

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

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Dear Readers,

Not much longer now and we can say goodbye to the cold which – to be fair – wasn't really as cold as it might have been. The green bins are going to be emptied again from March onwards, so it's time for gardeners to 'spring' into action. The clocks are going forward on the 26th of March, so that's another step into a warmer direction and before you know it it'll be time again for Open Gardens...

On a different note: If you value our parish magazine you will no doubt have renewed your subscription for this year. Thank you. If you have forgotten, please do it by the end of March. We can't keep producing it without your support and we would love you to encourage your friends and neighbours to subscribe, too. Perhaps you could show them a copy? Who knows, they might like it as much as you do... IH

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Sunday 5 th March 11am service	J West	M Barnes	P Gouldthorpe	T Malley & T Woodhouse
Sunday 12 th March 8am Said Mass 11am service	J Waller C Mitchell	A Mitchell	J West	
Sunday 19 th March 11am Family service	A Jacques	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
Sunday 26 th March 11am service	A Haslam	D Windle	P Gouldthorpe	P Gouldthorpe & M Reeves
Sunday 2 nd April 11am service	J Kingston	D Barnes	J West	

FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: MARCH 2023

FUNERALS

None

BAPTISMS

None

WEDDINGS

None

YEARS MIND FOR MARCH

From the church registers –

** Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

1ST ROY STEVENSON---1983

THOMAS HARDY---1989

2ND WILLIAM BRAMWELL---1990

DORIS HURT---2012

3RD MADGE CROOKES---1969

DORA SKINNER---2006

4TH EUNICE SHELDON---1964

PHILIP D. HARDY---1990

JENNIFER ALICE HANSON ---2008

5TH FREDERICK J. STEVENSON---1987

IVY BOOKER---1987

MAUD M. TAYLOR---1990

ELLEN E. WATTS---2004

ETHEL SPRY---2005

6TH WILLIAM WALKER---1984

KATHLEEN BRADLEY---2007

7TH ALBERT C. DRAKE---?

DEREK RHODES---1993

8TH MARY L. BROUGHTON---1986

* HILDA BOWLER---1990

FRANCES B. HALLAM---2001

ERIC SHAW---2006

9TH * ANNIE MARPLES---1990

EMILY M. M. TAYLOR---1990

10TH MAY HASLAM---1985

* LILIAN SHAWCRIFT---2017

PATRICIA A. SKELTON---2021

11TH JOHN BANKS---2001

GILLIAN DRURY---2019

ADRIAN CLARKE---2022

12TH OLIVE HASLAM---1977

WILLIAM WILSON---1982

13TH ERNEST WARDLE---1968

HARRY HOLE---1986

JAMES WALKER---2003

* KATHLEEN BRADLEY---2007

14TH KATHLEEN M. WASS---2001

15TH PRISCILLA BINNS---1972

JOYCE HARDY---2003

JAMES SHEMWELL--2019

17TH FLORENCE HOLLIS---2001

SAMUEL SILCOCK---2003

BRIAN PATMAN---2007

IVAN LAYTON---2009

19TH ARCHIE PENDLETON---1971

BEATRIX WRIGHT---1972

MARY A. SIDDALL---1974

20TH JENNIFER VALENTINE---1993

MAY HOSKIN---1961

JOHN PARKIN---2003

21ST HARRY BARGH---1966

ALICE HOLMES---1972

HANNAH WILSON---1991

COLIN G. PAYNE---2001

JAMES A. LAYTON---2005

22ND * STANLEY TEW---1992

ERIC BARDSLEY---2019

SUSAN M. RAINFORD---1995

ROBERT A SHAWCROFT---2010

TERRENCE NEEDHAM---2016

NORMAN HARRISON---2019

23RD DERRICK PREECE---2007

24TH JUDITH HASLAM---1993

REGGIE BLAIR---1993

NICOLA S. WASS---1999

25TH ARTHUR HOLLIS---2004

26TH FRANK NEEDHAM---1998

EDWIN KAY---2005

28TH CHRISTINA ARMSTRONG---1987

DORA JOLLEY---2000

*STANLEY HARDY---2012

29TH WILLIAM LAYTON---1984

JULIE M FERREDAY---2021

30TH DOROTHY SMITH---1995

31ST ORIEL WILSON---2002

PAUL TURNER---2022

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)

Dear Friends,

By now, the beginning of March, one week of Lent will have passed, and those of us who have given something up, or indeed taken something up, will probably be getting into a new routine. I wonder how well you are doing? Have you had a sneaky biscuit, or made excuses to miss that planned exercise?

In the same way that the Advent season was preparation for Christmas, the forty days of Lent are an important season of preparation for Easter. A time of devotion, reflection and self-examination, particularly during the final week, Holy Week, which this year is the first week of April.

For those who like to know these things, Lent is a shortened form of the Old English word *lencten*, meaning "spring season", when the days lengthen.

But why forty days, and what do biscuits and exercise have to do with preparing for Easter?

The season lasts for forty days (not including Sundays), from Shrove Tuesday, that is Pancake Day, to Easter Sunday. Forty days of fasting, or at least giving up treats, or practicing disciplined living, following the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness. In the Bible account, while Jesus was there, Satan tempted him to turn away from God and worship him instead, but Jesus refused to, which is why people might observe a Lenten discipline, in order to test their own self-control too.

But there is a break in the fasting and discipline of Lent. Mothering Sunday: 19th March this year. Mother's Day has become an opportunity to send cards and give flowers in recognition of all that mothers do, but for many mothers, and would-be mothers, it is a painful and difficult day.

However, Mothering Sunday has been celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent, the halfway point, in the UK and Ireland since the 16th century.

Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters who had gone to work as domestic servants, were given a day off to visit their mother and family. Christmas had been spent working, maybe with some time off on Boxing Day and Easter would again be a time of work, but Mothering Sunday was kept as a holiday.

It was customary for servants to be allowed to cook their mothers a light fruit cake to take as a gift. Whether the layers of rich marzipan in the middle were being hidden from their housekeepers, or as a surprise for their families, both explanations being equally believable, it was almost certainly leftover from the Christmas fare. Known as Simnel cakes, today these are also made for Easter and usually decorated with additional marzipan eggs on top.

There are some weird and wonderful theories about the origin of the word simnel, but this one from a 19th-century tale, I thought most far-fetched and most humorous.

Legend has it that an old couple called Simon and Nell, decided to use leftover ingredients from Christmas to make a cake for Spring, but they argued over what to do with the dough – Simon wanted to boil it and Nell wanted to bake it. They compromised by doing both, with their invention becoming known as a Sim-Nell cake, according to Alex Lloyd (Lovefood.com).

Whether you are preparing for Easter with a Lenten discipline or not, you are of course welcome to celebrate this most important Christian festival at St Lawrence on Easter Sunday morning, when Family Mass is at 11.00 am, and I believe there will be Simnel cake on offer.

(Photo: James Petts)

Revd Gill.



CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

At last the days are lengthening and Spring is in the air. Snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are looking beautiful, including those in the Church's Julie Ferreday Memorial Wildflower Garden. We are looking forward to seeing how the garden develops through the months as bulbs have been planted and wildflower bee bombs scattered; we are hoping for a lovely display of flowers for everyone to enjoy.

We welcomed Topaz class into Church on the 7th February and our family mass was on the 12th February; thank you to all who took part in both services. Our theme at the family service was the Psalms and Joe and Elodie shared the reading of one of the psalms beautifully.

April is the month for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and this year it will be held in Church on the 2nd April after the 11am service. Please come along and take part if you can. If you wish to take a more active part in the life of the Church, or have something to contribute to discussion, we would love to see you there.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their magazine subscription, we are happy to know that so many of you enjoy reading your parish magazine.

Mothering Sunday

Although our 8am service will remain on the second Sunday of the month, the 12th March, our family mass will be on the 19th March for Mothering Sunday. We hope you will be able to come along as a mother or bring

your mothers to enjoy the service and be presented with a small token of appreciation.

Easter activities

Don't forget to come along to Church for your breakfast on Wednesdays during Lent where you can 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. See upcoming events for dates.

As Lent ends we are looking forward to a busy Holy Week. Please see the list of Easter and Lent services on page — The Easter services are very special, please come along if you can.

Jubilate singers are returning to present a concert for us on the evening of Wednesday 5th April.

Family activities will be held again in and around the Church on Good Friday morning, along with the return of the Easter trail and of course there will be an Easter egg hunt after the service on Easter Sunday.

We really hope you will be able to join us for some of the services and events.

Upcoming Events

Lent breakfasts:

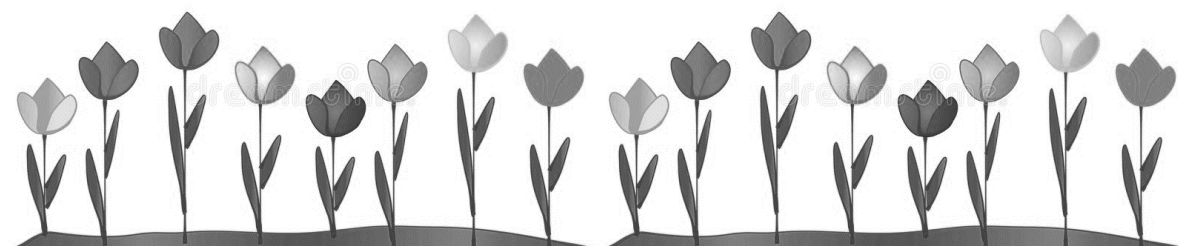
22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March 9.30am-11.30am. Proceeds this year are to be shared between St Lawrence Church and Chesterfield Food Bank.

Easter services and events: See page 11.

APCM in Church after the 11am service: 2nd April

Open Gardens: Sunday 2nd July 10am-4pm

Flower Festival: Wednesday 16th-Tuesday 22nd August.



Easter & Lent services and events 2023

Lent Parish Breakfasts

Wednesdays 22nd February – 29th March at St. Lawrence Church Barlow
From 9.30am to 11.30am

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 19th March --11am Family mass at Barlow Church

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 2nd April - 11am Mass with Passion narrative at Barlow

Monday 3rd April & Tuesday 4th April 7.30pm Compline with address on Zoom

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Wednesday 5th April

- 7.30pm Holy Week concert by Jubilate Singers at Barlow Church
- 7.30pm Film showing of “The Way” at Old Brampton Schoolroom

Maundy Thursday 6th April

- 5pm communion service at Loundsley Green
- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Mass ending with stripping of the Altar & vigil at Barlow Church

Good Friday 7th April

- 9.30am Morning activities for families at Barlow Church
- 12noon stations of the cross. Barlow
- 1pm silence & readings. Barlow
- 2pm -- Liturgy of Good Friday. Barlow

Saturday 8th April - 8.30pm Easter vigil with Easter fire & lighting of the Easter candle

Easter Day Sunday 9th April 2023

- 6 am—Service of light followed by breakfast at Old Brampton
- 9.30am—Easter day family communion at Old Brampton followed by Easter egg hunt
- 11 am—Easter Day Family Mass at Barlow followed by Easter egg hunt



JUBILATE SINGERS-DRONFIELD

This local choir will be performing a concert in Barlow Church
on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm.

The programme content will be mainly religious as we are in Holy Week.
There are no tickets being issued so just turn up, but there will be retiring
donations to cover our costs.

ST LAWRENCE GREAT BARLOW

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held in **Barlow Church**
on **Sunday 2nd day of April 2023 at 12.30pm**

For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- To the Parochial Church Council 9 representatives.
- To the Deanery Synod Election 2 representatives.

For the appointment of Sidespersons and the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) A report on changes in the roll since the annual parochial church meeting;
- (b) An annual report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) The financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December 2022 immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined;
- (d) A report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- (e) A report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod and other matters of parochial or general church interest.

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Road Closure

20 March to 7 April 2023

Barlow Lees Lane

“To facilitate ducting/pole installation works”

(Derbyshire County Council)

Defibrillator Training

Saturday 18th March, 10am – 12.30pm, Village Hall, Millcross Lane.

Interested residents please check with the clerk for free places left.

Planning Applications / Decisions

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- 22/00028/FL – Change of use from church to dwelling. Side extension and raising of roof to rear at Barlow Methodist Church, Millcross Lane

RESOLVED Clerk to enquire if a colour for the render had been selected and if the trees planted on the front of the site would be there for privacy.

- 23/00029/FL – Erection of agricultural polytunnel at Oak Tree Farm, Johnnygate Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions received

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

No further planning matters circulated.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

- 23/00063/AMEND – Non-material amendment pursuant of 20/00038/FLH, detached garage will be timber frame with brick plinth and timber clad walls at Dobbin Cottage, Dobbin Lane, Peakley Hill
RESOLVED no comments
- 23/00022/FL – Retrospective application to re-grade part of a field to form a level grassed platform (Conservation Area) at Church Farm, Hackney Lane, Barlow
RESOLVED no comments
- 23/00075/FL – Extension of main hall into existing storage area, raising of existing wall between gables. Replacement of pitched roof between gables to flat with roof lantern. Addition of 2 large window openings on east elevation at Barlow Village Hall, Millcross Lane, Barlow
RESOLVED no comments

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



**Spring is here. Spring is here.
Goodbye snow. Flowers grow.
Birds and bees. Leaves on trees.
Hello Spring, Hello Spring.**

Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air! We cannot wait to get back into our garden and begin planting our vegetables again. Any donations of seeds or small plants that

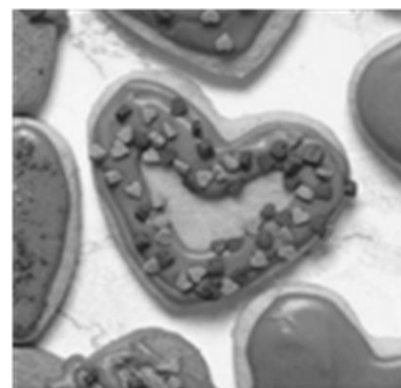
we can grow would be appreciated. The daffodils donated by the Parish Council are already growing nicely.

Last term at Pre-school we really enjoyed cooking and following different recipes. So far we have made funny toast faces, buns, mini pizzas and pancakes! Food was a big part of our Chinese New Year celebrations too, as well as making lucky money envelopes full of chocolate coins, lanterns and doing some dragon dancing. During Valentine's Week we made cards, did heart-shaped natural weaving at Forest School, baked Valentine's biscuits and did heart-themed crafts. In March we will be



focusing on healthy eating.

One of our grandparents is kindly coming in once a week to make lots of healthy tasty treats with the children, including hummus dip, banana and honey, avocado on toast, couscous and much more. As well as



talking about healthy eating we will be encouraging lots of exercise, as well as mindfulness through our weekly yoga sessions with @gemmalouyoga.com.

The first week in March is Book Week. Children are being sponsored to see how many stories they can listen to during the week and are also invited to come in their pyjamas and bring a teddy to listen to a different story each day, read by one of our parents or grandparents. All money raised will go towards a new water tray.

Holi, the Hindu festival, is celebrated on Wednesday 8th March, also known as the Festival of Colour. We will be exploring colour as well as having our own colour throwing party and lots of colourful messy play.

Finally, we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all the members of the community who responded to our questionnaire about a new outside classroom. We had lots of responses which will definitely help us when the lottery fund assesses our claim. Fingers crossed that we will be successful!

Jo (Manager)

BARLOW CofE SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

'What have you done today to make you feel proud?'

This is a very appropriate question to ask in a school. The children are always doing things that make us feel proud. We're also proud of the many and varied opportunities the children have to flourish, both in their academic work and in the range of activities beyond the classroom. This is very much reflected in our school vision in particular the bible verse: *"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16

Sapphire class certainly made us feel proud at the Young Voices concert at the beginning of February. Their behaviour was impeccable and they sang their hearts out. Joining in with Heather Small singing 'Proud' was a particular highlight together with dancing along with Urban Strides and learning how to beatbox alongside Beatbox Collective. The conductor David Lawrence really worked some magic to bring together the choir of 5000 children and the many special guests. It was truly a night to remember! We're already looking ahead to 2025 when we will take the next cohort of children.



Emerald class have also shone musically. They performed on trumpets and trombones for their parents, showcasing their musicianship, singing and playing several simple tunes. The Wider Opportunities programme which allows whole classes to learn an instrument alongside their teacher is very inclusive and means every child experiences the thrill of playing an instrument regardless of income.

We have just had news that the Sapphire class children who went to the Greater Sheffield Schools bouldering competition earlier this term have qualified for the final in second place. This is a fantastic achievement, given that it is an unfamiliar sport for them. Our coaches Becca and Louise worked hard to encourage us and ensure the children performed at their best. Louise is also a member of the GB climbing team, so it was lovely to meet her. We are excited to meet other local schools from across Derbyshire and Barnsley in the final at the end of March.



Amethyst class, meanwhile, have been over to Springwell school to meet up with other local schools for an Early Racers festival. Balance was the theme of the day. This meant activities like beanbags on heads, stepping over obstacles and of course riding balance bikes. The children were very enthusiastic and relished the many different challenges.



On a different note, Topaz class shared a short collective worship in Church with the rest of the school and their parents. The theme of the collective worship was friendship, which was our theme for the first half term. Topaz class discussed what being a friend meant to them and how we could show friendship to each other. They then told the story of David and Goliath before winding up with the song 'Build up':

Build up one another
Build up your sisters and brothers
Build up one another
Build Up

Amethyst and Topaz class were learning about toys in the Autumn term. Where better to consolidate this topic than with a trip to the Museum of Childhood at Sudbury Hall. The children experienced dressing up in the Victorian classroom with some even volunteering to wear a dunce's cap! They had an interactive workshop where they had the chance to handle some of the toys and investigate how they moved. Then there was time to look around the museum. For the teachers, it was a real trip down memory lane as they spotted familiar toys from their own childhoods. For the children, there were many curious things to look at and investigate, including a spectacular display of a child's bedroom strewn with toys. The curious thing about this was that it was fully mounted on the ceiling so it involved lying on the floor to look at it. We highly recommend Sudbury Hall as a day out for children of all ages!



Number Day takes place every year in February as a fund - raising opportunity from the NSPCC to support their vital work of keeping children safe. It was lovely to join in with this event. Everyone came in number-themed tops. The classes then

circulated around all the teachers in the morning to experience a variety of number-themed activities. These ranged from building shapes out of straws and solving problems involving days of the week to a series of mathematical challenges including tangram pictures. If you fancy having a go at a simple investigation, look below:

Frogs Investigation

You might have seen this puzzle before:



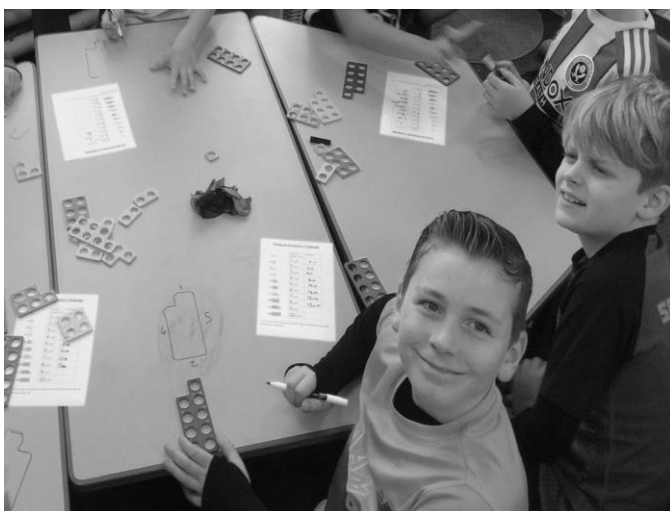
There are three toads and three frogs sitting on their lily pads, as shown.

You have to swap the frogs with the toads, but there are some rules. Why not try it using counters.

- *Only move one square at a time.
- *You can slide one space or jump one space only over one of the opposite colour.
- *All frogs and toads can only move forwards from the direction they start in.

Question: What is the smallest number of moves it takes to swap them over?

What about if you start with more counters or fewer counters? Are there any patterns in the number of moves it takes to swap them over?



Penny (Headteacher)

POETRY CORNER

EMILY DICKINSON (1830 – 1886):

Dear March – Come In

Dear March—Come in—
How glad I am—
I hoped for you before—
Put down your Hat—
You must have walked—
How out of Breath you are—
Dear March, how are you, and the Rest—
Did you leave Nature well—
Oh March, Come right upstairs with me—
I have so much to tell—

I got your Letter, and the Birds—
The Maples never knew that you were coming—
I declare - how Red their Faces grew—
But March, forgive me—
And all those Hills you left for me to Hue—
There was no Purple suitable—
You took it all with you—

Who knocks? That April—
Lock the Door—
I will not be pursued—
He stayed away a Year to call
When I am occupied—
But trifles look so trivial
As soon as you have come

That blame is just as dear as Praise
And Praise as mere as Blame—

CARNIVAL

Dear Friends of Barlow Carnival,

We held our AGM in January and here is a reflection of last year's Carnival and what to expect this year.

We would like to start with a huge 'thank you' to all our volunteers: those who have relentlessly worked on organising, those turning up on the day to put a shift in, the Parish Council and the regular unsung heroes who year after year support Carnival in the background. Without this support Carnival would not happen and couldn't be the great success it has been.

Also thanks to our sponsors. As ever the continued support of The Peacock and Tickled Trout is much appreciated, as are two new sponsors, Howdens Joinery and Village Logs.

We also welcomed Andy Cutts as Treasurer who took over from Sarah Lowe in 2022.

Visitor numbers and revenue surpassed our expectations, up 20% on last year and we believe this was our best-attended Carnival. It was probably our most expensive one yet as we decided to put on additional events and more entertainment throughout the year.

This included an additional cinema night in May and in conjunction with the Tickled Trout and Parish Council we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee on the Village Green in June.

The Fun Run made a return in July with over 100 runners starting and finishing at the Village Hall. After many years of organising this event, Tommy Crowley bowed out and we would like to thank Tommy for all his hard work in organising it and fund-raising over the years. We are also pleased to announce that the mantle will now be passed over to Sam Bellamy.

In November we hosted a successful Christmas Fair at the Village Hall with all traders and carnival members happy with the outcome.

In December we worked with the Young Farmers to host a tractor parade at the carol concert and switch-on of the Christmas lights. This proved

extremely popular and we are looking to making this a regular event from now on.

We are proud to report that in 2022 Carnival donated close to £4000 to local charities and organisations.

We are looking forward to building on some of these successes and bring even more to Carnival in 2023. Planning has already started and here are some key dates for the diary:

Car Boot - 29th May

Fun Run - 14th July

Carnival - 17th – 20th August

Christmas Fair - 25th November

Carols & Lights - 8th December

We are also considering an event on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the Kings Coronation, so watch out for more details about this later.

Keeping with the theme of Royalty: Carnival Royalty.

Barlow Carnival Committee are looking for young ladies and gentlemen to join our royalty team! It's quite a commitment, but it's fun and a great honour to represent our village at other Derbyshire Carnivals throughout the summer.

The age groups and titles available are as follows:

Petal - Age 3-5years

Rosebud - Age 5-7years

Princess - Age 7-11years

Junior Queen - Age 11+

Queen - Age 14+

Pageboy - Age 3+

We are looking for nominations to take on these roles. The children will have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. The Queen and her retinue will be expected to attend in the region of six other village carnivals in the area as well as our own, which requires attendance on Wednesday evening 16th August for the church service and the walking

procession for the Blessing of the Wells and of course on our fabulous Carnival Day on Saturday 19th August.

The responsibility for the float will mainly be down to the parents, family and friends of the Queen and her retinue, but help is available from the Carnival Committee if needed.

For some more information or to register an interest please email info@barlowcarnival.co.uk by Sunday 19th March.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17 March 2023.

Join thousands of people up and down the country getting involved.

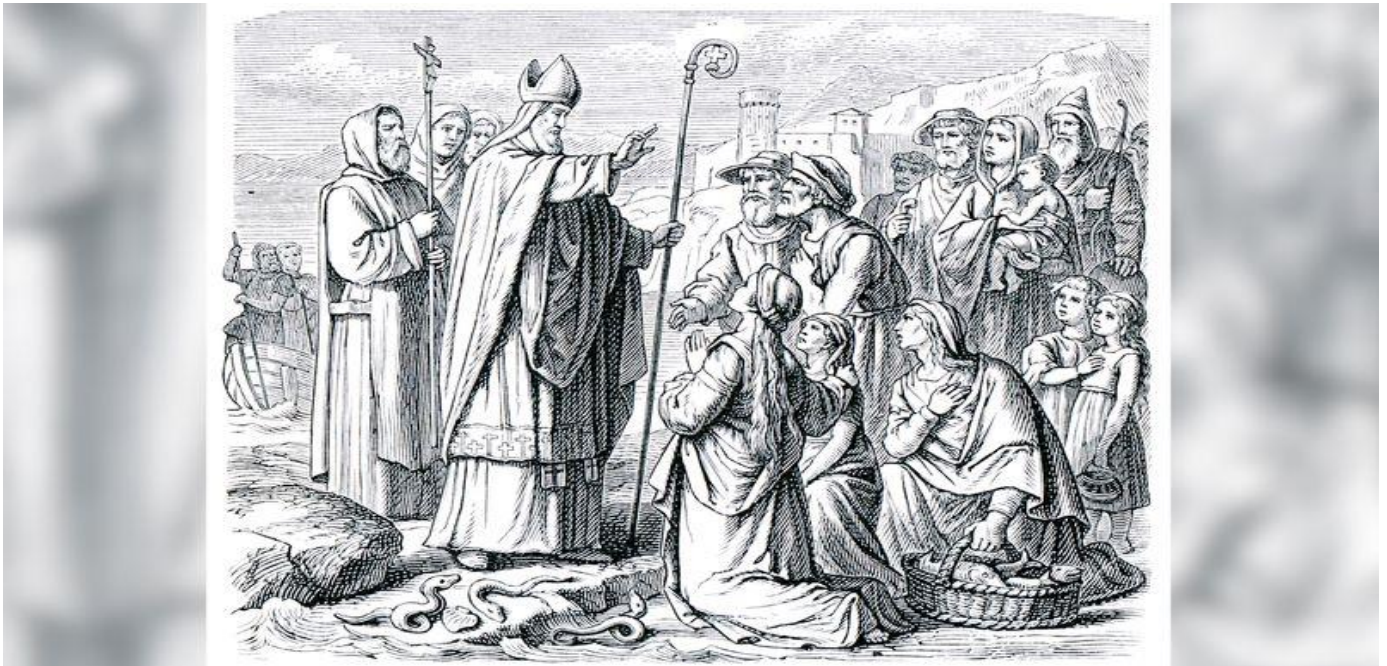
Register now to get your free fundraising pack and set up your JustGiving page.

MOTHER'S DAY (DON'T FORGET!)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

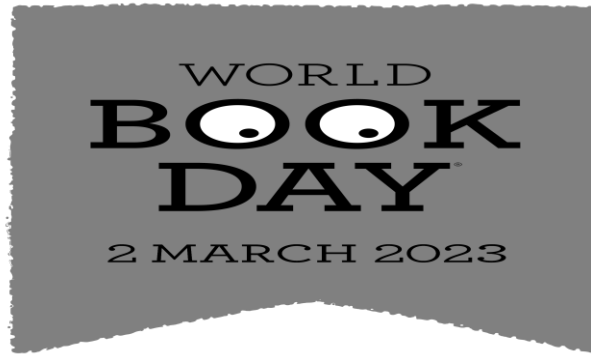
March 17th, Saint Patrick's Day, feast day of Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him - for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.



It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day. Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green" - sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists.

From: Encyclopaedia Britannica

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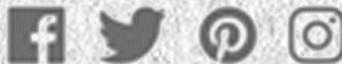
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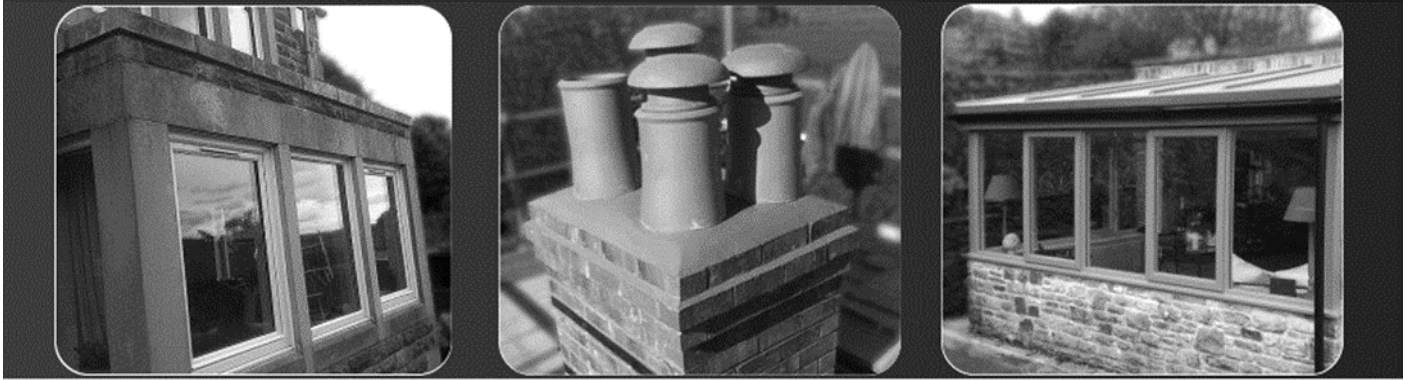




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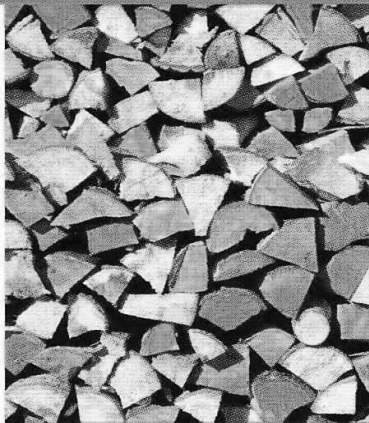
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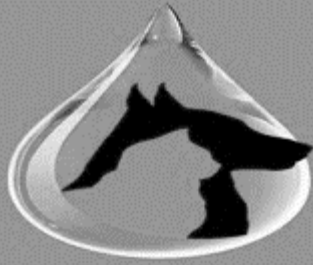
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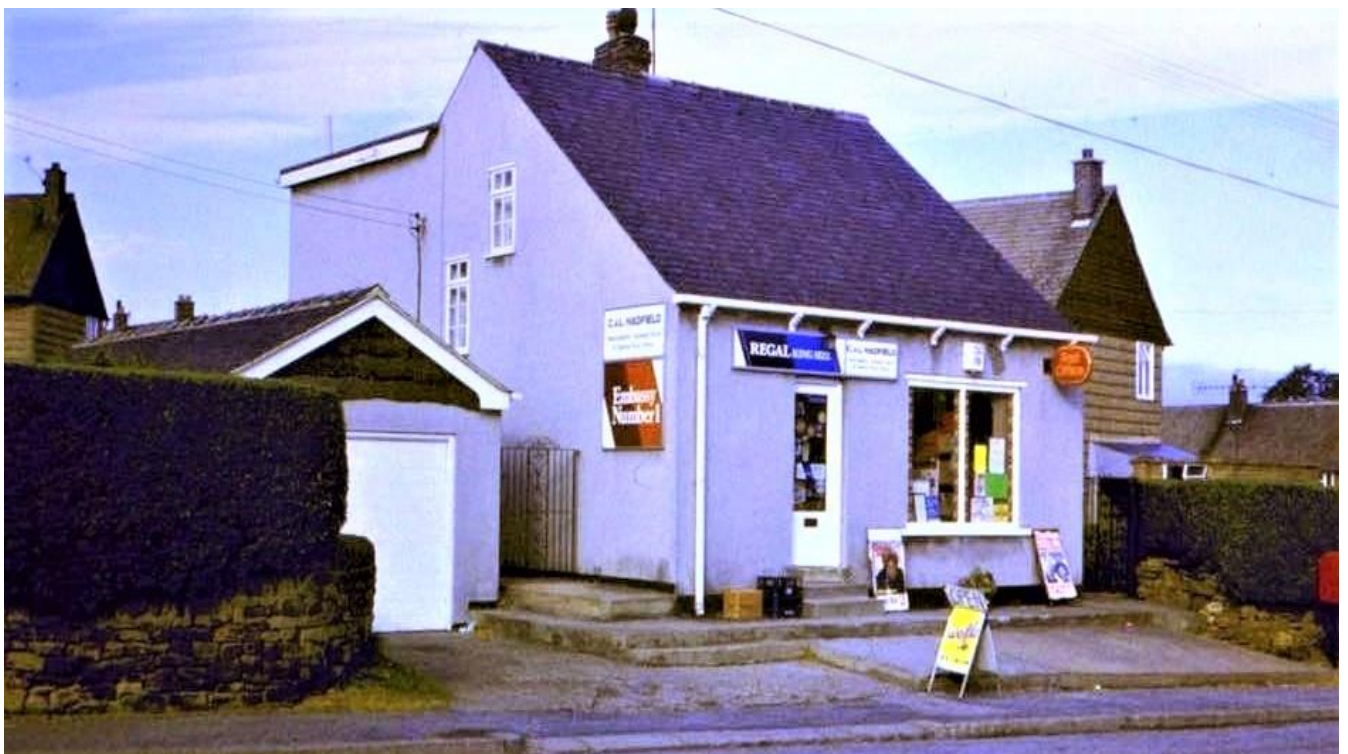
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