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Editorial

Once again we're a slim edition but we're hoping to be plumper for summer! Owing to this lack of space we've had to hold back a few stories and in order to keep the magazine as full of different articles as possible have trimmed back others. If you've been 'trimmed' please understand why.

Barrow Voice is delighted to celebrate Mick Ballard's recent awards, Gemma Denham's lovely children's books and Jim Hardy's beautiful furniture. We also feature an interview with the Project Engineer for the Grove Lane Bridge, give feedback on the Humphrey Perkins Tercentenary Celebrations and Dave Bird remembers the year a tractor appeared on his farm and life changed forever. And if you tend to procrastinate, we have just the book for you. Read 'Mindfulness for Study' and Barrow writer Dr. Karisa Krcmar will offer solutions. A review is on page 23 so don't put it off!

Gaynor Barton, Editor

Front Cover: Mick Ballard



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to read the following on Andrew Webster's article about the lovely much missed Mrs L., 'When the 11 Plus came along, only three of us out of our class passed - Alex (Mrs L's son), a boy called David Pick and myself.

Not true Andrew! The boys were certainly outnumbered by the girls that year. How could you have forgotten, Bridgit Newby, Susan Cribbes, Jean Small, Deborah Freer, Aileen Crompton and me?

I'm against the 11 Plus for oh so many reasons, but I can't let this go uncorrected: in part out of respect for our teachers - I know at least one who taught at the school still lives in the village. So...let's hear it for the girls!

I've a feeling that one of the boys from North's shop (long gone) also passed... there may have been more. Our memories play tricks as we get older and in fairness, I must admit that I had no recollection of Andrew passing.

Yours faithfully,

Julie FitzPatrick (née Gregg)



Dear Editor,

On Tuesday 13th December, I was returning from visiting my daughter in the West Midlands and had had a very tiresome journey. It should take about two hours but, on this occasion, it took four due to an accident, heavy traffic and road closures. I had the traffic news on the radio but every decision I made to try to avoid the congestion seemed to be the wrong one. After travelling through Loughborough I was heading for Melton Mowbray but then the road was closed and I followed a diversion which brought me to Barrow upon Soar.

I had never been to Barrow upon Soar previously. I did not plan to visit there on this occasion, was there purely by accident and was, to use a cliché, 'losing the will to live'. I pulled off the road to ring my husband and inform him of my whereabouts and was delighted to tell him that, although I would not be home for a while yet, I'd had the most lovely experience which made up for all the delays which had gone before.

All I can say to you is what a joy it was to drive through your main street. It was absolutely spectacular: lights everywhere, Christmas trees and beautifully decorated shop windows. It was fantastic, splendid, an absolute picture. I cannot think of enough superlatives to describe it. Will you please pass on my congratulations to the people concerned and say that it made at least one person very happy. Thank you. Sadly, our lights in Grantham are not in any way comparable to yours.

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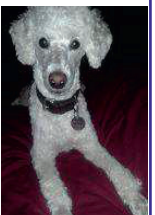
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Mick Ballard Top Award Winner

Mick Ballard: Winner of Charnwood Borough Council's 'Outstanding Contribution to Sport and Physical Activity Award 2016'. Congratulations Mick! There was stiff competition amongst the last three in this category; a guy who'd set up a Loughborough College-based Sport Apprenticeship programme and a woman who champions healthy-living from the workplace but Mick Ballard of Barrow Runners won it!

To find out how this had been achieved I spoke to Mick recently and learnt a lot about his contribution to sports in the village over the last forty years.

The first question was the most obvious, 'When did you start running?' Mick said he can remember coming in second in the cross-country at school when he was about 13 but for many years football was his first love and he supported the game by being Chairman of Barrow Juniors. During this time he organised trips to other famous football clubs such as Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal and brought in professional coaches to teach at the soccer schools he organised in the village. It was only when he was about 35 that he became one of the founder members

of Barrow Runners together with Dave Rose, Roger Latham and Jo Chappell. Mick has been



Chairman of the club for over 25 years now and today is affectionately known as 'the father of the club'. However, his first role was as Club Secretary and it was he who had the task of affiliating the club to what was then called The Midland Counties Athletics Association.

The club started with a bang because as soon as it was set up it had over 50 members. For many residents, Barrow Runners stay below the radar, unless they themselves are runners, but on December 26th they become wonderfully visible as they charge off in the craziest of fancy dress costumes for the Barrow Boxing Day Handicap - a 6 mile run - and the only organised run on Boxing Day in Leicestershire.

Mick is proud of having been one of the original organisers and of having taken part in it, in one role or another, every Boxing Day for the last thirty five years.

His commitment to Barrow Runners has certainly been exceptional and this is why he was not only nominated by other Barrow Runners for the Borough Council's 'Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award' but won it.

The club is thriving. There are now 181 members as runners

all over the county can look up races on their webpage and come from far and wide. Mick is still running although he had stroke in March 2016 whilst racing in the 10k in Desford. There have been ups and downs since, but he's back running now, and not just jogging along but racing as well. He says it hasn't stopped his enthusiasm for the sport which, until then, had kept him fit and well. Doctors told him his speedy recovery was because he was so fit when the stroke happened.

Finally, I asked Mick what had been the running highlight of his life. He said he'd run the London Marathon five times and always dreamed of doing it under three hours. In 1990 he did it in a time of 2 hours 50. Naturally, he was in Barrow Runners colours.

Yet again - well done Mick!

Gaynor Barton

UPDATE

De Montfort University Feb 9th 2017; Leicester-shire & Rutland Sport Awards' Night. Mick Ballard wins the Peter Walker Unsung Hero Memorial Award for his many hours dedicated to encouraging others to participate in sport.

Improved Library IT

As part of our commitment to help improve the facilities available in Barrow Library, we are now updating the IT.

This involves providing the public with new faster Internet access and new software making a wider range of activities available. This new offer includes video editing, photo and music editing as well as full office functionality. The new service will be available through three Apple PCs, which will replace the existing PCs. The village schools' IT systems are also based on Apple, so we will be keeping up here.

Some activities will be slightly different to the previous County Council provided facilities, but these should not be an issue and you should soon be able pick them up.

You will no longer be able to book time on the PCs with your library card, but we will update you on the process as we install the new IT.

We are also installing new Print, Copying and Scanning facilities, partly funded by the Co-operative. The good news here is that we will be reducing the charge for Printing and Copying, but keeping the same quality of Laser printing.

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Grove Lane Bridge Repairs

By the time you get this edition, the bridge repairs should have been completed and the road reopened. If it isn't, it's because of the particular difficulties surrounding this tricky engineering task. As Shaun Trickett, the AMCO Project Manager said, "If it hadn't been an emergency, this kind of work would never have been planned for the autumn-winter months. All the designing and signing off work would have been completed six months before we started, whereas we are still waiting for some designs to be signed off by stakeholders such as: Network Rail, East Midlands Trains, Leicestershire County Council, Severn Trent Water and the National Grid."

The bridge was due to be reopened in January so what has slowed things down? Apart from the complexities of getting designs signed off there have been major practical difficulties. The line is only dead for a very short period of the week – between 12 midnight on a Saturday and 8am on a Sunday - and this has been extremely limiting. At present scaffolding is being built directly over four lines of railway tracks to enable the rebuilding of the parapet, but this can only be done at the weekend for Health and Safety reasons. Another problem is the proximity of the Grove Lane houses and the care that had to be taken to protect them. Because of their location there was little room to put heavy equipment in place or pile large amounts of material at the top of the bank. In all 200 tons of earth were removed by hand, piled up at the bottom then removed when the line was dead. Finally there's the problem of cold wintry weather. You can't pour concrete or use mortar to repair brickwork when it's colder than 5 degrees I learnt.

And there's certainly a lot of concrete in this bridge! Huge concrete 'steps' have been built to support the foundations although you won't see them when it's finished as the bridge will be brick clad. Steel has been used to reinforce the foundations and 30 steel spandrel ties have been drilled across the width of the bridge and clamped to tie in with the new foundations.

By 2022 an electrified line will link London to Sheffield and pass beneath this bridge so future-proofing is very much a part of the present repairs. The arch itself is high enough to cope with the electrification but the new parapet



wall will be capped with steeple coppers to make it higher and safer. Another forward looking development is the inclusion of three new ducts to carry services across the bridge. These will not simply replace the old gas and water ducts, which have always crossed the bridge, but provide extra space for other services such as telecoms.

Finally I asked if there had been a lot of complaints. "Not since AMCO took over," Mr Trickett replied smiling. "We've only had one complaint although there were 80 in the beginning when a first-response team was drafted in to secure the bridge.

We do our best to keep the noise down. We hold 'tool-box talks' each shift. Everyone gathers round and site-specific instructions are given all at once to lessen unnecessary chat throughout the night - and we use silenced generators." *

I left the site thinking the repairs were being done with extreme thoroughness. Yet as soon as the bridge is reopened I'm sure people will walk across blithely unaware of the huge amount of time and effort that went into its repair; it'll look so very like it always did!

Gaynor Barton

UPDATE

* Since interviewing Shaun Trickett an article in *The Loughborough Echo* (Feb 15th) has highlighted the problems faced by Grove Lane residents. They told *The Echo* their quality of life had been seriously affected as their sleep had been disturbed by night deliveries of scaffolding, noisy diesel engines were kept running through the night and workmen shouted, swore and even played football in the road. And (Feb 16th) what is Network Rail's Press Office response? A tight-lipped, "We have been contacted by local residents and are doing our best to work with them in very difficult circumstances."



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Barrow's The Hair Boutique Celebrates its 2nd Birthday

Attracted by 2 gold balloons saying '2' in the salon window, I popped in to 'The Hair Boutique' to find out more about the business. What I found out was both interesting and revealing, particularly since so many of us have marvelled at how many businesses in the beauty industry there are in Barrow. I can count eight. Can you?

Tanya Holland, third from left, the owner of 'The Hair Boutique', started the business two years ago but had worked for the previous business at the same location for a number of years. She said it was a no-brainer when she got the opportunity to take it over and rebrand it as 'The Hair Boutique'. She is delighted that things are going so well, two years on.

This particular salon focuses 100% on hair, unlike many of the other Barrow beauty businesses. In fact Tanya explained, "Each business has its own unique identity and hence clear-cut client attachment. In 'The Hair Boutique' you can be confident that someone in the team will do a really good job, whether that's dealing with short hair, putting up long hair for a special occasion,

completely restyling or doing a man's short back and sides. We are particularly known for dealing with colour: getting exactly the right shade or achieving coloured highlights. We are also pleased to take on the challenge of colour correction." (My grandson could have done with 'The Hair Boutique' after he'd used a hair dye at home. He had to go to school with brilliant orange hair. They banned him until he had 'proper - coloured hair'. So he dyed it again, this time in black although naturally blond). As Tanya commented, "We aren't miracle workers but we can always offer a practical and safe solution." So successful is the business that it will shortly expand upstairs. A quiet and calm customer-lounge area can also be used as



an additional work-station when things get hectic downstairs. Tanya and her team, three senior stylists and one apprentice, want to thank all their clients of the past two years for their on-going support and loyalty. So it's Happy 2nd Birthday from Barrow Voice.

Judith Rodgers

Selling in Spring? Get some Strawberry help!

Unlike many successful companies, Strawberry Lettings & Sales still has a significant amount of input from its owner and founder. Nicola Hickinbotham, who formed Strawberry over 9 years ago, has only in the past year or so started to take a day or two out of the business. Other than these occasional 'time-outs' she is still to be found at the helm, continuing the good work she started all those years ago and making sure that the Strawberry experience of today still has all the important elements that were instrumental in the building of their impressive client base.

Technology may have changed but Strawberry has always been an early adopter, ensuring that they harness the power of any new developments on the web (or elsewhere), and capturing buyers and tenants from far and wide. This said, the essence of the company is - and will always be - still one of human interaction and going the extra mile on behalf of clients.



The world of Sales & Lettings can be a very competitive one and larger companies very often forget about the individual experience of the buyer, seller, landlord or tenant. The Strawberry team successfully compete in this challenging marketplace but never lose sight of the stresses and strains that clients can be going through whilst undertaking what is undoubtedly a significant event in their lives. For that reason Strawberry take time to issue a series of guides and checklists to assist their clients in making a move. This advice is entirely free of charge and even covers the steps to take before putting a property on the market. Recognising that good preparation is key to the sales process and understanding that it can be a particularly stressful time, Strawberry make their support available to all via their website www.strawberrysalesandlettings.co.uk.

We may all know about redecorating and keeping things as neutral as possible but how many of us think about the specific definition of each room or space within the house and consider enhancing storage areas by getting them well and truly cleared out before viewings commence? Even the front door itself - we come in and out each day but how much attention do we pay to the finer detail? It's the first thing that a potential buyer will see and in terms of a first impression, it had better be a good one!

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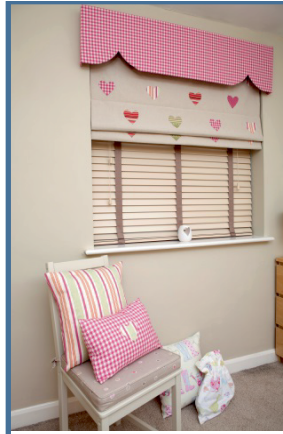
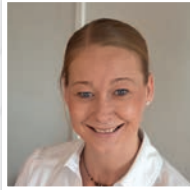
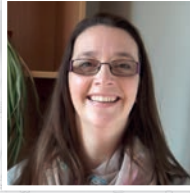
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Amour Studios moves into the old Post Office premises

We had all been watching with interest to see what new business would move into the ex-Post Office on Barrow High Street since it closed last year. Refurbishments started at the end of November. Then on December 4th I passed two young women really putting some wellie into the cleaning of the enormous windows. Here was true motivation. Being nosy, I had a chat and sure enough, they were due to open 'Amour Studios' the very next day.

Lisa Brant, the proprietor of this beauty salon has created a lovely space. It is an incredible transformation, being smart, modern, spacious, comfortable and relaxing. It looks very promising of things to come.

Amour Studios is a beauty salon that offers a really wide range of treatments, some of which are unique in the village. Men and women can have their hair styled, tinted or straightforwardly cut, often without an appointment.

Beauty treatments include hair threading, waxing, facials and massages. Nail treatments include manicures, pedicures, shellac and acrylic. You can have your teeth whitened with non-harmful kits which can be used at home. And finally, you can make safe use of their Ergoline tanning beds.

Lisa is the hairdresser, although she is also a qualified book-keeper. As she says, "It really helps to be able to keep your own books but I have always been passionate about hairdressing". Her assistant, Neeta, is the beauty therapist.

Lisa used to live in Leicester but has now moved to Barrow with her friendly little dog, Scarlett. The dog is a King Charles Cavalier spaniel and Scarlett comes into her own when a client brings a child who needs entertaining.

Amour Studios is open for very long hours as well as all day on Saturdays and Mondays. Lisa is delighted with the way the business is picking up as more and more people get to know what treatments are available. There is even the potential to open on Sundays.

Barrow Voice offers best wishes to this new business.

Judith Rodgers

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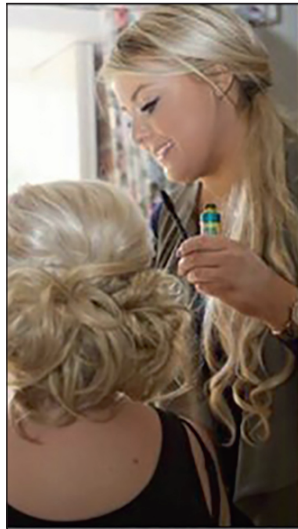
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More Memories of Mrs L

Since the last issue of Barrow Voice I have received some more memories about the lovely and much missed Mrs L. I have to thank Adrienne Webbon and Jean Lawson for sharing their recollections, both of them worked with Mrs L during her time at Hall Orchard Primary School.

Mrs L was born in the Ukraine in 1929 and lived on her parents' farm until the war. She came to the UK in 1948, with her mother from Germany, where they had been held prisoners of war. She very quickly learned to speak English and make a new life for herself. She married in the early 1950s and settled in Barrow upon Soar. Her four children all went to the local primary schools. Her husband, Eugene, worked at Brush Electrical Machines from the late 1950s until he retired. Having come across Europe, fleeing the Red Army advance, held prisoner by the Germans, she had fluency in Ukrainian, Russian, German and French as well as English and used this knowledge as an interpreter for local industry.

After having her family she worked at Driver's factory for some time. She began her work at Hall Orchard in about 1972, when Mr Barker was headmaster. He wanted someone who could turn their hands to most things but most importantly, control children. She undertook all manner of work, from cooking to mixing paint, helping with art and needlework. She listened to pupils reading and undertook "dinner ladies" duties for some years. Adrienne remembers that she even had duties on Saturday mornings collecting money for children's swimming lessons at Humphrey

Perkins pool. Latterly she worked as a lunchtime supervisor. The children loved her: she treated them all firmly but fairly. She often had objects from her many collections to show and share with them especially her key rings: she had over 3,000 in her collection! She retired in 1994 at the age of 65 years, but continued to help in school for some time after that.

Mrs L came from another country, another culture, but she was Barrow upon Soar. She was interested in everything and everybody in the village. She loved going to rummage sales, charity shops and especially the mini-market at the Methodist Church on a Saturday morning. Her hobbies and collections gave her enormous pleasure. She collected jugs, postcards, photographs and she really enjoyed sewing, particularly making cushion covers. She had a wonderful eye for colour and fashion. She could alter and turn anything into a perfect outfit for herself. She always looked perfect.

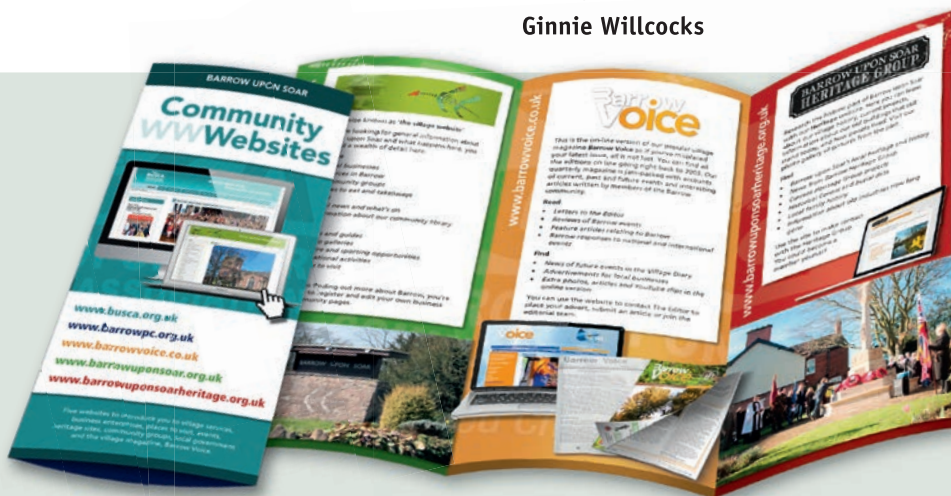
Her great love was the work she did for the Ukrainian Scout and Guide movement. Her summer holiday was spent at their camp. Some of those she took to camp remained in contact with her until her death. She travelled to scout camps abroad and represented the movement on some occasions.



Mrs L, latterly, would be remembered as the lady with the shopping trolley called "George" (so named by one of the teachers at Hall Orchard Primary School) often seen waiting at the bus stop in the High Street, a figure missed by her many friends everywhere.

What an interesting, talented lady she was. I'm sure many readers will have their own special memories of Mrs L.

Ginnie Willcocks



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60 Seconds with Lindsay Ord

Barrow Voice has recently gained a new addition to the editorial team, Lindsay Ord, who came to the village 18 months ago, from Durban, South Africa.

Lindsay told me that when she and her husband, Les, were preparing to come to the UK, friends warned her about the winter. Les had grown up in Yorkshire, so he had experienced some harsh winters. On arrival, they bought thick coats, strong boots, a snow shovel and salt for the ice. What happened? Winter 2015 was one of the mildest on record!

Lindsay agreed to respond to the 60 seconds questionnaire. Her comments are here for us to enjoy.

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

I have been involved for a year. It's a different pace from the daily newspaper on which I worked, but I enjoy that. I like the sense of community in the magazine and how it portrays life in the village.

What was the most memorable issue for you?

I thought Winter 2016 was a good mix of stories, showcasing what was happening in the village at Christmas, as well as the talents and interests of local people.

BEAN DAY

Saturday 6th May
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If you had to describe yourself in one word, what would it be?

Flexible... and I don't mean in my joints!

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

After a lifetime of cats, dogs, hamsters, goldfish et al, we are having a pet holiday - though we are starting to miss the patter of tiny paws.

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

It would depend on how long I was there for - and I would prefer a deserted island to a desert island as there would be more food and water.

But here are my five picks: A solar-powered satellite phone (how could I not speak to my family? And I could be rescued sooner); a Swiss Army knife, matches, a container to catch rainwater, and a notebook and pen to keep a diary.

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

I have lived here for 18 months. I grew up in Durban, South Africa, and when Les and I retired in 2015, we decided to move to the UK to be hands-on grandparents to our granddaughter Grace, 5. Our daughter Catherine had been in the UK for 10 years and now lives in Barrow with Grace, husband Will and step-daughter Bo, 13. Our son Andrew chose to stay in Durban - he likes hot weather - but visits us regularly. We are enjoying life in Barrow.

What would be your ideal holiday?

A week at a resort in the spectacular Drakensberg mountains in South Africa.



Do you have a day job? If so what do you do? If not, what did you do?

I am a journalist by profession and before retiring, I was Lifestyle Editor at the Daily News, the daily afternoon newspaper in Durban. I have also written for a few magazines.

What is your motto for life?

Always look at the bigger picture.

What are your hopes for the future of Barrow Voice?

I would like Barrow residents to continue to send in ideas and contributions. There are probably many interesting stories that we don't hear about. Remember, if it is interesting to you, it will be interesting to others too.

I thanked Lindsay for completing the 60 seconds questions but before concluding there was one other question I needed to ask her. As we live so far from our nearest coast here in Leicestershire I had to ask whether she missed the sea. She replied, "It was lovely living near the beach and the sea but now that we are here, I don't miss it...strangely enough. Though the next time I put my toes in the Indian Ocean, I know it will be special."

Ginnie Willcocks

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We hope you will be able to come along and join in this popular annual event!

If you are interested in having a stall, please get in touch with the Parish Council using the details above.

New Public Space Protection Orders

Charnwood Borough Council presented to the Parish Council on the subject of the new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) which have replaced the old 'Dog Control Orders'. They are a Borough-wide order and broaden the powers of the previous regulations.

Offences that can incur a fine include:

- Dog on dog attacks
- Dogs worrying people
- Fouling, including picking up but then hanging on a tree or gate post
- Dogs in an enclosed play area

A fine of £100 is imposed on issue of a fixed penalty notice, this is reduced to £50 if paid within a specific timescale, non-payment leads to prosecution, as can persistent offences.

We would encourage residents to report any incidents to the following email address: cleanergreener@charnwood.gov.uk to help keep our parks and streets clean.

Neighbourhood Plan

The 2011 Localism Act has given communities a new right to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan. This right is aimed at giving local communities genuine opportunities to influence the future of the places where they live. Decisions on planning applications must take account of neighbourhood plans.

In February 2017 Barrow upon Soar Parish Council submitted the draft Barrow upon Soar Neighbourhood Plan to Charnwood Borough Council for publication and after a six-week public consultation period it will be sent to an Independent Examiner.

The Examiner will recommend that the Plan is submitted to a local referendum, or that it is modified to meet the 'Basic Conditions' and then submitted to a referendum, or that the Plan is refused. Charnwood Borough Council will arrange a referendum and, if the Plan is passed by a simple majority of those voting, the Council will adopt it. When the Plan is adopted, it will

form part of the statutory Development Plan for the area. Charnwood Borough Council will continue to be responsible for determining most planning applications, but the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan will be the basis for those decisions.

KGV Playing Fields' Restoration

The long awaited final phases of restoration of KGV playing fields is planned for late August.

The younger children's play area will be redesigned with a dinosaur theme along with a new natural play area which offers challenges for older children. A new perimeter footpath will provide year round access to the park with new seating, a trim trail and a dinosaur trail. Trim trail nodes and distance markers, instructional signs and adult fitness equipment will encourage use of the park for health and fitness. A new sensory garden designed for a more passive use of the area, a place for quiet reflection, reading, lunch or simply chatting is also included.

We do hope you can join us in our enthusiasm for this project and bear with us during the construction period.



Barrow Remembers

To commemorate the end of the First World War in November 2018 the Parish Council is supporting the project 'Barrow Remembers'.

This project will provide an opportunity for the village to remember each of the 70 men who died during the First World War as an individual by laying a wreath on their grave. Research into the project is already underway, the graves are mainly in England and France. **You can register your interest by emailing the Parish Council.**



Life on the Farm: 1958

This was the year my father bought a brand new tractor; his first. It was a David Brown 950 with a red bonnet and mud guards and yellow wheels. The decals on the bonnet stated David Brown 950 implematic, livedrive; at the time I had no idea what this meant but clearly it enhanced its status. (The David Brown 950 was only made between 1958 and 1960 then superseded by the 990 so it is now very collectable).

The tractor was supplied by T and F Keighley of Loughborough and fitted with a fore-end loader.

The loader was a great improvement in mucking out the sheds as we no longer had to do this by hand. I quickly became proficient at using the loader and driving the tractor doing the chain-harrowing, rolling and applying basic slag etc.

During this period my father grew kale which was used to supplement the winter feed for the cattle.

The kale was cut by hand and put on a trailer; the trailer was then taken into the field where the cows were grazing and thrown off in heaps. The large leaves of the kale always held a lot of rain water during the winter months and so one always got soaked doing the job. On

the days when my father had gone to market and I was left to do this work on my own, I would set the tractor off in bottom gear (about 1 ½ miles an hour) then jump off and climb on the trailer to fork off the kale in a row so that all the cows had something to eat - not just the bossy ones. Looking back it now seems a dangerous practice, especially for an 11 or 12 year old, but in those days things were very different, particularly in the amount of responsibility an 11 or 12 year old might have growing up on a farm.

1958 was also the last year a binder was used on our farm. I have photos of my grandfather operating the binder while pulled by three horses; by 1958 however a tractor was used. The binder was used to cut the corn; it consisted of a reciprocating knife which cut the stalks, the corn then fell back onto a moving canvas which transported the corn to two inclined canvases. The corn was carried between them to the knotter; here the corn was held up until a sheaf of sufficient density had accumulated, the knotter was then tripped and a loop of twine placed around the sheaf and tied; it was then ejected from the machine. The next job was to stook the sheaves in 6s or 8s where they would stand until collected and taken to the stack.

Before the binder came into the field my father would scythe around the outside of the field cutting the corn which would otherwise have been run over by the binder the first time it went round the field. It was then gathered up by hand and 4 or 5 strands of corn wrapped around the bundle and tied in a knot. The sheaf was then placed by the side of the hedge out of the way of the binder.

After the binding was finished, the sheaves were transported to a stack and the stack carefully built with an apex which was then thatched to protect from the weather. In January or February, the thrashing machine contractor would arrive completing the job of separating the grain from the straw.

The above gives some idea of the work involved prior to using the combine harvester and some of the skills lost. My job during the binding was to shoot the rabbits that were hiding in the corn and help with the stooking.

Growing up on a farm in the 50s was not easy as it involved working in all weathers and lots of hard work. But working with machinery and animals was never dull and I believe provided a good start in life.

Dave Bird



Barrow Bookworms Rate the Reads

Despite the demands of modern life and the distractions of social media, many people still love nothing better than curling up with a good book. The benefits of reading are well documented - reading can reduce stress and give the brain a good workout as it processes the many strands of a story.

A good way to get yourself reading or push the boundaries of your literary tastes is to join a book club. Barrow Book Club is a friendly and active group that meets at the Hunting Lodge, Sileby Road, on the last Monday of every month at 7pm. You meet people with a common interest, whether you're a bookworm or occasional reader.

Group co-ordinator Lucy Elms says each month, everyone reads the same book, then it is discussed at the meeting and rated.

"The reading list is planned six months in advance and members recommend titles. This means that sometimes we read books we would not normally read. Discussions are very informal and it is a social occasion where we talk books and chat over drinks or coffee."

The book under discussion at the January meeting was Hilary Mantel's *Bring up the Bodies*, the second in a planned trilogy on the rise and fall of Thomas Cromwell, minister in the court of Henry V111. Some loved it, others didn't finish it. The February read was *The Light Between Oceans* by M L Stedman.

I asked some members about their favourite books.

Laura Pearson's was *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, which she first read as a teenager at school. "I've probably read it a handful of times since. It's about race, courage, empathy and injustice and it always makes me cry."



Laura Pearson



Lucy Elms, Julie Storrie, Cathie McKeand, Mark Evans, Beryl Siddons, Pat Moore, Honor Neale, Ginnie Willcocks

Pat Moore, a founder member, said her top pick was *Dominion* by C J Sansom.

"It is set in post-war Britain, based on the theory of what would have happened if Britain had not won WWII. It is powerful, intriguing and very atmospheric. Chris Cleave, another favourite, writes good page-turners and for classics you can't fault the Brontes."

Lucy's favourite was *Atonement* by Ian McEwan.

"Set in the 1940s, it follows the members of a wealthy family who witness a series of incidents but all interpret them in different ways. This has a catastrophic impact on two of the characters, whose lives take a turn for the worse. It has some romance but the suspense keeps the reader hanging until the very end. I have read it at least five times!"

Some readers, like Pat, prefer hard copies to digital downloads. She enjoys the visual look of the book, the reviews and facts about the author.

Laura, however, loves the Kindle and having 500 books in her handbag!

Lucy became a convert to Kindle when travelling and didn't want to carry heavy books. However, despite this group's obvious love of the written word, many people in Britain do not read. A

survey by Booktrust, Britain's biggest reading charity, showed that nearly one fifth of people in the UK never read or buy a book, 27% said they preferred the internet and social media to reading books and in the 18 to 30 age group, that figure rose to 56%.

Among those who did read, however, three-quarters said it improved their lives and made them feel better. One-third said they read every day and, among readers, the average number of books owned was 200.

When do busy people find the time?

Laura, a mother of two and part-time copywriter, says she read 52 books last year, despite having a newborn and health problems. She also listens to audiobooks while doing chores. Lucy takes the train to work and reads her Kindle at the station and on the train.

If you're a reader, you will find the time to read, no matter how busy life is.

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Lindsay Ord

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Gemma Denham: A Passion for Words and Pictures

After working as an illustrator of children's books for 11 years, Gemma Denham decided to write and illustrate her own work, publishing five titles - and her son Joshua, 7, can take more than a bit of credit for his mum's success.

The idea for her first book, *Joshua's Rabbit*, came from a crack in a skirting board in their home. Gemma and Joshua crouched down to examine it and speculated about who might live there. Joshua said that a rabbit lived behind the crack and so the story of *Joshua's Rabbit* was born and published. It's a heart-warming tale of a little boy, his imaginary friend and the antics they get up to from Monday to Sunday. It is also a fun way for children to learn the days of the week.

Huggle, Gemma's second book, is an enchanting story of how of different animals hug, again inspired by Joshua. "*Huggle is a word Joshua uses when he wants a hug,*" says Gemma.

In August last year, Gemma published *As I Was Walking*, a rhyming tale about animals that gets children involved in activities, and its companion *As I Was Walking Activity Book*, that involves colouring-in, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, word puzzles and mazes.

In a departure from fiction, she published *Children's Party Planning* in October last year, which has ideas for 14 themed parties for children aged 1 to 10, including

invitations, decorations, games, food, cakes and party bags for each. Themes include *Teddy Bears Picnic, Fairy, Dinosaur, Dance, Monster, Chocolate, Funfair and Pyjamas*. In this book too, she has drawn on her experiences of creating fun and decorative parties for Joshua.

Born and raised in Barrow, Gemma now lives in Sileby, but her parents Carol and Steve Page live in Barrow.

Gemma says that from a young age, she knew she wanted "to draw".

"I went to school and worked hard, went to college and worked harder and in the summer of 2001, I became a children's book illustrator."

Eleven years later, having read and illustrated other authors' stories, and with many ideas in her head, she decided to publish her own work and is now on a path she loves.

She likes to interact with her readership and has visited most nurseries in Leicestershire, to share her stories with the children. She takes along a story sack of characters for interactive fun.

In June, she was asked to open East Goscote's community library.



Gemma Denham reads to her son Joshua

"I am a huge supporter of community libraries and have donated a copy of each of my titles to Barrow Upon Soar and Sileby libraries for readers to enjoy," she says.

She has also partnered with local charity Evans Trust, donating 25p from each copy sold through direct sale. Evans Trust raises money for Leicester Neonatal units.

Gemma is a strong advocate of the value of books in a young child's life, saying it promotes a love of reading and strengthens the bond between mother and child.

Her mind is constantly tuned to sourcing new ideas for stories and she has some creative ideas in the pipeline. Her illustrations are hand-sketched and coloured on computer, displaying beautiful shading and vibrancy. In a future book, she plans to hand-paint illustrations, giving the artist in her free rein - and Joshua is always on hand to give them the nod of approval.

Books are priced from £4.99 and can be ordered from Amazon or directly from Gemma at gemmadenham@outlook.com

You can see more at www.gemmadenham.com

Lindsay Ord





Hares: From Moon-Gazing Hares to Easter Bunnies

Have you heard the legend of the moon-gazing hare? So many myths and legends surround this elusive creature. Years ago I often used to see hares around the fields on Paudy Lane but haven't spotted any for quite a while. It would be interesting to know if they still live up there...

I call hares elusive because they are generally a nocturnal animal, hiding by day in their 'forms', no more than a scrape in the earth hidden in the long grass. When the young (called leverets) are born they're covered in fur and are quite active soon after. This is unlike rabbits, which live in burrows, and their young are born naked. Rabbits are smaller than hares too with shorter ears and shorter, less powerful back legs. They live in groups in their burrows underground whilst hares are solitary animals and only come together to mate.

We talk of being 'as mad as a March hare' because in spring they can be seen leaping about and boxing and dashing madly about. It's usually not the males fighting but a male and female...and the female is probably not sure about him and boxes his ears!

The hare is a much maligned creature and its numbers are in decline, losing more than 80% of its population in the last 100 years. In some parts of the country it's practically extinct. Changing farming methods are one possible reason; hares live above ground in all weathers and need a constant food supply to survive and do best on arable land with a good variety of different plants and grasses to eat. The winter months can be hard for them as their food source becomes scarce.

Another way that man has contributed to the hares' downfall is by illegal hare-coursing and lamping where sight-hounds (greyhounds, lurchers) chase and kill the poor creatures caught in the lamp's beam.

Now to the legend of the moon-gazing hare...it reflects very ancient beliefs. Pagans believed seeing a moon-gazing

hare would bring growth and rebirth, good fortune, new beginnings and abundance too. Hares were so quick to reproduce they were often associated with fertility. The hare was sacred to the goddess Ostara (or Eostre) who brought the dawn, radiant light, joy and abundance and she was always worshipped in spring. During these festivals to the goddess coloured eggs and chicks featured in the ceremonies as did spring flowers; it was quite similar to our Easter Festival to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

So this year when eating a chocolate egg or looking out for the Easter bunny just think that we are following in the footsteps of our ancestors of long ago...

Maggie J

Mindfulness for Study:

From Procrastination to Action by Karisa Krcmar and Tina Horsman

Dr. Karisa Krcmar, who used to be part of the Barrow Voice team, has written a book about using mindfulness techniques to help with studying.

Karisa works at Loughborough University as a specialist tutor. As part of her work and research with students there she developed, with her colleague Tina Horsman, a programme of mindfulness workshops. After successfully running these for three years, they have turned their work into a book to help all students.

"I first came across mindfulness" Karisa said "when I was doing some research about adults with ADHD. A psychiatrist at the University of California had developed a programme of mindfulness and I thought I could develop the idea into something specifically to help students move from procrastinating about their work to actually getting down and doing it! One of the biggest difficulties for many students is procrastination and this book helps students to focus on what they need to do." Karisa says that students' flats are never cleaner than during exams... even cleaning the loo is preferable to getting down to revision!

Mindfulness for Study: From Procrastination to Action can be bought from www.inspirebylearning.eu/books costing £19.51 (paper) or £10.00

(e-version). I've bought my 17 year-old granddaughter a paper copy in the hope that it might help her to get on with her A levels instead of spending hours on Facebook and the like. I have yet to get any feedback from her but the book contains "postcards" which come from students who have found the book (or the workshops that led to the book) helpful. I especially like "Before I did this mindfulness course, I'd always leave the house in the morning and spend the day worrying about whether or not I'd switched off my hair straighteners. Now I know that I do it. I'm mindful about switching them off. No more stress or worry about that... just about my PhD now!" (PhD Natural Sciences student). And "The mindful walking is really relaxing in that it de-stresses and helps me to focus. I didn't come up with any earth-shattering ideas, but I did go back to my room and was ready to get down to the piece of work I had been putting off. I did it really quickly and it wasn't nearly as hard as I thought it was going to be. Result!" said a final year IT student.



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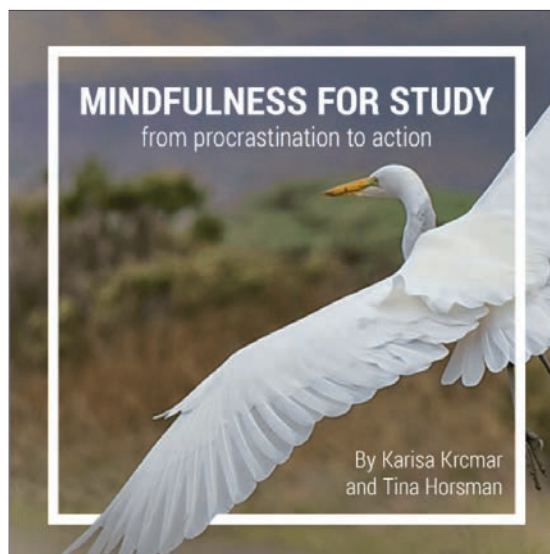


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Jim Hardy and his Leicester Cathedral chairs

It was obvious from an early age that Jim enjoyed working with wood. Born in Leicester in 1929, it was at the age of five that he received a woodworking set as a Christmas gift and he vividly remembers that by the evening of Christmas Day the kitchen floor was covered in sawdust.

Jim passed his eleven plus and chose to go to the Gateway Boys School which, at the time, stood opposite the College of Art and Technology in the Newarks. For the first two years at the school the lessons were the normal English, maths etc. but in the third year pupils had the choice of carrying on with normal lessons or studying art and technology. Jim opted for the latter and was taught at the college under the guidance of Laurence G Brewster, a cabinet maker.

It was Mr Brewster who introduced Jim to the work of Ernest Gimson and a love of Gimson's style was to inspire Jim in his own work. Ernest Gimson was a famous local architect and furniture-maker. He designed the house 'Stoneywell', the only National Trust property in Leicestershire, and many examples of his furniture can be seen in the house.

When Jim was due to leave school at fifteen, his obvious skill had been noticed by Laurence Brewster and Jim was offered a five year apprenticeship at the college. Four years later at the age of twenty Jim was told by Laurence Brewster that



the college had been commissioned to make two solid oak chairs for Leicester Cathedral and that he would like Jim to make them. He said it was the proudest moment of his life and the second proudest moment is when the chairs were installed in the cathedral.

The Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor use these chairs on ceremonial occasions. It shows what a craftsman Jim was at a very young age. Today the chairs can be seen in the cathedral and in fact were used during the service of internment for Richard III. Whilst at college Jim also used to help teach the boys from Gateway during their first woodworking lessons.

When his apprenticeship ended, Jim was immediately called up to do his National Service and actually started on his twenty-first birthday. During this time Laurence Brewster formed his own company, Wreake Valley Craftsmen, and when Jim finished his National Service he was installed as manager with the firm. He was to spend many happy years there. In the 1950s a new church, St. John the Baptist, was built in Carlton,

Nottingham: all the furniture and fittings were made by the skilled men of Wreake Valley Crafts under Jim's guidance. Jim himself made all the carved side panels of the pews. Wreake Valley also made oak refectory tables and to age the oak they were left in a room overnight absorbing the vapour from ammonia that had been put into saucers. This resulted in a beautiful mature colour.

Jim moved to Barrow over sixty years ago when he was courting his future wife, Pem. Later on in life Jim worked from home in the workshop that he had built in his back garden. One of the more unusual things he made were xylophone frames for Premier Drum of Leicester.

In retirement Jim has more time for his other passion: fly fishing. I understand he is very successful at this. Could it be the fact that he makes his own flies? One only has to visit Jim in his home to appreciate what a craftsman he is.

Thank you Jim for an informative and interesting afternoon.

Val Gillings





300 Year Celebration at Humphrey Perkins School



HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL

On Wednesday, February 8th 2017 from 6pm the foyer and the dining hall at Humphrey Perkins were extremely busy with pupils, past and present, all assembled for the school's Tercentenary event. All around there were ex-pupils sharing reminiscences, or peering intently at photographs of sports teams, and other events, from the turn of the twentieth century to the present day. Most were trying to identify old friends or trying to recall when a particular event took place.

I felt privileged to be part of this occasion as I was one of the few who had not attended the school. I had been invited as a member of the village Heritage Group who had helped to sift and sort the mound of memorabilia which had been discovered in the school cellar and was used at this event. The magnificent display had been brilliantly put together by Viviana Massiah and her team.

I managed to have a chat with a few of those attending. I met Moyra MacDonald (her maiden name) and her husband.



Moyra & her husband

Moyra said they met whilst at school! She attended from 1943 to 1948 and they both travelled to school by train from Loughborough where they still live. They've been married for 65 years. Moyra told me the tale about the honour of sharing the top table, at lunch time, on a rota basis, with the headmaster.

I also met Rod Lloyd from Twyford, who attended from 1955 to 1962 when the Orchard Block and the Hall were relatively new. He just missed the opportunity to have a swim in the new swimming pool which was finished during the summer after he'd left. He did not seem too disappointed as the pool was outdoors; the roof was constructed several years later. Then I spoke with Barbara Briggs, aged 93, the oldest ex-pupil. Barbara used to travel to school from Syston by train. She was there from 1934 to 1939 and now lives in Hertfordshire near her daughter. Barbara's sister and two brothers also attended Humphrey Perkins.

At 7pm all, including dignitaries, assembled in the hall for a formal presentation. There were memoirs from ex-pupils, a short speech from the Heritage Group and musical interludes



Barbara Briggs

by some very talented teenagers who currently attend the school. A plaque was unveiled in memory of the occasion by Lady Gretton, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, after a blessing by David Norman the Venerable Archdeacon of Loughborough. The headmistress, Krysia Butwilowska, thanked everyone for attending, including Mr Peter Nutkins and Viviana Massiah, and ended with the announcement that the hall would now be called "Anniversary Hall".

Ginnie Willcocks

Hall Orchard Primary School: Fundraising for a new teaching kitchen

Hall Orchard's PTFA are focusing their fundraising efforts on a bold new project. Anyone walking near the school recently will have noticed that the school building is undergoing some dramatic changes. The new school hall should be ready for Easter but the plans don't end there.

The National Curriculum requires that primary school children prepare and cook a variety of savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques. However, the current cooking area isn't ideal. The space is limited and the work surfaces too high for some of the smaller children.

So, the school set to work and made a plan. The plans have the potential to turn the old clay area and link corridor into a purpose-built teaching kitchen that can hold between 8 and 12 children at a time. Once complete, the kitchen will have 3 two-ring, cold-touch hobs along with sinks and preparation areas. These will be at different heights so even the smallest reception class children can get involved. The disused kiln will make way for two commercial ovens.

However, putting the plan into action will involve a lot of work. The whole area will need restructuring, particularly as the doors currently face the wrong way for a working kitchen. We certainly don't want any children coming a cropper carrying hot food! The windows also need replacing to provide proper ventilation.

All of these changes don't come cheap, and the potential bill will be in the region of £24,000. That's when the PTFA got involved and decided to adopt the new kitchen as their fundraising focus. The committee are already busy planning a 'Pamper and Prosecco' evening for the end of March plus a 'Food and Craft Festival' at the end of April. Of course, the calendar wouldn't be complete without the 'Summer Fayre', which will have a 'Family Fun-Day' theme this year.



Children in an area of future worktops, hobs and sinks

There are lots of exciting plans in the pipeline which should have Hall Orchard children cooking up a storm in no time! If you would like to get involved or find out more about this year's events, please get in touch via the PTFA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HallOrchardPTFA/
Kirsty France

Barrow Walking for Health Group

In January 2016 Heather Dipple, supported by the Charnwood Recreation and Leisure Team, started the Barrow Walking for Health Group. Soon afterwards June Exley became a second leader and several more have now been trained by the Charnwood team. The aim of these groups is to encourage everyone to get fit by walking even if you have never walked much before.

The walks have taken place every Tuesday starting at 10:30am at The Three Crowns and last about one hour finishing at the same place. Anyone who comes by

car can park in the pub car-park with kind permission of the managers. The walks have become very popular and approximately 35 people now attend. It is surprising how many different routes of about 2.8 - 3 miles can be followed around our lovely village. The group is very friendly and new people are always welcome. Comments that walkers have made are: "it's very sociable", "we have seen parts of the village we have never seen before", "we often go for a coffee afterwards", "it's good fun", "I didn't know a soul in Barrow but I do now".

The popularity and success of the group was recognised in December 2016 at the Charnwood Sports Award Evening. The Barrow Walking for Health Group won the Best Community Sport/Physical Activity Project. June Exley and David Dipple attended on behalf of the group.

After a year we are now in a position to be able to offer 2 walks, one group will do the usual hour walk of nearly 3 miles and the other will walk for up to 90 mins (4 - 4.5 miles) at a slightly faster pace. We depend on having two available leaders to offer this: if only one leader is available we will always do the shorter walk. Walk-leader training is provided free from the Charnwood team so if you are interested in this please contact them. The more leaders we have the easier it is to offer two walks each week.

Why not come and join us? Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. If you need any further information, contact Heather by email heatherdipple@sky.com.

Heather Dipple





Barrow upon Soar Open Gardens 2017

Barrow Open Gardens (BOG) 2016 in aid of Rainbows Children's Hospice was another huge success. The odds were against us, rain for the second year in a row making rain macs and brollies essential, however, even in a rainstorm, the gardens and spaces managed to impress and provide a wow factor...food for thought for gardeners and non-gardeners alike. Blue-jean plant pots and recycled shower-cubicle greenhouses vied for attention with immaculate and classic village gardens. Gardeners were on hand to advise on all manner of planting and pot care (in some cases hundreds of marvellous pots!).

At this time the BOG team start to look ahead to this year's planning of the event. Each year the Openers change, new roles emerge (with internet advertising) and new organisational challenges present themselves, however the group continues unabashed determined to raise funds for this wonderful cause.

BOG is set to run on June 24th and 25th 2017 and new gardens are very welcome: whether you have a passion for vegetables or a teeny-tiny container garden - if you have grown plants and

love to garden we would love to hear from you. If you like the idea of opening but are unsure if your patch 'hits the spot' then why not arrange a visit and we can reassure and advise you before you apply? Just contact us at the gmail.com address below.

To jump right in and register as an Opener, you can complete an application form by contacting BOG at barrowuponsoaropengardens@gmail.com on email. Facebookers can search 'Barrow upon Soar Open Gardens', or you can

search 'Barrow upon Soar Open Gardens' in your search engine and go to the BUSCA website to download from there. For those of you not wanting to open, don't forget to put the date in the diary! It's a great way to spend a weekend and meet your neighbours.

Please note: charity fundraising programmes are per adult and you will be required to show these at each garden. Programmes cover both days.

Kate Pickering

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'Hold a Candle for Her' on Mothering Sunday March 26th at Holy Trinity Barrow

Holy Trinity Church Barrow aims to provide opportunities for local people to come together for community groups, events and celebrations. We offer various groups, services and courses: Starting Rite for babies, Little Angels for toddlers, Messy Church for primary age children, Junior Church, Junior Choir and a Youth Group for teenagers.

The church also welcomes uniformed organisations, Humphrey Perkins Secondary School, Hall Orchard Primary School and Hall Orchard Pre-school for annual events such as Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and Easter. We offer pastoral care and support to families known to us and we help parents prepare for and celebrate their child's christening.



To help us ensure we can continue this work, the group has set up a series of fundraising, community-based events. Our next event is 'Hold a Candle for Her'. This will take place on Mothering Sunday,

26th March 2017. We are asking local people to help us celebrate the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters and all the other special women who have loved, supported and guided us throughout our lives. The poster design includes a beautiful piece of artwork by Sophie Cobley, a year 7 student at Humphrey Perkins.

'Hold a Candle for Her' invites all Barrow residents to join in and aims to light 1,000 candles in the names of women who are special to us. The candles will be lit at the 10:30am Mothering Sunday service at Holy Trinity church. The names of the women for whom each candle is lit will be displayed in the church during the service. The church will also remain open for further viewing from 11:30am – 1:30pm.

There are two ways to join in with our celebrations. You can visit www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/Candle to donate (a minimum) £1 for each

candle you wish to light, and dedicate each candle with the name of the lady you wish to give thanks for.

Alternatively, during March, donation boxes and name lists will be available in shops, public buildings and pubs. More details can be found on the church website www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com or on the posters.

Our aim is to fill Holy Trinity church with the light of thankfulness and we hope many residents of Barrow will show their appreciation for their mothers. Further events are planned for the summer including a family "Colour Run" at Prestwold Hall and a summer "Festival of Art" in Holy Trinity Church and we hope that local families enjoy coming together to enjoy our community whilst raising money for this local cause.

"Hold A Candle For Her" Mothering Sunday 26th March 2017

Holy Trinity Church aims to light 1000 candles and display 1000 names of mums* on Mothering Sunday.



This is your opportunity to have your mum's* name shown and a candle lit for her. Simply donate £1 per name at www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/candle or look out for collection boxes around Barrow village.

*or any other special women important to you, past and present.

Candles lit and names displayed in Holy Trinity Church, Sunday 26th March 2017 at 10.30am service.

Church open for further viewing 11.30-1.30

For more information: www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com/hold-a-candle-for-her/



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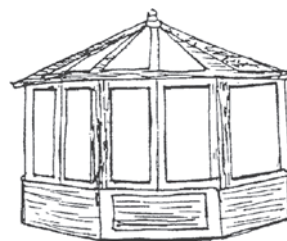
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Photos from Barrow Panto Group's Production of Cinderella!



Murder Most Foul Comes to Barrow. Again.



Following the runaway success of last year's Murder Mystery, this year's production is called 'The Sound of Mu...rder' written by Andy Hawkes. This year the drama, fittingly enough revolves around an amateur acting group and their rehearsals for The Sound of

Music. Tensions run high and feelings spill over... you know where this is going! Last year's audience really rose to the challenge and came dressed to thrill. So this year why not dust off your dirndl and liberate your lederhosen, find your nun's habit or your priest's robes and come along

and see if you can solve the riddle... 'Sound of Mu...rder' by Andy Hawkes is on Friday 6th October, 7.30 at Humphrey Perkins. Tickets held at £12. Lonely goatherds welcome, singing not compulsory!

Helen Sadler

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Village Diary

Fri 17th	Rhyme Time: Library; 10.30 Centre Stage: Mambo Jambo: sunshine music from around the world; Humphrey Perkins Community Centre; starts 19.30; tickets from Paper Shop
Sat 18th	Clock Club rummage sale; Bishop Beveridge Club; 10.00 - 11.30 Saturday Stories: Library; 10.30 BUSCA Spring Dance; 19.00 for 19.30 start. Ends 23.00; Humphrey Perkins Community Centre; tickets from Paper Shop
Mon 20th	Beveridge Club Film: "Bridget Jones' baby"; 14.00; enquiries from 414519
Wed 22nd	Methodist Ladies Circle; 19.30
Sat 25th	Saturday Stories in library; 10.30
Mon 27th	Library Talk: Jack Rigall, conservationist and keen protector of many species of mammal; 19.30
Fri 31st	Rhyme Time in the Library; 10.30 Hall Orchard PTFA "Pamper and Prosecco evening"; Hall Orchard; 19.00 - 22.00
Sat 1st	Saturday Stories: Library; 10.30 Methodist Mini Mart; 10.00 - 11.00 Crochet Club; Methodist Hall; 12.00 - 14.00
Mon 3rd	New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14.00 - 15.30; all welcome
Tues 4th	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.30
Wed 5th	Mothers' Union
Wed 12th	Crafts; Methodist Church; 14.00 - 16.00 WI: Queen Eleanor and King Edward I - Julie Ede; Function Room, Cons Club; 19.30 Methodist Ladies Circle; 19.30
Fri 14th	Baptist Luncheon Club; 12.30
Sat 15th	Clock Club rummage sale; Bishop Beveridge Club; 10.00 - 11.30
Mon 17th	Monday Film Club Beveridge Club; "Love and Friendship" 14.00. Check date by calling Joyce on 414519
Wed 19th	Gardening Club: A Camera for all Seasons - Richard Adams; 19.30; The GAP - behind Baptist Church
Sat 22nd	Saturday Stories: Library; 10.30
Wed 26th	Methodist Ladies Circle; 19.30
Fri 28th	Rhyme Time: Library; 10.30
Sat 29th	Saturday Stories: Library; 10.30 Hall Orchard PTFA Food and Craft Festival; Hall Orchard; 12.00 - 15.00
Mon 1st	New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14.00; all welcome
Tues 2nd	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.30
Wed 3rd	Mothers' Union; 14.30
Sat 6th	Saturday Stories: Library; 10.30 Methodist Mini Mart; 10.00 - 11.00 Crochet Club; Methodist Hall; 12.00 - 14.00
Wed 10th	Crafts; Methodist Church; 14.00 - 16.00 WI: Resolutions and nibbles; Function Room, Cons Club; 19.30 Methodist Ladies Circle; 19.30
Fri 12th	Baptist Luncheon Club; 12.30
Mon 15th	Monday Film Club Beveridge Club; "A Street Cat named Bob"; 14.00.
Wed 17th	WI 68th Birthday party Gardening Club: "We're in the Garden together" - John Schofield; 19.30; The GAP-behind Baptist Church
Sat 20th	Clock Club rummage sale; Bishop Beveridge Club; 10.00 - 11.30 Craft Fair: Methodist Church; 10.00 - 14.00
Wed 24th	Methodist Ladies Circle; 19.30
Fri 26th	Rhyme Time: Library; 10.30
Sat 27th	Saturday Stories: Library; 10.30
Sat 3rd	Saturday Stories: Library; 10.30 Methodist Mini Mart; 10.00 - 11.00 Crochet Club; Methodist Hall; 12.00 - 14.00
Mon 5th	New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14.00; all welcome
Tues 6th	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.30
Wed 7th	Mothers' Union: 14.30
Fri 9th	Rhyme Time: Library; 10.30 Baptist Luncheon Club; 12.30
Wed 14th	Crafts; Methodist Church; 14.00 - 16.00 WI: "Clay" light-hearted talk - John Christophers; Function Room, Cons Club; 19.30 Methodist Ladies Circle; 19.30
Sat 17th	Clock Club rummage sale; Bishop Beveridge Club; 10.00 - 11.30
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