



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

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*Wishing all our
readers a Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!*



Christmas Services at Barlow Church 2022

Tuesday 20th Dec 7.30pm --- Christmas music, carols & readings featuring Barlow Singers

Saturday 24th Dec 3pm --- Christmas Eve—Crib Service

Saturday 24th Dec 11.30pm --- Midnight Mass at Old Brampton

Sunday 25th Dec 9am --- Christmas Day—Parish Mass

Sunday 1st January 10.30 am --- New Year's Day
Joint Parish Mass at Barlow with
Old Brampton & Loundsley Green.

We warmly invite you to any or all of the above services. It would be lovely to see you.

Rev. Sarah Colver 07975 689403 (Vicar)
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DECEMBER 2022

Dear Readers,

Despite the doom and gloom emanating from the headline news almost daily at present let us try to remember the things about this time of year to look forward to: baking Christmas biscuits, making or writing Christmas cards (delivered by hand where possible?), shopping for presents for friends and family (they don't need to be expensive to be appreciated...), singing Christmas carols (in church or at home), watching young people (children or grandchildren perhaps?) act in a nativity play and even laughing at the puns contained in the Christmas cracker jokes. Let's make sure that our neighbours are okay, but above all let's remember the reason for the season:

HAPPY CHRISTMAS, everyone!
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CHURCH ROTA DECEMBER 2022

Services	Sides-person	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning Wednesdays
Sunday 4 th December 11am service	D Barnes	M Barnes	P Gouldthorpe	
Sunday 11 th December 8am Said Mass 11am Family service	J Waller A Haslam	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	J West & J Shore
Sunday 18 th December 11am service	C Mitchell	A Mitchell	J West	
Tuesday 20 th December	7.30pm Christmas Carol Concert			
Saturday 24 th December	3pm Christmas Crib Service			
Saturday 24 th December	11.30pm Midnight Mass at Old Brampton			
Sunday 25 th December Christmas Day 9am service	J West	J West	P Gouldthorpe	

FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: DECEMBER 2022

FUNERALS

24th November 2022—Eddie Gorman
Funeral service followed by cremation

BAPTISMS

NONE

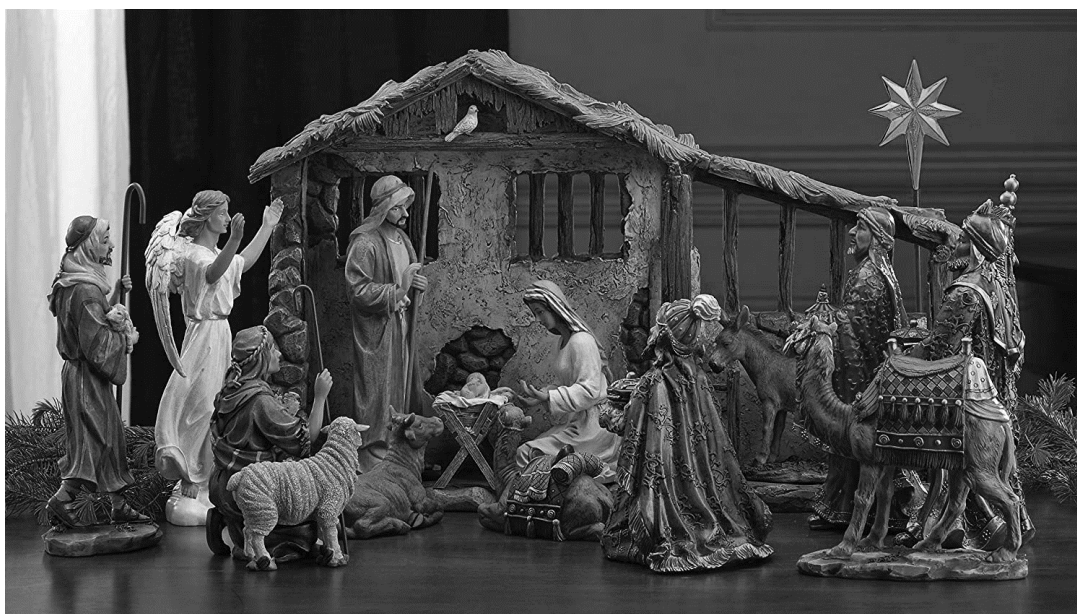
WEDDINGS

NONE

CHURCH ROTA

JANUARY 2023

Services	Sides-person	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning Wednesdays
Sun 1 st January 10.30am Joint service for all Churches	J West	D Riley	J West	
Sun 8 th January 8am Said Mass 11am Family service	J Cook A Jacques	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	T Malley & T Woodhouse
Sunday 15 th January 11am service	J Kingston	C Mitchell	P Gouldthorpe	
Sunday 22 nd January 11am service	A Haslam	H Hicklin	J West	
Sunday 29 th January 11am service	D Barnes	M Barnes	P Gouldthorpe	P Gouldthorpe & M Reeves
Sunday 5 th February 11am service	A Jacques	J Shore	J West	



BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)

Dear Friends,

December and January embrace times of traditional celebration: Christmas and New Year bring us together with family, friends and neighbours in a distinct way. We mark the season with gifts and merriment. This is usually a time when life's problems are put aside for a while and enjoyment takes centre stage – at least that's how we like to think of it!

For many, of course, this mid-winter national marking of the year is not particularly a time of ease and wellbeing, especially for those struggling to make ends meet: the bereaved for whom this period marks poignant remembrance of loss, either recent or some time past; those struggling with loneliness, incapacity or illness. It means happiness for some; challenging times for others. This Christmas and New Year may, indeed, bring an overload of care for many.

Those in need have always been a particular care of the Church, as a fellowship of believing people. This year, as always, your parish church of St Lawrence will be lovingly decorated for the Christmas season. A beautiful church is designed to reflect the beauty of its message of peace, reconciliation, brotherly love and God's care for each of us as individuals. Care for each individual's wellbeing is a sentiment widely used by those in secular national authority. It is expressed in such phrases as 'levelling up', indicating potential ways in which the under-privileged can be given better resources to improve their lot.

'Levelling up' could well be a phrase used by the Christian community, because in the birth, mission, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we can see the ultimate 'levelling up'. In meeting Christ, those who had 'hit the skids' found new life by means of forgiveness and healing – physical, psychological and emotional – and those who were waiting for news to give them hope and inspiration found it in Jesus' teaching and in their contact with him.

Going into 2023 and beyond, God, shown in Jesus, has a care for everyone, no matter what their circumstances. Christmas displays 'light shining in the darkness': a light that doesn't disappear with the switching off of Christmas lights and New Year decorations.

With every wish for a blessed Christmas and New Year,
Rev'd Janet Quick (Member of the St Lawrence Ministry Team)

YEARS MIND FOR DECEMBER

*From the church registers - *Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

1ST EDITH WARDLEY-1977
2ND WILLIAM TURNBULL---1970
EILEEN MORAWSKI---1999
LESLIE DAVID WHITEHOUSE---2015
3RD FRANK FAWSON---1968
MARY A. PICKERING---1979
GEOFFREY WHITTAKER---2010
RITA SMITH---2020
4TH GEORGE H. NEEDHAM---1999
*NEIL JOHNSON---2014
5TH NELLIE HAYES---1980
6TH LESLIE HASLAM---1971
EDITH TURNER---1974
BETTY COBB---2011
7TH MARY NEEDHAM---1981
JAMES H. NEEDHAM---2003
JOHN L NEEDHAM---2011
COLIN M. SIMPSON---2006
8TH MARY MILTON---1971
SHEILA BARLOW---1993]
THOMAS BOSTON---1994
9TH ETHEL A. HOLMES---1968
GEORGE WRIGHT---1970
HARRY BOWLER---1979
JAMES WILFRED NEEDHAM---1998
JENNIFER W BANKS---2021
11TH HARRY WHITTAKER---1970
10TH *KENNETH HASLAM 2008
DAVID H. NEEDHAM---2000
JOHN FEATHERSTONE (priest)---2000
* CLARICE R NEEDHAM---2007
HERBERT FRANK BURGESS---2014
12TH ELAINE L. FAWSON---1993
14TH GERTRUDE JOLLEY---1971
EDNA BOOKER---1985
CONSTANCE GRATTON---1989
MAURICE COULSON---1990
MAVIS TWIGG---1992
15TH MAY SIMPSON---1964
MARY BETTY GILLYATT---2015
FRANK SHAWCROFT---1971
LUCY MORGAN---1975
EMMA MORRIS---?
FRANCES J. MILWARD---1997
JOHN A. BRIGHTMORE 2001
LESLIE ROBINSON---2002
6TH VALERIE M BINKS---1987
ELIZABETH BARGH---1994
FRANCIS MASON---1997
EILEEN SHEMWELL---2000
MONICA JEAN SIMPSON---2006
*PETER LAYTON---2009
17TH JANE BRAKES---1969
* ALAN MUSSON---1991
MAURICE HAYES SLACK---2004
ADA BOWN---2010
18TH TOM MORGAN---1970
19TH FRANCIS J MILWARD---1997
STANLEY PEARSON---2002
CHARLES R TANN---2009
20TH IDA SHAWCROFT---1972
*STANLEY HUGHES---2012
MARGARET MORGAN--2014
21ST VERA BRADBURY---1995
23RD ETHEL M. SIMS---1995
24TH FRANCES BLAKEMORE 1983
NORA WESTON---2000
ENA BLAIR---2018
26TH ELLEN WOODALL---2001
BERYL GOULDTHPORPE---2018
KATHLEEN FOGARTY---2018
27TH THOMAS BINNS---1972
ANNIE KINGSTON 1984
WILLIAM H. WILSON---2001
INA RHODES---2011
28TH ERIC WHITTAKER---1972
WENDY BARNES---2018
HENRY WESTON---1979
ROSA NOBLE---1976
ELSIE MORTON---1977
JOHN H. BOOKER---1993
AUDREY KNOWLES---2016
29TH WILLIAM SPRY---1972
ANDREW KAY---1972
ELSIE STEVENSON---1987
CLAUDE HARRISON---1991
ROY MARTIN---2016
30TH PAULINE ELSIE HIND--2020
31ST ALFRED PICKERING---1974
CECIL JONES---2000
BILLY MARPLES---2006

YEARS MIND FOR JANUARY

*From the church registers - *Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

1ST HAROLD LAYTON---2009
MICHAEL HASLAM---2009
2ND ETHEL D. GRATTON 2004
BRIAN J. REEVES---2005
*IDA BRANSON---2014
3RD MURIEL BOOKER---1993
BOB PARKIN---1996
MARY (MOLLIE) HASLAM---1998
4TH LAURA REVELL 1969
MICHAEL HASLAM---2009
5TH ERIC F.A. JAKEMAN---1983
MAUD M. HASLAM---1995
GODFREY HOLMES---1998
JOAN BOYES---2019
6TH ELLEN NEEDHAM---1980
7TH ELLEN WILSON---1964
PATRICIA A. SALISBURY---1995
RACHEL DORIS HASLAM---2005
8TH ADA CROOKES---1966
ANNIE KINGSTON---1985
JOHN STATEN---1971
JOHN DEREK FOGGARTY---2014
RONALD W SIMPSON---2019
9TH CLARA NEEDHAM---1963
AGNES HASLAM---1965
FLORENCE HILL---1978
10TH JUANITA LAYTON 2011
11TH HUBERT REEDER---1988
BILLIE BLOUNT---1998
GEORGE C. HASLAM---2005
KENNETH SKINNER---2012
12TH HARRY THOMPSON---1988
ALFRED E. STUBBINS---1993
JOHN F. DEY---1996
BETTY E. MUSSON---2005
HAZEL B MEAKIN---2010
ENA ROSALIE BRADBURY---2017
13TH GERTRUDE WHATLEY---1965
DENNIS HASLAM---1971
FRANK MORGAN---1979
14TH EMILY NEEDHAM---1964
MARGARET SAVAGE---1997

15TH TERRY G. NEEDHAM---1993
CRAIG ATKINSON---1995
EVELYN BRIGHTMORE---2006
16TH MARY STEVENSON---1964
SIDNEY SMITH---1975
JEAN FROOME---1994
IVY M. LAYTON---1994
19TH ROY BRANSON 1990
JOHN A. NEEDHAM---1991
CONSTANCE M GREGORY---1999
ERNEST LONGDEN---1999
ADRIAN HURT---2016
20TH HANNAH BRANWELL---1978
JOHN WALLACE---1982
ALAN ROY POWELL---2006
WILLIAM BRAMWELL---2014
21ST HENRY WILSON---1981
MARGARET M. WARD---1998
22ND CLARENCE J. SHAWCROFT---
2001
CHRISTINE CARR---2014
23RD CLARA WHITTAKER---1965
PHYLLIS BUXTON---2020
24TH MARTIN M SLACK---2021
25TH KATHLEEN MATTHEWS---1979
26TH MARY SMITH---1972
JOHN JOHNSON---1981
HARRY NEEDHAM---2001
COREEN RHODES---2019
27TH ADA BERRESFORD---1968
JOSEPH MARSDEN---1979
MAMIE WRIGHT---1992
28TH ISAAC POWELL---1976
WILLIAM MARGERRISON---1978
JAMES COLLINS---2005
29TH FLORENCE WARD---1969
FLORENCE M BLANKSBY---2010
30TH CATHERINE PLATTS---1964
31ST MAUD HASLAM---1963
LENA WHITE---1977
BADEN POWELL---1970
OLWEN MARY HALL---2019

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

How is it possible that we are already in Advent, looking forward to Christmas and the turning of the year once more? However, before we concentrate on the joyful, busy Christmas season, let us reflect on the solemn occasions just passed.

The Thanksgiving Service on the 30th October was a beautiful service with many people attending to hear their loved ones' names read out and to pray and light a candle in their memory. Thank you to Reverend Sarah for conducting such a moving service.

The 13th November saw the Remembrance Service take place with a great many people present to pay their respects. The service commenced outside by the war memorial with a poem written and read by a local resident. The congregation laid crosses on the war memorial as the names of the fallen of Barlow were read out. Thanks once again to our bugler; no one remains unmoved when the plaintive strains of the last post sound.

We were honoured that once again veteran George Hill was able to be present and his voice rang out clearly with the words "they shall not grow old....." George laid his wreath on behalf of the British Legion and further wreaths were laid by Elodie on behalf of Barlow School, Amy and Ann on behalf of Barlow Church and Councillor Alastair McNeill on behalf of the Parish Council.

The congregation then returned to Church for the rest of the service, beautifully presented by Reverend Sarah and we were fortunate that Graeme was able to return to play live music for the hymns; we send him our thanks.

Birthday Greetings

It is incredible that George is still so passionate about attending the Remembrance Service in Barlow, where he was born 100 years ago on New Year's Day. We are sure you will all join us in wishing George many happy returns of the day.



Another Barlow born and bred girl celebrates her birthday in December. At a mere 80 years old, we would like to wish Joy Layton a very happy birthday. We are certain there will not be many people who do not know Joy; she has served Barlow Church faithfully for many years and coordinates the distribution of this very magazine. Happy Birthday, Joy!

Services

The November Family Service, held a week earlier than usual due to the Remembrance Service and led by Reverend Gill, focused on the Saints. All the children made head dresses and had great fun parading up and down the aisle with Reverend Gill while the congregation sang "When the Saints Go Marching in". Thank you to Reverend Gill and all who took part on the day.

For the past month or more we have returned to having servers in Church and taking communion at the altar rail. We have a great team of servers,

some who have served before, but we also have some new people who are playing a very important part in the morning services. We would like to thank them for volunteering to step into this role.

And so we look forward to the coming season of joy and festivities; details of all the services are listed in this magazine along with details of the Carol Service. We hope you will be able to join us at some of the services. We are looking forward to welcoming the school children in for their Christingle Service and also Barlow Singers for the carol concert. Sherry and mince pies will be served at the end of the concert, ...see below!

We know you can bake!

We know how good you all are at baking after all the wonderful contributions to the flower festival refreshments and how grateful we were to you all. Now we are asking for mince pies for the carol service please. In fact, any type of tart will be gratefully received, so if you are able to donate anything please contact one of the Churchwardens. Thank you in mouth-watering anticipation.

Singles Party

We are looking forward to greeting all those who are coming to the annual Singles Christmas Lunch on Saturday 3rd December in the village hall, we are expecting it to be a very enjoyable event.

Upcoming Events

Singles party in the village hall: Saturday 3rd December 2022

Christmas Carol Concert 7.30pm 20th December 2022

School Christingle in Church 2pm December 22nd 2022

See pages 3, 6 & 7 for details of further services and please note that Midnight Mass will be held at Old Brampton this year.

Watch this space, for as we go to press we are already working on events for next year, including Lent breakfasts, Open Gardens, Afternoon Tea with Joy, the flower festival and lots more that we are itching to get planning.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year,

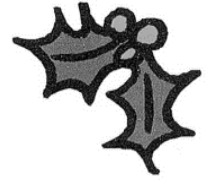
Pete & Julie

SPONSORED SINGATHON

Pete the Plonker would like to thank everyone who supported his Singathon in church on 5th November. The target of 100 songs in 3 hours was exceeded with 120 songs emitting from his cracked and croaking voice and with blood dripping from his fingertips and guitar strings.

Many thanks to all who worked hard providing refreshments and who were tucked away in the kitchen and lucky to miss the worst of it. Sponsor money is still arriving and a fantastic amount of almost £950 has been raised from sponsorship and refreshment sales for church funds. Many thanks from Pete





An Evening of
Christmas Music, Carols &
Readings

with

Barlow Singers

BARLOW CHURCH

Tuesday 20th December 2022

7.30pm

sherry & mince pies

Admission Free.

Retiring collection to help cover our costs.

Any enquiries to Julie 07799 639566
or Peter 07749 287834



Barlow Singers



present a

Christmas Concert



St Swithin's Church, 9 Main Road,
Holmesfield

Saturday 10th December 2022

7.30pm

Tickets are available for £5 from choir members or
from Carole Anderson:

carole.a.anderson@gmail.com

or phone 0771 7471603.

Refreshments will be served, for which a small donation will
be most welcome.



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Planning Applications / Decisions

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

• 22/00793/FL – Section 73 application for variation to conditions 3 (biomass boiler location), 4 (position of external flue), 8 (outside storage of timber) and 11 (scheme of landscaping) pursuant of planning approval 19/00103/FL at Oak Tree Farm, Johnnygate Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED No comments

• 22/00794/FL – Erection of general purpose agricultural building at Oak Tree Farm, Johnnygate Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

• 21/00795/FL – Proposed bridge over Dunston Brook to provide access into Peter Wood for forestry purposes at land North of Peter Wood and Dunston Brook, New Road, Millthorpe – Conditionally approved 3 October 2022

• 22/00891/FLH – Proposed second storey extension over existing ground storey to rear, single storey rear extension and a new rear decking area at Woodview Cottage, Millcross Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED Noted

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

• NED 22/00910/FLH Proposed works to raise the roof of 1st floor accommodation, a two-storey rear extension replacing an existing

conservatory, removal of existing front porch, remodelling of doors and windows and rendering of an existing single-storey element to the front. (Affecting setting of a Listed Building) (Conservation Area) at Keri House, Main Road, Barlow

RESOLVED Clerk to write to NEDDC and state the residents attended the Council meeting and mitigated the Council's concerns. The Council no longer see a need for the planning application to go to Committee unless the applicant decides otherwise.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

- 22/00711/LB – Application for Listed Building consent for a replacement stove (Listed Building) at Lees Hall Farm, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED No comments

- 22/01022/FL – Application for a proposed agricultural building to house and lamb sheep and to store fodder and implements (resubmission of application 22/00299/FL) at White Oak Farm, Grange Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED No comments

Community Speedwatch

Cllr Baldry along with the speed watch Co-ordinator and a local resident held a speed watch session on 10 October 2022. Out of the eleven vehicles submitted ten have received letters with the one remaining having an issue over its identification during the checking process. None of those recorded were registered locally.

Defibrillator

Barlow's third defibrillator has now been installed outside Hackney House Café and Gift Shop.

Crime Awareness

PCSO Jonathan Flower would like to remind all residents that now the darker evenings are here there are a few precautions we can all take to keep our properties safe.

- Leave a light on in more than one room, such as the lounge and bedroom. Remember to choose low-energy lamps.
- Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark.
- Change the times that the lights come on to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the home.
- Consider the use of 'smart' technology to have different lights coming on in your house at different times.
- Make sure your front door is well lit and fully visible from the street. Also think about security lighting at the rear and side of your property.
- Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front pruned to below 1 metre to remove cover for a burglar to work unseen and allow visibility by neighbours.
- Consider having a good quality CCTV system installed.
- Keep your curtains closed at night - if you are away, ask a neighbour to close them for you.
- Check existing lighting is in good working order and replace any faulty equipment.
- Remember to check batteries in torches and smoke alarms.
- Lock all windows and doors even when you are at home.
- Put the alarm on even when you go out and at night
- Don't leave valuable items or car keys on view near your front door.
- Photograph your property and register it free of charge at www.immobilise.com

Do you remember the 'Knife Angel' sculpture, which was made from knives handed in to police during their knife amnesty days? The towering 'Anti Violence Bee' is the powerful 11ft follow-up and this time round it is made of knives and firearms to get the message across.



It has been touring Derbyshire since November and will be at Dronfield Civic Centre on Sunday, 11th December. Support the cause: Come to see it!

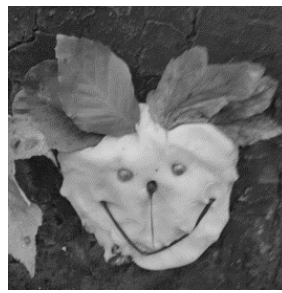
BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL

Rainy day poem by Claire Louise Milne

I put on my coat and boots on my feet.
I put on my hat and stroll down the street.
The rain falls down from the clouds above.
Splashing in puddles is what I love!



Dear Friends, this month we have had lots of opportunities to splash in puddles! Especially at Forest School, where the river has filled back up and is great for filling buckets, splashing and paddling. The children enjoyed fire lighting and toasting marshmallows! We also made pinecone spiders and clay tree faces! We are so lucky to have access to such a fantastic woodland space in the village.



We are making big plans for our Nativity performance this year, and we are soooo excited to invite parents in to watch after a two-year break. Santa is coming to visit as well as a very special guest!!! We cannot wait.

We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Ellie from Elevation Dance Company for our weekly dance and movement sessions. These have been very popular with the children and a great success. If you know any little people who may be interested in some dance sessions please contact Elevation Dance on 07414900299. We can highly recommend them.

The parish council have kindly donated some daffodil bulbs that we have been busy planting and will look fabulous in the Spring. If anyone has any winter plants or vegetables that we can plant, we would be grateful for any donations.

If you or someone you know is looking for a Pre-School place we have an open day on Wednesday 7th December, 2-3pm (see poster next page).



Our 'new look' Cozy Corner.



Please come along and have a look around. Jo

BARLOW CofE SCHOOL

1872 – 2022



Dear Friends,

We are busy preparing for Christmas at school. Enterprise happened at the beginning of the month. The children made a variety of decorations and products for their parents to buy. FOBS (Friends of Barlow School) supported the event by providing teas and coffees and parents provided cakes to be sold.

Now the focus turns to the Christmas celebrations. Children in Key Stage 1 have been busy practising for their nativity. This year's production is Babushka. All the children are acting, singing and narrating, so their classrooms have been echoing to the music for the past month or so. Meanwhile Key Stage 2 have been preparing for the Christingle service which also includes building the nativity scene. Our plan is to finish with all the children singing while holding their lit Christingle. As well as the nativities, there will be Christmas Dinner, Party Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. Somehow, in amongst all of this, the children will be continuing with all their usual learning, though some of it will have a distinct Christmas flavour!

In November, we took part in several sports events. The first event was Cross Country. Representatives from Y3, 4, 5 and 6 gathered together with several other schools at Mount St Mary's to run the course – 1200m for Y3 and 4 and 1600m for Y5 and 6. Conditions were rather muddy underfoot and the distance was a long way. Everyone walked the course first, so they were clear about the route. Each year group set off in turn and were loudly cheered on by all the other children. Everyone gave it their all and the children supported each other, particularly down the final

part of the course when everyone was very tired. The children really had something to cheer about as Rosa came storming down the course well ahead of the pack to win the Y6 girls' race by a considerable distance. Other strong performances came from Ellie in Y5 and Liv in Y3 just outside the podium positions. Meanwhile, the Y4 team achieved 3rd place as a result of their combined score. The children were all proud of their efforts and their perseverance and determination were exceptional. We are very grateful to Mr Sandhu who joined our staff in supporting the children and ensuring the trip could go ahead. The second sporting event was an active challenge event which combined physical activity with Maths and English skills for Sapphire Class. This took place at Outwood. Meanwhile, all the children in Y1-Y6 took part in a school based physical activity event with Alan from SHAPE. At the end of the month, Y5 children went to the English Institute of Sport for the Bronze Young Ambassadors Conference. This annual event teaches the children how they can promote physical activity in school with distinct roles for each child including those of Media, Sports and Active Travel Ambassadors. Finally, Reception have been taking part in a balance bikes event over 3 weeks in the village hall. This honed their skills on bikes and generated lots of enthusiasm and excitement.

Our popular enterprise event showcased the children's creative side. A variety of Christmas decorations were made ready for sale. Some classes ventured into making edible treats with Amethyst class even making treats for dogs, too! We would like to thank all the parents and friends who supported the event to help raise money for school. It was lovely to open the doors to everyone once again and the children loved selling their own handiwork.

We have been showing around lots of families ready to apply for school in 2023. If you know a child born between 1st September 2018 and 21st August 2019, they will need to apply for a school place by Sunday 15th January. We are happy to show families around during the school day on an individual basis, so please don't hesitate to make an appointment if you have not already done so. We have 13 places available in Reception for next year.

All the best for the holiday season,

Penny (Headteacher)

Calling Open Gardeners!

For **Sunday 2nd of July 2023**

As many a gardener will tell you, even as the cloak of winter descends, thoughts turn defiantly to Spring and another year of growth, colour and renewal. Plans, it may be said, are already being made....

And so it is with Barlow Open Gardens 2023. We are very much hoping to introduce as many new gardens and gardeners as possible to the delights of this fantastic event. An event which brought so much joy to our village back in July.

Whether your garden is large or small, new or established, contemporary or traditional, we would love you to take part! I entered my own garden – very much a work in progress – for the first time this year. There were doubts, I admit. Would there be enough to interest people? Would my lovely Lupins last into July? Where could I hide the bins?

As it turned out, it was the most enjoyable day of the whole year. A proper, old fashioned community event, full of friendliness, laughter and interest.

Most importantly, Barlow Open Gardens is a fundraising event, vital to the upkeep of our beautiful St Lawrence Church. This coming year, with energy prices as they are, our collective efforts could really make a difference!

If you would like to take part in next year's event, please get in touch using the contact information below. Janice, Mike and myself can't wait to hear from you!

Oh, and I hid the bins in the shed.
Worked a treat.....

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APPLE DAYS

This year's apple harvest is well and truly over by now, even though there are still some apples on some trees which haven't dropped down yet. If you've been out and about in Barlow you may have noticed that quite a few residents left boxes of apples outside their homes with an invitation to 'help yourself'. Concerning this act of kindness the following personal note has reached us with a request for publication in our magazine and we are happy to do so:

"Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all those very kind people in Barlow who shared their garden harvest with other villagers. I am sure many people like me enjoyed the fruits of their labour. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

A. Non

PS:

Field Fare and Redwing do enjoy windfalls."

Examples of other old apple varieties:

Cornish Gillyflower
Ribston Pippin
Barnack Beauty
Crab-apple
Allington Pippin
Devonshire Quarrenden
Normandy Pippin
Warner's King
Cheat-the-Boys

Many places in the UK celebrate the annual apple harvest with special days. 'Apple Days' celebrate everything to do with orchards, from fruit variety identification to apple and cider tasting. To find an Apple Day event near us you can visit the orchards events page at

<https://ptes.org/events/category/orchard-network-events/map/>

Maybe next year?



POETRY CORNER

A. Non (see previous page) has also supplied us with this month's poem. It is by an English author and poet by the name of EDEN PHILLPOTTS:

Cheat-the-Boys

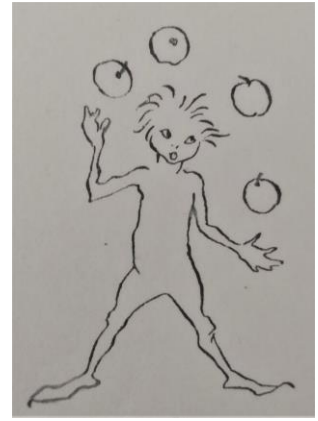
Of all the apples that I know,
Or sweet or sharp, or harsh or mellow,
This rubicund and devious fellow
Arrides alike the high and low,
By seeming honesty of show.

Displayed upon a goodly bough,
When August to September turns,
His gold and scarlet splendour burns –
A very master-jewel now
For Dame Pomona's gracious brow.

And did we leave him there, we might
Still wish him well and speak him fair,
As something worthy, rich and rare,
Respecting such a joyous sight
Without a nudge from appetite.

If we but walked the orchard shades
And satisfied our teeth and tongue
With lesser, modest beauties hung,
Russet and lemon, in the glades
Of apple-scented, sweet arcades;

Then all were well: but it annoys
The thrifty soul to see such riches
Tumbling ungarnered into ditches:
We pluck their gay, deceitful toys
And join the other cheated boys.



“Winter Time” by Robert Louis Stevenson

Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,
A blood-red orange, sets again.

Before the stars have left the skies,
At morning in the dark I rise;
And shivering in my nakedness,
By the cold candle, bathe and dress.

Close by the jolly fire I sit
To warm my frozen bones a bit;
Or with a reindeer-sled, explore
The colder countries round the door.

When to go out, my nurse doth wrap
Me in my comforter and cap;
The cold wind burns my face, and blows
Its frosty pepper up my nose.

Black are my steps on silver sod;
Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;
And tree and house, and hill and lake,
Are frosted like a wedding-cake.

CARNIVAL

Hi All!

Barlow Carnival is feeling proud!

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We've been able to donate £700 from the the proceeds of this year's Fun Run to PACT Sheffield.



PACT is the Parents Association of Children with tumours and Leukaemia who do whatever they can to help local children undergoing cancer treatment and their families. We're so proud to be able to support this fantastic local charity and we couldn't do it without you!

Special thanks must go to our very own (and amazing!) Tommy who has organised the Fun Run for many many years. Tommy has now passed the baton on, so we'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive 'thank you' to Tommy for all his hard work over the years, during which time we have been able to donate thousands of pounds to lots of local charities and good causes!

Watch this space as we'll soon be making an announcement about our 2023 Fun Run!

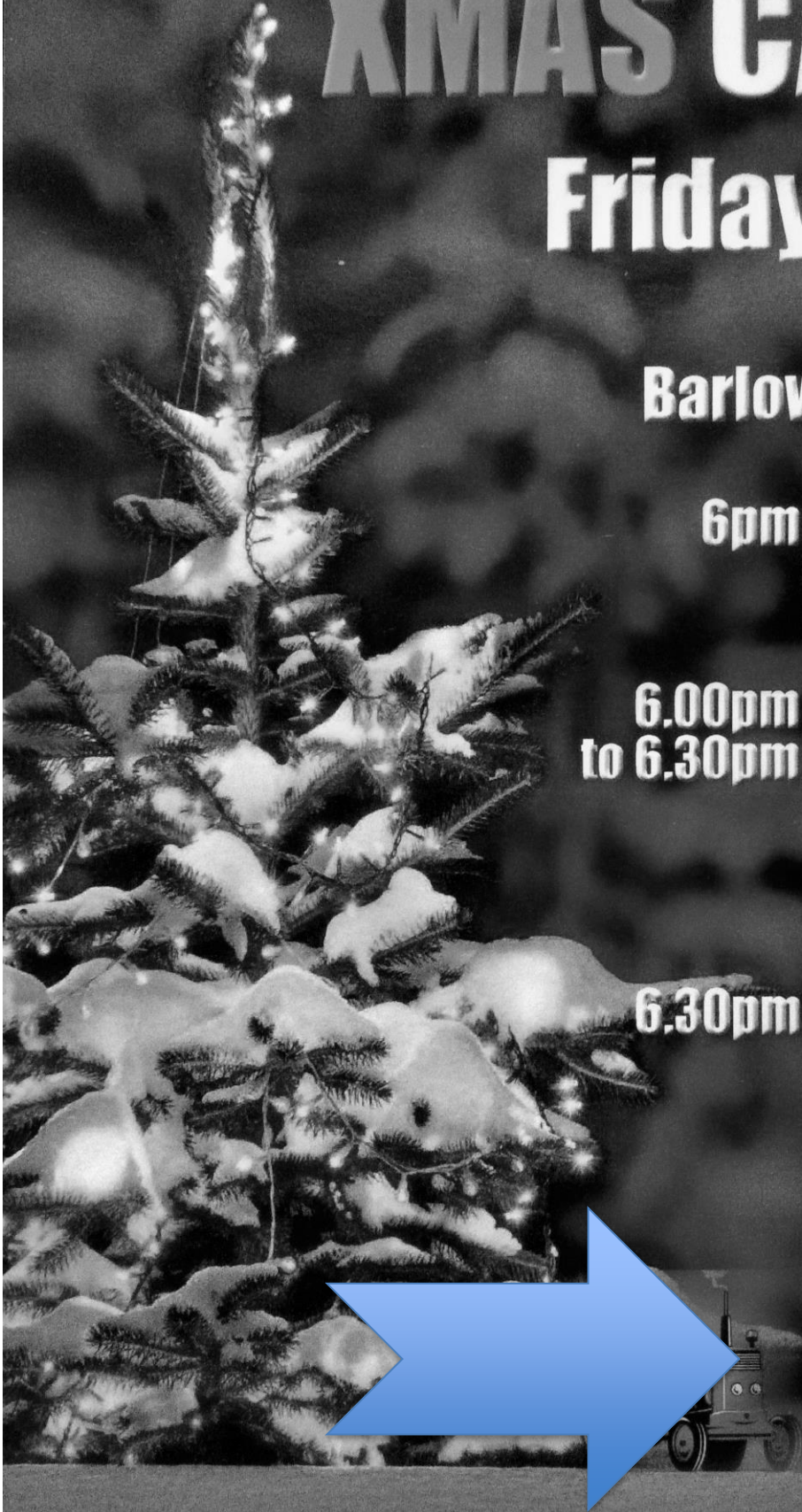
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This month we are excited to tell you about a book written by a Barlow resident! The book is about borders. “How can anyone write a book about borders?”, you might ask. Well, let’s hear from the author himself, Jon Cook, as to why he chose to write about such an unusual topic:

“Borders are very much on our mind. This book tells the human side to crossing and changing borders. It is different, funny and quirky! As an ex-Geography teacher, I have always been fascinated by lines drawn on a

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The foreword is by The Rt Hon Lord Boateng PC DL and the review of the book printed on the back is by **Bernie Clifton**.

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Here is a short excerpt:

“There is a common expression “take one day at a time”; strangely, there are places on earth where you can take two days at a time. The Diomed Islands lie halfway across the Bering Straits, bisecting Alaska and Siberia. In Russia, they are known as the Gvozdev Islands, and consist of two rocky, flat-topped and hilly islands. The two Diomed Islands are separated by the International Date Line. This means that when the residents of Little Diomed, owned by the USA, look across the channel at Big Diomed, owned by Russia, they are looking 21 hours (only 20 hours in the summer) into the future. As a result, the islands are sometimes called Tomorrow Island and Yesterday Island. So, in theory, you could have two days in twenty-four hours; also you could celebrate two birthdays simply by crossing the International Date Line!”

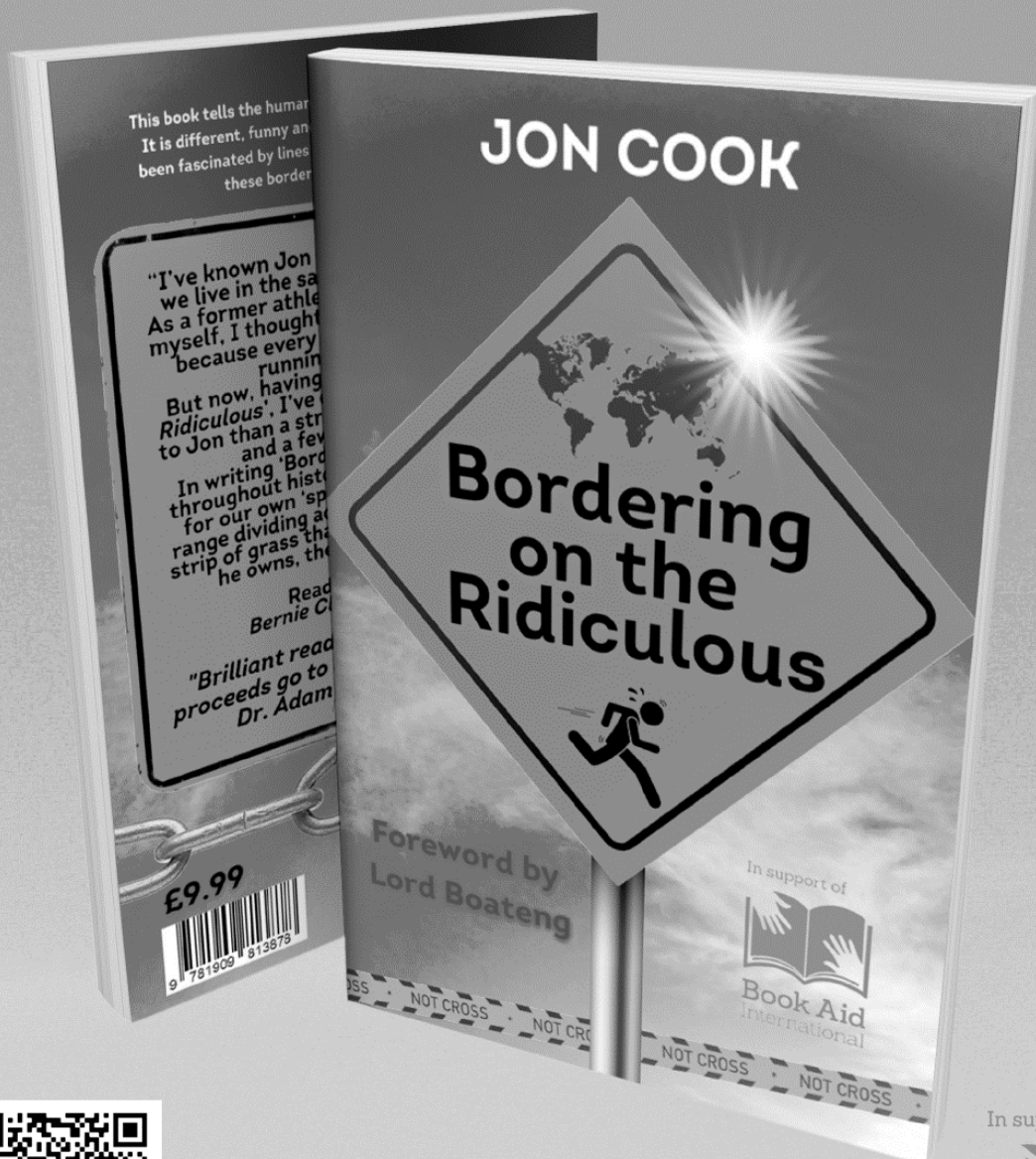
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PUZZLE PAGE

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| 2. Why didn't the turkey eat anything? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yule Tide |
| 3. What does a gingerbread man use on his bed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Elfies |
| 4. What do you call a snowman in the summer? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Your teeth |
| 5. Why did the cookies go to the doctor? | <input type="checkbox"/> | They were feeling crummy |
| 6. What do monkeys sing at Christmas? | <input type="checkbox"/> | A puddle |
| 7. What do you call Santa when he is broke? | <input type="checkbox"/> | It was stuffed |
| 8. What kind of laundry detergent does Santa use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cookie Sheets |
| 9. What is the best thing to put in a christmas cookie? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Saint Nickel-Less |
| 10. When does christmas come before thanksgiving? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jungle Bells, jungle bells! |

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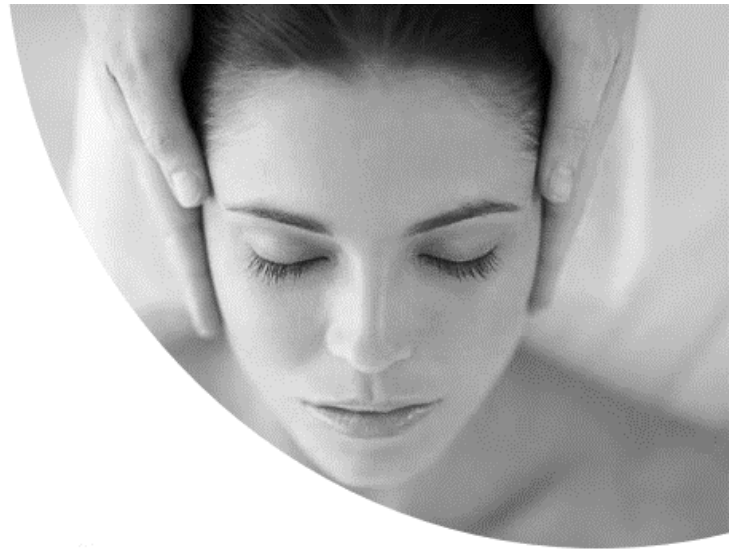
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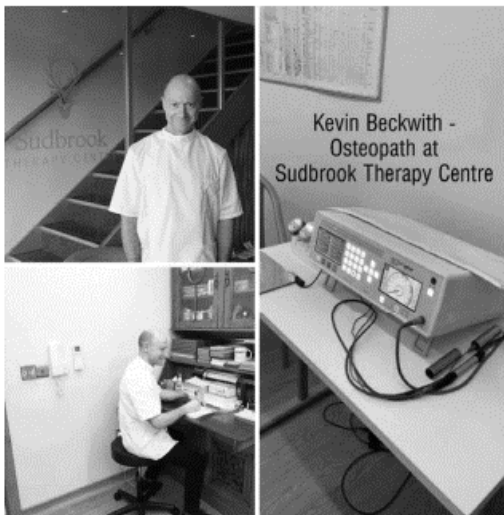
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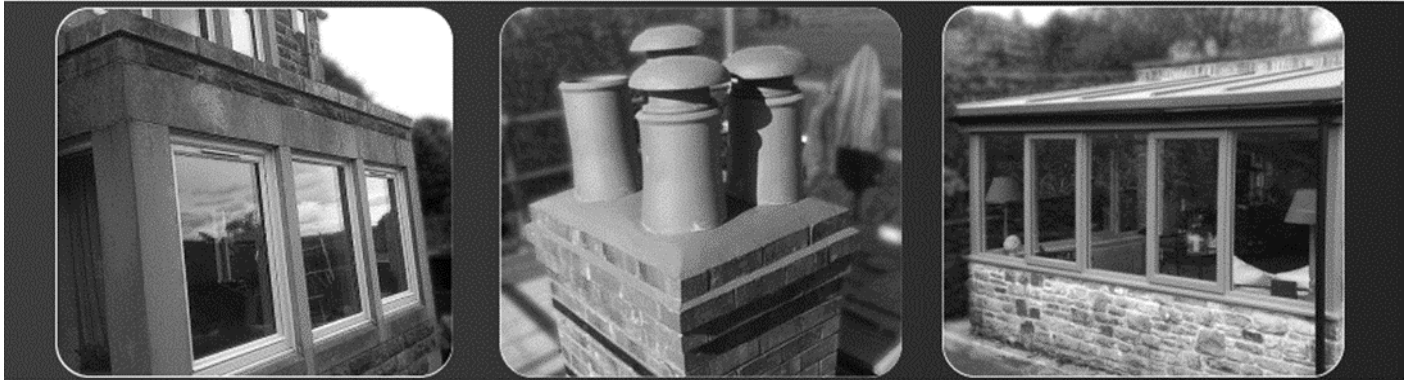




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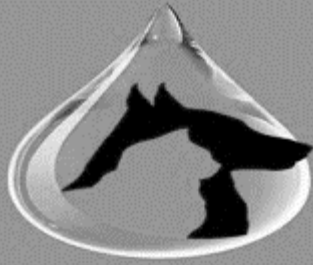
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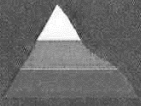


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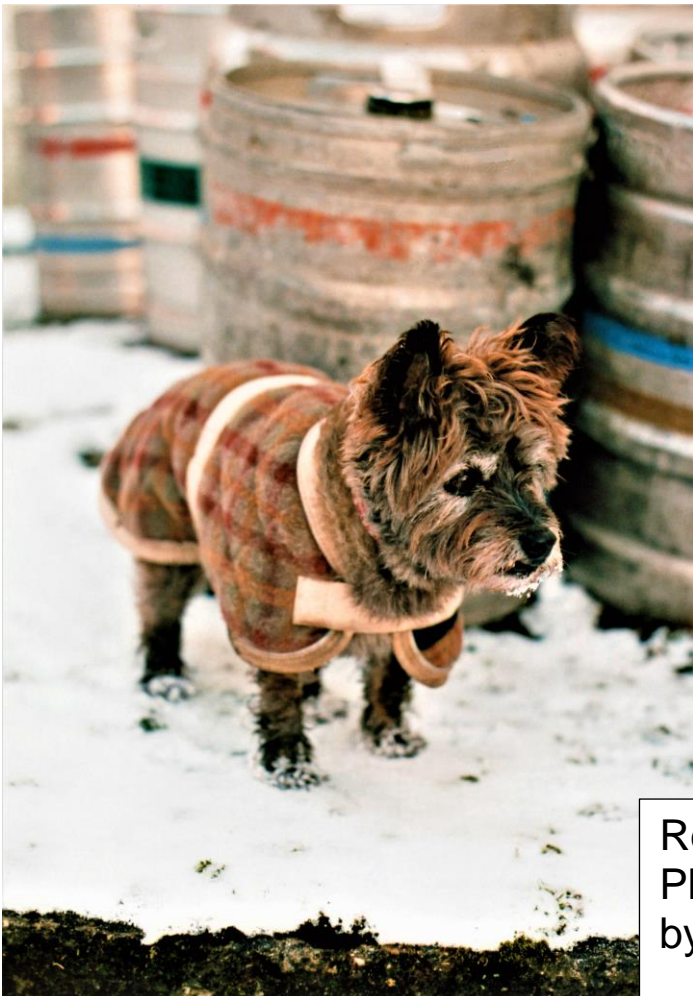
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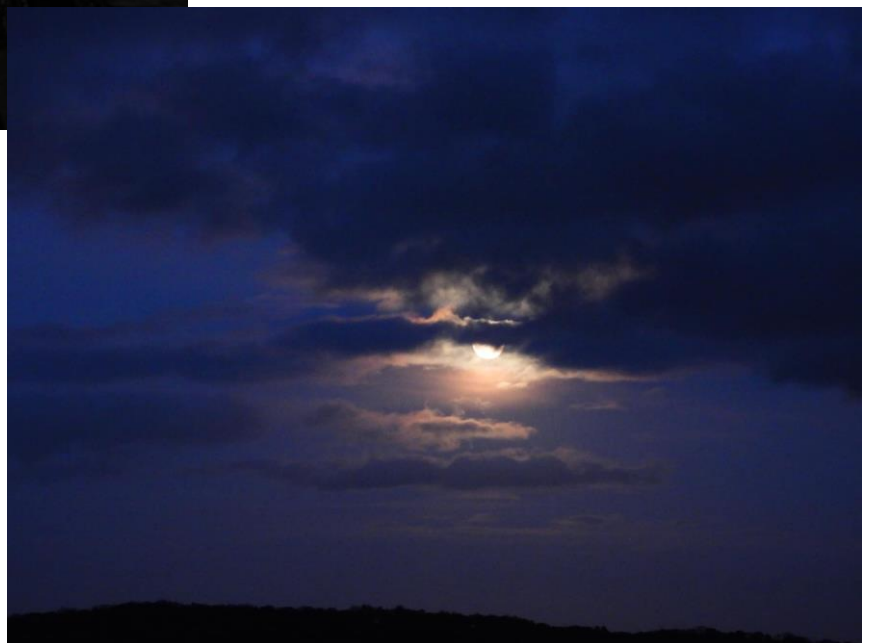
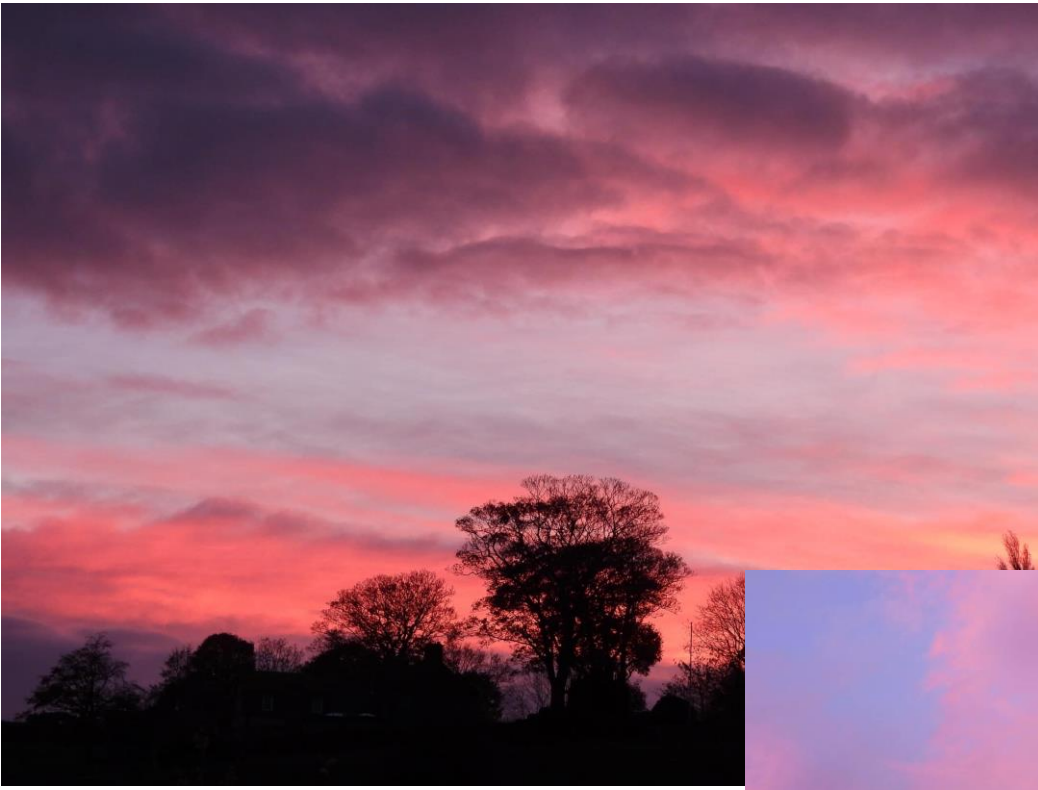
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