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MAY 2022

Dear Readers,

I wonder how many of you have come across this silly saying about Spring. There are many versions of it. Here's one:

“Spring has sprung, the grass iz ris,

I wonder where da boidies iz?

Da boid iz on da wing, ain't that absoid?

From what I hoid... da wing iz on da boid!” (Hint: ‘boid’ = ‘bird’)

The saying is sometimes called "*The Brooklyn National Anthem*" (hence the mock New York accent it's meant to be spoken in) and it dates back to at least 1940. Here's another version:

“Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, come out yourself and see how ‘tiz.”

If you know any other versions, please let me know. However you want to say it, though, the important part here is that Spring has sprung!

Let's go out and about in and around Barlow and enjoy it!

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CHURCH ROTA May 2022

Services	Sides-person	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning Wednesdays
Sunday 1 st May 11am service	D Windle	J Shore	J Windle	J West & J Shore
Sunday 8 th May 8am Said Mass 11am Family service	J Cooke D Barnes	To Confirm	To Confirm	
Sunday 15 th May 11am service	J Windle	D Windle	J West	H Hicklin & M Bailey
Sunday 22 nd May 11am service	L Reeves	D Barnes	P Gouldthorpe	
Sunday 29 th May 11am service	C Mitchell	A Haslam	C Gore	T Malley & T Woodhouse
Sunday 5 th June 11am service	A Haslam	M Barnes	J Windle	

FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: MAY 2022

FUNERALS

6th April 2022—Adrian Clarke—Funeral service & Burial

20th April 2022—Brian Drury—Requiem Mass & Burial

22nd April 2022—Paul Turner—Funeral service & Burial

BAPTISMS

20th March 2022—Oscar and Hermione Brown

WEDDINGS

None

BARLOW CHURCH

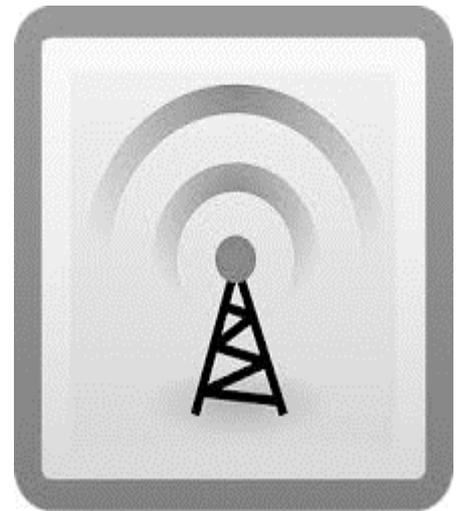
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Dear Friends,

Mayday, Mayday. But why Mayday? As ever, I turn to my friend Wikipedia for the answer.

The "mayday" procedure word was conceived as a distress call in the early 1920s by Frederick Stanley Mockford, officer-in-charge of radio at Croydon Airport. He had been asked to think of a word that would indicate distress and would easily be understood by all pilots and ground staff in an emergency. Since much of the air traffic at the time was between Croydon and Le Bourget Airport in Paris, he proposed the term "mayday", the phonetic equivalent of the French *m'aidez* - "help me" or *m'aider* - a short form of *venez m'aider*, "come and help me". It is used to signal a life-threatening emergency primarily by aviators and mariners. Thank goodness it does not need to be used very often.



From time to time we all need to call on others for help, however reluctantly, and helping others is a natural instinct for the majority of us. The outpouring of support for families leaving Ukraine gives witness, I think, to the fact that there are far more good people in the world than bad. The need to help these people stems from truly evil acts, but of course, there are many good causes, local, national and international, which benefit from generous giving, and not just of money, but of people's time and talents. The people who give are those who can imagine what it could be like to be a recipient of help in time of need.

The words of ancient scripture, Psalm 46, remind us that people have often felt the nearness of God when at their lowest ebb, needing help which is neither physical nor material. Psalm 46 says God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The reality is that in life there will be difficult times, but God promises to be our refuge. When our world is shaken, God has promised to be with us. Barlow church is now open on Thursday mornings, and although God is everywhere, not only in a church building, this beautiful space does lend itself to contemplation, solitude, and to prayer. Perhaps you might be like Winnie the Pooh, who famously said 'sometimes I sits and thinks and sometimes I just sits.'



Sitting outdoors too, can provide peace and tranquillity, and what better sight than may or hawthorn blossom, indicating that Spring is well underway, certainly when the sun is shining. May Day parades seem to have become an opportunity for

political statement, deviating from the fun of the past when crowning the May Queen and following her and her attendants was a Spring holiday ritual, often leading to dancing the maypole, and even a May ball.

This year the pattern of Bank Holidays has been altered so that we can celebrate our Queen's Jubilee. Plans for music events, street parties and picnics will be firmed up during May, and while continuing to be mindful of the need to take care, we can all look forward to a break in routine. Whatever you plan to do, let's hope the weather is kind, and that celebrating this momentous day is joyful.

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

✝ YEARS MIND FOR MAY

From the church registers

**Denotes date of funeral/ ashes burial*

1ST DOROTHY M. EVANS---1998

2ND CY JOBLING---2001

3RD ROSE GUNN---1976

4TH ERIC G. WOODALL---2004

BRIAN HIND--2020

5TH HORACE COREY---1983

6TH CHARLES K. MITSON---1980

HORACE N NOBLE---2020

KATHLEEN JOAN LUMB---2010

SARAH JOLLEY---2011

7TH FRANK NOVIS---?

JEFFREY G. HASLAM---1996

8TH BARRIE HOLLIS---1993

EDWARD STEVENSON---2010

9TH CHARLES H. PIDCOCK---1981

JOHN PICKERING---1981

ALBERT E. EATSON---1997

10TH MARGARET M. HALL---1993

*CAROL ROYSTON---2017

11TH *ADA HICKS---1990

CONSTANCE WILSON---1999

HOMER JOLLEY---2002

OLIVE MATCHETT---2015

12TH JOSEPH R. SHELDON---1979

ELIZABETH JAKEMAN---1999

13TH PETER BOOKER---2010

MONA PEARSON---2010

BETTY KUZNIARZ---2012

14TH JOHN MILTON---1975

HILDA R. BRADBURY---1972

DORA B. HARRISON---1992

15TH GARY BIRCHALL---2009

*CYNTHIA 'BETTY' DAVIS---2009

*EUNICE McGUINNESS---2013

JAMES HARRY BLANKSBY---2013

16TH DORIS SMITH---1973

WINIFRED WILTON---1987

17TH ELIZABETH NEALE---1982

JOHN BOTHAM---1991

JOHN FROOME---2018

18TH ANNIE PIDCOCK---1993

19TH ROSA SHAWCROFT---1984

*REG WIDDOWSON---2017

RICHARD R POWELL---2018

20TH WILFRED HASLAM---1971

JEFFREY B. MATCHETT---2000

21ST HANNAH WALKER---1991

JOHN N. HOPKINSON---1993

JOHN T. BLAKEMORE---1997

FRED BROWN---1998

JOHN STEPHEN BETTS--2021

22ND HENRY BOWLER---1964

PATRICIA SIMPSON---2008

CARL PETER BOWN---2021

23RD JEFFREY LAYTON---1978

MURIEL HOLMES---2013

24TH MICHAEL GRAHAM---2010

REGINALD A DODD---2017

LINDA J HADFIELD--2020

25TH RAYMOND JONES---2007

26TH ARTHUR COCKING---1979

MINNIE BOOKER---1979

27TH JOHN E. RAINFORD---1993

BARBARA JOLLEY---1999

LINDA MILNER---2009

JOYCE HERRINGSHAW

STANLEY CARSON--2020

28TH HANNAH SLACK---1964

JESSIE WHITE---1968

NELLIE ROWE---1971

ROBERT J. BAINBRIDGE---1994

MILLIE POWELL---1999

GEORGE A. BRADBURY---1999

29TH WALLACE BLOOR---1976

GRAHAM FRIEND (Priest)---1998

JOHN HALLAM---2011

30TH EMILY NEEDHAM---1979

MICHAEL FISH---1994

KATHLEEN M. COWAN---1994

BRENDA CHAMBERS---2002

KEVIN SMITH---2015

BETTY TAYLOR---2015

DENNIS ROY POOLE---2016

31ST TOM LOWE---1966

LUDVIK KUZNIARZ---1978

SYLVIA MAY NEEDHAM---2008

BARLOW CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



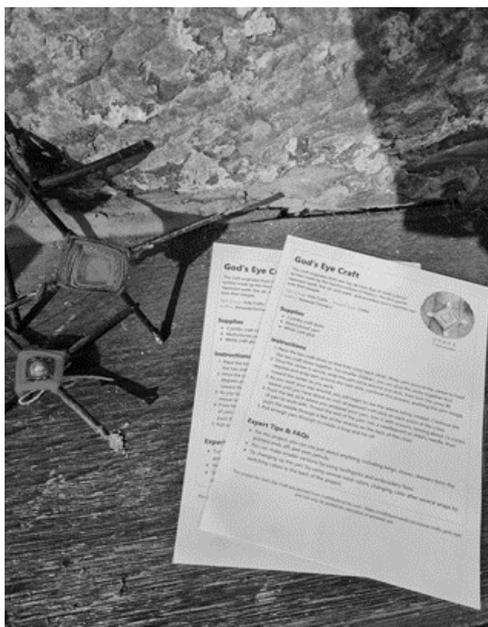
Dear Friends,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter; there is much to update you with from this most special season.

First, Lent breakfasts. Many thanks go to all those who helped to make the event possible by shopping, setting up, cooking, serving and clearing up afterwards each week. And of course to everyone who came to eat!

We are thrilled to tell you that proceeds from the event totalled £751.32 which was split between St Lawrence Church and the Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine with each receiving £375.66.

This led us nicely into Easter week, which commenced on Palm Sunday with an excellent dramatised service, with all the children taking part in telling the story of Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem.



Good Friday morning started with activities for the children, including Dotty the Donkey's Easter trail in the Church grounds; thankfully we were blessed with beautiful weather! Inside the Church were lots of creative activities for the children to have fun with, including making God's Eye crosses & an Easter garden. Elodie & Zachariah made beautiful examples of crosses and Amy did a great job supervising

the making of the beautiful Easter garden. Hot cross buns were enjoyed by all those taking part.

The Good Friday afternoon services of Stations of the Cross & the Liturgy of Good Friday, where naturally the emphasis was on the crucifixion, were very moving.

Saturday evening saw the Vigil service, where hope is reignited as



the new Paschal candle is lit for the coming year. This service takes place in almost total darkness, except for a fire outside to light the candle from.

Which then leads us into the rejoicing and celebration of the resurrection in the Easter Day service. It was wonderful to see so many people in Church; all ages from babies to the not so young anymore! Familiar friends & some new faces who we hope will become familiar faces too.

Following the service was a very exciting Easter egg hunt, which the children very much enjoyed. (There is still one lost egg to be found by the way children!) Anne baked a delicious Simnel cake for everyone to enjoy with a cup of tea while the children hunted. Thank you, Anne.

We would like to say a few thank yous: First to our friends from Old Brampton who joined us for the joint services, it was lovely to welcome you. But most of all to our extremely hard working clergy who put so much effort into making the whole Easter period so special: Reverends Sarah, Janet, Gill and Father Michael. Thank you.

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Brian Drury at the age of 92. Brian was Church organist at St Lawrence for 38 years; only retiring in 2018. His funeral and requiem mass was held on 20th April 2022 and conducted jointly by Rev. Sarah and Fr. Michael Champneys. Many from the village will remember him from his days owning and operating the sawmill at Monkwood where he built a bungalow for himself and his wife Rita and children Alison and Robert.



Fruitful appeals

In the past few magazines we have appealed for more people to join our teams of volunteers who keep the church yard grass mown and help to clean the church building.

Besides keeping the churchyard mown and tidy, our churchyard team have the skills among them to tackle any task that we throw at them. We are very thankful to the current team for their dedication for so many years.

I'm pleased to say that we now have three new volunteers, Richard, Bernie and Ken who have joined the team and Paul, who joined last year who attends when work permits.

Your contribution is greatly valued and you will all be a great asset to the team and add to the great camaraderie which exists.

We also have two more teams which have joined the church cleaning rota with the possibility of another team joining soon.

Grateful thanks go to longstanding cleaning team members Tina and Theresa for the great job they have always done and continue to do.

Thank you all.

Welcome to Julie West (from Pete)

I was first appointed Churchwarden in 2005 and I served until 2018 when I retired and John Rushby was appointed.

During that time I served alongside Brian Horsley and latterly Julie Ferreday. After Julie's sad death a year ago I felt I should step back into the role. Since John and Sally moved away at the end of January I have been the sole Churchwarden and I have been very grateful for the support that so many people at church have given me. One of the greatest supporters to me has been Julie West who offered to take up the vacant post once the AGM had taken place. Since January she has taken a keen interest in learning the various aspects of the Churchwarden role and now she has been voted in by the AGM she has hit the ground running.

I'm very please to welcome Julie and thank her for being willing to take up this challenging role when many would be reluctant. I know that we will work very well together.

Pete

Hello from Julie

Hello everyone and thank you to Pete for his introduction. I have been attending St Lawrence since 2018, when my whole family were made to feel very welcome by the then Churchwardens John and Julie and the whole congregation. When you are made to feel so much a part of something you want to give something back, so it started with helping out with refreshments and now I find myself taking on the role of Churchwarden.

I am well aware that I have huge shoes to fill and will do my best to fulfil the role. I must thank John for his guidance before he left and Pete for his continuing support. Pete has a wealth of experience which he is very generous in sharing and which I am finding invaluable. Thanks also to Reverends Sarah, Janet, Gill and Father Michael for their support and also Janet for her wise counsel.

I would also like to thank everyone in the congregation for your very kind words of encouragement, I really appreciate it. I will need all your continued help and advice over the coming months and am really enjoying working alongside everyone.

Julie

Appeal

The Social and Fundraising Committee would like to appeal for bakers of cakes and scones and volunteers to help with refreshments for the Open Gardens Day. If you feel you can help please contact Pete or Julie.

Upcoming Events

Barlow Open Gardens --- 10am - 5pm; Sunday 3rd July 2022

David Megginson Concerts- (Songs of Love & Connection) ---
3pm Sunday 17th July 2022. Tickets available through Eventbrite.

Wells Week and Flower Festival --- 17th - 22nd August 2022

Save the date: Christmas Carol Concert --- 20th December 2022

As days grow warmer and we head towards summer, take care of yourselves and each other.

Very best wishes, Pete & Julie

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This meeting is held every year to receive the financial report and the various reports of church activity throughout the year. The meeting also elects Churchwardens, PCC members, Deanery Synod members, vergers and sidespersons.

The meeting was chaired by Rev Sarah Colver and attended by 16 members of the congregation

The following were elected:

CHURCHWARDENS

Julie West and Peter Gouldthorpe

DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS

No election was due to be held this year, but Joy Layton, who had served as our Deanery Synod rep for many years, decided to stand down. Her place was taken by Jenny Windle who joins Annette Jacques as our second representative.

PCC MEMBERS

David Windle, David Barnes, Joy Layton, Charlotte Mitchell, Janet Siddall, Maggie Gore, Natalie Baker, June Waller.

VERGERS Joy Layton, June Waller & Janet Siddall

SIDESPERSIONS

Joy Layton, John Cooke, June Waller, David Windle, David Barnes, Annette Jacques, Jenny Windle, Lynda Reeves, Charlotte Mitchell, Anne Haslam

TREASURER Janet Siddall

PCC SECRETARY Peter Gouldthorpe

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER Jenny Windle

GIFT AID SECRETARY David Windle

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Paul Hardy

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

When we don't have an organist at church we rely on CDs to accompany our hymns.

We have been using an excellent quality, but old music system donated by Julie & Mike Ferreday a few years ago. Sadly, the system recently gave up the ghost. Technical wizard Phil Pickering was asked for his advice on what we would need to provide us with the same quality of sound which we have been used to hearing.

Not only did Phil provide his excellent advice, but he and Mike Ferreday and another anonymous donor paid for the system which is now installed and sounding great,

Thank you so much, Mike, Phil and A.N. Other for your generosity.

Julie & Pete

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Vacancies for Parish Councillors

We still have two vacancies for interested residents on the Parish Council. If you think you might like to be involved in making decisions about the place you live in please do not hesitate to contact the clerk and have an informal chat to find out more about it.

Planning Applications / Decisions

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- NED 22/00181/FLH – Removal of rear dormers and increase in eaves and roof height to create two storey dwelling, single storey front and rear extension, alterations to openings and creation of new vehicular access at The Bungalow, Wilkin Hill, Barlow

RESOLVED the Council are concerned that the development may be overbearing for the neighbours in terms of height and the size of the proposed scheme.

- NED 22/00191/FL – Erection of an agricultural steel portal framed building for storage of fodder and machinery at Furnace Farm, Furnace Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED No objection if this does not interfere with any public footpaths.

- NED 22/00205/DISCON – Discharge of condition 3 (door) pursuant to 17/00360/LB at Woodseats Hall, Johnnygate Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

- NED 22/00141/AGD – Proposed agricultural polytunnel at Village Logs, Johnnygate Lane, Barlow – Planning permission required – 15 March 2022

RESOLVED Noted

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Appeal decision – Dismissed – APP/R1038/W/20/3257059 – Woodside, Hackney Lane, Barlow (NED 19/01082/FL)

RESOLVED Noted

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

NED 22/00282/FL – Retrospective full planning application for change of use of land to garden area for car parking, removal of tree, widening of access gate and repairs/reinstatement of wall (Conservation Area) at Mill Farm Cottage, Crow Hole, Barlow RESOLVED The gravel used has changed the overall look of the area a subtle type should be used. The well-established removed tree should be replaced with a similar established Yew tree. The access gate has changed the overall look of the area within a Conservation Area.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch checks carried out in the past have been very successful and we hope, that in the long run, this will make the roads in Barlow safer. This aim, however, can only be achieved if the checks are carried out regularly and frequently. We would like to ask therefore once again for volunteers who would be able to assist in this important undertaking. The regulations require that each Speedwatch session is carried out by 4 people. What little training is required will be provided, but the more teams we can get together the more sessions we can organise.

PLEASE COME FORWARD BY CONTACTING THE PARISH CLERK IN THE FIRST INSTANCE! THE RESIDENTS OF BARLOW WILL BE GRATEFUL TO YOU!

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL

The children at Pre-school were very busy before breaking up for the Easter holidays. They made Mother's Day cards and gifts, Easter cards and went hunting for chocolate eggs in the forest! They also took part in an Easter egg decorating competition; the two winners received a chocolate bunny.

We also welcomed Jo Staley, the new manager. Jo would like to introduce herself: *I would like to introduce myself as the new Pre-school manager. Firstly, I am so happy to be taking on this role as I know what a fabulous Pre-school Barlow is. I live in Barlow and all my children went to the Pre-school. I was a teacher for 25 years, but decided I wanted a new challenge and I love working in early years. I am excited to be joining the Pre-school team and getting to know all the lovely children and families, Jo Staley.*

When the children return after the Easter holidays, they will be busy planting flowers and vegetables in the planters in the garden. The children love this, watching the flowers and vegetables grow and helping to look after them. If anybody would like to donate any seeds, compost or tools and gardening equipment, please drop them off at the village hall; these will be very much appreciated.

Many thanks, Emma Bointon

BARLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

Inspection report: "This country school is conducted with marked energy and success. The written work is well done, and the children are bright and responsive."

So said the inspectors on 16 July 1909. I like to think this remains true over 100 years later. This term we are particularly looking at the history of the school as we celebrate 150 years of Barlow Church of England School being on its present site. The children are investigating how the school has changed over time and how this links to the wider history of the world around us. If you have memories of the school from when you were younger or photos you could share with the school, please get in touch as we would love to find out as much as we can about what life was like in times gone by. Please contact the office on 0114 289 0413 or email info@barlow.derbyshire.sch.uk .

We are planning some special celebration events including a service with the Bishop and a picnic for the children. We also hope to be open to the village on Open Gardens weekend (Sunday 3rd July).

In the meantime, the children are continuing to work hard. This May sees the return of SATS tests for the first time since 2019. The Year 6s and Year 2s have been working hard and are ready to try their best.

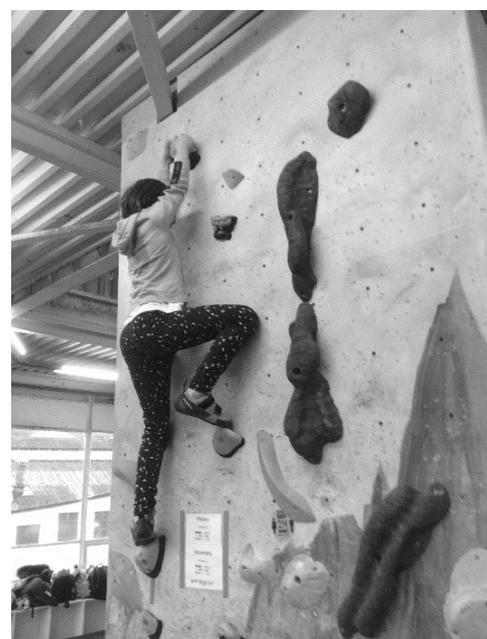
As well as working hard, we are continuing our sporting challenges. Years 5 and 6 are all attending the Bronze Young Ambassadors Conference at the English Institute of Sport where they will meet with over 400 local children to work together and plan how to promote sport and physical activity in their communities. A small group of children are also travelling down to Derby University to attend the Small

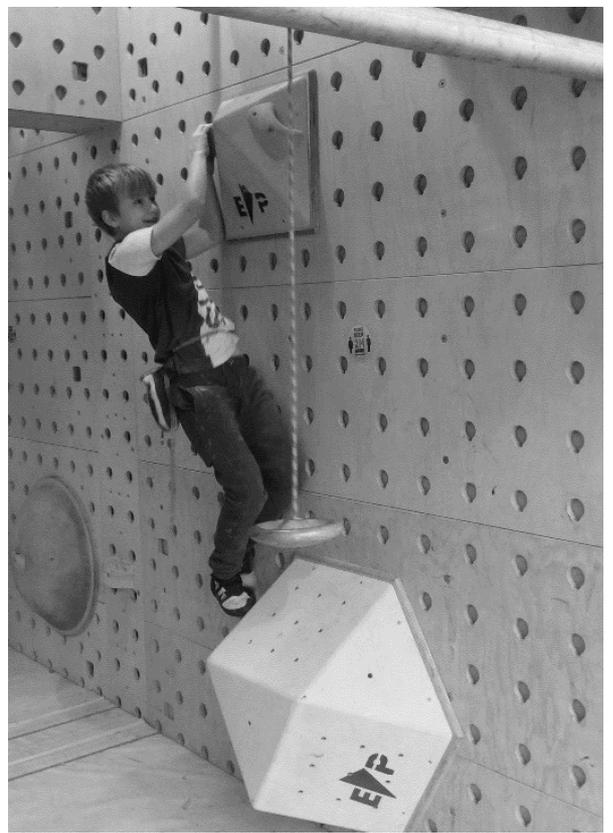
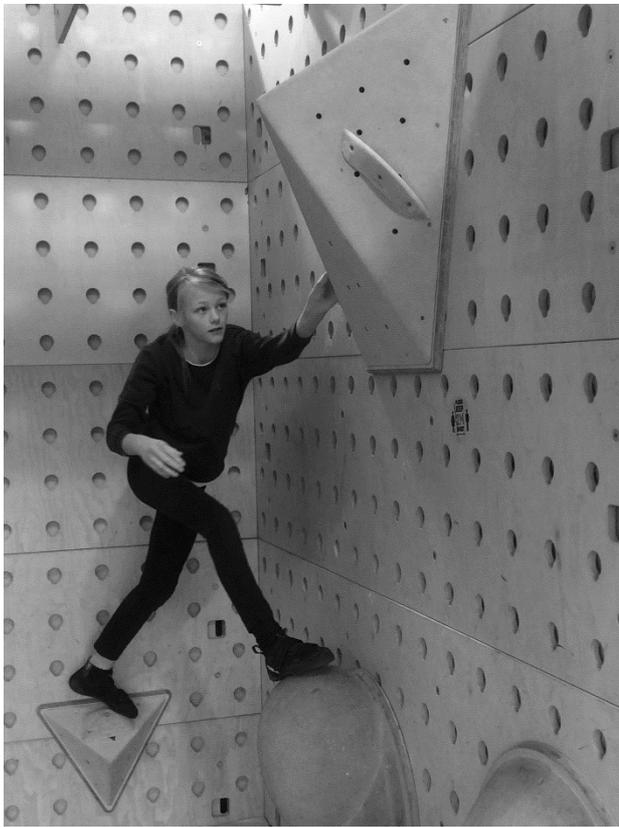
Schools county final for Sportshall Athletics. We wish them all the best with this.



Years 3 and Year 4 attended a Rugby Megafest on a cold, bleak day at the end of March. Pounding hail and extreme cold saw the event moved indoors to the sports hall at Tupton Hall school. This, coupled with an additional unexpected school in attendance, meant the event was very crowded, but the children showed their determination, teamwork and resilience to complete a series of 6 rugby themed challenges.

Determination was also the watchword for 6 children from Y5 and Y6 as they took part in the final of the Greater Sheffield Schools Bouldering Competition. We had qualified for this event in 4th place, so knew the podium was within our grasp. The children went round the 12 specially set problems with instructor Claire and had to use a variety of skills including swinging, coordination and balance to inch their way up the climbs. A positive mental attitude was key as some moves were quite scary, on small holds, or requiring the children to use their bodies in unaccustomed ways. The children were brilliant at encouraging each other and their hard work paid off when the podium was announced and they had secured the silver medal behind Hunters Bar Junior School. Eddie secured a special prize of a chalk bag for his hard work and determination.





We are looking forward to a very busy term!

Penny



POETRY CORNER

Do you remember these songs?

Tiptoe through the Tulips

Tiptoe through the window
By the window, that is where I'll be
Come tiptoe through the tulips with me

Oh, tiptoe from the garden
By the garden of the willow tree
And tiptoe through the tulips with me

Knee deep in flowers we'll stray
We'll keep the showers away
And if I kiss you in the garden, in the moonlight
Will you pardon me?
And tiptoe through the tulips with me

(Written by Joe Burke and Al Dubin in 1929, this song was made famous as a 'novelty song' in 1968 by Tiny Tim)

Tulips from Amsterdam

When it's Spring again I'll bring again
Tulips from Amsterdam
With a heart that's true I'll give to you
Tulips from Amsterdam
I can't wait until the day you fill
These eager arms of mine
Like the windmill keeps on turning
That's how my heart keeps on yearning
For the day I know we can share these Tulips from Amsterdam

(Most famous version recorded by Max Bygraves in 1958)

TULIPS FROM HOLLAND

The term 'Holland', often used synonymously with 'Netherlands', actually only applies to two of the 12 provinces of this country.

The tulip is pretty much the symbol of the Netherlands on the whole.

Every tulip season in the Netherlands, tourists flock to the Keukenhof Flower Gardens and Dutch fields where they're mesmerised by the array of flowers, bulbs and tulips on display.

The tulip is a bulbous spring-flowering plant of the lily family. You won't be wrong if you claimed that the tulip and the onion are related. Tulip flowers are usually boldly coloured, cup-shaped and symmetrical. The name "tulip" is thought to be derived from a Persian word for turban, which the flower kind of resembles.

While tulips may be very popular in the Netherlands, it should be noted that they didn't originate there. They're believed to have originated in the Tien Shan mountain ranges in Central Asia, already being cultivated by gardeners in the Ottoman Empire for decades. Tulips were rare and exotic plants and Western Europe soon became fascinated by them. They were officially introduced in the Netherlands at the end of the 16th century.

At this time, a Flemish botanist by the name of Carolus Clusius was made the director of the Hortus Botanicus in Leiden. He was hired by the University of Leiden to research medicinal plants. During his time there his friend, De Busbecq, decided to send him a few for his garden in Leiden. This was the start of the bulb fields in the Netherlands.

At the beginning of the 17th century, everyone had become so besotted with tulips that people started using them as garden decoration. They soon became a major trading product in Holland and other parts of Europe.

The interest in the flowers was huge and bulbs were sold for unbelievably high prices. The tulips at Leiden would eventually lead to "Tulip Mania" in

the Netherlands. Between 1596 and 1598, over a hundred bulbs were stolen from Carolus Clusius' garden.

Tulips are still very popular in the Netherlands and are even celebrated at festivals. Keukenhof remains the Netherlands' most popular tulip destination, as millions come every spring to marvel at the gardens in Lisse. There is also the Amsterdam Tulip Festival which takes place every year. The festival celebrates the famous flower and ensures it blooms all over the city. All throughout the first half of April, more than 850,000 colourful (and rare) tulips can be seen in the gardens of museums, private homes and other parts of Amsterdam.

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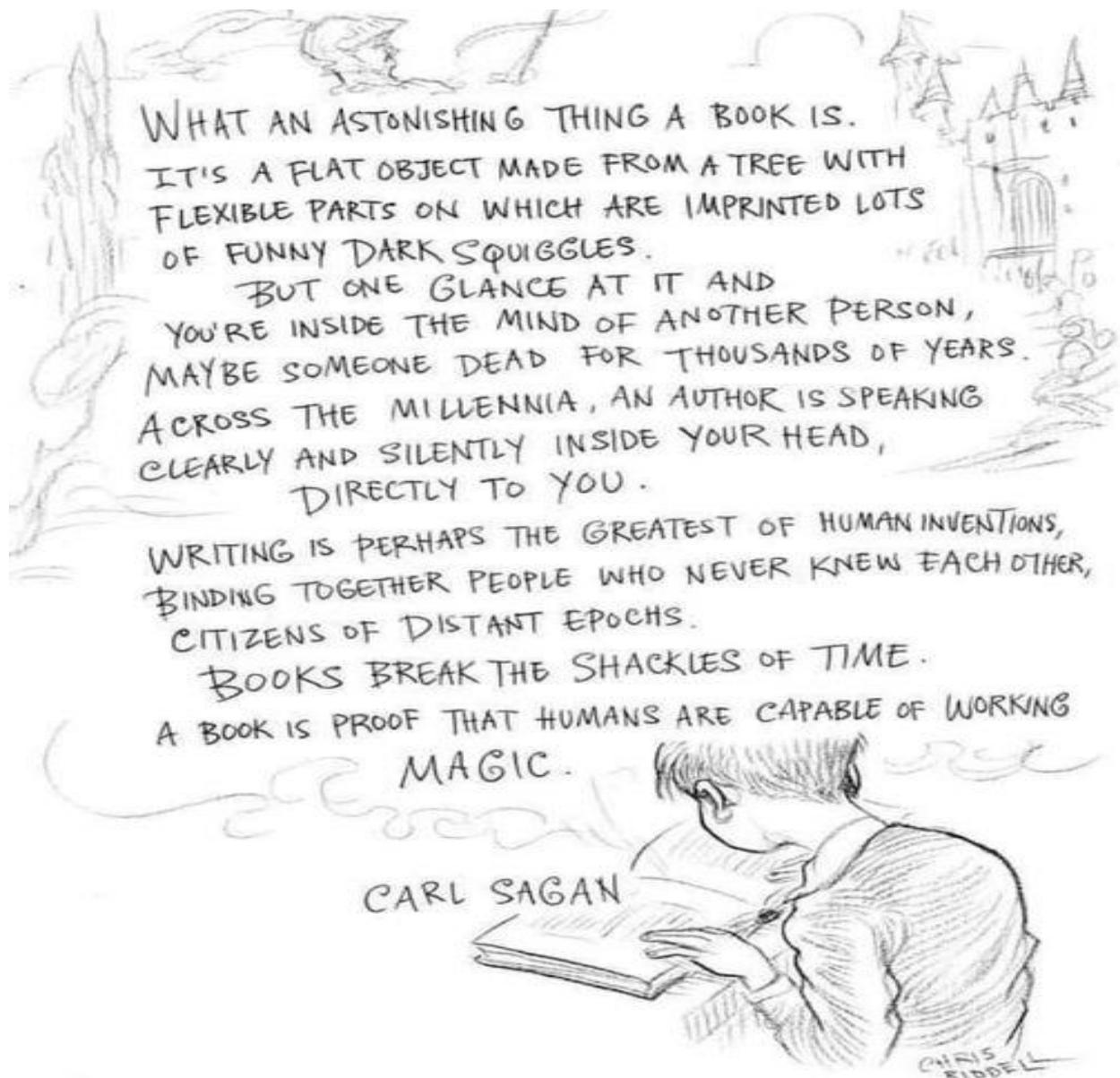
WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN MAY

1. Start planting out summer **bedding plants** towards the end of this month in warmer parts of the country. For more information about growing bedding plants, head over to our **bedding plants hub** page.*
2. Look after your finished spring bulbs for next year. Once they've gone over, resist the temptation to cut back the foliage. Instead, let it die and break down on its own and add **liquid fertiliser** all around the clumps. This will give you an even better display next spring.
3. Remember to open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days. You can also damp down your greenhouse on hot days to increase humidity and deter red spider mites.
4. Optimise your watering regime — watering early and late to get the most out of your water — and start collecting and recycling water whenever possible.

*You'll find this information and much more on flower gardens

<https://www.thompson-morgan.com/what-to-do-in-the-garden-in-may>

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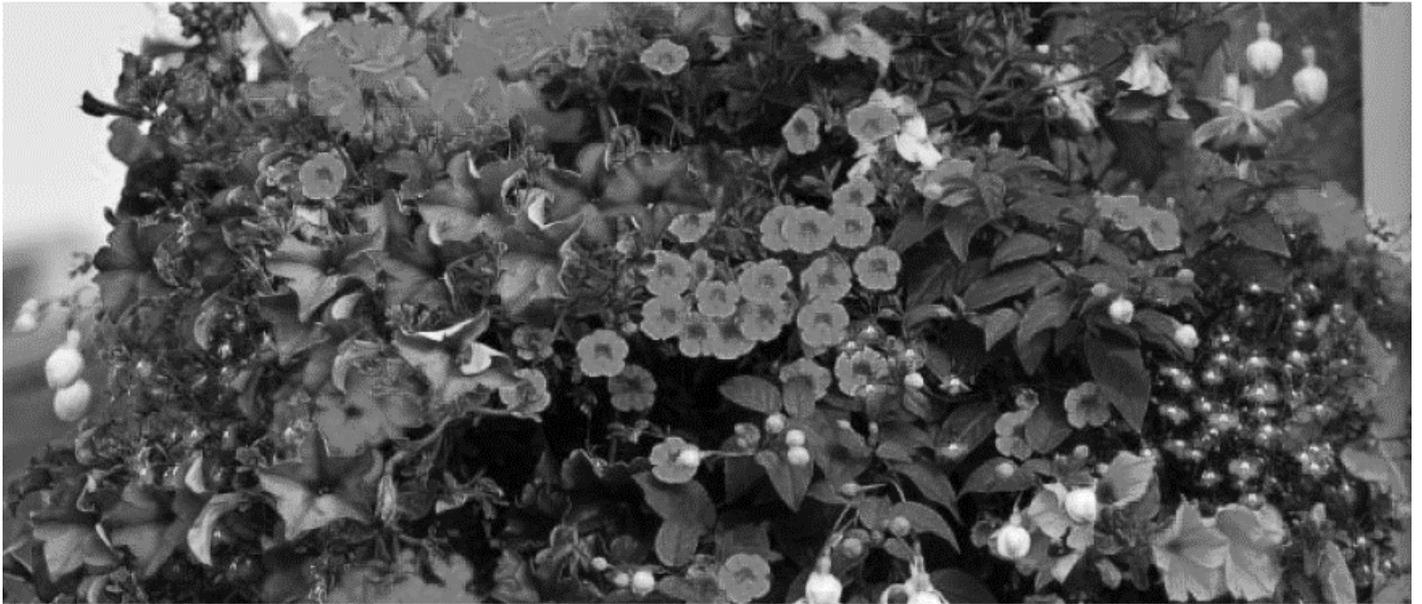
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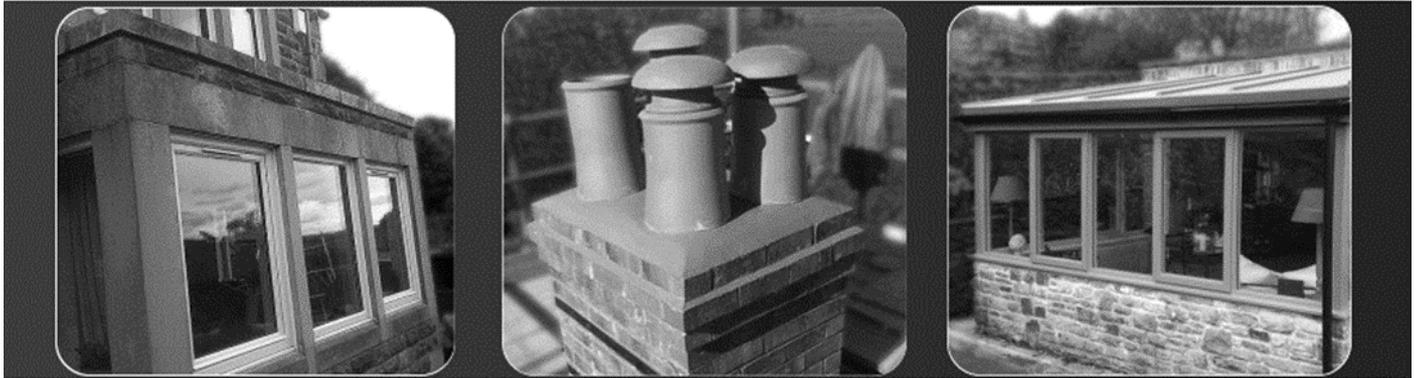




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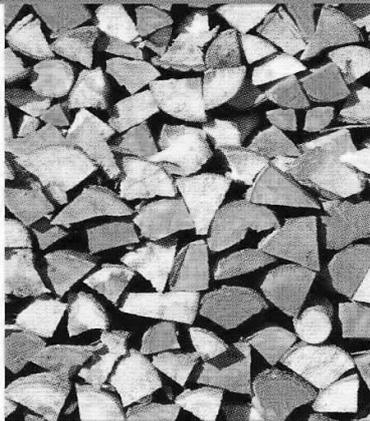
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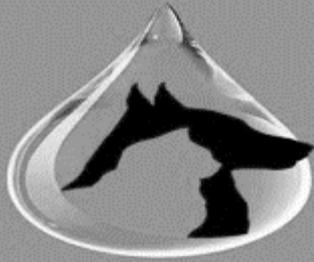
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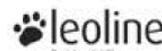
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