

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

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BARLOW IN SNOW



Photos
(from previous
years) by local
photographer
Roger Barrett

FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Readers,

I hope that your start to the new year has been trouble-free. At least the outlook for the future is a bit brighter now than it has been for a while, energy bills notwithstanding. Talking about outlook: What is the outlook for our weather? Are we still going to see some snow this winter? Just in case you can't remember what Barlow looks like covered in snow I asked Roger to find us some past photographs to remind us all what we've been missing.

Snow or no snow, if you decide to renew your subscription to this magazine, our team of reliable volunteers will endeavour to deliver the latest issue straight to your door, as always. You will find details of how to do this on page 13. Thank you for your kind support. IH

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Friday 18th February 2022, 5pm
to ensure inclusion.**

**Please send your articles and interesting photographs of the local
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February 2022

Services	Sides-person	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning Wednesdays
Sunday 6 th February 11am Mass	N/A	D Windle	J Windle	---
Sunday 13 th February 8am Said Mass 11am Mass	J Waller N/A	To confirm	To confirm	T Maley/ T Woodhouse
Sunday 20 th February 11am Mass VILLAGE HALL	N/A	D Barnes	J West	Church Decorating
Sunday 27 th February 11am Mass VILLAGE HALL	N/A	J Shore	C Gore	Church Decorating
Sunday 6 th March 11am Mass	N/A	J Windle	P Gouldthorpe	J West & Family

FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: FEBRUARY 2022

FUNERALS

18th December 2021-- Jennifer Banks--Funeral & Cremation
10th November 2021-Pamela J Smith--Burial

BAPTISMS

21st November -- Archie Dibble

WEDDINGS

None

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)

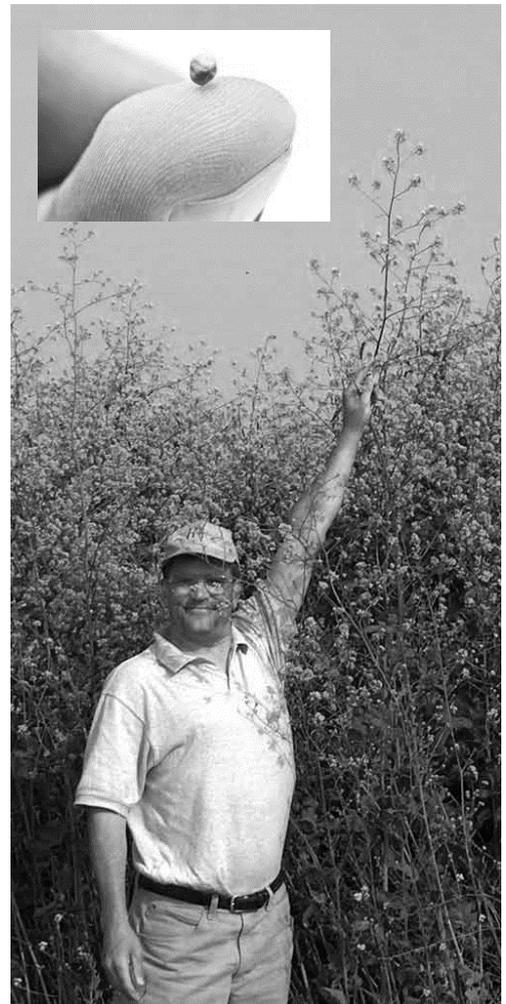


Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write 'dear friends', as this is the first opportunity I have had to write in the parish magazine, since arriving to serve you in October. Thank you to everyone who has helped me to feel so welcome. Although an occasional visitor in the late nineties and early 2000s, it is a real joy to get to know the people who are the church of St Lawrence now.

The new year is now well underway, the days are lengthening, and I for one am looking forward to all that the growing season will bring. They say that there are no people more optimistic than allotment gardeners. As I write, my seed potatoes are chitting (growing shoots), ready for planting, the garlic planted last autumn is shooting up, and the plastic sheeting should be warming up the soil beneath ready for seed setting. All is well. The miracle of growth is also evident to me as I marvel at the speed with which my grandson is growing. Born in September, just the week before I was appointed, he is now transformed. He has not just grown in size, but also in awareness, from totally dependent, to reaching and looking out to the - albeit limited - world around him, and since he learned to smile, to communicate with others in his own way. Just like any new parent or grandparent I am filled with excitement as I consider what he will become as he grows up.

The Bible has so much to say about growth, particularly the growth of God's Kingdom.



The parable of the tiny mustard seed, growing so big that the birds can nest in its branches comes to mind. We marvel at such growth, but that growth cannot happen unless someone sets the seed. The seed, which we are told, may fall on stony ground, be surrounded by weeds, fall back on the path or into fertile ground, but will grow in some way. If it stays in the farmer's hand, however, it cannot grow at all. If the farmer holds on to the seed to keep it safe, like the bulbs left in my shed last year, it will just dwindle away.

I hope that as I grow into my role here as assistant curate, together we can do our part to support the growth of God's Kingdom in this place. It would be lovely to think that, like the potatoes I plant, each one of us might grow a whole bunch of new people to come and experience the joy of worshipping the Lord, nourished by His word, and sustained by His love and grace. Paul, writing to the Corinthians said, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow." (1 Corinthians 3:6)
So let us all be God's gardeners, planting seeds, filled with optimism and looking forward to growth, and embracing the changes that growth brings about.

Best wishes to you all,
Rev'd Gill Ball – Assistant Curate at St Lawrence's Church

Save the date....for a concert

*Celebrating
The Life of
David Megginson
(25.7.43-21.7.21)*



'Songs of Love & Connection'
composed & sung by Albion choral group
St Lawrence Church, Barlow
Sunday 17th July 2022
Strawberries & Fizz

Information about how to get tickets to follow!



YEARS MIND FOR FEBRUARY

From the church registers

**Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

2ND FRANCES MILLINGTON---1971

MARGARET SIDDALL---1969

3RD GLYNNE SIDDALL---1969

SYDNEY D. BINKS---2009

4TH CLAUDE W. HANDFORD (priest) '73

JAMES H. NEEDHAM---1994

5TH ALFRED STEVENSON---1963

HARRY MILLINGTON---1968

ARTHUR SHAWCROFT---1985

IVAN L. TAGG---1989

THOMAS HALLETT---1995

6TH DAVID E. KING---2009

7TH GERTRUDE BIGGIN---1966

IDA WILSON---1990

ANNE TEW---1991

8TH FRED WASS---1996

ALEXANDER E FAWSON---1999

LEONARD SIMM---2002

9TH SYBIL M. STEVENSON---2005

BARBARA WALKER---2021

10TH PERCY HASLAM---1994

ELIZABETH DAVIES---1997

11TH PAMELA ELIZABETH SPRY---
2018

12TH TREVOR GLAVES---1979

13TH JAMES WALKER---2003

JACK GILLYATT---2017

14TH ERNEST NEEDHAM---1999

JOHN GEOFFREY WRIGHT 2008

15TH WILLIAM SHAWCROFT---1982

16TH GLADYS GRETTON---1978

ALLAN PATMAN---1985

FRANCIS W. BEMBRIDGE---1987

CATHERINE M. VIRTUE---1989

ALBERT IBBOTSON---1995

17TH GEORGE A. WARD---1980

*ENA KATHLEEN SHAWCROFT 2016

*JAMES SHAWCROFT---2016

18TH EMILY GODFREY---?

ETHEL W. BOOKER---1988

GEORGE E. WARDLEY---1994

MAURICE LOMAS---2002

*BRENDA MARY PICKERING---2014

19TH ELIZABETH WILSON---1978

COLIN EATSON---1986

ERNEST HASLAM---1994

20TH HETTIE SLATER---1965

JOYCE M CRATCHLEY---2020

ELSIE COLEY---1993

CHRISTOPHER J. PARKIN---2003

DESMOND HARDY---2012

21ST FREDERICK NEEDHAM---1972

NORAH REDMAN---1973

HUGH WILLIAMS---1973

IVY EATSON ---1974

BRENDA BRAMMER---1993

ANNIE LISTER---2009

22ND *ANNIE MARPLES---1990

DORA SKINNER---2009

23RD FLORENCE HICKS---1990

VICTOR BEMBRIDGE---1999

24TH JOSEPH SHELDON---1965

MARION BOSTON---1966

JOHN HOWARD---1968

JOHN PENDLETON---1971

GERALD SHREWSBURY---1989

25TH RICHARD HANWELL---1984

STANLEY TEW---1992

KATHLEEN MATTHEW---1979

JANE BARGH---2018

26TH OLIVE CARTER---1987

ETHEL LAYTON---1994

28TH WILLIAM E. PICKERING---1997

GILBERT WOODALL---1976

MAUREEN VERA LISTER---2017

29TH MARJORIE WHITEHOUSE---
1968

BARLOW CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)

Dear Friends,

In our last issue before Christmas, we advised that the annual church carol concert service would take place, however, we review our safety policy for the church regularly and so decided that your safety was paramount. The church would have been full with singers and congregation and therefore, with regret, we had to cancel the event in view of the rising Covid figures. We hope that the virus is being brought under control now and so we can start to look forward again.

All other Christmas services were held as usual, including the school Christingle, Christmas Eve Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning Parish Mass. We were pleased to hold the joint service with Loundsley Green and Old Brampton Churches here at St Lawrence Church on Boxing Day Sunday.

Our family service was held on Sunday, 9th January, with the children involved in reading, prayers and the talk with Reverend Gill. Thank you to all our young people for their enthusiastic help. Well done! We thoroughly enjoyed hosting the annual Singles Party in December; this year it was held at the Village Hall. We had a wonderful Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and send our thanks to all those from the village and church who joined us and we especially thank those who gave up their time to prepare and serve the food and drink. It was a great occasion.

Upcoming Events

Please don't forget to join us if you can for the Lent Breakfasts in church (9am to 11am) starting on Wednesday 9th March (see page 12 for details). They will be held every Wednesday for the 5 weeks leading up to Easter week. Enjoy a large breadcake with bacon, egg, tomato, mushrooms and sausage and a cup of tea or coffee for only £6. We can arrange a veggie alternative on request. Bring a friend and enjoy the company.

Please put the following events in your diaries:

Barlow Open Gardens --- 10am to 5pm --- 2nd and 3rd July 2022.

**David Megginson Concert (Songs of Love and Connection) ---
3pm and 7pm --- Sunday 17th July 2022.**

Church Cleaning

We do need your help, please. The church does need cleaning every couple of weeks to keep it looking good as it should. Can you spare the odd hour once every 6 weeks or so to join the cleaning rota? The task only consists of some light dusting and polishing, vacuuming the carpet and mopping the kitchen, toilet and vestry floors. We have lost 2 teams due to house moves and need help from volunteers.

Please contact Pete Gouldthorpe if you can spare the time.

Thank you.

Church Decoration.

We are pleased to confirm that the church ceiling is having a long overdue clean and repaint which is a big job and will necessitate covering pews with scaffolding and make church services difficult. We have therefore arranged to hold the 2 church services on Sunday 20th and 27th February in the Village Hall on Millcross Lane Barlow. We thank the Parish Council for their help and co-operation.

Please come along to either of these 2 services and meet us in this different setting.

Sally & John Leaving.

After over 21 very happy years in Barlow, Sally and John Rushby are leaving the area to move closer to relatives in the north. They have both been very involved in our village, especially the church, with John as Churchwarden and Chair on the Parish Council. They have helped support the work of both the Parish Council and St Lawrence Church.

They wish to express their thanks to all those people who have shown so much warmth and friendship towards both of them, especially over the last 18 months, and assure you that your kind verbal comments and letters of support have been much appreciated.

They ask us to let you know that they will miss friends in Barlow Village and St Lawrence Church, many of whom will remain friends forever and

they sincerely hope that the church and the village will continue to grow and go from strength to strength. Their best wishes are sent to all.

Please take special care of each other over the coming weeks.
Spring is on the way!

Best wishes, Pete and John

YOUR CHURCHYARD NEEDS



YOU!

We have appealed before for anyone wishing to join our very willing band of helpers (who are no longer in the first flush of youth) in tidying the churchyard and cutting grass in the growing season.

. The volunteers usually meet on Wednesday mornings, but if that is not a convenient time for anyone wishing to help, please get in touch with Peter Gouldthorpe (07749287834) and we can try to accommodate you.

Please help if you can and avoid our pristine churchyard becoming a WW1 battlefield.

PRIVATE PRAYER

Starting on Thursday 20th January, Barlow Church will be open for anyone wishing to enter for a period of private prayer.

The church will be open from 10am to noon each Thursday

Outside this period, there will be a box in the porch for written prayers to be deposited.

(We are grateful to Maggie and Colin Gore for facilitating this.)

LENT BREAKFASTS

Breakfasts are being served at Church during Lent.

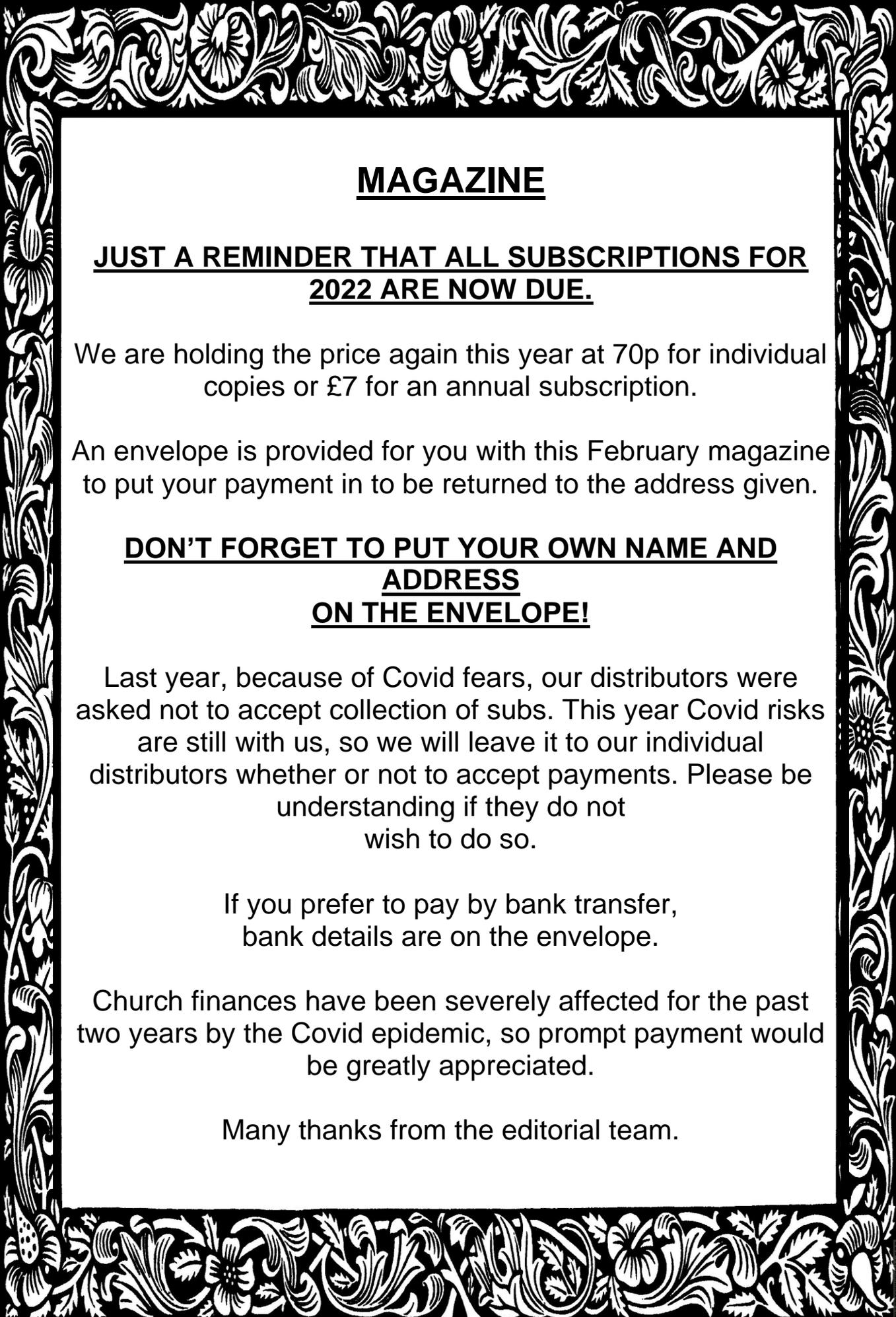
The price is £6 for a large bap, bacon, sausage, egg, tomato and mushrooms, served with tea or coffee.

They will be served in Church between 9am and 11am on the following dates:

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th



Come along and bring your friends for a leisurely and delicious start to your day.



MAGAZINE

JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2022 ARE NOW DUE.

We are holding the price again this year at 70p for individual copies or £7 for an annual subscription.

An envelope is provided for you with this February magazine to put your payment in to be returned to the address given.

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR OWN NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE!

Last year, because of Covid fears, our distributors were asked not to accept collection of subs. This year Covid risks are still with us, so we will leave it to our individual distributors whether or not to accept payments. Please be understanding if they do not wish to do so.

If you prefer to pay by bank transfer,
bank details are on the envelope.

Church finances have been severely affected for the past two years by the Covid epidemic, so prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks from the editorial team.

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COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We still have a vacancy to fill at Barlow Parish Council!

If you could spare some time and would like to make a positive contribution to life in our village, please register your interest with Emma, our clerk, or make arrangements to sit in on one of our next meetings to observe.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Estate Walk

On the 19th of January, PCSO Jonathan Flower and his colleague, accompanied by two parish councillors and two representatives from Rykneld Housing met at Valley Rise and carried out a walk around the local area. The ongoing issues with speeding and the problems caused by parking were highlighted once again and the police offered their support and advice to residents.

PCSO Flower expressed his hope that the Barlow Neighbourhood Watch Scheme would soon be up and running and he would like to encourage as many residents as possible to sign up to it. In addition to this he would like to see residents register with Derbyshire Alert, which is another online scheme designed to keep people informed of police matters in their local area and to report incidents as and when they occur.

Litter Picking

You are probably aware that from time to time we organise litter picking days where we ask for your help to keep our village tidy. However, we are aware of the fact that a number of local residents work tirelessly all the

year round to do just that. We would like to thank them for their selfless efforts and let them know that their work is much appreciated. Our village and the surrounding area looks cleaner and cared for because of it.

Platinum Jubilee

Consideration is being given to suggestions how we can celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this summer. If anyone has any good ideas for marking this event appropriately please come forward and let us know.

Logo Competition

We thought it would be good for Barlow Parish Council to have their very own logo. Many other parish councils have one, so we thought we would set the children at Barlow School and anybody else who would like to have a go the challenge of coming up with suitable designs. Please take a look at the details on the back cover of this magazine and enter the competition.

Planning Applications / Decisions

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- NED 21/01405/AGD – Demolition of lean-to and construction of steel portal frame building at Highbrook Far Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED Clerk to contact NEDDC as the application is not on the planning portal to view.

- NED 21/01369/FLH – Single storey side extension at Thimble Hall, Valley Road, Barlow

RESOLVED No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

- NED 21/01284/FLH – Proposed detached outbuilding (Resubmission of 21/00095/FLH)(Amended Title) at Willow Cottage, Mill Lane, Barlow – ***Conditionally Approved – 14 December 2021***

RESOLVED Noted

Ongoing Road Closure

Commonside Road --- Until 29th May 2022

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Hello,

It's been lovely to welcome the children and families back to Pre-school after the Christmas break. Since returning to Pre-School the children have been enjoying their topic of birds, making bird feeders at forest school, looking at different types of birds in the environment and how they adapt and how birds migrate to warmer climates. The children have shown a great interest in this topic.

Unfortunately, we have some sad news as our lovely manager Sue Turner is leaving Pre-school in March. Sue has another job working as a manager at a forest school nursery in Sheffield. Sue has been at Barlow Pre-School for 15 years and has been a great asset, taking Pre-school from strength to strength and making it into the success it is today.

Sue says: "I have had the most amazing 15 years. I have loved my role as manager and met some lovely children and families over the years. I have worked with some amazing people; however, it is now time for a new challenge. I will really miss the children, parents, and the staff. Thank you for making my job so rewarding and fulfilling."

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Sue the very best of luck in her new job and to thank her for all her hard work over the years.

Thanks,

Emma Bointon (Committee Chairperson)

We are currently full, but if you are interested in a place for September, please email barlowpreschool@gmail.com.

BARLOW CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



2022 is now well underway. Our theme for this half term is perseverance. This is very appropriate as we continue to persevere through the myriad of challenges presented by Covid. Although there is light at the end of the tunnel in terms of the national picture and restrictions easing, we have had several cases in children since Christmas meaning absences from school and potential for further learning loss as well as postponement of the Topaz class collective worship on the theme. This was originally scheduled in January and should now take place at the beginning of February.

Sapphire class definitely had to persevere for the first sporting trip of the term. Eleven children went to the Climbing Works in Sheffield to take part in the Greater Sheffield Schools Bouldering Competition. This fun event involved 12 different specially set climbing problems with the children aiming to top as many of them as possible or if they couldn't top them to reach the bonus hold. In the wake of Sport Climbing's debut at the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, it was lovely to see our children having the chance to take part in this exciting sport. The children surprised themselves with how successful they were and definitely pushed themselves out of their comfort zones as the problems got trickier.

It was then the turn of Emerald class to go on a sports trip with the theme of space invasion. Due to this taking place in the first week of term when secondary schools were still carrying out their testing processes, the secondary school sports ambassadors were unable to attend and run the activities as they normally do. Instead, the children were organised into small groups, briefed on the activities by the staff from SHAPE sports partnership and worked together to do each activity. The children were fabulous at supporting each other and relished the challenge of some new activities as well as others more familiar to them.



We have further sports trips planned for all the classes this term and every class is scheduled for their two trips to Forest School before the end of term.

Regards, Penny (Headteacher)

Follow us on twitter @SchoolBarlow



NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

sunshine is not cancelled
spring is not cancelled
love is not cancelled
relationships are not cancelled
reading is not cancelled
naps are not cancelled
devotion is not cancelled
music is not cancelled
dancing is not cancelled
imagination is not cancelled
kindness is not cancelled
conversations are not cancelled
hope is not cancelled



#keeplookingup
SimpleStencils.com

VALENTINE'S DAY

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Valentine's Day, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honouring one or two early Christian martyrs named St Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution; another addition states that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).

Saint Valentine's Day is not a public holiday in any country, although it is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church. Many parts of the Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrate Saint Valentine's Day on July 6 in honour of Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and on July 30 in honour of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

SHROVE TUESDAY

When is it?

This year Shrove Tuesday is on the **1st of March**.

Why is it called Shrove Tuesday?

It comes from the word 'shrive', which means to give absolution after hearing confession. So Shrove Tuesday is the day when people went to confession to prepare themselves for Lent, which begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday.

Why do we eat pancakes on pancake day?

It was the last chance for a spot of indulgence before 40 days of fasting, and also an opportunity to use up food that couldn't be eaten during Lent. This included eggs, fat and milk, which were made into pancakes and eaten on that day. The earliest known English recipe dates from the 15th century, although pancakes had been eaten in other countries for centuries before that. In the French-speaking world, the day is known as 'Mardi Gras' or 'Fat Tuesday'.

How long have we been having pancake races?

A pancake race has been held in Olney in Buckinghamshire since 1445. It supposedly originated when a local woman heard the church bell while she was making pancakes and ran there, frying pan in hand. Another tradition is Westminster School's annual Pancake Grease where students compete to grab the biggest portion of a pancake tossed over a 5 metre bar. In parts of Britain children went 'shroving' – singing songs or reciting poetry in exchange for gifts of food.



STICKY TOFFEE APPLE BREAD + BUTTER PUDDING

- **9 Ingredients** ✓

- 7-8 slices fruit brioche ☐
- 60g butter, at room temperature ☐
- 900g tub double thick vanilla custard ☐
- 125ml (1/2 cup) milk ☐
- 1 tbsp caster sugar ☐
- 1 medium green [apple](#), thinly sliced ☐
- Icing sugar, to dust ☐
- 160ml (2/3 cup) caramel sauce ☐
- Thickened cream, to serve ☐

A real winter warmer:
Luscious bread and butter
pudding topped with sticky
apple and rich caramel sauce
– what's not to love?



4 Method Steps

- Step 1:** Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan forced. Lightly grease a 20 x 30cm baking dish. Lightly spread the slices of **brioche** with **butter**. Cut each slice into 4 triangles. Arrange half the bread in the prepared dish.
- **Step 2:** Combine the **custard** and **milk** in a bowl and pour over and around the bread. Top with the remaining bread. Sprinkle with **sugar**.
 - **Step 3:** Arrange the **apple** over the top of the pudding. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until the top is golden and the custard has set. Set aside to cool for 10 minutes before serving.
 - **Step 4:** Dust the pudding with **icing sugar** and drizzle with **caramel sauce**. Serve with **cream** on the side.

POETRY CORNER

Cynthia Adams, ***Winter Garden.***

First published in *Birds and Blooms* magazine, Dec/Jan 2003

"In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.
I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.
And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.

On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway,
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.
Though days are short, my vision's clear.
And through the snow, the buds appear.

In my mind, clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks,
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow.
And in my mind, my garden grows."

Sudie Stuart Hager, ***He Knows No Winter***

"He knows no winter, he who loves the soil,
For, stormy days, when he is free from toil,
He plans his summer crops, selects his seeds
From bright-paged catalogues for garden needs.
When looking out upon frost-silvered fields,
He visualizes autumn's golden yields;
He sees in snow and sleet and icy rain
Precious moisture for his early grain;
He hears spring-heralds in the storm's turmoil
He knows no winter, he who loves the soil."

CARNIVAL

Hello!

We concluded our AGM last week with an agreement that Carnival 2021 had been a success. Visitor numbers and revenue surpassed our expectations, helped possibly by people wanting to get back to some normality and get out and have some fun and we were certainly blessed by the weather.

The new events we tried out worked well with nearly 500 people joining us on the Friday night to watch the outdoor cinema, a packed house on Thursday for the family bingo and quiz, and we certainly rocked out the Carnival on Saturday night. Sunday was also well attended with our family fun and market day.

In November we hosted a Christmas Fair at the village Hall and despite the weather doing its best to ruin it we managed to salvage it and defer it a day. Again something new, but all traders and Carnival members were happy with the outcome. A big 'thank you' to all our volunteers in making this happen.

In 2021 Carnival also contributed over £2000 to local charities and organisations.

Looking ahead to 2022, we will try and build on some of these successes to bring more to Carnival weekend by way of entertainment, market stalls and food choices. We will also be planning a bigger Christmas fair and another open-air cinema night in the spring.

As always, anyone is welcome on the committee, but be prepared to contribute and expect to participate in various tasks. Last year we organised ourselves into smaller teams which helped us to focus under time constraints. It worked well and we will expand on this for 2022.

Please put the date in your diary!

Cheers, your Carnival Committee

SAVE THE DATE

BARLOW CARNIVAL 2022

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST!

BOOK EXCHANGE

In the absence of any new recommendations from our readers, how about selecting one of the following books, which were chosen by Richard and Judy for their book club in Autumn last year:

2021 - Autumn

- Rachel Hore - A Beautiful Spy

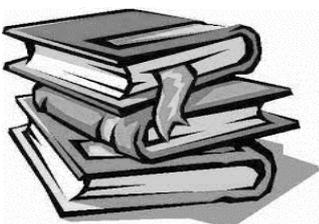
Full of suspense, courage and love, A Beautiful Spy is a stunningly written story about **resisting the norm** and following your dreams, even if they come with sacrifices. Based on a true story, Hore's sweeping interwar spy story focuses on an idealistic young woman's perilous mission to infiltrate the Communist movement.

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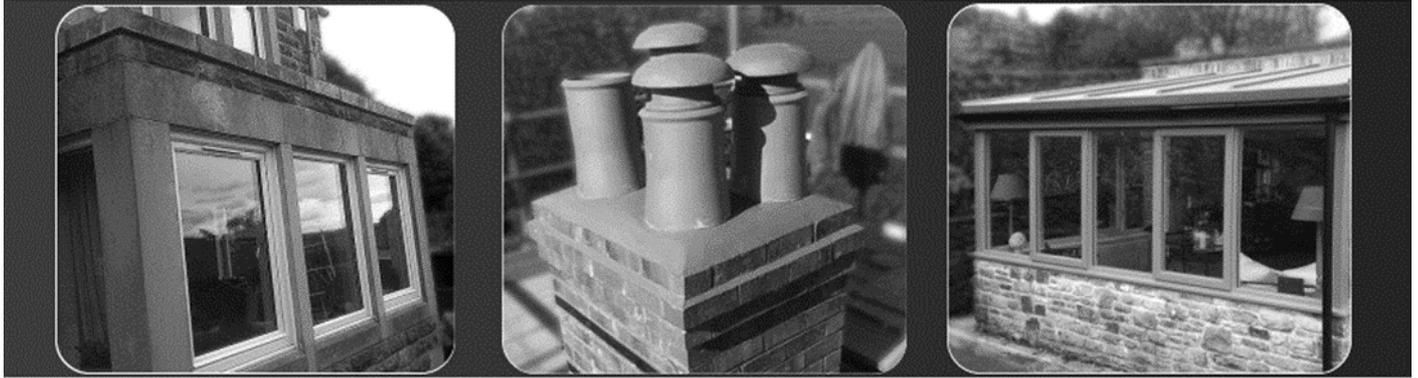
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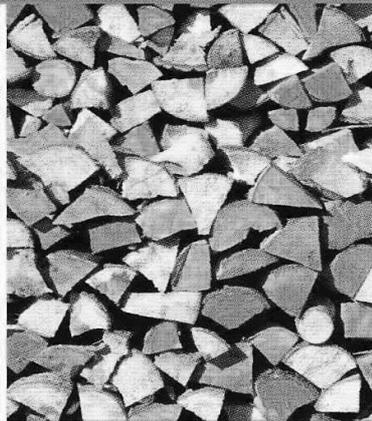
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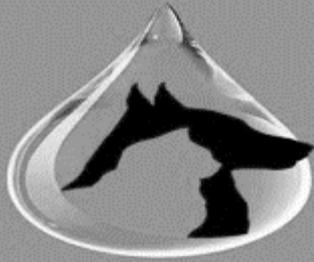
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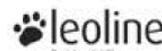
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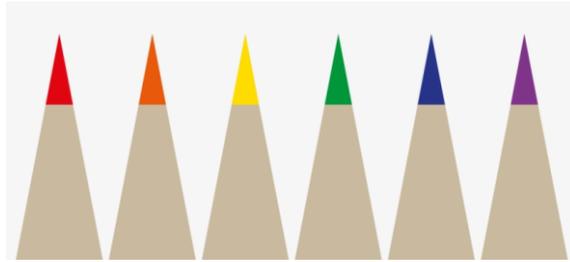
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