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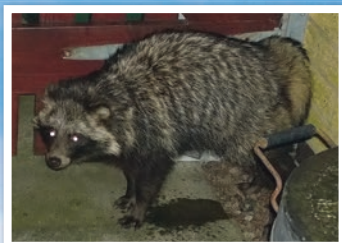
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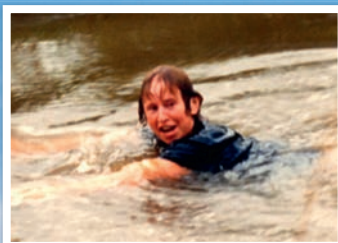
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# Richard III

This is very definitely the Barrow Voice Richard III edition. I feel we ought to be delivering white roses with every copy as we've really gone to town in writing about, and taking pictures of, Leicester's amazing week in March. I hope the articles are of interest to those who couldn't get to the events themselves and bring back memories to those who did.

But there is more to BV Summer than a long dead king! We have important updates on the proposed Jelson development at Melton Road and the changes coming to Barrow Library as well as interesting articles on a link between Barrow and Ethiopia, bell-ringing in the village, 100 years of the Women's Institute and Barrow Pantos of the Past.

Gaynor Barton, Editor

Front Cover : 'Barrow Street Market 2014' Judith Rodgers

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Sorry to contact you out of the blue, my name is David Sanders, and for several generations my family were very much part of the village and farmed a small amount of land at the bottom of Cotes Road.

I moved away due to work commitments many years ago and now live in South Leicestershire. This year, astonishingly, sees the arrival of my 70th birthday. (I can't believe where the time has gone!) and faced with the arrival of such a momentous milestone, I started to reminisce.

One of the things that came to mind was that when I grew up, in Barrow, during the late 50's and 60's, it was a very special time and we had a very good crowd of people in and around the village. Many of us played sport for the village, or attended one of the local youth clubs, or simply went to school together but without doubt there was a lot going on, it was the Swinging Sixties after all, even in Barrow, and it was a very enjoyable period of my life, of which I have very fond memories.

I recently mentioned this to two very good, old, friends from this time, who still live in the village, Steve and Jackie Pilgrim, and we all started talking about arranging some sort of special reunion for all those people who were around at the time. So the thing is, would you perhaps be kind enough to publish this letter?

Maybe there are people amongst your readership who would be interested in a reunion if we were to arrange something for later in the year. Maybe a meal / evening out for us all to reminisce and relive those times. And if anyone out there is interested in the idea of a reunion, they can certainly contact either myself or Steve, either by e-mail or by phone, and we will do the rest. If we get enough interest, then we will definitely arrange a reunion and you can have the press rights, I promise, in spite of any approaches we get from the Sun or the Mirror!!!

Sincerely yours,

David Sanders

Telephone +44 1858 880769 E-mail: tdsanders@onetel.com

Dear Editor,

Please could you pass on my thanks to everyone for their well wishes, hugs and handshakes. I always thought the residents of Barrow Upon Soar had more than their fair share of wonderful people and this has been reinforced by my farewell. After working for Royal Mail for 30 years I have had to leave due to arthritis in the knees, but was very touched by people putting up banners and balloons on garage doors and stopping me in the street to say how sorry they were I was leaving. On many occasions it brought a tear to my eye. And I'd especially like to thank my work colleagues who have put up with my bad jokes for so many years. The person who takes over from me will be very lucky to work in such a lovely village.

Best wishes and thanks,

Martin (ex postie)

PS Thanks to everyone who came to the party and made it very special.

## Barrow Health Centre Opening Times

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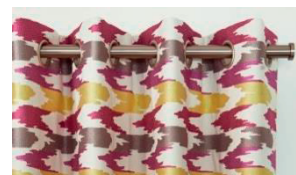
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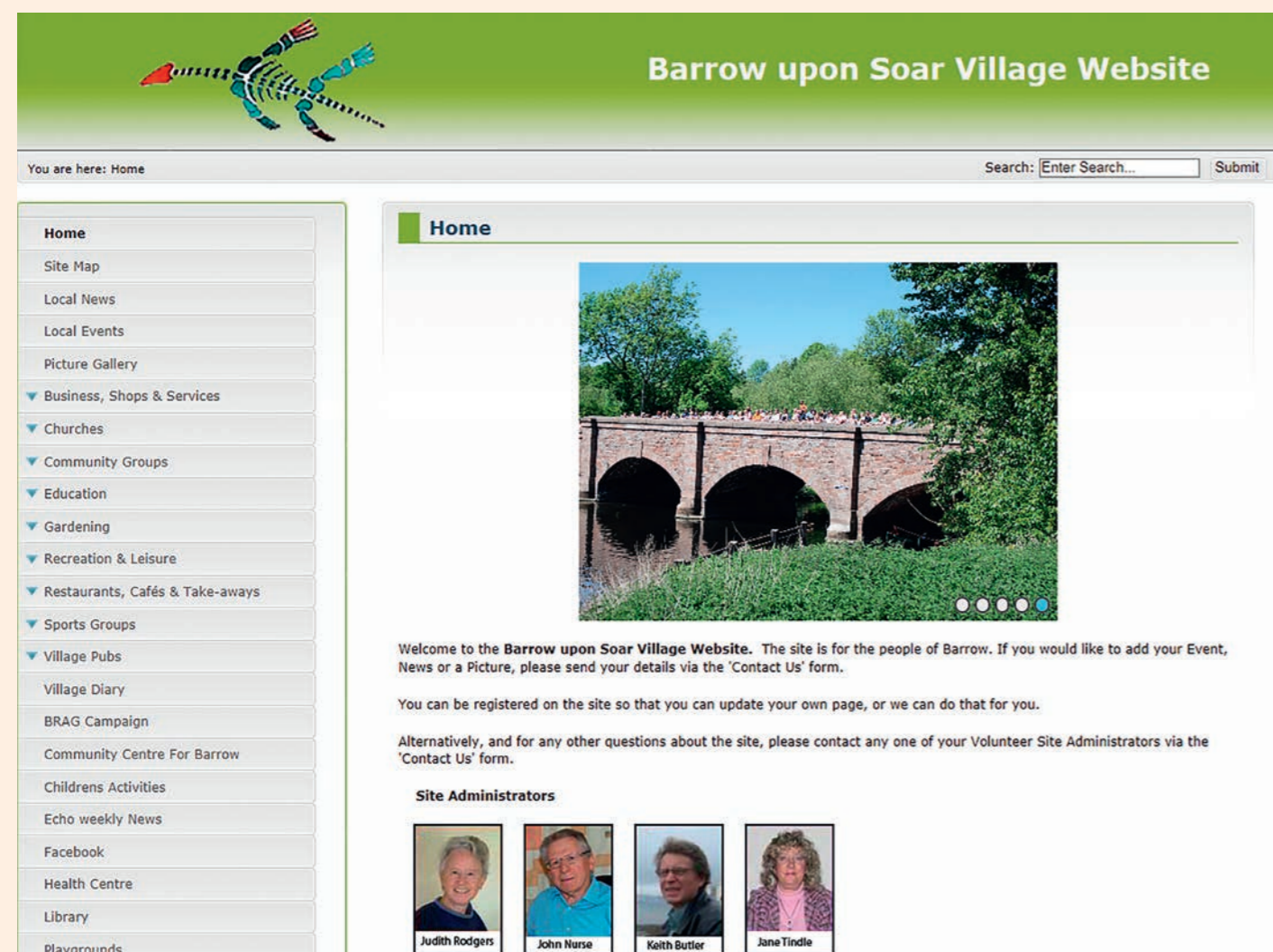
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## Leicestershire County Council pulls the plug on the leicestershirevillages websites

In 2003, Leicestershire County Council set up an amazing and novel facility: every community was given a website that could be managed by local people for their community at absolutely no cost. Some communities jumped at this gift; others ignored it. Barrow was one of the first 'jumpers,' of course.



The home page of our new village website might look like this

BUSCA held a public meeting and the positive encouragement to sign up was overwhelming. BUSCA undertook to provide a team of Site Administrators (now five of us) and the first pages were created in August 2003. The Barrow site has remained 'Top of the Hits' parade ever since, maintaining approximately twice the number of its nearest rivals.

Hopefully, you have been a regular visitor to [www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk) and found it useful and informative. It is jammed full of information including a comprehensive collection of census data, family history records, business details, community group pages, a huge gallery of Barrow photos, up-to-date events, and an archive of past events.

Linked to this village website is the heritage website [www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk) which is also stuffed with fascinating old records and articles researched by the Heritage Group.

Sadly, we received warning before Christmas that all the leicestershirevillage sites and our Heritage site will close in August 2016. This is, of course, part of the LCC cost saving strategy.

The Site Administrators are working extremely hard to ensure that all this information is not lost. We are looking at several possibilities including stand-alone websites, one each for the Village and Heritage, based on the same technology as BUSCA's own website.

## Jelson Homes aim to create rural Manhattan at Melton Road

The next round of obtaining permission to build around 300 houses on land at Melton Road was announced with Jelson Homes submitting their Reserved Matters application to Charnwood Borough Council in March 2015. The position at this time is that the developer has Outline Planning Permission only, which leaves many planning matters unresolved. This application has been 'Called In' by our Charnwood Borough councillors and will be heard by the Borough Planning Committee at a date unknown at this time. The Plans Committee can consider and change matters relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the development.

The Reserved Matters application shows the following:

*Two and three storey buildings throughout the site, which is on rising ground, visible as a Rural Manhattan. Buildings of red brick to heighten visibility and showing no respect for the existing built and natural environment. A landscaping scheme which does not mitigate the harm to the landscape.*

Objections referring to the adverse impact of the development on medical services, schools and roads were heard at the Appeal for the Outline Permission. Leicestershire County Council has already objected to the proposed diversion of footpaths.

If you want to object send your objections:

By email to: [development.control@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:development.control@charnwood.gov.uk)

By post to: Development Management Team, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 2TN

Plans can be viewed at the offices at the address above.

In all cases quote the planning application number:

P/15/0229/2. The details can be accessed by entering the application number into Google, scroll down to 'view related documents'. I would like to invite any reader of Barrow Voice to write a letter or article to object to this Melton Road development.

*Alan Willcocks, Vice Chair, BRAG*



## Barrow Community Partnership Library

BUSCA has made a successful application to Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to form a Community Partnership Library (CPL). The library will, in addition to funding received from Leicestershire County Council, also receive financial support from Barrow Parish Council. The library will be run and serviced with volunteers and organised by a Coordinator of Volunteers in a salaried position. It is expected that training will begin in June and handover to BUSCA will take place during this Summer. The BUSCA Library Management Committee will ensure the delivery of a service level agreement for the library with LCC.

### VOLUNTEERS

Around 50 volunteers have come forward so far. Training in library work will be provided soon by LCC. Volunteers are being asked to make known their availability to form part of a rota which will be arranged to match volunteers' availability.

If you wish to volunteer for library work please contact: Judith Rodgers on 07718153117 or by email to: [judithrogers155@gmail.com](mailto:judithrogers155@gmail.com)

## Vacancy for Coordinator of Volunteers

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A vacancy exists for a Coordinator of Volunteers in Barrow library. The main duties in this post are to organise a rota of volunteers and take responsibility for cash transactions and banking for the library.

A full job description, employment details and how to apply are available at [www.busca.org.uk](http://www.busca.org.uk)

or by text or telephone to: 07718153117  
or by email to: [judithrogers155@gmail.com](mailto:judithrogers155@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications: Friday, 10th July 2015

# A Face Lift for the Old Women's Hospital

From the end of January to mid April, the Old Women's Hospital on North Street was covered in scaffolding and wrapped in green netting.

Many must have walked past and wondered what was being done to the old place as the scaffolding was there for so long. Now, thanks to Charnwood Borough Council, Barrow Voice can reveal all.

The slate roof was renewed, using existing slate tiles wherever possible, and the guttering replaced with uPVC cast effect in keeping with a listed building. The render from the rear of the building was removed and re-rendered with a lime based render. Chimney stacks and pots in poor condition were repaired and repairs also carried out to the single glazed windows and soffits, which were sanded down and repainted.

This building was built in 1825 with money from Humphrey Babington's charity. It was built as almshouses for old women; now it's known as The North Street Flats and run by Charnwood Borough Council. It's good to know it is being well maintained.

Gaynor Barton



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P.S. Don't forget the dog!

# In memory of Jean Marie Kimber (1930-2015) Marie Hewes

Marie Kimber (previously known as Marie Hewes) was known to many people in Barrow upon Soar as a peripatetic violin teacher and there will be many past pupils who will have been taught by her, mainly during the '70s and '80s.

Marie was one of a family of 4th generation violinists. She was born in Leicester Forest East and played regularly in a family quartet with her father and two sisters. Following marriage and 4 children, she moved to High Street in Barrow upon Soar where she lived for 30 years. It was from there that Marie started her violin teaching career in various Leicestershire schools, including Hall Orchard, and also became the leader of the Charnwood Orchestra (known then as the Quorn Orchestra) for 17 years before retirement and re-marriage.

Marie then moved to Cumbria and made her home there with her new husband Wilf. She joined local orchestras in the area and music was still a large part of her life, along with many other interests including country walks, gardening, reading, knitting, pen-pals and most importantly, enjoying her grand children and great grand children.

Unfortunately, illness struck quite suddenly leading to Parkinson's Disease and eventually Marie and Wilf returned to Barrow 6 years ago. Following spells in two care homes and hospital, Marie died on 23rd March. Her music legacy continues in her family.

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# The Raccoon

I get home from work at around 9:00 pm on Monday 27th April to be greeted by a very hungry pussy cat. Go through to the kitchen, grab a pouch of the cat's favourite, tear open the top, listening to the cat's brooows and purrs for a moment, prior to opening the back door to feed her.

As the door opens, cat instantaneously expands to 3 times her normal size. Gerrowwilll, hiss, grrrr.

What the ????

Cat slides round corner at warp speed making venomous hissing noises as she goes.

I look, half expecting to see one of the local Toms about to have his advances spurned.

But No! I can't believe what I'm seeing.

There is a bloody great racoon in full fight or flight mode pressed up against the gate with a geriatric moggy threatening to tear its throat out. Slightly concerned that a 3 kilo 14 year old cat can't take out something about three times her size and 4 times her weight, I grab her by the scruff of the neck and throw her bodily into the kitchen, slamming the door before her feet can land.

Slowly, with the minimum of movement, I delve in my pocket for the phone to take a picture.

Raccoon stares back at me impassively through its black bandit's mask.

I press the shutter, the flash fires destroying Raccoon's night vision in a millisecond.

It growls and hisses at me. I retreat slowly, for despite holding a karate black belt I have no wish to engage in hand to hand combat with a terrified ball of fur containing sharp claws and big teeth, with the option of worms and fleas thrown in.

I retreat, it bolts.

Any irresponsible pet owner lost a racoon in the village?

*A Resident of Heron Road*



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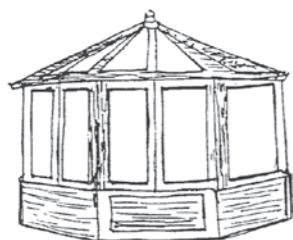
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Wednesday 10th June 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 17th June 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

NO applications will be accepted after Friday 10th July. Any late applications will not be processed until the first day of BOSCAPS; Monday 3rd August at 10:00 am.

BOSCAPS would like to thank Leicestershire County Council (Early Years), Barrow Parish Council, Charnwood Borough Council, BUSCA, Central Business Services Sileby, Humphrey Perkins School and local businesses for their support.

For further enquiries or if you would like to help at BOSCAPS please contact:

Alison Johnston 07709 847612

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*Louise Dallow, Governor,  
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## Rosey Ribbons Beauty

**W**e first met Rosey Hudson for the Winter edition of Barrow Voice when Julie reviewed Rosey's lovely flower paintings. It has been a busy year for Rosey who started up a new business in June 2014 from her (then) home in Coalville, as a mobile beauty therapist. Having moved back home to Barrow she now wants to extend the business to Barrow.

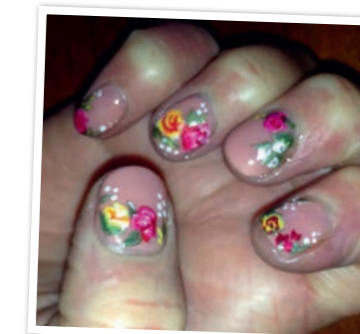
Clients are mostly young mums and Rosey drives her bright pink car to visit them in an evening, thus solving any child-minding issues. She offers all the usual beauty and nail treatments, but in addition she has some unusual specialisms related to her Art degree from Lincoln University. You can get Rosey to hand paint your nails and you know that such a talented artist will make your nails really special.

She will also do your nails with shellac and gel polish. This is a painstaking procedure not often offered by mobile therapists but gives you very shiny and chip free nails for at least two weeks. She can also create acrylic extensions which last for at least three weeks. Her eyelash extensions create a semi-permanent effect, which is just as well because the lashes are added one at a time.

Rosey explained that artists are generally used to fiddling!

A new speciality which Rosey offers is mobile bridal make up. She will also do the occasional ordinary make up as a mobile therapist. However, the latest development is her Pink Treatment Room at her home at 89 Melton Road. Very soon, customers can choose to come to Rosey instead of her turning up in her lovely pink car on your doorstep.

We wish Rosey well and we are delighted to report that she is still finding time to paint!



## Roy Green: Chartered Surveyors, Lettings and Estate Agents

**A** new business opened in Barrow's High Street in April following Costcutter's closure. The firm is Roy Green, a small but well known business specialising as chartered surveyors and lettings & estate agents. Directors Jeremy Green and Andrew Judge chose Barrow because they prefer village locations, this making their fifth village presence.

Both Directors live in villages themselves: Jeremy was born in Newtown Lindford and now lives in Anstey. He told me that he has always been intrigued with houses as landmarks of our lives, even as a youngster. He has a general interest in history and is especially curious about Barrow's fossil history. He intends to bring some of his large family to walk the Fossil Trail.

Andrew also lives in Anstey. He describes himself as "a bit of fitness fanatic".

He is a qualified football coach and he coaches and sponsors the Anstey Swifts football team.

The firm was formed by Jeremy's father Roy Green in 1985 as chartered surveyors. In 2010, Jeremy went into partnership with Andrew, thus bringing estate agency into the business. It now provides a range of agricultural, commercial and residential services to a wide spectrum of clients from all over Leicestershire, always with the aim of building a strong relationship and reputation with those clients.

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## Your new Parish Councillors 2015 to 2019

We welcome the following members of the new Parish Council, appointed without vote because Barrow did not achieve more than 15 candidates.

- Sandie Forrest (also elected Borough Councillor)
- Hilary Fryer (also elected Borough Councillor for Barrow and Sileby West)
- Antonia Goater
- Stephen Joyce
- Pauline Ranson (also elected Borough Councillor for Barrow and Sileby West)
- Edward J Rodgers (Ted)
- Judith Rodgers
- Sue Rodgers
- Wendy Woodhouse

Most of those listed are familiar because they were members of the last Council.

Judith Rodgers interviewed Sandie Forrest who we would like to introduce as a new Parish Councillor, though many of you will have already met her in some way or another. She is a very familiar face in Barrow and in local politics. Sandie was Charnwood Borough Council's Mayor for the Council year May 2013 to April 2014 and we also congratulate her on her recent re-election as the Storer Ward Borough Councillor.



This is Sandie's first venture into the world of Parish Councils, following in the footsteps of her husband, Roger. She told me that she felt it was about time that she worked for the good of the village as well as the Borough. Actually, I (Judith Rodgers) first met Sandie 43 years ago when she arrived at my bedside, 10 hours after I had given birth to my third child, to be interviewed as a Barrow Playgroup supervisor. She is also Chair of BRAG so she hasn't exactly been a dormant resident!

Sandie has a particular interest in planning issues. She also has lots of relevant experience in refurbishing a children's play area in Charnwood and so is interested in the Council's plans to transform King George V playing field. She is wholly supportive of the Parish Council's involvement in the takeover of the library by BUSCA; that's hardly surprising as a graduate of English literature.

Last but not least, Sandie is very interested in the welfare of the elderly, especially in supporting those with dementia and their carers. Welcome, Sandie!



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# LEICESTER BURIED RICHARD BUT BARROW VOICE WAS THERE!

Well, for some of it at least. Although a request had been made in January it was a great surprise to hear, months later, that 'Barrow Voice' had been given Media Accreditation along with the BBC, ITV, Sky News, Associated Press and Australia's Channel 9 News!

## The Bosworth Battlefield Reinterment Service

We couldn't attend all of the week's events, but John Nurse, taking photographs, and myself, making notes, did go to one of the most interesting at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Site. This was held on Sunday March 22nd in beautiful spring sunshine. I don't think many people from Barrow were there as I made several serious attempts to find people from the village. Calling "Anyone from Barrow" I searched two queues: Gold Ticket holders with seats in the big marquee and Silver Ticket holders who sat on the grass. (There weren't any Bronze; it wasn't the Olympics.) I even accosted family groups eating their beef-and-ale lunches in the medieval refreshment tent. Not a one.



John and I were there early but a lot was going on even before 10am as different groups were carrying out final rehearsals. The most theatrical of these were the 'King's Guard' a group of men dressed as 'Knights in Mourning' - their colourful Plantagenet finery covered by long dark cloaks. Very Darth Vader. Lining the route were their Plantagenet women wearing pointy hats with flowing flimsy dangling behind as in all the best fairy tales. And as ticket holders started pouring in, they too were often in costume and keen to show their support for Richard and the House of York with a white rose. (£2 each from the 'Roses and Radishes' stall.)

A second group in medieval dress were gunners, fletchers, tailors and cooks - all members of 'Wars of the Roses' re-enactment groups. They had their own tented encampment and would be firing replica cannons later to give Richard a 21 gun salute.

I spoke to a woman, Sarah Woodcock from Bedford, here with her husband and two sons. She told me she'd always loved medieval history and so joined a group and through it met a medieval soulmate whom she'd married. She was very pleased that today she would be firing a canon herself - usually she just packed the charges. I then asked her son, early teenage, if he liked history too. He said, very determinedly, "No."

A third group were young army cadets from Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland. Holding long ropes, taking short steps and marching in time they pulled the coffinless bier up and down the site. The coffin would arrive later.

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By one o'clock the Media Platform was filling up. John had chosen a spot not far from the BBC man. Earlier there had been a squabble over a coveted corner pitch. With some budging up more room was found for angry Aussie 'lost my spot' man. The 'Radio Leicester' team hadn't needed a corner - they'd taken over a chunk of the middle. Their cheerful 'Live Broadcasts from Bosworth' punctuated the morning. Suddenly there was a buzz, "The cortege is coming" and in the distance, winding its way through the country roads, you could see police escort vehicles and a row of black cars glinting in the sunshine. The cortege was a strange mixture containing as it did one long dead royal, now in a shiny black hearse, and one living, the Duke of Gloucester, in a shiny black Jag. But once it had arrived everything changed. The crowd became quiet. The morning had been very much Warwick Castle without the jousting but as soon as the coffin appeared the mood changed to one of respect.



VIPs left. The rope separating the hoi-polloi from the VIPs was removed and people carrying white roses were invited to walk up to the top of the hill and place them at the memorial spot. Hundreds did so and this quiet, if a little bizarre procession, some were in medieval dress others not, ended the day.

(To see more of John's great photos of the Bosworth event, please go to [www.barrowvoice.co.uk](http://www.barrowvoice.co.uk))

Gaynor Barton



## The procession of the hearse through the city

I arrived in Leicester at about half past two - knowing that there were at least a couple of hours before the procession would come through the city. The crowds were already gathering so I took the opportunity of getting myself placed near to the front, standing quite close to the Clock Tower.

There was a real air of excitement and anticipation. I stood near a very friendly couple from Mountsorrel and a woman who had travelled all the way from Australia. She told me she would die happy because of this event. It became clear that she was very much a fan of Richard III. People ate sandwiches, drank coffee from thermos flasks, jollied young children along, and - because this is Britain after all - we talked about the weather, which was decidedly chilly but mercifully dry.

But when the procession of dignitaries in cars and mounted police heralded the arrival of the simply draped coffin, the atmosphere changed again. Cameras were much in evidence as everyone tried to get a good picture, but people were visibly moved and the crowd was relatively quiet.

I travelled back to Barrow on the number 2 bus, which was full of people who had watched the procession - many of them had been in Leicester since early morning. There seemed to be a general agreement that Leicester had done itself proud and that we were glad to have been part of it.

Julie Gardner



## Viewing the coffin of Richard III at Leicester Cathedral

Tuesday 24th March was the day we travelled into Leicester to see the coffin of Richard III. It was a beautiful day and after the much needed cup of coffee and the necessary trip to the toilet we set off to join the queue.



The newly created Jubilee Square was where we joined the crowd; from here the queue snaked its way along Peacock Lane, then into St Martins and did a dog's leg in front of the Cathedral. Everything was well organised, with free bottles of water and sweets being given out, and also a trolley serving tea and coffee.

We were in the queue for two and a quarter hours. The time went very quickly as we enjoyed the warm sunshine and listened to the chat of people who had travelled from abroad as well as locally. We had interesting conversations with a lady who had travelled by train from Kimberley (Notts) and also a man who had come up from London for the day on a National Express coach. It was nice to be able point out where Richard was found and where the Visitors Centre was, as they both intended to go there after viewing the

coffin. They were very interested to hear snippets of the history of Leicester and it was gratifying to see them taking so many photographs.

Many people were buying white rose buds that were on sale for just £1; some of these were laid on the statue of Richard and others were taken inside. The lively chatter outside changed to quiet reverence as we entered the cathedral, made our way to the coffin and saw for the first time the magnificent pall, that had been specially commissioned, draped over the coffin. The intense black cloth had been embroidered and appliquéd in brilliant colours; on one side it depicted medieval ladies and knights and on the other side people who had been instrumental in discovering and identifying King Richard's remains. It is a wonderful piece of workmanship.

On top of the coffin was a replica of the jewel encrusted crown that Richard would have worn, and placed at each corner of the coffin stood large candles that were permanently lit.

It was all arranged with dignity, and some people were emotionally affected as they filed around the coffin. It was a strange experience to be paying respect to a man that died over 500 years ago, but I am glad that in some small part I have seen history in the making.

Val Gillings

## 'Leicester Glows' and the fireworks

The week ended with something really unusual for England, as a French company was hired to set out 8,000 clay pots filled with a special wax which would keep flames alight even if it rained!

Fortunately it didn't and thousands of people walked the flaming pot-lined streets in the dusk enjoying this gentle illumination before the fireworks began. There were fire sculptures too at street junctions which added height to the otherwise pavement level pots.

The fireworks were absolutely magnificent. There was a historical theme to the display which was easy to see at first but then became too subtle to follow. At the beginning there was the Battle of Bosworth Field. Red and white 'arrows' (rockets) zoomed in opposite directions over the cathedral roof and extremely noisy bangs and squirming fireworks sounded like the din of battle. But then other colours, yellows and blues appeared and you had to guess what they meant. I thought perhaps the canny Stanleys. Wrong! I learnt later that they symbolised the coming together of different religions and cultures unified under the crown.

Gaynor Barton



## Fancy Campanology?

I was recently invited to visit the small group of Barrow bell ringers in the tower of Holy Trinity Church for their fortnightly practice. Climbing the 34 stone steps to the ringing chamber was a bit of a challenge as the spiral staircase is quite narrow, but the steps themselves are in an excellent state of repair; thankfully there is a handrail for assistance.

A door at the top of the steps opens to reveal a brightly lit room with the bell-ropes neatly tied into a type of cable chandelier waiting for their ringers. I noticed numerous plaques, some beautifully decorated (by a former member of the band) adorning the walls of the chamber. These record details of memorable occasions when ringers have been involved in amazing feats of ringing lasting for more than 2 hours with over 5,000 changes.

### More ringers needed

The tower at Holy Trinity seriously needs more ringers. Currently, there are just 9 people who ring regularly and there are 8 bells. Although it's OK to ring only 6 bells when only 6 ringers are available, it's so much better when all 8 are rung. So, you can understand the need for more people.

Are you someone who used to ring? Would you like to ring again? Apparently it's a skill once learned you don't forget. Are you interested in learning to ring? The main skill required is good co-ordination. One of the ringers told me that "If you can ride a bike, you should be able to ring a bell!"

Just think how impressed your friends would be if you were talking about hobbies and you announced that you are a "campanologist!" They would be totally astounded to know that you actually control and ring a bell weighing more than a car! How many people do you know, who have this skill? There must be young readers who are considering participating in a Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme; how cool would it be to take up bell ringing as a new interest as part of the scheme?

If you are interested in finding out more about bell ringing, as a raw recruit or a returner please come to an information session at Trinity Rooms on September 3rd 2015. There will be drinks and nibbles and the chance to go up to the

ringing chamber to see where the action takes place. You'll be informed about necessary training plus health and safety, along with the amount of time you'll need to commit. There are also social events and the bonus of being paid when you ring for a wedding.


The oldest bell in Holy Trinity tower is dated 1620 which seems to indicate that bells have been rung in Barrow for almost 400 years. It would be a great shame if they will only be rung in the future on occasions when groups of ringers from other churches come to visit.

### Get involved

If you are interested in finding out more yet cannot attend the information evening, contact the Tower Captain, Mary Thompson on 01509 413264. Mary and the other ringers look forward to welcoming you on Thursday evening, September 3rd from 6:00pm to 7pm. They have masses of information and will be able to answer all your queries.


Ginnie Willcocks






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# Barrow's link with Ethiopia

Gondar University Community School is in the Amhara region of North Ethiopia. Links with Barrow were established ten years ago largely due to the work of Heather and David Dipple. Children at Hall Orchard Primary School in years 4, 5 and 6 regularly write to their pen friends in Gondar.

I talked to Lucy Elms who visited Gondar for the first time this year, joining David Dipple, Danielle Gudger and Gerry Clarke. Half their time (mainly in the mornings) was spent teaching at the school where they taught every age group (from Kindergarten through to 18 year olds). They offered the pupils a real change from their normal lessons, which tend to be very formal. Lucy said that the children loved the interactive teaching style they used, and thoroughly enjoyed drama, group work and singing. Lucy and Danielle spent extra time in years 8, 10 and 12. These year groups are about to take national exams so benefited from being taught about different learning styles and revision techniques.

During the afternoons, the group from Barrow spent time at a charity called the Kindu Trust. This charity provides, through sponsorship, education and health care for the poorest children in the city - often children who have lost one or both parents. The high incidence of AIDS, lack of health care and warfare all contribute to an average life expectancy of just 54.

The Kindu Trust provides a government school for half a day a week and health care, not only for the child, but also for their wider family. 350 children in the city, aged between 5 and 18 are supported. At the Kindu Trust centre, all those who work are family members of the children - they work as cooks, cleaners, pre-school workers, gardeners and to ensure security. Some of the staff were there as children.

The children are provided with meals, uniform and equipment. They get extra tuition to support their education and, importantly, access to computers.

Lucy explained that she visited some of the children's homes - made of wooden sticks, mud and straw and, if they're lucky, a corrugated iron roof. These children are sponsored by families in Barrow.

Hiwot (see picture) is sponsored by children at Hall Orchard. Their sponsorship meant that her home was rebuilt.

Menber was headteacher at the community school. She has now visited Barrow twice so it was particularly appropriate that she should be presented with the latest copy of Barrow Voice (see picture above).

Lucy told me about visiting the market where they bought 25 live chickens, pots, pans, grain for bread, oil, spices and onions and gave 25 families one of everything as an Easter gift.



Danielle and Menber



Hiwot in front of her repaired house



Happy girls in new dresses

Lucy was full of enthusiasm about the two weeks she spent in Gondar. She commented on the contrast between lifestyles and expectations here in Britain and those of the people she met in Ethiopia. She summed up the attitude of the people of Gondar as being 'happiness and gratitude', despite the lack of material wealth. That gives us all something to think about.

*Julie Gardner*



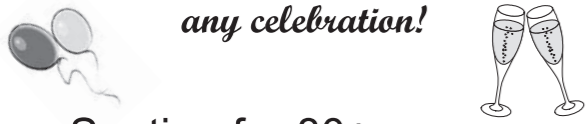
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## Women's Institute Centenary Year NOT JUST JAM AND JERUSALEM!

The perception of the WI as an old fashioned, cosy club of lovely old ladies talking about cakes, making jam and singing Jerusalem, though widely accepted is, I would respectfully say, flawed and outdated.



WI Party 2015

from childhood to strive to the ideal of serving others, to consider the interests of their menfolk first before their own and expected to become wives and mothers rather than earn their own living. Women had no vote, there was no National Health Service, social welfare system or modern domestic appliances, which meant, for most, a life of hard work and drudgery lay ahead.

The education of ordinary girls in state elementary schools was also limited, with the curriculum skewed towards domestic subjects such as house management and laundry. The lot of country women was often made even harder by isolation.

Since its formation in 1915, the WI has actively campaigned and lobbied on subjects such as mental health, litter, family planning, nursery places, health insurance and family allowance, as well as other social security benefits that we now take for granted. It has clout as the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK with over 210,000 members in around 6,600 WIs and it plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities, the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

*Eluned Webb*

Yes - members are still proud to bake, make jam, knit, sew, sing and craft, but take a look at the courses on offer at Denman College, the WI's own Residential & Day Adult Education College, to see what the 21st century take on these activities is like.

The 'jam' image, which we still proudly embrace as part of our history, came from the incredible work of the WI during WW1 and WW2.

In 1915, with the men away at war, the responsibility for maintaining food supplies fell upon the country's women and they responded magnificently. Women grew vegetables, they made jams and preserves, bottled and pickled fruit and vegetables from their gardens and orchards and they kept poultry and sent vast numbers of eggs to hospitals. Yet again in WW2, WI members helped with food production. When war broke out, the NFWI was invited by the Ministry of Agriculture to organise a Co-operative Fruit Preservation Scheme. Between 1940 and 1945 more than 5,300 tons of fruit were preserved - that is, nearly 12 million pounds of fruit, which might otherwise have been wasted.

And yes, 'Jerusalem', the anthem chosen by the membership as 'a great inspiring shout of a song' introduced in 1924, is still

heartily sung at National and Federation Conferences but individual WIs now choose whether to do so or not. Jerusalem had been used by the National Union of Suffrage Societies in the 1918 celebrations of women's enfranchisement, and many of the leaders of the NFWI had been part of that struggle to win the vote for women. Millicent Fawcett, the leader of the suffragists, wrote to Hubert Parry, 'Your Jerusalem ought to be made the women voters' hymn', which of course in a way it was, being adopted by the WI. And Yes again - despite the somewhat archaic connotation - our name, 'Women's Institute', is proudly retained because it roots us to our history and that of the inspirational women who formed and carried the mantle of the WI throughout the past 100 years. The aim of the movement is, and always has been, to improve the lives of women.

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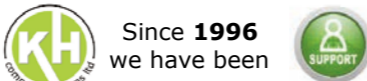
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## Pantomimes of the Past

**A** laddin was the most recent pantomime successfully performed by the Barrow Panto Group, but we are not the first to put on such a production in the village.

In the 1950s, a young girl named Elsie Moss (now Pagett) started the Elsie Moss Dancing School. Elsie was not a trained dancing instructor but she had attended dancing lessons and wanted to pass her skills on to other girls in the village. As time went on the dance routines were woven into a pantomime. Harry Bowler, a pianist from Loughborough, played for the group and also sourced a script and adapted it so that the dances linked into the story. Bill Gibbs and Jack Whiteman also took part in the performances, providing the acting whilst the girls did the dancing.

The group were fortunate in that two dress makers lived in the village, Mrs Gamble and Mrs Harbour. These stalwart ladies made the costumes; I suspect some of the Mums also helped out. Dick Whittington, Queen of Hearts and Cinderella were among the pantos that were performed. The shows were put on either at the Baptist Church or in the Church Rooms. In those days they would not have had the sophisticated sound and lighting and scenery that we have now but I am sure the shows were enjoyed just as much. The tradition of entertaining the village carries on in Elsie's family as Rose Bennett, her daughter, is wardrobe mistress for Barrow Panto Group, her grandson, Stephen Bennett and her granddaughter, Lindsay Bennett have appeared in many of our shows, starting with the Youth Theatre and progressing to the Panto Group.

### Val Gillings

Pictured above: Jack Whiteman, Malcolm Jordan, Frank Moss, Gordon Caunt, Elsie Moss, Pauline Bowler, Bill Gibb, Ann Newby, Barbara Hurd, Bill North.



Elsie Moss playing the Principal Boy

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# Aladdin

Another fantastic performance by the Barrow Panto Group! Before the play even started there was such a fun, jovial atmosphere in the auditorium with a great pianist in the background playing classics like "Edge of Glory". In fact, the song choices throughout the panto were the most diverse I've ever heard from the Barrow Panto Group - ranging from "Friend Like Me" to "Sexy and I Know It".



This version of Aladdin was very much an homage to the classic pantomime, not the Disney movie, thus giving characters such as Widow Twankey (Richard Bailey) and her son Wishy Washy (Mac Carter) chances to shine. I'm sure both the children and adults in the audience who had grown up with the Disney film found this version of Aladdin to be quite refreshing. In fact some of the funniest off-colour lines

in the panto, which the adults very much enjoyed, came from these two: Widow Twankey saying that they don't call her "the biggest scrubber in town" for nothing and Wishy Washy saying "everything's shrunk" with a response of "at least everything is in proportion now".

The Chinese setting of the Panto was also something greatly conveyed, from the lights and the costumes to the oriental scenery, again those behind the scenes are to be commended for their incredible work. Moreover, whoever made Aladdin's magic carpet did an outstanding job, the work that was put in to make the audience believe that the carpet could really fly was stupendous.



The stand out characters for me would have to be So-Shy (Lauren Scaysbrook), Princess Badroulbadour (Abi Crossley) and Aladdin (Cameron Sim). The harmony achieved when So-Shy and Princess Badroulbadour started singing with each other was beautiful, and the chemistry between the Princess and Aladdin was electrifying - we really wanted them to be together. Of course one can't forget the omnipresent panda who kept growing in size and who finally saved the day! The incorporation of Kung-Fu panda was a fantastic way to keep the audience engaged and feel a part of the play. In fact, the audience participation in this performance was the best I've ever seen from the Barrow Panto Group. I love the fact that in the interval they gave gift bags to birthday boys and girls; it was truly wonderful to see. All in all, Aladdin was a fantastic, visceral experience and I can't wait to see Barrow Panto Group's next performance!

Seun Matiluko

# Barrow Youth Theatre breathes again

Carol and Gordon Kenneth founded Barrow Youth Theatre as a junior off-shoot of the Barrow Panto Group in 2003. It has gone from strength to strength producing wonderful entertainments for the village including Bugsy Malone, Oliver, Beauty and the Beast, Alice in Wonderland and, most recently, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

We were therefore devastated to have to close the group last year after the deaths, first of Marie Slater, its much loved Musical Director, and then Gordon himself just over a year ago. However, we are thrilled to announce that we have been able to restart the group for a production of Disney's The Little Mermaid on November 20th and 21st 2015. We are extremely grateful to Abi Crossley (Director), Wendy Miller (new Musical Director) and Linda Smith (new Stage Manager).

Local youngsters have been as upset about the closure as we have and in April, the new team was faced with the challenge of auditioning over 100 young people! Rehearsals have now started and we will be publicising the production in the autumn.

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Art is a great way to relax, it's therapeutic, and a great hobby. Our little group at Barrow is a friendly group of budding artists. We set up a still life each session and there are three experienced artists on hand to offer advice and encouragement. People either draw the still life or work on their own from pictures or sketches. It's maybe not a teaching environment, but there are many chances to try things out with different techniques to develop your skills. As a self-help group, we welcome all skill levels from the absolute beginner to the skilled artist. The best thing is that we enjoy ourselves so much; at times you can't hear a pin drop but at others it's good fellowship and laughter.

Since we started there have been opportunities to try silk painting and witness glass panel development. People are using pastels, watercolours, coloured pencils, charcoal and acrylics. As a Barrow group we also have the advantage of being part of the larger Charnwood Club, which gives people the ability to join in most of its activities; either members or non-members. There is no need to be a member to join us at the Bishop Beveridge - just come along. Each session costs £2.50 and all you need is some art materials and a passion for art. It really is fun!



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 Peter Hollis

## Beware! Another murder will definitely occur in Barrow this autumn!

This year's Murder Mystery, 'Return to Talbot Manor', will be held at Humphrey Perkins on Saturday October 31st 2015. Don't miss the fun! It'll be a Halloween themed evening so do come along in Halloween costume if you wish.

Ticket prices are being held from last year at £10 per ticket so it's not too expensive to come and meet old friends such as Cringe the Butler, Ruby the Maid and Liberty the Gold-digger.

A Murder Mystery production from the Barrow Panto Group

## Return to Talbot Manor

by Gary Simpson



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## Barrow all set to bloom in June!

Now all you Barrow folk that are sitting on a sofa (remote control in hand?), let it be known that the Barrow Open Gardens people have been out there in hurricane winds & torrential rain, weeding, digging, potting, planting & praying for a sunny weekend on Sat 20th & Sun 21st June. We always work really hard to help Rainbows Children's Hospice & we need as much support as possible (cos some of us are getting on a bit!).



This year we have over 25 exhibiting gardens that promise to entertain all ages – it's not just about petunias you know! The BOG Dog show returns by popular request, delicious cakes & refreshments, Pimms Hut, bric-a-brac, craft work, raffles & plant sales all help to make Barrow Open Gardens a fun event for all. This year we are also proud to be associated with the WI Centenary celebrations, whose tireless work will be on display in the Roundhouse along with lots of their homemade goodies at bargain prices.

We also have extra car parking this year (yay!), thanks to Lime Tree Day Nursery, The Hunting Lodge & the Baptist Church who have kindly lent us some space. Toilet facilities however remain limited to a portaloos in the Co-Op car park (big boot!)

At only £3.00 per adult for 2 days, Barrow Open Gardens is an absolute bargain (accompanied under 14s are free!). Programmes are on sale now from The Paper Shop, Taylors Florist, Victoria Jane and The Co-Op (all on the High St) and Feathers & Fur pet supplies on Babbington Rd. Alternatively, you can buy your programme from the War Memorial or at any of the open gardens on the day.

So Barrow - please lend us your support on 20th & 21st June - you will not be disappointed & you'll be helping a very worthwhile local charity!!

Jennie Gladwin

## Bees

Summertime and the living is easy...Or is it?

Not, it seems, if you are a bee. The photo shows one of our native bumblebees and, inset, a honey bee. Both are under threat of extinction in Europe.

The threats come from various places: loss of habitat is a big one, coming from intensive farming and the use of pesticides for example. It comes from urban sprawl too, as we see now in Barrow where farming land is being taken all around for more and more houses. As well as all the man-made threats to the bees, there are viruses that are rife too. These can wipe out a honey bee hive and are carried into the wild population by such parasites as the varroa-mite.

Wild bees are in decline with two species already extinct in the UK and 1 in 10 facing extinction in Europe.

97% of our flower rich grassland has been lost since the 1930s... Shocking! A life without bees or pollinating insects is unthinkable: our food crops, our fruit trees, our garden plants, even our trees are all at risk if there are too few insects to pollinate them.

What can we do? We can grow a wide

range of plants and wild flowers to help the bees survive: grow more single flowers sometimes instead of all showy doubles, because the single ones are pollen and nectar rich. The doubles are often sterile.

Grow, if you can, bee-friendly plants from early spring until autumn. They do like trumpet shaped flowers and can see the blue/purple shades the best. For spring, plants such as Bluebells, Ajuga (bugle), Pulmonaria (lungwort) are ideal, and the last two will even grow in pots!

For early summer, Aqueligia (granny's bonnet), Campanula, Delphiniums, foxgloves and hardy geraniums (cranesbill), as well as herbs like thyme and marjoram. Teasles are good too, attracting bees and then afterwards pretty goldfinches come looking for the seeds.

Late summer into autumn and a Buddleia is a delight, covered as they are - if you are lucky - in peacock and red admiral



garden bee with honeybee inset

butterflies, as well as the bees.

There are asters too and cornflowers, penstemons then sedums, like Autumn Joy, stretch the season out to the frost.

With a small amount of planning - the garden centres do advertise bee friendly plants and seeds - we can try to help our endangered bees as well as having the pleasure of a pretty garden too.

Maggie J

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Coaching is very rewarding; in teaching others how to improve I have also helped myself improve. I now know why certain stroke changes work and can now point out where I could change my own strokes. I feel I have also gained leadership and communication skills, which I can take forward and use in an academic environment. I also feel like part of a very friendly team who all enjoy what they do and want to give something back to the club, most of whom have trained at the club for years. You will of course need a CRB check as you would be working with children but I strongly feel that coaching provides a lot of transferable skills and looks great on a CV.

*Elliot Wilkes*



# Memories of Wild Swimming

**I** don't remember being taught to swim, but it must have been in the sea in Exmouth. My first memory of swimming was when I was seven. I went with my family to visit friends who were living in a tiny cottage on Dartmoor. We went for a bracing walk on the moors to a pool and I was encouraged to jump in along with others. I did this with great aplomb: after all, I could now swim. But I sank like a stone into what was a deep pool. Panic. Coughing and spluttering, I re-surfaced and managed to doggy-paddle to the edge and safety. Not daunted, I have swum in "wild waters" ever since.



Judith in a Shropshire canal in the 1990s



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I loved to swim in the sea, especially if it was rough. But I also swam in the estuary of the River Exe from my home village of Lypstone. Unless the tide was right in, you had to wade through black estuarine mud, sometimes up to the thighs, before reaching swimmable water. And, more importantly, back the same way. But filthy black legs and feet could be washed in a brook that trickled onto the beach. In the 1950s there was a polio outbreak. Several of my friends got polio and suffered from paralysed and seriously deformed limbs. Eventually it was realised that the cause was Exeter pumping its untreated sewage straight into the Exe. I was one of the lucky swimmers.

Our wedding day, 50 years ago this summer, was boiling hot in seaside Devon. After a long sermon addressed to the newlyweds on messing about in boats (why?) and a simple reception in the nearby pub, ten of us burst out onto Budleigh Salterton beach for a glorious nuptial swim in full wedding gear. Honeymooning was a camping holiday in the Mountains of Mourne. It rained every day but swimming in the mist in

mountain pools was very... err... evocative, shall we say. You could always go and warm up over a Guinness.

Marriage meant moving house from Devon to sea-less inland Barrow. How could I possibly survive without the rhythm of the tides? Then I discovered the River Soar and I was reborn. Everyone and their uncle swam in the river, particularly near the weir and in the pool below it. Many disapproving observers doubted the health qualities of the River Soar water, but when I wrote to Severn Trent they assured me that it was considerably cleaner than in the past, because of all the recent legislation. They simply advised me not to swallow it because of the possibility of industrial heavy metals - common sense. Later, when we used to swim as a family, a passerby on Welland Road accused me of being a terrible mother because of the drowning risk I was exposing my three teenage children to. I shouted that we all had up to date life-saving qualifications, which was true!

My wild swimming nowadays isn't limited to the Soar. My favourite mountain walk is up Cnicht in North Wales beside

Snowdon. There are several pools on the top. At the end of one skinny dip I was just about to clamber out when a helicopter flew over and then circled over the pool. After 15 minutes of this enforced extra swim time, we decided we'd just have to bare all and get out. At which point the helicopter flew off. Floor show's over.

My current favourite spot on the Soar is opposite the Boat House Inn. Last year an elderly fisherman was camping on the patch of grass beside the bridge. After my swim I went and had a chat. He gave me a serious talking to about the dangers of pike attack. He claimed to have saved the life of a small boy whose leg was savaged by a pike. Rudely, I laughed and replied that, having swum in the Soar for roughly 50 years, I had never experienced any problems and although I would bear his warnings in mind, I didn't intend to stop just yet.

However, I am alarmed that 'my spot' is going to be spoilt when the tow path and bank there are improved. I won't be daunted, I'll just have to find somewhere else.

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## Village Diary

- Fri 12th Baptist Luncheon Club; 12:30  
Sat 13th Hall Orchard Primary School Summer Fayre; 12:30 - 15:30; Hall Orchard school field  
Mon 15th Bishop Beveridge Club film: 'My Old Lady'; 14:30 in the BB Club; £4 including refreshments  
Wed 17th Bishop Beveridge Club Strawberry Tea at Sylvia's  
BOSCAPS Registration; 18:00 - 20:00; Methodist Hall  
Scout Open Evening; 19:00 - 21:00; Scout HQ  
Gardening Club; The GAP-behind Baptist Church; 19:30; tba  
Fri 19th Bishop Beveridge Club lunch; 12:30 - 13:30; Book with Sylvia on 413565  
Sat 20th Barrow Open Gardens; 11am-5pm. £3.00 for two day entry programme. Proceeds to Rainbows Hospice.  
Barrow Pre-School Playgroup Spring Fair; 10:00-12:30; Methodist Church Hall; Bouncy Castle, games, photo with Peppa Pig.  
Sun 21st Barrow Open Gardens; 11-5pm. Charity dog show at 3:30pm.9 New Street, £3.00 per pooch; - pay at gate.  
Wed 24th Bishop Beveridge Club Wednesday Walk; 10:45
- Sat 4th Methodist Church Minimarket; 10:00 - 11:00; all welcome  
Sun 5th Summer Street Market 10:00 - 16:30; Contact Parish Council on 416016  
Mon 6th New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14:00; all welcome  
Tues 7th Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19:15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19:30  
Wed 8th Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall; 14:00-16:00; Water colour painting and other crafts. All welcome  
Bishop Beveridge Club Bingo; 14:30  
WI: Trinity Rooms; 19:30; "Swinging Sixties"  
Mon 13th Bishop Beveridge Club Trip: Summer Meal; phone Wendy on 413212  
Tues 14th Neighbourhood Watch Committee; Cons Club; 19:30. All welcome  
Wed 15th Bishop Beveridge Club Wednesday Walk; 11:30  
Fri 17th Bishop Beveridge Club lunch; 12:30 - 13:30; Book with Sylvia on 413565  
Mon 20th Bishop Beveridge Club film: Testament of Youth; 14:15 in Bishop Beveridge hall; Members £4.00; non members £4.50  
Wed 22nd Bishop Beveridge Club Bingo; 14:30  
Bishop Beveridge Club Visit to University of Leicester Botanic Garden 13:15  
Wed 29th Bishop Beveridge Club Fun Quiz; 14:30
- Sat 1st Methodist Church Minimarket; 10:00 - 11:00; all welcome  
Mon 3rd BOSCAPS: 3rd - 7th August; Humphrey Perkins; 9:30 - 12:30  
New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14:00; all welcome  
Tues 4th Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19:15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx. 19:30  
Mon 10th Baptist Holiday at Home: Strawberry Tea; 15:00; The GAP  
Bishop Beveridge Club Trip to Skegness (contact Wendy 413212 )  
Tues 11th Neighbourhood Watch Committee; Cons Club; 19:30. All welcome  
Wed 12th Baptist Holiday at Home: Outing; to be arranged  
Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall; 14:00 - 16:00; Water colour painting and other crafts. All welcome  
WI: Trinity Rooms; 19:30; "Coco Chanel- her life"  
Fri 14th Baptist Holiday at Home: Fish and Chip lunch: 12:00 for 12:30; The GAP; to book, phone Judith Morrison on 412770 (essential)  
Mon 17th Bishop Beveridge Club film: Suite Française; 14:15 in Bishop Beveridge hall; Members £4.00; non members £4.50
- Sat 5th Methodist Church Minimarket; 10:00 - 11:00; all welcome  
Mon 7th New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14:00; all welcome  
Bishop Beveridge Club Trip to Blenheim Palace (contact Wendy 413212 )  
Wed 9th Craft Afternoon; Methodist Hall; 14:00-16:00; Water colour painting and other crafts. All welcome  
Tues 15th Neighbourhood Watch Committee; Cons Club; 19:30. All welcome  
Wed 16th Gardening Club; The GAP-behind Baptist Church; 19:30; "Marvellous Mints and Perfect Poppies" - Dr A Ward  
Wed 16th Barrow WI Centenary celebrations  
Sat 19th Barrow Show; Methodist Church; flowers, fruit and vegetables show, craft  
Mon 21st Bishop Beveridge Club film: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel; 14:15 in Bishop Beveridge hall; Members £4.00; non members £4.50  
Sat 26th Charnwood Orchestra Annual Concert at Holy Trinity Church; 19:30. Contact Judith on 07718153117