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# BARLOW

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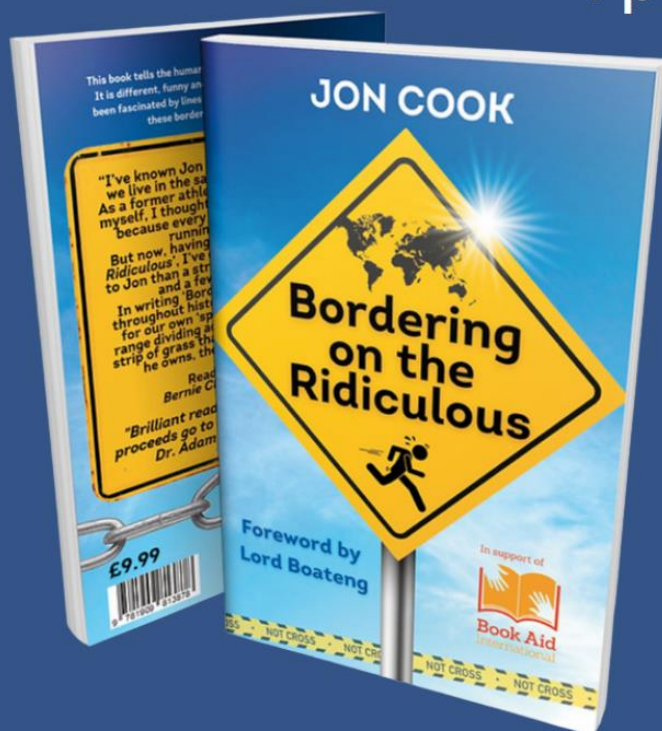
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# CHURCH ROTA FEBRUARY 2023

Services	Sides-person	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning Wednesdays
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 11am service	A Jacques	J Shore	J West	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 8am Said Mass 11am Family service	J Layton C Mitchell	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 11am service	J Kingston	D Windle	P Gouldthorpe	J West & J Shore
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 11am service	A Haslam	H Hicklin	J West	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March January 11am service	J West	M Barnes	P Gouldthorpe	



## ***FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: FEBRUARY 2023***

### **FUNERALS**

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Jeffrey Syddall-ashes burial

### **BAPTISMS**

20<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Amaya Elsie Wroe

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Arthur Knight

### **WEDDINGS**

None

# BARLOW CHURCH

## (ST. LAWRENCE)

**Dear Friends,**

*We will actually mark Candlemas a little early in church this year, on the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, but as there isn't a January magazine I couldn't write about this any sooner.....*

February is a month of small but significant changes in the natural world. The sunshine is becoming stronger and we can see the first signs of Spring around us, and it's a time of change in church seasons too as we move from celebrating Epiphany towards the beginning of Lent, with just a short break in between.

Candlemas, although it isn't well known these days, is one of the oldest feast days in the Christian calendar and marks the end of our Christmas festivities.

Also known as 'The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple', it falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, forty days after Christmas.

In past centuries it was a major festival with processions in the streets and it's not hard to see why. At this time of year, when the days are still grey and cold, but the hours of daylight are significantly lengthening, this remembering of the coming of the light of Christ coincides with the first signs that spring is on the way. There may well be connections with the Celtic festival of Imbolc too, as both mark the changing of the seasons and herald the coming of Spring.

Over time, other traditions became associated with the day, including a weather song:

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Come winter, have another flight;  
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,  
Go winter, and come not again.*

And a flower, too - snowdrops - are also called Candlemas Bells because they flower at around this time, their sharp green spears piercing the often frozen ground. Some people thought it unlucky to bring snowdrops into the house before the 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

But why is it called Candlemas? Well, the 2nd February was the day when the priest would bless all the candles to be used in church for the coming year – a fair few in medieval times! And people would also bring candles from their homes to be blessed too – blessed, so that they could take them home again, take something of the sacred into their own place: heaven in ordinary, perhaps.

The Bible story told at Candlemas is found in Luke Chapter 2, verses 22-40, where we're told of how Mary and Joseph visit the Temple in Jerusalem with their baby, Jesus, to fulfil the obligations of the Law. There they meet two elderly people: Simeon, a priest, and the prophet Anna who both recognise, affirm and bless the Holy Family. Simeon's faithful service and Anna's years of prayer and fasting have taught them that a life of faith isn't an easy one, but it was for them, seemingly, both fulfilling and fulfilled - so they rejoice upon meeting the Christ child at last. But this isn't just a moment for a lovely photo opportunity, for a shadow is also cast over the scene by some prescient words of Simeon. After offering a song of thanksgiving he warns Mary that the future contains pain as well as joy for 'a sword will pierce your own heart too'. Motherhood for her will not be easy.

This anticipation of Christ's suffering is also anticipated at the end of the Candlemas service when we process to the font (by the door). There we speak together of turning our gaze 'from the crib to the cross': it will be only a few weeks later, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, that we will mark the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday services at Loundsley Green (9am) and Old Brampton (7.30pm).

You are welcome to journey with us this year through Lent, towards the cross - and beyond, into new life.

Rvd. Sarah

## **Candlemas Song**

by Simon Marshall

*I was not there.  
I did not dream my way  
up prayer-worn Temple steps  
as you did, Christ-Mother, that day...*

*...I was not there.  
I did not hear the praise  
which ancient ones sang of your child  
at the midnight of their days.*

*I was not there.  
I did not feel the sting  
which bitter-sweet horizons  
of your motherhood will bring.*

*But I am here.  
And I would know a birth  
to bring Divine Light's love  
into an aching, longing earth.*

*Yes, I am here.  
And I would do my part.  
O let a rising blade of Spring  
strike fire into my heart.*





# YEARS MIND FOR FEBRUARY

*From the church registers –*

*\* Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

2<sup>ND</sup> FRANCES MILLINGTON---1971

MARGARET SIDDALL---1969

3<sup>RD</sup> GLYNNE SIDDALL---1969

SYDNEY D. BINKS---2009

4<sup>TH</sup> CLAUDE W. HANDFORD (priest) '73

JAMES H. NEEDHAM---1994

ANTHONY J NAVIN---2022

5<sup>TH</sup> ALFRED STEVENSON---1963

HARRY MILLINGTON---1968

ARTHUR SHAWCROFT---1985

IVAN L. TAGG---1989

THOMAS HALLETT---1995

6<sup>TH</sup> DAVID E. KING---2009

7<sup>TH</sup> GERTRUDE BIGGIN---1966

IDA WILSON---1990

ANNE TEW---1991

8<sup>TH</sup> FRED WASS---1996

ALEXANDER E FAWSON---1999

LEONARD SIMM---2002

9<sup>TH</sup> SYBIL M. STEVENSON---2005

BARBARA WALKER---2021

10<sup>TH</sup> PERCY HASLAM---1994

ELIZABETH DAVIES---1997

11<sup>TH</sup> PAMELA ELIZABETH SPRY---  
2018

12<sup>TH</sup> TREVOR GLAVES---1979

13<sup>TH</sup> JAMES WALKER---2003

JACK GILLYATT---2017

14<sup>TH</sup> ERNEST NEEDHAM---1999

JOHN GEOFFREY WRIGHT 2008

15<sup>TH</sup> WILLIAM SHAWCROFT---1982

BESSIE SILCOCK---2022

16<sup>TH</sup> GLADYS GRETTON---1978

ANTHONY J NAVIN---2022

ALLAN PATMAN---1985

FRANCIS W. BEMBRIDGE---1987

CATHERINE M. VIRTUE---1989

ALBERT IBBOTSON---1995

17<sup>TH</sup> GEORGE A. WARD---1980

\*ENA KATHLEEN SHAWCROFT 2016

\*JAMES SHAWCROFT---2016

18<sup>TH</sup> EMILY GODFREY---?

ETHEL W. BOOKER---1988

GEORGE E. WARDLEY---1994

MAURICE LOMAS---2002

\*BRENDA MARY PICKERING---2014

19<sup>TH</sup> ELIZABETH WILSON---1978

COLIN EATSON---1986

ERNEST HASLAM---1994

20<sup>TH</sup> HETTIE SLATER---1965

JOYCE M CRATCHLEY---2020

ELSIE COLEY---1993

CHRISTOPHER J. PARKIN---2003

DESMOND HARDY---2012

21<sup>ST</sup> FREDERICK NEEDHAM---1972

NORAH REDMAN---1973

HUGH WILLIAMS---1973

IVY EATSON ---1974

BRENDA BRAMMER---1993

ANNIE LISTER---2009

22<sup>ND</sup> \*ANNIE MARPLES---1990

DORA SKINNER---2009

23<sup>RD</sup> FLORENCE HICKS---1990

VICTOR BEMBRIDGE---1999

24<sup>TH</sup> JOSEPH SHELDON---1965

MARION BOSTON---1966

JOHN HOWARD---1968

JOHN PENDLETON---1971

GERALD SHREWSBURY---1989

25<sup>TH</sup> RICHARD HANWELL---1984

STANLEY TEW---1992

KATHLEEN MATTHEW---1979

JANE BARGH---2018

26<sup>TH</sup> OLIVE CARTER---1987

ETHEL LAYTON---1994

27<sup>th</sup> JEFFREY SYDDALL---2022

28<sup>TH</sup> WILLIAM E. PICKERING---1997

GILBERT WOODALL---1976

MAUREEN VERA LISTER---2017

29<sup>TH</sup> MARJORIE WHITEHOUSE---1968

# CHURCH NEWS

## (ST. LAWRENCE)



**Dear Friends,**

Welcome to 2023! We hope you are all looking forward to a busy year of activities, as are we.

Just to recap on past events, though, what a wonderful Christmas season we had. It kicked off with the singles party held in the village hall. We would like to thank all those who attended and everyone who helped with cooking, setting up, serving and clearing away to make it a very (ful)filling event.

All the services held in Church were very well attended, especially the carol concert and the crib service. We were squeezing people in, which was absolutely wonderful to see and great fun. Special thanks go to Elodie, who stepped in at extremely short notice at the carol concert to do the reading on behalf of the school and did a great job.

The School Christingle was beautiful; all the children performed so well and when their Christingle candles were lit and the lights turned out for the children to sing, there were a few tears shed.

We enjoyed welcoming our friends from Loundsley Green and Old Brampton churches for our joint service on the Sunday after Christmas; which this year fell on New Year's Day. Thank you to David Riley from Loundsley Green for reading for us.

## **Thanks from Joy**

Joy has asked us to thank everyone on her behalf for all the lovely good wishes, flowers and cards that she received for her birthday. As her birthday fell on the same day as the carol concert we were able to have a small presentation of flowers and prosecco on the night.

## **Upcoming Events**

We are looking forward to a busy year of events, so watch this space for news of what is coming up!

We are starting off the year with our Lent breakfasts, which will run on Wednesdays from 22<sup>nd</sup> February through to 29<sup>th</sup> March at the slightly later time this year of 9.30 -11.30am. Come and enjoy a large breadcake with a selection of bacon, sausage, egg, mushrooms, tomato or vegetarian sausage, with a cup of tea or coffee for only £6.

For now, make a note in your diary of the following events, with more to follow:

### **Lent breakfasts**

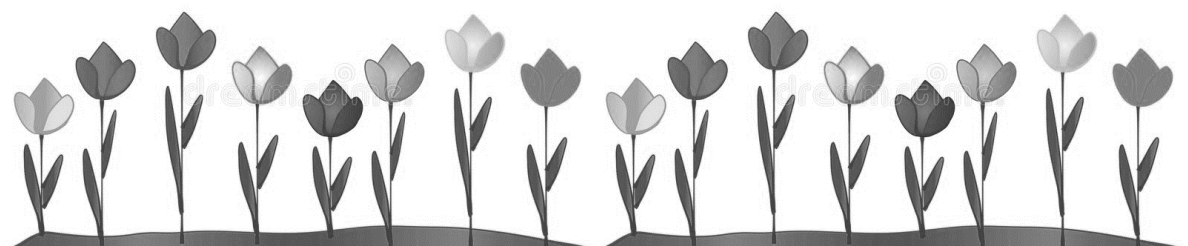
**22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-11.30am**

### **Open Gardens**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 10am-4pm**

### **Flower Festival**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.**



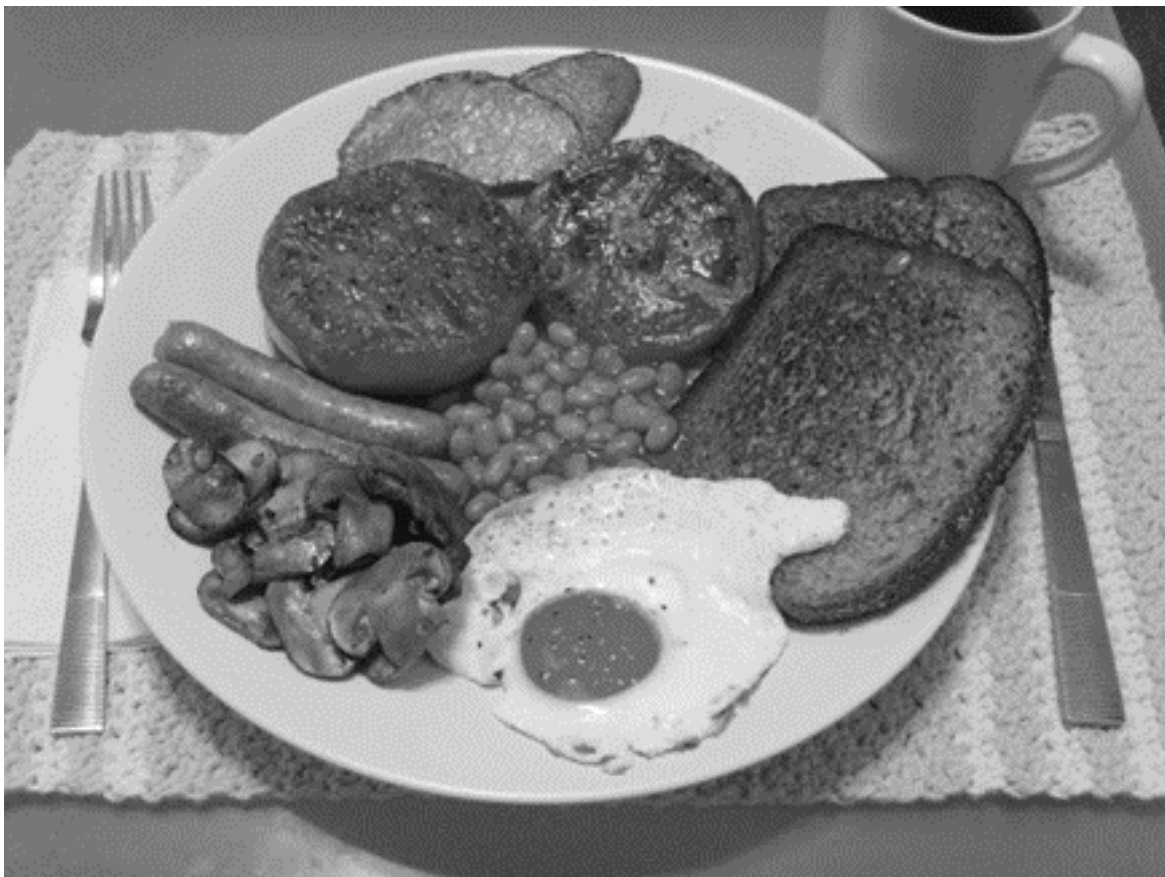
## **LENT BREAKFASTS**

**Breakfasts are being served at church during Lent.**

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

**They will be served in church between 9.30am and 11.30am on the following dates:**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>**



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

# PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Planning Applications / Decisions**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

- 22/01215/FLH – Proposed second storey extension over existing ground floor to rear including Juliet balcony and single storey rear extension (resubmission of 22/00891/FLH) at Woodview Cottage, Millcross Lane, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments
- 22/01212/DISCON – Discharge condition 3 (Traffic Management and road widening) and condition 5 (Floor levels and flood measures) pursuant to application 21/00214/FL at Lakeside Café, Fishing Ponds, Keepers Lane, for Lakeside Café  
**RESOLVED** no comments
- 22/01137/FL – Application for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling, part conversion of existing stable/storage building into annex accommodation associated with the main dwelling (private drainage system) at Westwood Farm, Dobbin Lane, Peakley Hill, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments
- 22/01201/FL – Application for the retention of modular building, for temporary use as a primary, habitable living accommodation at Shirecliffe House, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments

## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 22/00711/LB – Application for listed building consent for a replacement stove (Listed Building) at Lees Hall Farm, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow **Conditionally Approved 16 December 2022**
- 22/00776/FL – Proposed self-build 3 bed dormer style dwelling (revised scheme of 21/00163/FL) at 47 Valley Road, Barlow **Conditionally Approved 28 November 2022**
- 22/00282/FL – Retrospective full planning application for change of use of land to garden area for car parking, removal of tree, widening access gate and repairs/reinstatement of wall (Conservation Area) (Amended Plans) at Mill Farm Cottage, Crow Hole, Barlow **Conditionally Approved 19 December 2022**  
**RESOLVED** Noted

## **ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

No further planning matters circulated.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING**

- 22/01246/FL – Decking area to rear of property at Meadow Reach, Wilkin Hill, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments
- 22/01235/FLH – Application for a single storey side extension and front porch at White Gates, Dobbin Lane, Peakley Hill, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments
- 22/01228/FLH – Application for demolition of garage and rear extension and construction of proposed single storey side and rear extensions plus conversion of loft to habitable space including rear facing dormer windows at 2 Valley Rise, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments

## **Community Speedwatch**

Community Speedwatch sessions have now recommenced. The aim is to carry out at least one per month in order to discourage speeding.

## **Defibrillator Training**

We now have 3 defibrillators available in Barlow which could save lives in an emergency. We thought it would be a good idea to organise a session where residents can familiarise themselves with the procedure of obtaining the access code, taking the machine out of its box and using it according to the spoken instructions.

The Defibrillator Familiarisation Course has been arranged for Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March and we still have 11 places available for interested residents. Anyone who would like to attend needs to contact the Clerk and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Full name, address, contact details and date of birth will be required to register a place on the course.

## **Dog Fouling**

The issue of dog mess being left on pavements throughout the village has once again been brought to our attention. We therefore appeal to all dog owners to clean up after their dogs at all times to keep our village clean and safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you again that – for the safety of our children - dogs are not allowed anywhere on the recreation ground by the Village Hall. There are many footpaths and open areas around Barlow where dogs can be exercised.

## **Grit Bins**

All the grit bins around Barlow have been refilled or topped up.



# BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



## Winter Winter

**Winter, Winter, cold and ice.  
A mug of hot chocolate would be nice.  
Winter, Winter, long dark nights.  
Kids bundle up for snowball fights!**

## Dear Friends,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a happy new year! We thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas nativities at Pre-School. It was so lovely to see adults in the setting again for our Christmas 'Stay and Make' craft sessions and there was a huge turnout for our nativity play. The children were amazing. We also had a visit from Leo, one of the smile therapy ponies, dressed in his Santa outfit as well as a visit from the big man himself who brought gifts of books for every child. This was a magical end to our Christmas party day!





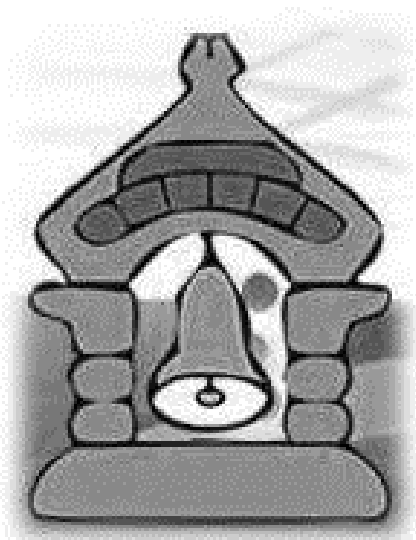
We welcomed several new families to Pre-School in January, who have all settled in well, especially loving Forest School, even though the river has been too deep to go in so far. However, we do love splashing in muddy puddles on our way to the woods and enjoying a hot chocolate to warm up!

Our ongoing lottery fund bid is now well underway. Thank you to those members of the community who completed the survey, we really appreciate it. Fingers crossed that we will be successful in getting a new outdoor classroom/gazebo. This will be a great asset to the outdoor area, especially for families to use in wet weather, or for some shade in hot summer weather.

Jo

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## BARLOW CofE SCHOOL



**Dear Friends,**

We are now well into our new term. 'Friendship' is our value for this half term and we have been discussing ways we can be a good friend, both within our school and in the wider community we are part of. Revd Sarah opened our collective worships this term by getting some of the Y6

children to make an extra long friendship bracelet. Every child then had the opportunity to make their own using wool. Plaiting the wool is a good reminder that we are stronger together. Those links between us make us into a real community.

We have booked several sports events in for the next term including a dodgeball festival, the Greater Sheffield Schools Bouldering competition and a Balance Bikes event for the reception children. We will also be taking part in the Dance Platform event where children perform at the Winding Wheel. Emerald class have already started rehearsing with our specialist dance teacher, Miss Wilbourne from Articulate Dance. This year, the theme is 'Other Cultures' so this fits in brilliantly with our Friendship theme. Premier Sport are running a Gymnastics Club this half term and demand has been high for this. We are always proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children put into their sports events. Children having lots of different sporting opportunities is very important to us.

Music has also come to the fore this term. At time of writing, we are eagerly anticipating the Young Voices concert for Sapphire class which will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at Sheffield Arena. The last time we went to this event was in 2020 when our parents were treated to front row seats and the special guest was Tony Hadley! Our seats are not quite as good this time, but the special guest is Heather Small so I am sure this will be amazing. 5000 children filling Sheffield Arena with a brilliant medley of songs and dances is stunning no matter who the other guests are. Meanwhile Emerald class are drawing to the end of their 15 weeks learning trumpets and trombones. We are inviting parents to our final session so they can see how hard we have worked. Our specialist teacher Miss Hannah Jones is an expert at drawing all the children together and getting them to produce a fabulous sound. We have learned several tunes and are able to follow some simple music. Even Mrs Watkin joins in!

The Friends of Barlow School met at the end of the Autumn term to agree a programme of fundraising events for this year. We are very grateful for all their efforts. If you can support them in any way, please contact the office on 0114 289 0413.

Penny (Headteacher)

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# **HOT WATER BOTTLE SAFETY**

**Are you using a hot water bottle to keep warm this winter?**

**Warning: Hot water bottles can be dangerous and cause burns if they are not used in the proper way!**

## **HOW TO FILL**

1. When filling your hot water bottle, do not use boiling water. Once the water has boiled allow it to stand for a couple of minutes before filling your bottle. Filling a bottle with boiling water can cause splash back, which may cause burns.
2. When filling your bottle hold the bottle by the neck in an upright position and fill slowly to avoid water splashing back.
3. Only ever fill your bottle to a MAXIMUM of two-thirds capacity.
4. ALWAYS expel air from the bottle by lowering it carefully onto a flat surface until the water appears at the opening.
5. Screw the stopper sufficiently tight to ensure there is no leakage. Finger tight should be adequate.
- 6 Hot water bottles should always be filled by a responsible adult.

## **HOW TO USE YOUR HOT WATER BOTTLE**

1. DO NOT sit, lie on top of or put excess pressure on your hot water bottle.
2. To prevent burns occurring use a cover on your bottle and avoid leaving it in contact with one area of the body for more than 20 minutes.

3. Only use a hot water bottle to warm up your bed. Take it out before you get in. This helps to avoid accidental burns.
4. The use of hot water bottles by babies is not advised and children should be supervised.
5. Elderly people, and those with sensitive skin or reduced feeling should use hot water bottles with care.

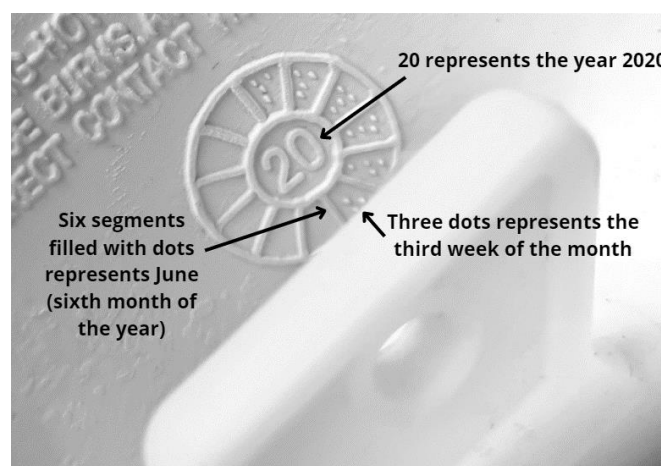
Check it regularly for wear, damage and leaks. Do not use if you are concerned. It is advisable to replace your rubber bottle every 2 years! Rubber naturally deteriorates over time and this natural process can be affected by how it is stored and used.

**Now that you know to check, how exactly do you find out how old your hot water bottle is? It turns out that most modern ones come with a small flower motif that makes it easier to tell when it was manufactured.**

**Look out for a small daisy sign embossed onto one side of the bottle. The number in the middle signifies the year that it was made, which is the simplest way to tell if it's time to replace it.**

**Around the number are also 12 petals, one for each month of the year. Inside those petals are dots (up to four in each petal) which demonstrate the week of the month that it was made. So, if your hot water only has one dot in the first petal, then that shows it was made in the first week of January.**

If your hot water bottle doesn't have the flower sign, you can look out for the BS safety standard, which should read BS 1970:2012. This means that it adheres to the internationally recognised UK safety standard for rubber and PVC hot water bottles.



# VALENTINE'S DAY

**Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14th. It originated as a Christian feast day honouring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint 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 tradition proposes that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

The 8th century Gelasian Sacramentary recorded the celebration of the Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14. 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<sup>l</sup> 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).

From Wikipedia

# POETRY CORNER

Among the first flowers to appear in the new year, and looking so fragile, snowdrops thrive in the harshest weather. Emerging through frost and snow, returning faithfully each year, to carpet gardens, woods and riverbanks, they quietly welcome the coming of spring.

## TO A SNOWDROP

*LONE Flower, hemmed in with snows and white as they*

*But hardier far, once more I see thee bend*

*Thy forehead, as if fearful to offend,*

*Like an unbidden guest. Though day by day,*

*Storms, sallying from the mountain-tops, waylay*

*The rising sun, and on the plains descend;*

*Yet art thou welcome, welcome as a friend*

*Whose zeal outruns his promise! Blue-eyed May*

*Shall soon behold this border thickly set*

*With bright jonquils, their odours lavishing*

*On the soft west-wind and his frolic peers;*

*Nor will I then thy modest grace forget,*

*Chaste Snowdrop, venturous harbinger of Spring,*

*And pensive monitor of fleeting years!*

(William Wordsworth)

# CARNIVAL

Hi All!

Happy New Year!

Our 2022 Christmas Fayre was a massive success with lots of happy traders and shoppers alike. Special thanks must go to everyone who supported it and made the event such a success and we hope to build upon this for this year.

A couple of weeks later we gathered on the Village Green on a cold evening for Carols Around the Christmas Tree. Thanks to everyone who mulled wine and baked mince pies, along with the Barlow Singers who led the carols. We must not forget Barlow Young Farmers who organised the Illuminated tractor run, a truly fantastic sight with over 20 festively dressed tractors parading through the village. This really was a great start to Christmas in Barlow (see the email received from a grateful resident below).

The New Year marks the start of the Carnival planning season with our AGM taking place at the end of January and more details about lots of fantastic events being announced soon.

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“Adrienne and I would like to thank the Carnival Committee, the Parish Council and all the farmers who brought their festively lit tractors escorting Father Christmas last night to turn on the lights on the Christmas tree at the Village Green (see photos). The event livened up a cold winter night , was very well attended and the mulled



wine and mince pies were a delight. So, very well done to all concerned, and we hope that this will be the start of a new tradition for the village.”

(Martin Wilcock)



# BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

## Attention all book lovers:

Local author Jon Cook invites you to an evening of readings and questions and answers relating to his recently published book on borders: 'Bordering On The Ridiculous'.

The event is free, with cheese and wine, at Barlow Village Hall, but booking is required. Please see the details on page 2 and don't delay getting in touch with Jon to reserve your place.

Meanwhile let's find out how well you know your literature. The following are the first lines of some very famous books. Can you name the book titles and the authors?

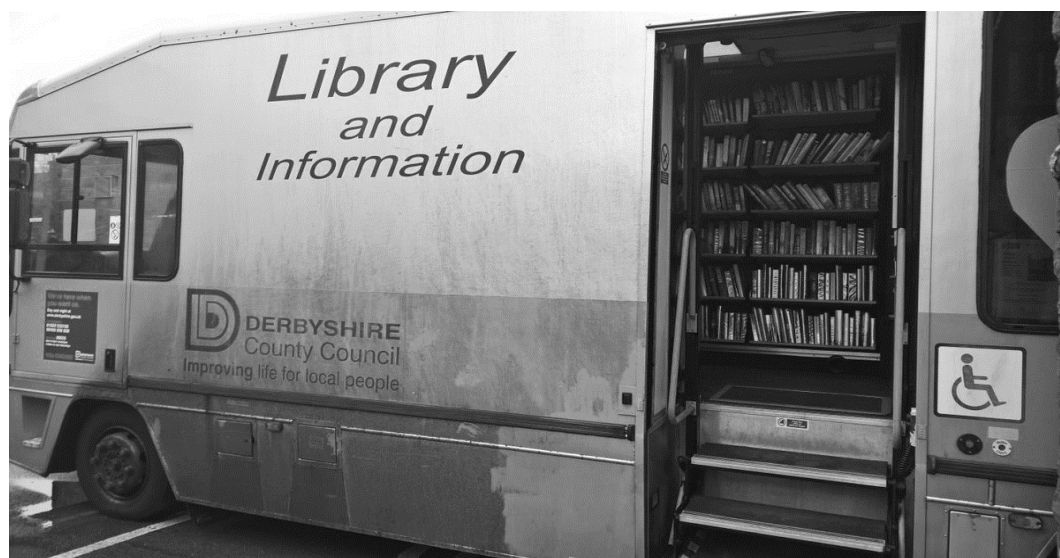
**It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.**

**It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.**

**Call me Ishmael.**

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# PUZZLE PAGE

## General knowledge quiz

1. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
2. What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?
3. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
4. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
5. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
6. In what US State is the city Nashville?
7. What is the currency of Denmark?
8. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
9. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
10. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
11. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
12. Which legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting melting clocks?
13. Which football club plays its home games at Loftus Road?
14. What was the Turkish city of Istanbul called before 1930?
15. How many human players are there on each side in a polo match?
16. In what year did Tony Blair become British Prime Minister?
17. How many times has England won the men's football World Cup?
18. What is the capital of New Zealand?
19. Street artist Banksy is originally associated with which British city?
20. From what grain is the Japanese spirit Sake made?

1. Knee 2. Iago 3. Tin 4. Three 5. All The
- President's Men 6. Tennessee 7. Krone 8.
- French Open (Roland Garros) 9. The Netherlands
10. Marathon 11. Mercury 12. Salvador Dali 13.
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19. Bristol 20. Rice

**General knowledge quiz - Answers**

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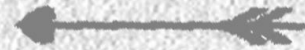
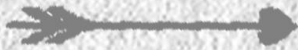
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# Valentine's Day



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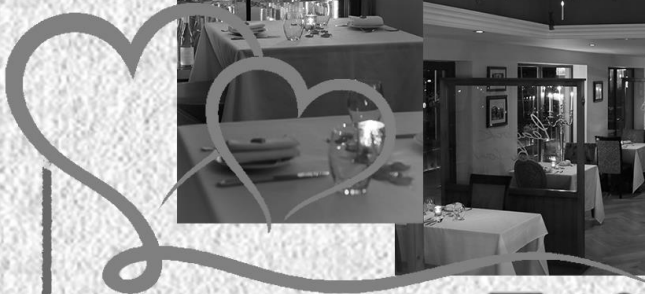
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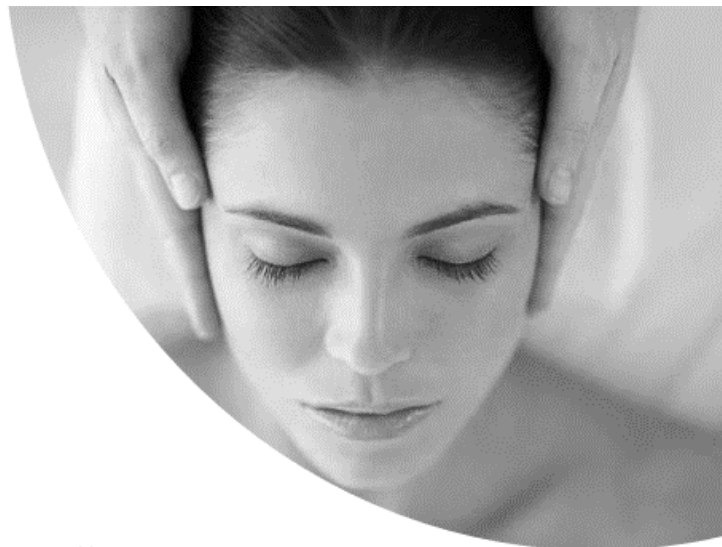
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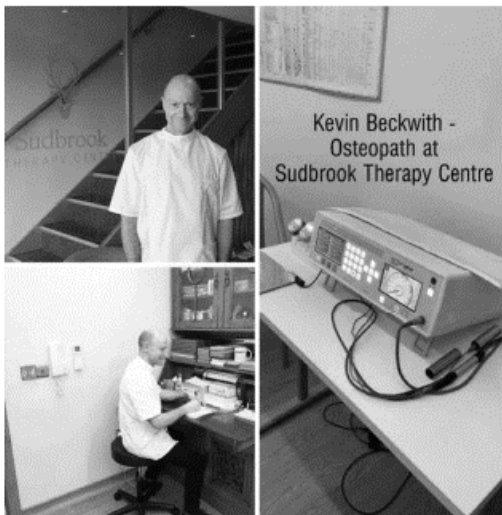
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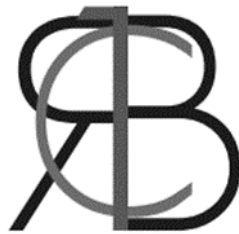
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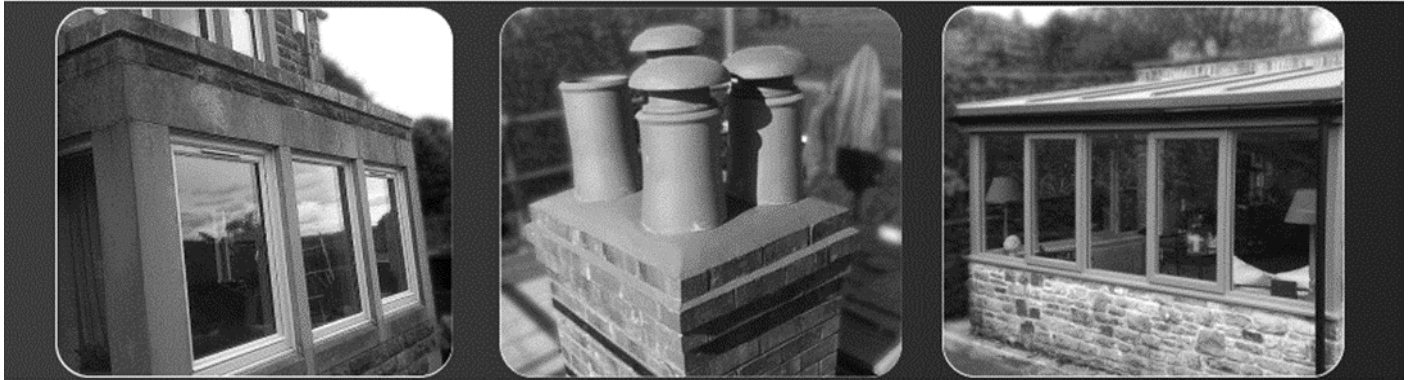




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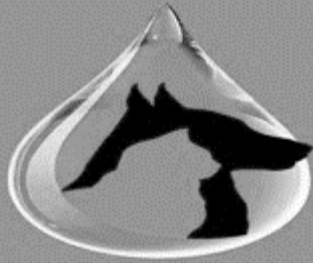
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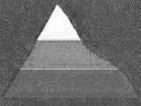


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