-up and nails. We've been doing this course for about a year and a half. After half term we are hoping to start Level 2, which is equivalent to a GCSE, and this will teach us about the hair and beauty industry in depth and how to open our own business. However, this business need not necessarily be just in hair and beauty. It will teach us to build a CV and write a personal statement.

There are eight of us in the year 10 group; we all have a good relationship with each other and our manager/teacher. The Year 9 group have completed manicure and make-up practical skills, client consultation and health and safety in the work place. They are now learning the basics of hairdressing, practising on doll heads and each other. They have already completed two 'real' client sessions, which was a success, showing their professional salon conduct and client care.

I am so proud to see the pupils build their confidence and skills; dealing with clients face to face is a challenge for anyone. Everyone contributes to the salon in their own way which adds to the diversity of the environment and we try to keep it as realistic as possible. There is no limit to what you can achieve with a successful career in the Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy industry. We are always looking for new clients.

Jane Eaton, Hair and Beauty Teacher



Year 9 practising manicure on the nail bar (Oct 14)



Year 11 with their models after completing the 'create an image photo shoot' (Dec 14)

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The Importance of Voting - Something to Celebrate

On Election Day, there should be a celebratory party - music, food, drink - at every polling station. What could be more important and more worth celebrating than the fact that as individuals we have a right and responsibility to engage in our hard-won democratic process?

However unlikely this may be, the importance of voting is a timely topic with Elections this May.

Voting is our only democratically accountable link to decisions that are made about public policy. Of course there are other ways to be involved, through voluntary groups and charities, and through campaigns on social media for example, but there is only one chance every four years to make a personal contribution through the democratic process to elect the leaders who will make decisions. It has actually only been since 1928 that men and women have had equal voting rights with no property restrictions, and many people suffered to win this right for us all.

Each of us has a number of issues we care about and decisions are made at different levels. Rubbish bins? Charnwood District Council. Apprenticeships for young people? Policy around this is made at National level through the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, in conjunction with the Department for Education. Natural spaces? Leicestershire County Council. Interested in having fitness equipment in the local park? Parish Council. What about having choice about whether you want to stay in your home if you were ill and no longer able to take care of yourself? National government, through the

NHS. Libraries? County - and the list goes on.

It is certainly understandable why people might not want to vote. The media would have us believe that all politicians are a set of public school boys who do not know the price of a pint of milk. However, most of the toil of government is done by hard working backbenchers, on Committees where companies, public organisations and

“The very right to vote imposes on me the duty to instruct myself in public affair, however little influence my voice may have in them.”

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

individuals provide information and evidence and are held to account for

their actions. BBC Parliament television - Select Committee coverage may not be your channel of choice, but actually that is where the hard work happens.

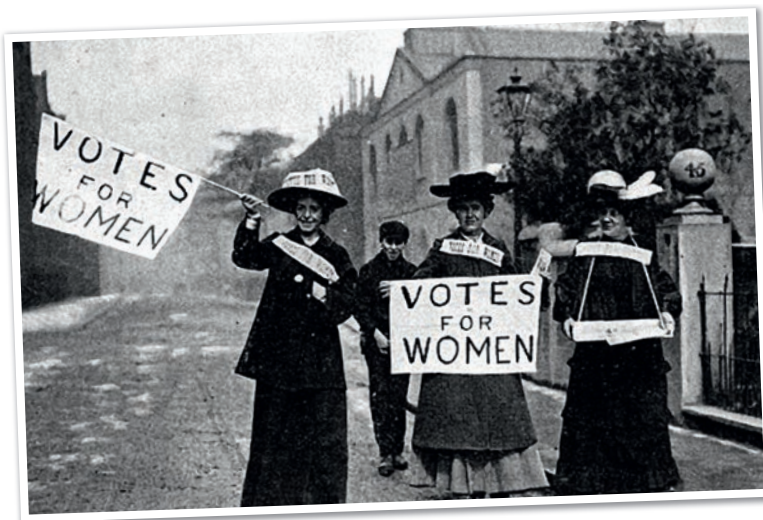
Ever seen the schedule of a Parliamentarian? Glamorous? Most Mondays, they travel to London on the

train, work all day in meetings and committees, interrupted by voting in the house, meetings at night through to Thursday when it is back to the constituency to meet individuals and organisations about local issues until Sunday night, and back to London again. Nothing is ever really private again. As a Member of Parliament, you are always being ‘whipped’, (yes, that is the term!) The Whip is an official position, an MP who makes sure he or she knows how all the Party members are going to vote on legislation and policy before the House and has a role in making sure they vote ‘with’ the Party. That push-and-pull between representing your constituents, and working collectively at the Party level to ensure laws and policies get put through, is a constant challenge. It is not an easy or perfect system, but it works.

An even more challenging schedule is that of a PPC, a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate vying to become an MP. The job begins with selection and may go on for nearly four years, every day of every week, with no salary, convincing people that you are the better choice to represent them in Parliament. Now that is commitment.

So, meet you in the pub on polling day? We definitely have something to celebrate, no matter who you vote for.

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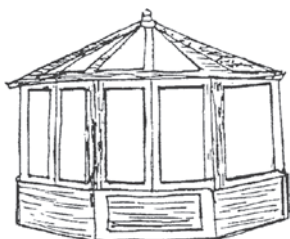
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Spring Cleaning

It was such a big thing in the past! I'm sure many of us born in the 40's, 50's or earlier, will remember the temporary chaos inflicted on the normal routine of the home by the institution of Spring Cleaning.

In those days if a housewife didn't do it she was thought lazy! For younger readers, 'Spring Cleaning' involved a methodical room by room march through the house moving heavy furniture to get at the carpet underneath. Curtains were taken down for cleaning and lighter ones, for summer, put up. All the skirting boards were washed down and windows polished. But is it still a big thing? To find out I prepared a short questionnaire and asked a sample of people I met in the High Street.

20% said YES they always cleaned more thoroughly in spring and it often involved DIY. Husbands were involved too. It seems B&Q are always busier in spring as the strong sunshine shows up dowdiness and motivates home decorators. Some other shops too keep the idea alive by having 'Spring Cleaning' reductions on cleaning products.

30% said No – Never Spring didn't make any difference at all. They kept their houses clean throughout the year doing cleaning jobs 'as and when', or by employing a cleaner. One said she didn't spring clean because she had a life!

But the majority - 50% - said Partially. Not in the traditional way, but they did do more cleaning in spring. Clothes were sorted out or packed up, and more outside cleaning jobs were tackled. Some respondents cleaned on a regular weekly pattern with a more thorough clean every two or three months. Again, many in this group relied on husbands to lend a hand with heavier work. I was told that if you had pets, especially long haired dogs, you were 'Partially' spring cleaning all year round!

So, in most households the old rigorous 'Spring Clean' has gone. Why?

The answers given were varied. Some put it down to women today wanting a permanently high standard of cleanliness in the home, as friends were often round for dinner parties and so they always wanted their homes to look nice whatever time of year. Others said it was the change from the old traditional female role of being stuck at home, just doing housework, to having lots of different roles and no time for a great traditional turn out once a year. You were no longer valued just on the cleanliness of your home either. The fact that houses have changed a lot too was often mentioned - a modern, centrally heated home with fitted carpets and wardrobes was far easier to clean than an old house.

In the past it was the months of smoke from all the coal fires burnt during the winter that put a grimy coating over everything. It was this which had to be scrubbed away every spring, giving birth to the Spring Cleaning ritual. But what about fires these days? Is spring a busy time for sweeps?

To answer that I interviewed Mark Aylett, 'Chimney Doc' from Burton on the Wolds: "Oh no, my busy spike for chimneys isn't spring, it's the run up to Christmas - especially October and November", he said. "There are more and more wood burning stoves these days and the last thing people want is trouble with their chimneys during the winter months. What does create a spike in spring is the demand for cowls; jackdaws are the main culprits as they love to build their nests in chimneys and I'm called out to remove them and fit wire cowls over the chimney tops to prevent them doing it again. For nests in chimneys, Thrussington and Willoughby on the Wolds are the jackdaw capitals of the world!"

So it's not spring cleaning that keeps the sweeps busy - it's the birds!

Gaynor Barton





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It Takes All Sorts

May 2015 – Your Community Needs You

Are you concerned about your local area and the wellbeing of its residents? Do you want to take a civic role and represent your area and local people? Are you passionate about the facilities and services provided for your community? Do you want to help make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your community?

Then stand for election to become a Parish Councillor for your local council.

Reductions in local government funding may see services you take for granted reduced in the future. Your Parish Council could step in and fill the void in your community and could benefit from your skills and enthusiasm.

What is the role of a Parish Councillor?

Barrow Parish Council is made up of 15 councillors who meet regularly to make decisions on the work and direction of the council. They have collective responsibility for ensuring that the services the council has agreed to provide are carried out and that the council's financial management is sound. The council represents the community, delivers services to meet local needs and strives to improve the quality of life in the local area. The Parish Council provides and maintains local services such as open spaces, playing fields, the cemetery, litter bins, public toilets and a detached youth project. It is working with BUSCA to keep the library open.

Elections for Parish Councils will be held in May. If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of your local community, why not stand for election?

Become a Parish Councillor – Make a real difference.

Further details and application packs can be obtained from the Parish Office or from Charnwood Borough Council.

Fossil Sculpture

On a grey day in December, Parish Councillors gathered around the new sculpture at the entrance to the village on Sileby Road to witness the cutting of the ribbon by Louise Neep along with its sculptor, Andrew Smith, residents of Barrow, Councillor Slater (chair of CBC) and representatives of Humphrey Perkins School.

This day was a real celebration of months of hard work by the Parish Council. We wish to thank Chris Bates who drew up the original sketches of a fossil ammonite, to Andy for giving us such a wonderful monument and to all the individuals who have contributed to the eventual presence of the sculpture. We were even able to visit Andy in his studio to watch its creation.

The Parish Council hopes eventually to commission pieces of art at other entrances to the village.



Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Is progressing through its various stages.

We are grateful to all those who completed the consultation survey and all views expressed will be analysed to inform the Plan. The next stage will be to consult with local businesses and those with a vested interest in Barrow and there will be a Stakeholders Event on 24 March 2015, 5:30 to 8:30pm at Humphrey Perkins School. Invitations will be sent out but we are aware that some groups/businesses may be missed. If you are one of those please contact clerk@barrowpc.co.uk

Public Toilet at last!

After very many months of frustration, the Parish Council was delighted when a green plastic builder's loo was installed in the Co-op car park just one day before the Big Switch On and Christmas Street Market at the beginning of December.

Yes, it is the village public toilet! We know that seems rather unlikely but it is better than nothing and it is only a temporary facility. We are exploring a number of more permanent solutions.

It is inspected daily and cleaned if necessary. Once a week it is given a full clean and service by the company who supplies it. Please help spread the word that it is there.



Old Station Car Park

We are advised that the Old Station car park will be closed for major works on 16th March for up to 1 week. The car park will be re-opened at the earliest opportunity.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council will shortly be installing a public defibrillator on the outside wall of the Parish Council building. A second one will follow in a different part of the village. They come from the Community HeartBeat Trust. One is funded by Charnwood Borough Council and the other by Barrow Parish Council.

There is a longer article on page 3 that explains what they are and how to use them. In short, they are automated devices that can be used by an untrained passerby to save the life of someone who is having a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (i.e. heart attack).



Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting will take place on Tuesday April 14th commencing at 7:30pm at the Methodist Church Hall. This is your meeting and your opportunity to come along and have your say. There will be reports about what the Parish Council has achieved over the previous year and its plans for the future, as well as information about the Parish Precept. Further details can be obtained from the Clerk at the Parish Office.

Civic Service

The Civic Service this year will take place at Holy Trinity Church, date yet to be confirmed. The theme this year will be A Year in the Life of Barrow. Everyone is very welcome.

Dog Fouling Is Dangerous!

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More Tales From Old Barrow

Owen Wootton's granddad, (Big Jim Platt) was a champion onion grower and won many prizes at the annual Barrow Show. One night, when Owen was a young lad, his Granddad took him into his kitchen so that he could see the small light that was moving around his garden.

Granddad knew it was his arch rival in the onion growing stakes taking measurements in an attempt to be best in show that year. What the rival didn't realise was that Granddad, being a canny man, grew his prize onions not in his own garden but behind the shed in the garden of Forest View. This was his great secret and only the owners of the house shared it. Needless to say Owen's Granddad won yet again with the biggest onion; it brings tears to your eyes.

Tom Mitchell, who unfortunately died last year, was always the lead in anything the lads got up to in the village. When he was a young lad, carbide was used in car headlight and could be bought at the chemist. The lads soon realised that they could have great fun with it; no health and safety in those days! The lads would buy the carbide, get a load of Tizer bottles, go to the brook and fill the bottles with water. They would then drop carbide into each one and this would produce acetylene gas. They would then throw the bottles into the brook where they would explode, tossing the fish out in the process. Unfortunately Tom held on to a bottle too long and it exploded in his face, resulting in him losing an eye. Graham Clarke was an eye witness when Tom lost his eye.



Big Jim Platt (Top right)

Years ago in the village the church bell used to toll when someone died. It tolled three times for a man and twice for a woman. One day when the sad sound of the bell was heard around the village, Harry Rudkin, a well dressed chap who would wear a bow tie just to go to the pub, remarked, "I love that sound." "Really?" said his friend. "Yes" said Harry, "because when I hear it I know it's not for me."

Tommy Jones and his mate were employed to sweep the roadside gutters. The two lads armed with brushes and shovels did the job with the aid of a horse and cart that was hired from Jack Hilston, who had stables on Melton Road. Jack, incidentally, also supplied two lovely black horses with black plumes for funerals. One day Tommy had the bright idea that to save the council some money they could do the job just as well with a wheelbarrow. The idea was put into action and the lads set about their task. Sometime later Tommy's mate realised that he was doing all the sweeping and shovelling whilst Tommy just pushed the wheelbarrow. So he suggested that they should change over. With a withering look Tommy said, "Don't be daft, you know nothing about machinery." Those were the days.

Memories can play funny tricks at times and stories get distorted. This was the case with an item that appeared in the last edition of Barrow Voice. I have it on good authority that the story of Mr Morgan and the nettles in the toilet pan could not have happened as remembered.

Val Gillings



Tom Mitchell (Top right)



Thriving Scout Group looking to Grow: Be Brilliant in Barrow!

Are you bursting with energy and ideas? Are you most at home in a room full of people, helping bring out the best in them? Good. Then you'll do nicely as a volunteer leader for our Scout Group. We promise to support you every step of the way, and no you don't need to have been a Cub or a Scout.

Scouting is more popular than ever in the UK. Scouting has a strong presence in Barrow upon Soar and a growing waiting list that tells us how popular we are and we would love to welcome them all to join us but we simply don't have enough people to help out. Barrow Scouts are looking for new leaders to help run a new Beaver colony and to complement our current provision in the village.

Make a positive difference in the local community. This is your opportunity to achieve fantastic things as a Scouting volunteer and help provide girls and boys in Barrow with the great start in life offered by Scouting. You don't need any experience of Scouting or working with children, everyone has something to give.

Adventure. There is so much more to Scouting than tying knots and camping; we do 200 activities including Abseiling, Cooking, First Aid, Geocaching and Zorbing. Scouting offers fun and friendship, challenge and everyday adventure for volunteers and the young people who are part of our Group and across the UK.

Develop your skills. If helping young people in our community to grow in confidence and experience new things wasn't rewarding enough, as an adult you could: improve your leadership and teamwork skills, learn to support and manage others, discover hidden talents, develop your organisation skills and get active and have lots of fun too. You can give as much or as little time as you like.

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Badgers in my Garden

As the new housing developments encroach more and more into the open countryside, wildlife is affected. Something that happened two years ago, during a very severe winter when freezing nights followed freezing days, really brought it home to me.



I have fed the birds every day for many years, more in winter than summer, and have a feeding station in my garden. One morning as I was going to work I noticed that it had gone. After a time spent looking for it I found it by the car. I wasn't sure if it was a fox that had grabbed a fat-ball or somebody walking back from the pub was having a laugh.

I replaced the feeder, but nearer the house this time, then waited by the kitchen window. To my amazement a badger came sniffing round and made a grab for the fat ball and pulled it down again. With the ground so frozen, the poor thing must have been starving, so after that I started putting something out for the badgers as well.

My chance to get a picture came when Aldi had a special offer on a Night Time Camera with a timer. I bought one and this is one of the amazing pictures it took.

Martin Wigmore

Primroses

It's lovely to see the primroses in early spring; you can see them in our gardens and growing wild on the edge of woodland and verges.

On Mothering Sunday many years ago, when children were in domestic service or had apprenticeships, they were allowed to go home; this was very special as they rarely had much time to themselves. The children often picked posies of pretty primrose flowers on the way home to give to their mothers.

Have you ever stopped to look at the flowers?

Look closely at the two flowers in the photograph, (ok, one's pink and the other yellow...)



More than that, the centres of the flowers are different too: the yellow flower has a greenish disc in the centre; this is called Pineyed, whereas the pink flower has a cluster of bright yellow anthers.

This one's Thrumeyed; it's all to do with pollination.

The petals of the primrose are joined at the base to form a long tube; in Pineyed flowers the stigma (female) is at the top of the tube like the head of a pin, while the anthers (male) are further down. In Thrumeyed flowers it's the stigma that's halfway down and the anthers in a ring at the top.

When an insect, like a butterfly, lands on a flower, it unrolls its long tongue (proboscis) and in the Pineyed flower the pollen from the anthers attaches to it halfway along. If it then visits a Thrumeyed flower the pollen rubs off onto the stigma and pollination occurs.

The reverse happens if the butterfly visits the Thrumeyed first then drops on a Pineyed flower. This is called cross-pollination and occurs so that the young plants are not identical to the parents and so give us the wide range of colours we see in the garden.

Fascinating, isn't it, how Mother Nature works?

Maggie J

Spring into action with Barrow Open Gardens 2015 - New Gardens Welcome!

We are now planning B.O.G. 2015 with all proceeds going to Rainbows Hospice, Loughborough. The 2015 dates are Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June and we're hoping to attract some new Barrow gardeners to help this be another successful year!! It's free to enter & it's not a competition for 'best' garden!!

So, take a little inspiration from these comments from B.O.G. 2014 openers: "Why do we open our gardens?"

Honor & Michael: "We were first encouraged by friends who liked what we'd done in our quite small garden. It turned out to be a wonderful weekend, welcoming friends and visitors from far and wide who, thankfully, also liked our garden. We've enjoyed ourselves enormously when we've opened, even when it's rained - and best of all, it raises funds for Rainbows."

Lin & John: "Firstly it was encouragement from Mrs Middleton (one of the original organisers) about our, what we thought,

rather untidy garden. Since then, we've always had a great time (even in bad weather, honestly!) We also sell refreshments in aid of Rainbows, a cause very close to our hearts. Lovely people visit, chatting and enjoying "our space". The "after party" is great fun, meeting the other openers and handing the cheque to Rainbows, knowing it does make a difference."

Jennie & Lara: "No idea - we must be bonkers!! We're not gardeners by any means - Lara doesn't know a daffodil from a dandelion and I'm not much better!! The dogs attack the plants, dig holes and drink the water feature!! But it's for Rainbows, so we press on anyway

- and, even if our garden isn't that amazing, we distract folk with cream teas, a Pimms Hut and the charity dog show!! No doubt we'll think up some new "distractions" for 2015!"

Jeanette & Peter: "Well, apart from it being such a good cause, it's the sense of 'Village Life' - being part of a Community. But, what is there not to like about plants and flowers especially in English Gardens in June... it's only a little effort really, balanced with knowing we've made a difference for children at Rainbows."

Want to know more about this great annual event? Call Jennie 413587 or Lin 412986. Email barrowog@gmail.com

Barrow upon Soar Show - Changes are on the way!

The show will be held on Saturday 19th September this year at the Methodist Church. Formerly the 'The Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show', this year the show has been expanded to include classes for Photography, Painting and Knitting, and there will be a 'Disaster' section for entries that didn't quite come up to expectation, for example, a burnt cake, or runny jam.

Schedules will be available at The Library, the Paper Shop and Feather 'n Fur Pet Shop, Babington Road.

Bean Day for Children on Saturday 2nd May 10:00am to 11:00am at the Barrow Methodist Church.

Plant your bean seeds ready to enter the Longest Bean section in the show in September. Pots, compost and beans will be provided. Come along and get growing.

Tilly Yates



Sylvia Steane retires as chair of Bishop Beveridge Club

Members of Bishop Beveridge Club said 'goodbye' to Sylvia as Chairperson at last year's AGM. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet, a gardening voucher and a voucher for a meal at the Blacksmith's Arms.

This was made possible by a collection made at the Birthday Meal and the magnificent total reflected how much members appreciated all the work Sylvia had put into making the club so successful.

When Tina Long stood down Sylvia stepped into her shoes and brought a new vitality to the club. One of her new innovations was the very successful Strawberry Tea, traditionally held in Sylvia and Richard's garden, weather permitting. Happily Sylvia says that she intends to carry on with the tea, as long as the day falls right for her.

Sylvia is also a founder member of the Bishop Beveridge Choir. The BBC (!) meets weekly to rehearse at the club and are always looking for new members. Sylvia also wants to carry on organising the Friday lunches, for which we are very grateful.

The committee know that Sylvia is a hard act to follow, but are determined that the club will go from strength to strength. Sylvia wishes the committee every success and assures everyone that she is still around to take part in club activities. The committee and trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank Sylvia for all she did for the club and hope that she enjoys her new found freedom.

Val Gillings



Help for you from 'Master Gardeners'!

There is nothing in the world quite like the scent of a freshly pulled carrot or a ripe tomato. In recent years these have become unfamiliar joys for most people.

Children can sometimes think that carrots are round orange slices that come in plastic bags.

'Master Gardeners' are volunteers who support people who want to learn to grow, cook and eat their own fruit and vegetables. They are led by a charity called 'Garden Organic' and financed by Leicestershire's Public Health Service.

They can provide you with 12 months free gardening advice and support. This can be for individuals or families growing food in their home garden, at an allotment, or if space is limited, in containers.

'Master Gardeners' also support people with learning difficulties or mental health problems on community allotments and others who are working with residents of sheltered housing complexes or developing workplace food gardens.



They also work with the 'Food for Life' partnership to support schools that are introducing food growing to their curriculum.

By learning to grow their own food, people experience a whole new world of flavours and scents, enjoying their food as they eat more healthily. And as a result they know exactly what their children are eating. Food growing is not just about improving your diet or reducing your waistline. It means you can achieve a better sense of well-being through a satisfying outdoor activity in which all the family can take part.

So as summer beckons and with it prime 'growing time', contact 'Master Gardeners' to get that little bit of personal advice and enthusiastic support either to get you going or to develop what you have already achieved.

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Glebe Allotments: a community perspective

Barrow upon Soar has always been a strong community for me and a great place to live. In the fifty years I have spent growing up and living in the village, Barrow itself has grown at a seemingly increasing pace.

Nonetheless Barrow has remained a welcoming, friendly and 'nice' place to live. It is Barrow's community that defines the village. This sense of village community is in part thanks to the many organisations and groups, from the scouts to the Bishop Beveridge Club, which thrive here.

My interest in gardening and nature was nurtured during my days in Barrow cub and scouts. From August 2003 I have had the good fortune to rent an allotment plot at the Nottingham Road Glebe allotments. There were once many allotment sites in the village. Over the years all but one of these have been lost; leaving only Glebe Allotments within the parish. It strikes me that an allotment is a virtual time machine, taking us back to days when the community was perhaps even more vibrant.

With each of the allotments that has vanished from the village, a small community has been lost. There are few places in the modern world where a twenty five year old gets



Sandy Buckley

to meet and befriend someone in their nineties.

I cannot imagine that the neighbourliness found on an allotment could be bettered.

The late Tom Mitchell of Barrow used to pass by my plot on summer Saturday afternoons, on his way to the Cricket Ground. From time to time, as well as saying, "Good afternoon brother" he would stop to chat and recall his days on his grandfather's plot during the 1940s. He used to talk with boy-like love of past days of his childhood helping on his grandfather's plot. Back then, and until relatively recently, the village vicar directly oversaw the allotments and would personally collect the rent from tenants. Tom's nephew Trevor still has a plot, the family plot of ninety years, at Glebe Allotments.

It is nice to see plot holders bringing their children or grandchildren along during the summer; it is good to see children enjoying the outdoors and learning that a great deal of hard work goes into putting food on the table. This would have been familiar 100 or 200 years ago on allotments. Children can learn too that crops need to be planned in terms of location, sowing time, harvest time, companion planting, crop rotation and care of the growing plants. This is true learning – fun and play – the way children best absorb new ideas. For children patience can be a difficult idea, especially in the current era of TV on demand and iPads, but cultivating an allotment reinforces a notion of patience. There is another lesson that gardening can teach youngsters and that is even the best laid plans can go awry due to pests, disease and/or harsh unseasonal weather. In both 2013 and 2014, the sweetcorn crops at the allotment have been virtually devastated



overnight, days before harvest. Some say it was the work of badgers, some pheasants and still others think it is the work of Muntjac deer.

To own and work an allotment plot is something that is unique. It may be hard to appreciate the amount of hard physical labour that goes into working a plot. There are great health benefits to gardening; there is the physical benefit, my friend Sandy at the age of 96, now only works for 15 minute intervals spaced by 15 minute breaks, basking in the sun or sheltering in his shed when the weather is not so kind. He is inspiringly active. When he was 91 he went to the doctor as he was finding it painful lifting a sledgehammer above his shoulders. The doctor examined his shoulder then simply said, "Don't try to lift it over the shoulders!"

Sandy illustrates a key aspect of having an allotment; there is always another season to plan. To be 96 and to have goals is inspirational. At 96 to be able to focus on the endless cycle of seasons is a wonderful attitude. Allotments offer a home away from home, a community and a place where solitude and peace can be found. Allotments remain places of community providing a place of tranquility for a whole range of people.

We journey through life as both individuals and as part of numerous communities. It is my deepest hope that the Glebe Allotments remain part of the village for many generations to come and that the allotments' legacy be passed on far into the future.

Simon Grant, on behalf of Glebe Allotment Association



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A new 'missing link' in Barrow's Fossil Trail

In December, a wonderful new sculpture was installed at the Sibley Road entrance to Barrow and then subsequently unveiled by its sculptor, Andrew Smith.

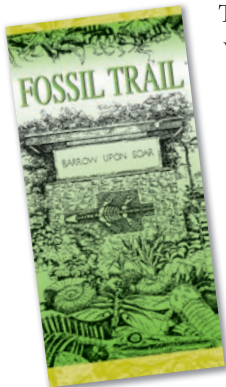
It is a dramatic scale model of *Wahneroceras prometheus*, an ammonite that would have swum in the warm shallow sea covering Barrow some 200 million years ago with the opening of its shell facing backwards and its head, eyes and tentacles trailing behind, like a squid.

The sculpture stands some 3m high but in reality, the fossilized shell of *Wahneroceras* was about 3cm across. It is stored in the British Geological Survey at Keyworth, having been discovered by collector Montague Brown in the 19th century.

Barrow Parish Council commissioned Andrew Smith to create the sculpture, based on designs by Barrow artist Chris Bates. Andy chose local Ancaster stone to work with; it is a type of limestone that was formed at much the same time as the fossil itself. The slab that he selected is two toned with a darker layer buried beneath the lighter exterior. This meant that Andy was able to achieve the effect of a fossil being chiseled out from surrounding stone of a different colour. The sculpture is authentic in shape but a scaled up version of the real fossil and it makes an arresting statement about Barrow as you enter.

BUSCA is delighted to have been able to include the ammonite in a new edition of the Fossil Trail. Look out for it in the Paper Shop, Parish Council, library and some pubs.

Judith Rodgers



Andrew Smith (Sculptor).
Louise Neep (above) from the
British Geological Survey



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This year's Murder Mystery will be a Halloween themed evening! **Return to Talbot Manor** will bring back some old friends such as Cringe the Butler, Ruby the Maid and Liberty the Gold-digger.

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Pictures from this year's panto: Aladdin



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“All born in 1966... on average”

On Friday 23rd of January, Humphrey Perkins hosted a Centre Stage performance of 'Men in General'. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening of music, comedy and questionable ties.



The group of 'quintuplets' performed, with the help of some comically reworked songs, a light hearted re-enactment of some of the most memorable moments in each of their lives. They explained how they'd all been fostered out at birth, each to a different family and had recently come into contact through social media. They then each took us through a trip down memory lane and talked us through their lives before they met.

The music arrangement was genius. I mentioned that the songs had been

reworked but that was just the start. All the songs were performed with no aid from a backing track, they performed that too. The only non-human assistance was the occasional use of a harmonica. My personal favourite of their songs was their version of Delilah which illustrated men's battles with facial hair. The vocal range of the group is perfect; some could do the cheerful high notes while others could do wonderful operatic low notes.

There was a short interval in which people could get a drink and stretch their

legs. There was also some very delicious cake being served, which I believe was handmade by one of the lovely ladies running the event. Sadly, however, I didn't get the pleasure of meeting her to tell her this. The evening was a huge success; the room was packed, everyone had fun and most had some cake. If the opportunity to see one of their performances ever comes your way I'd highly recommend going.

Elliot Wilkes

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I've Scored For England

When Fifa 15 was released there was a mad rush at the shops to buy a copy before they sold out. In fact a friend of mine went straight from school as soon as it ended.

Ever since he's been talking about how realistic it is and all the things you can do. Admittedly, I'd got no idea what he was talking about half the time; so, I decided to find out exactly what he was talking about. One day after school he offered to give me a guided tour, if you like, of the ins and outs of this amazing new game, and I must say I was intrigued.

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Again this is only scratching the surface; if I were to try to explain and document every single aspect of this very impressive game I could easily be here till next spring, by which time I may have written a book similar in size to the English dictionary. Though it's not, personally, the kind of game I would buy I can very much see the attraction it has to many people across the country or even round the world.

Elliot Wilkes



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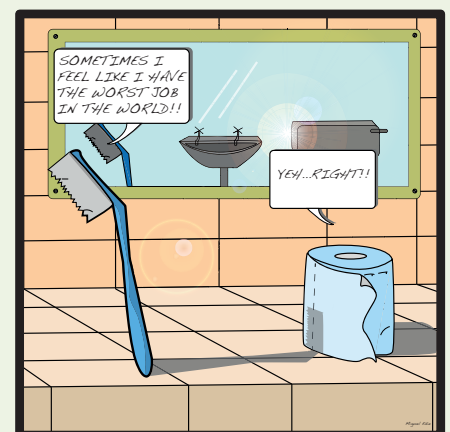
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2. What did one toilet say to another? You look flushed.
3. What do you call a woman with two toilets on her head? Lulu



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Wed 18th Gardening Club; The Gap, behind Baptist Church; 19:30; Sally Smith - Living Willow for Garden Structure
Methodist Ladies Circle; Ulverscroft; Methodist Hall; 19:50
Fri 20th Bishop Beveridge Club lunch; 12:30 - 13:30
Scout Family Bingo Night; 18:30 - 21:30; Scout HQ
Sat 21st BUSCA Daffodil Dance with Martin Atterbury; Humphrey Perkins Community Centre; doors open at 19:00 for 19:30-23:00; tickets £12.50 from The Paper Shop
Wed 25th BBC 'My Year as Mayor'. presentation by Sandie Forrest. 14:30 The Bishop Beveridge Club
Methodist Ladies Circle; Childhood Memories; Methodist Hall; 19:30
Mon 30th Book Club; 19:00; Hunting Lodge. All welcome
Tues 31st Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19:15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19:30

- Wed 1st** Bishop Beveridge Club: Afternoon tea; 14:30
Mon 6th New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14:00; all welcome
Wed 8th Bishop Beveridge Club: Bingo; 14:30
Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall; 14:00-16:00; Watercolour painting and other crafts. All welcome
WI: Trinity Rooms; 19:30; Master pie makers Walkers
Thurs 9th Library Volunteers 'Cheese & Wine' evening; 18:00; Barrow Library
Fri 10th Baptist Luncheon Club; 12:30
Sat 11th Scout Spring Craft Fair; 11:00 - 15:00; Scout HQ
Tues 14th Annual Parish Meeting; Methodist Hall; 19:30
Neighbourhood Watch Committee; Cons Club; 19:30. All welcome
Wed 15th Gardening Club; The GAP-behind Baptist Church; 19:30 'Wildflowers and Waterways' by Mary Matts
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- Sat 2nd** Methodist Church Minimarket; 10:00 - 11:00; all welcome
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