



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

# BARLOW

PARISH MAGAZINE

**APRIL 2023 - 70p**

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Easter services  
and events  
please see page 10.***



# APRIL 2023

Dear Readers,

Parish Magazine 2023 – ‘Thank you’ to everyone who has contributed to updating the magazine distribution list and to everyone who has paid their 2023 subscription by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March.

In line with the note included with the February magazine, if you have decided not to renew your subscription by 31<sup>st</sup> March there will be no further deliveries after this edition. We thank you for your support in the past and if you do wish to receive the magazine again in the future, please contact either of the Churchwardens or Joy Layton on the contact numbers at the bottom of this page.

Thank you, The Magazine Team

PS: It has long been a journalistic tradition to publish April Fool’s articles on the first of April. For a little bit of fun, see if you can find the April Fool’s article in this edition of the magazine...

**All contributions for the MAY issue  
must be submitted by  
Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2023, 5pm  
to ensure inclusion.**

**Please send your articles and interesting photographs of the local  
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# CHURCH ROTA APRIL 2023

| Services  | Sides-person                   | Reader          | Intercessions   | Cleaning Wednesdays   |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April<br>11am service                         | J Kingston                     | D Barnes        | J West          |                       |
| Thursday,<br>6 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm                             | Maundy Thursday service        |                 |                 |                       |
| Friday,<br>7 <sup>th</sup> April                                      | See Easter service information |                 |                 |                       |
| Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter Day<br>11am family<br>service | C Mitchell                     | To be confirmed | To be confirmed | H Hicklin & M Hancock |
| Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April<br>11am family<br>service              | A Jacques                      | A Mitchell      | M Hancock       |                       |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April<br>11am service                         | A Haslam                       | D Windle        | J Windle        | J West & J Shore      |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April<br>11am service                         | J Kingston                     | M Barnes        | P Gouldthorpe   |                       |



## ***FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: APRIL 2023***

### **FUNERALS**

None

### **BAPTISMS**

None

### **WEDDINGS**

None

# YEARS MIND FOR APRIL

*From the church registers –*

*\* Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

**1<sup>ST</sup>** ELLA WASS---1986

EVA BRAMWELL---1992

GINA CLARKE---2021

**2<sup>ND</sup>** LINDA BARGH---1966

JAMES W.H. MARPLES---1998

**3<sup>RD</sup>** MARY WILKINSON---1971

IDA SHEMWELL---1978

FRANK R. COBB---2001

**4<sup>TH</sup>** \* ALBERT CALVERT---1990

BRIAN DRURY---2022

**5<sup>TH</sup>** ROSEMARY G. MILWARD---2005

JAMES R. LEE---2007

**6<sup>TH</sup>** IRENE HASLAM---2017

**7<sup>TH</sup>** JOSEPHINE ELSE---1971

BARRIE HOLLIS---1993

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RITA WRAGG---2016

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2005

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**11<sup>TH</sup>** \* WALTER ALAN DICKMAN---2013

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**13<sup>TH</sup>** EDITH MARGERRISON---1973

MARGARET STUBBINS---2008

MURIEL FLINT---2020

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**18<sup>TH</sup>** WILLIAM R. MIDDLETON---2003

\*JUNE GRICE---2011

**19<sup>TH</sup>** BEATRICE WRIGHT---1972

IRIS WILSON---1995

**20<sup>TH</sup>** ANDREW J HURT---2012

**21<sup>ST</sup>** ERLE KINGSTON---1972

**22<sup>ND</sup>** FRANK PATILLA---1977

JOANNE WESTON---2012

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**23<sup>RD</sup>** ELIZA HOWARD---1966

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**24<sup>TH</sup>** HORACE SMALLEY---1964

**25<sup>TH</sup>** \* EMILY M. TAYLOR---1990

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**26<sup>TH</sup>** HAROLD STEVENSON---1979

WALTER G. HALLATT---2004

**27<sup>TH</sup>** BILL DAVIS---1998

OLIVER JACQUES---2019

**28<sup>TH</sup>** FREDA BOWER---1965

**29<sup>TH</sup>** BRENDA POWELL---2013

PAMELA M WARD--2020

SIDNEY BEADBURY---2007

**30<sup>TH</sup>** IRENE KINGSTON---1990

EDNA E. McGUINNESS---2020

JANET WEST---2022



# BARLOW CHURCH

## (ST. LAWRENCE)

**Dear Friends,**

“April showers bring forth May flowers.”

In these days of climate change and more unstable seasons, this isn't a saying we hear much any longer! In the past though, when weather systems were a bit more settled, the verse did reflect what we actually experienced. Alternate sunshine and gentle rainfall was the spring way of nature. The sun



nurtures all that the rain has brought to life and in such a beautiful rural spot as Barlow, we see this bursting to life and renewal of nature all around us every day at this time of the year.

Last month, the church was in the season of Lent. This month, we move into Holy Week and then Easter. The word ‘Lent’ actually comes from an old English word meaning ‘springtime’. It is no coincidence that the great Christian festival of Easter falls at this time. The word ‘Easter’ itself is argued by some to have come from a Teutonic (German) word meaning ‘resurrection’ or from ‘Eostre’, a pre-Christian goddess celebrated at the beginning of Spring. Whichever, the connection of the word with the bringing forth of new life has been firmly established.

Rain and sunshine: Rain may bring forth the fruits of the earth, but it is also associated with the tears of sadness - how many cinematic funerals do we see which take place in the rain! Sunshine on the other hand gives us the uplift of hope.

The Easter story, too, is that mixture of sadness – tears – followed by the sun – life and joy. The sun and the Son (God’s Son) are bound together in our thinking. Without the Passion of Jesus (his rejection by others that led to the cross) there would have been no resurrection, no assertion of the life of God as conquering all.

In our own lives, too, since last Easter, most of us will have had periods of sadness, loss, difficulty, which at the time dominated our thoughts and sapped our energy. Some personal sadness, e.g. the loss of a loved one,

may never really go away, but the Passion of Jesus (his close and ever present love for us all) and the Resurrection of Jesus (his conquering of all those things which bind and limit) can, and should, give us a sense of hope, joy in the moment and a feeling of thankfulness that, whether we're aware of it or not, we have a God who loves us and cares.

I send every good wish for an Easter of joy and a sense of peace in the days following.

God bless,  
Rev'd Janet Quick

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **(ST. LAWRENCE)**



**Dear Friends,**

The season of Lent is almost at an end and Holy Week upon us. The last Lent breakfast takes place on 29<sup>th</sup> March, so if you have not yet joined us for a delicious treat and receive this edition in time, please come along. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Church and Chesterfield Food Bank; we hope you enjoyed your breakfasts! We would also like to thank all those who helped in any way to ensure the breakfasts ran smoothly - we couldn't do it without you.

Other events in March included welcoming Emerald class into Church and our Mothering Sunday service; thank you to all who took part in both services. Bunches of daffodils were given to all the congregation at the



Mothering Sunday service in thanks and recognition of the nurturing role of all who are part of a family or community.

We are now looking forward to our special events over Easter which are detailed on page 10.

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

Also please come and join us for family activities which will be held in and around the Church on Good Friday morning, along with the return of the Easter trail. Don't forget there will be an Easter egg hunt after the service on Easter Sunday, for children of all ages!

### **Coronation Event**

We are pleased to be joining in with the Parish Council and carnival committee in an event at the Village Hall to celebrate the coronation of King Charles on the afternoon of Sunday 7th May. More details are to be announced shortly.

### **Joy's Garden Party**

Joy Layton will be holding a garden party at her home in aid of St Lawrence on 18<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm. Sandwiches and cakes will be served and entertainment provided. Entry will cost £6; please let Joy, Pete or Julie know if you would like to attend.

We really hope you will be able to join us for some of the services and events over the Easter period and look forward to welcoming you.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Last Lent breakfast: 29<sup>th</sup> 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 separate page (p10).**

**APCM in Church after the 11am service: 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Joy's Garden Party: 18<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm**

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

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

# Easter & Lent services and events 2023

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## **Last of the Lent Parish Breakfasts**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at St. Lawrence Church - 9.30am to 11.30am

## Holy Week

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**Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - 11am Mass with Passion narrative at Barlow

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - 7.30pm Compline with address on Zoom - Code: ID: 814 8751 9735 - Passcode: 258339

## **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> April**

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

## **Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April** 8.30pm Easter vigil with Easter fire & lighting of the Easter candle

## Easter Day - Sunday 9th April 2023

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- 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **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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*JOY'S  
GARDEN PARTY*

Thursday 18th May 2023  
From 2pm

Come along and enjoy afternoon tea  
with Joy Layton  
in her beautiful garden.  
Entertainment provided from 3pm.

Entry: £6  
Proceeds to St Lawrence Church, Barlow.

23 Barholme Close  
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*Please note limited parking on the close.*



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## **Road Closure**

You wait for ages and then two come along at once:

Commonside Road 13<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> April

To facilitate highway construction.

## **Planning Applications / Decisions**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

- 23/00084/FL – The erection of a steel-portaled framed agricultural building with existing access track at Furnace Farm, Furnace Lane, Barlow

**RESOLVED** no comments

- 22/00687/FL – Application for new 3 bedroom dwelling (Conservation Area) (Amended Plans) at Windy Ridge, Wilkin Hill, Barlow

**RESOLVED** no comments

### **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- 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 – **Conditionally Approved 6 February 2023**
- 22/01246/FLH – Decking area to rear of property at Meadow Reach, Wilkin Hill, Barlow – **Conditionally Approved 17 February 2023**
- 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, Barlow – **Withdrawn, No Decision 20 February 2023**

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

No further planning matters circulated.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

- 23/00029/FL – Erection of agricultural polytunnel (amended plan) at Oak Tree Farm, Johnnygate Lane, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments.
- 23/00150/DISCON – Discharge of conditions 2 and 3, pursuant of planning application 22/00711/LB (Listed Building) at Lees Hall Farm, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments.
- 23/00177/FLH – Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 20/00038/FLH to amend garage design at Dobbin Cottage, Dobbin Lane, Peakley Hill, Barlow  
**RESOLVED** no comments.

**Save the Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

To mark the coronation of King Charles III, the parish council , carnival committee and Church are planning an event on the recreation ground by the Village Hall. Please look out for more details in a little while!

**Speedwatch: Why do Speedwatch in Barlow?**

Speeding accounts for around 1 in 4 fatal collisions!

A new safety campaign “THINK!” urges drivers to think about the dangers of driving too fast for road conditions.

- the campaign highlights that speed kills and injures 54 young people every week in the UK
- latest statistics show 60% of all serious and fatal collisions involving young male car drivers happened on rural roads
- new road safety campaign launched to raise awareness of risks when speeding or driving too fast for road conditions, especially on rural roads

# BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



## Dear Friends,

it's been a busy term so far at Barlow Pre-school. Book week was a huge success, with lots of parents coming in to read stories and promote a love of books and reading. The sponsored read raised over £600 which is an amazing amount. This will go towards buying a new water tray and the fund to resurface our play area.

Our healthy cooking with Granny Dee is very popular. The children have loved making healthy snacks such as cheese scones, hummus dips and blueberry and orange muffins.

The Hindu festival of Holi gave us an opportunity to explore colour in lots of different ways, through colour mixing, rainbow rice, paint blowing and printing.

Mother's day gifts were made using mini milk bottles decorated as vases, with a daffodil in and the children printed some beautiful cards using watercolour pens.

Easter is just around the corner, so the children and parents will be busy making their Easter bonnets for our bonnet parade. We are looking forward to our egg rolling competition on the village hall field as well as holding an Easter hamper raffle.

After the Easter holidays we welcome the return of KIXX football and multi skills. We have been working with KIXX for a few years now and the children absolutely love the fun and interactive sessions. They also run sessions during the week and at weekends for children aged between 2 and 10. Have a look at their facebook page @kixxsChesterfield or their webpage [kixx.org.uk](http://kixx.org.uk) to find out more about them.

Jo (Manager)

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# BARLOW CofE SCHOOL

## Latest news



Willersley Castle was the destination for the Sapphire Class residential at the end of March. This imposing former hotel set on a hillside above the banks of the River Derwent provided the perfect backdrop for our three days and two nights away.



Our first day, we had a wander around Cromford Mills and found out about Richard Arkwright's pioneering work setting up the factories powered by water. We followed this with a stroll along the canal to Leawood Pump House. The children spent some time carefully sketching this, noting all the different shapes. There was lots of excitement when we spotted some pike in the canal too.



Then it was up to the castle to find our en suite rooms set in the mews. With sleeping bags laid out, we set off for our first activity which was the zip wire.



There were squeals of excitement aplenty as the children (and teachers!) whizzed from tower to landing platform. Everyone had a go and this set the scene for the rest of the activities with everyone having a good go at everything. It was lovely to see the children encouraging and supporting each other through all the activities.

**Emilie Y5:** On Wednesday, we did an activity called IE games, which was my favourite. IE games was basically fun/hard brain busters that we did with an instructor called Tasha. It was really fun. There were a lot of brain busters that required teamwork. One of them was a bucket that has 4 ropes attached to it and we each had to hold a rope and work together to place it on a podium. The other activity that required teamwork was called the birthday



bench and we had to sort ourselves in different ways without coming off the bench. Also, there was a fun game called manner gallery. For that one, there was a stick that we passed around and drew something. If we said thank you after we got the stick our picture would get in but if we didn't say thank you our picture wouldn't get in. We also did other games like that.



**Harriet Y5:** On the trip to Willersley Castle, my favourite activity was the low ropes. The low ropes were lots of different obstacles. You had to go on a tight rope, crawl on two ropes, swing on tyres, slide along on things, climb and finally swing from log to log. All while your partner/trio would spot you using ninja squirrel and fists of friendship poses. Then we had to put Ned the head somewhere on our body and carry him over the obstacles. We did drop him a couple of times but he is only a basketball in a helmet.

**Thomas B Y6:** My favourite activity was grass sledging, in grass sledging you have to ride a sledge down a hill. An instructor or your friend would have to push you down the hill. At the bottom of the hill there was a line of tyres protecting you from the river. When it was my turn, I hit the tyres and went flying off my sledge. After about an hour, we went on a bigger hill, grass sledging was so fun.

**Rosa Y6:** During my time at Willersley Castle, my favourite activity was by far the rock climbing. As we scrambled up a rocky path that lead towards the climbing, I had a chat to our instructor. I asked what we would be climbing and he hastily replied a cliff!. Not long afterwards, we arrived. When my turn finally came, I clipped on my harness and started to climb. I loved this activity and I would love to do it again.



# UNITED FOR UKRAINE

## UPDATE

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, after listening to a friend and business contact on BBC Radio Sheffield describing how he planned to help those impacted by the war in the Ukraine I knew right away that the people of Barlow and surrounding villages would want to pull together and support him and the people of the Ukraine, who just like us had been going about their daily lives until the brutal Russian invasion.

Although I knew that we were a wonderfully close community I couldn't have imagined the support from local businesses and individuals. The Tickled Trout allowed us to set up a collection point and for 3 days people donated hundreds of bags of essential items. I was helped by 2 amazing ladies who I know will be horrified if we print their names but let's just call them Jackie and Chelsea....and the team from The Tickled Trout kept us supplied with tea.

Fast forward almost 14 months and the war hasn't abated and neither has Ryk's efforts. The team of volunteers, United for Ukraine, as they are now known have worked tirelessly to raise money and send desperately needed items such as medicines, hospital beds, an incubator, wheelchairs, clothing, dried foods, cots and pushchairs and even recently body armour for an incredibly brave lady who helps get the supplies to the front line.

There have been several events to raise money including live music events, sponsored runs and a charity race night.

The charity now has their own vehicles (quite old and unfortunately not always that reliable) and a small team of volunteer drivers who ensure that all the donations reach Poland and the Ukraine safely.

United for Ukraine are always looking for more help, so that they can continue with their amazing work. There is a Just Giving page now available and you can follow their incredible journey on Facebook.

Shirley Lindsay

# POETRY CORNER

## Home-Thoughts, From Abroad

By Robert Browning

Oh, to be in England,  
Now that April's there,  
And whoever wakes in England  
Sees, some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough In England - now!  
And after April, when May follows,  
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows -  
Hark! where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge  
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover  
Blossoms and dewdrops - at the bent spray's edge -  
That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over,  
Lest you should think he never could recapture  
The first fine careless rapture!  
And though the fields look rough with hoary dew,  
All will be gay when noontide wakes anew  
The buttercups, the little children's dower,  
- Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower!

This poem was written in 1845 while Browning was on a visit to northern Italy, and was first published in his *Dramatic Romances and Lyrics*. It is considered an exemplary work of Romantic literature for its evocation of a sense of longing and sentimental references to natural beauty.

Home Thoughts From Abroad is written as a first person, in which the speaker expresses feelings of homesickness through sentimental references to the English countryside. The poem's opening lines are renowned for their evocation of patriotic nostalgia:

Oh, to be in England Now that April's there



Browning makes sentimental references to the flora of an English springtime, including brushwood, elm trees and pear tree blossom and to the sound of birdsong from chaffinches, whitethroats, swallows and thrushes. The speaker in the poem concludes by stating that the blooming English buttercups will be brighter than the “gaudy melon-flower” seen growing in Italy.

## SPRING

By Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950)

**T**O what purpose, April, do you return again?  
Beauty is not enough.  
You can no longer quiet me with the redness  
Of little leaves opening stickily.  
I know what I know.  
The sun is hot on my neck as I observe  
The spikes of the crocus.  
The smell of the earth is good.  
It is apparent that there is no death.  
But what does that signify?  
Not only under ground are the brains of men  
Eaten by maggots.  
Life in itself  
Is nothing,  
An empty cup, a flight of uncarpeted stairs.  
It is not enough that yearly, down this hill,  
April  
Comes like an idiot, babbling and strewing flowers.



# CARNIVAL

It's all go at Carnival HQ! We're busy planning lots of events and activities in the run up to Carnival this August. Here's a few dates for your diaries:

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – King's Coronation**

We've teamed up with the Parish Council and St Lawrence Church to bring you an afternoon of celebrations to mark the King's Coronation. More details will be announced soon, but we've already got children's entertainment, activities and live music lined up.

## **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Car Boot Sale**

Have a clear out and help raise money for your Carnival. On the Recreation Ground from 6.30am, £8 per pitch. We'll be serving up bacon sandwiches, hot drinks and other refreshments in the village hall.

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – The Barlow Not Quite 10k**

A nearly 10km route around our beautiful Barlow! Starting from and finishing at the village hall.

Online entries only this year. £8 per person. Entries now open at [www.barlowcarnival.co.uk/the-barlow-not-quite-10k](http://www.barlowcarnival.co.uk/the-barlow-not-quite-10k).

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Open Air Cinema**

Popular as ever our Open Air Cinema is back and tickets are now on sale! Sit back and relax for a night at the movies and watch Dirty Dancing!

Grab your tickets online now at [www.barlowcarnival.co.uk/open-air-cinema](http://www.barlowcarnival.co.uk/open-air-cinema) at the special early bird price of Adults - £9, Children - £6, Family Ticket (2 Adults and 2 Children) - £24

## **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Carnival Day**

We've so much planned and we can't wait to tell you what we have been working on! You can expect all your usual favourites as well as some new things this year.

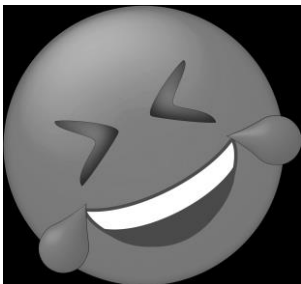
Don't forget the time of the parade is moving! In order to give you more time to enjoy everything we have got planned, the parade will leave Springfield at 1pm, meaning assembly on Springfield Road from 11am and judging from 12noon. Spread the word, we'd hate anyone to miss our fantastic parade!

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Rock the Carnival

Are you ready to rock? We've already got two fantastic bands lined up for you and we'll be announcing who these are next month but before that we're giving you a chance to get discounted tickets. Tickets are now on sale at [www.barlowcarnival.co.uk/rock-the-carnival](http://www.barlowcarnival.co.uk/rock-the-carnival) at just £8. Please note that prices will increase when we announce who the bands are and we expect tickets to sell out quickly. Entry to Rock the Carnival is not included in the usual Carnival entry fee and you will need to buy a separate ticket to stay on the field after 6.30pm.

We're looking forward to bringing you a jammed packed summer of events and hope you will enjoy it! Watch this space for more information coming soon!

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**'Hello? Control?  
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# SPAGHETTI HARVEST

It has been widely reported in the media recently that the supply of some fresh vegetables and fruit has been affected by severe drought in parts of the world we import our food from. This has led to empty supermarket shelves and voices urging farmers and allotment owners to produce more home-grown food.

One Barlow farmer has decided to follow government advice by growing a very popular variety of food on local soil this year for the first time. The plants had to be adapted to thrive in our British climate.

He says: "I'm taking a bit of a risk with this. I think I am the first trying to grow this crop in Derbyshire. It may or may not work, but I will try my best to make sure we can have a successful spaghetti harvest later this year. This experiment will hopefully mean that we will be able to become less reliable on imports from other countries in the future."

We have spoken to Millthorpe Nursery and they have said that they are anticipating interest in this crop from local residents with vegetable plots, so they are going to cultivate spaghetti plants, in greenhouses first, to be ready for planting out in early summer. Hobby gardeners and allotment holders who want to have a go at adding this crop to the vegetables they grow already are welcome to order some plants in advance. Demand is expected to be high and supplies will be limited; the advice is to get in touch with them early to register interest and reserve some plants.



The picture shows spaghetti being harvested from a tree. The plant variety used in our local area will be only reach the size of a small shrub.

# APRIL FOOLS' DAY

**April Fools' Day** or **All Fools' Day** is an annual custom on 1<sup>st</sup> April consisting of practical jokes and hoaxes. Jokesters often expose their actions by shouting "April Fool!" at the recipient. Mass media can be involved with these pranks, which may be revealed as such the following day. The custom of setting aside a day for playing harmless pranks upon one's neighbour has been relatively common in the world historically.

In the UK, an April Fool prank is sometimes later revealed by shouting "April fool!" at the recipient, who becomes the "April fool". A study in the 1950s, by folklorists Iona and Peter Opie, found that in the UK, and in countries whose traditions derived from the UK, this continues to be the practice, with the custom ceasing at noon, after which time it is no longer acceptable to play pranks. Thus a person playing a prank after midday is considered the "April fool" themselves.

In Scotland, April Fools' Day was originally called "*Huntigowk Day*". The name is a corruption of "hunt the *gowk*", *gowk* being Scots for a cuckoo or a foolish person; alternative terms in Gaelic would be *Là na Gocaireachd*, "gowking day", or *Là Ruith na Cuthaige*, "the day of running the cuckoo". The traditional prank is to ask someone to deliver a sealed message that supposedly requests help of some sort. In fact, the message reads "*Dinna laugh, dinna smile. Hunt the gowk another mile.*" The recipient, upon reading it, will explain they can only help if they first contact another person, and they send the victim to this next person with an identical message, with the same result.

In England a "fool" is known by a few different names around the country, including "noodle", "gob", "gobby", or "noddy".

## **Ireland**

In Ireland, it was traditional to entrust the victim with an "important letter" to be given to a named person. That person would read the letter, then ask the victim to take it to someone else, and so on. The letter when opened contained the words "send the fool further".

**A common prank is to carefully remove the cream from an Oreo and replace it with toothpaste...**

# BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

## BORDERING ON THE RIDICULOUS

Barlow now has its very own author, local resident Jon Cook.

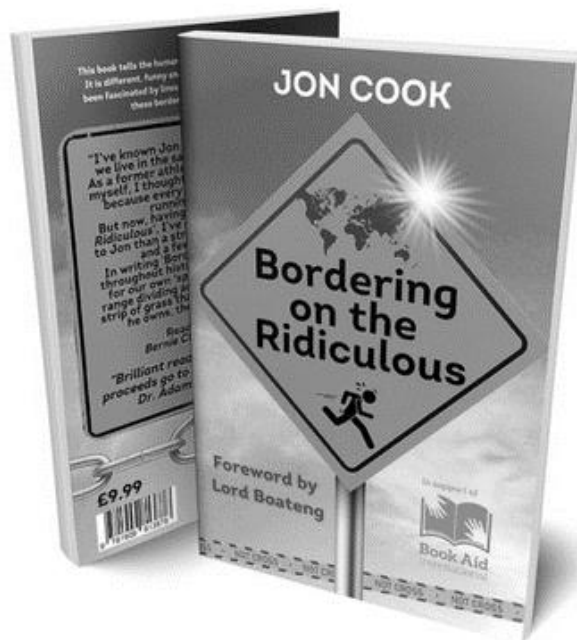
Jon has employed all his skills as a teacher of geography in writing his book "Bordering on the Ridiculous" which was six years in the writing.

Jon arranged his local "launch" at the village hall on 17th February 2023. The event was very well attended and as well as being treated to a very informative talk by Jon, we were also plied with wine and cheese.

Jon's book is packed with many interesting facts and anecdotes, both quirky and amusing, all relating to various borders, walls, fences and crossings etc. around the world.

Well worth a read at only £9.99 with proceeds going to the charity 'Book Aid International'. You can contact Jon on 07808 168579.

Pete Gouldthorpe

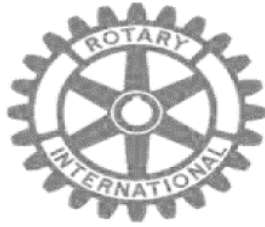


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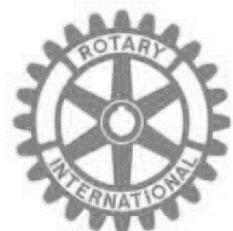
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# PUZZLE PAGES

## POP MASTER – THE 60s

The 1960s are considered by many to be the birth of modern rock music. Answer the following questions and see how much you know or remember about this era.

This quiz is inspired by BBC's Radio 2 Pop Master quiz which the legendary presenter Ken Bruce has presented for many years every morning at 10.30 – sadly for the last time on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March this year. (You may be interested to know that he has decided to continue with the nation's favourite quiz at a different radio station called 'Greatest Hits Radio'...)

Score 1 point for each correct answer to an ordinary question, score up to 3 points for correct answers to a bonus question (1 point for guessing the title of the song from a short lyrics excerpt and an extra 2 points for the artist performing that song. Total points available therefore: 32.)

1. 'Nights in White Satin' is a 1967 single by which rock band?
2. Who was the last (and the highest-paid) performer at the Woodstock Festival in 1969?
3. BONUS QUESTION  
"All the leaves are brown, and the sky is grey...":  
Which song is this line from?  
Who was the artist or group performing this song?
4. True or false: Penny Lane is named after a real street in London.
5. Who was (and still is) the lead singer of The Who?
6. BONUS QUESTION  
"The only boy who could ever teach me...":  
Which song is this line from? Who was the singer?
7. Who sang the title track to the 60s James Bond film 'Thunderball'?
8. Which band of daydream believers began as a fictional band on a sitcom?
9. BONUS QUESTION  
"Love is a burning thing and it makes a fiery ring...":

Which 1963 song is this line from?

Who was the artist performing it?

10. How many number ones did The Beatles have during the 1960s in the UK?

11. Jim Morrison was lead singer of which controversial band?

12. BONUS QUESTION

"Then I watch 'em roll away again':

Which 1967 song is this line from? Who was the singer?

13. Who sang about his 'brown eyed girl' in 1967?

14. Status Quo first charted with 'Pictures of ...' what type of men?

15. BONUS QUESTION

"But now these days have gone, I'm not so self assured...":

Which song is this line from?

Which group wrote and recorded this song?

16. Who sang lead vocals on 'Yellow Submarine' and 'With a Little Help from My Friends'?

17. 'Gimme Shelter' and 'Paint It Black' were hits for which legendary British band?

18. BONUS QUESTION

"...and it's been the ruin of many a poor boy...":

What song?

Which artist?

19. What song is Chubby Checker particularly known for?

20. Which British rock band, formed in London in 1966, consisted of Jack Bruce, Eric Clapton and Ginger Baker?

ANSWERS:

1. Moody Blues 2. Jimi Hendrix 3. California Dreaming / Mamas and Papas 4. False 5. Roger Daltrey 6. Son of a Preacher Man / Dusty Springfield 7. Shirley Basse 8. Monkees 9. Ring of Fire / Johnny Cash 10. 17 11. Doors 12. Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay / Otis Redding 13. Van Morrison 14. Matchstickmen 15. Help the Beatles 16. Ringo 17. Rolling Stones 18. The House of the Rising Sun / Animals 19. Let's Twist Again 20. Cream

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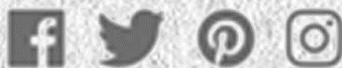
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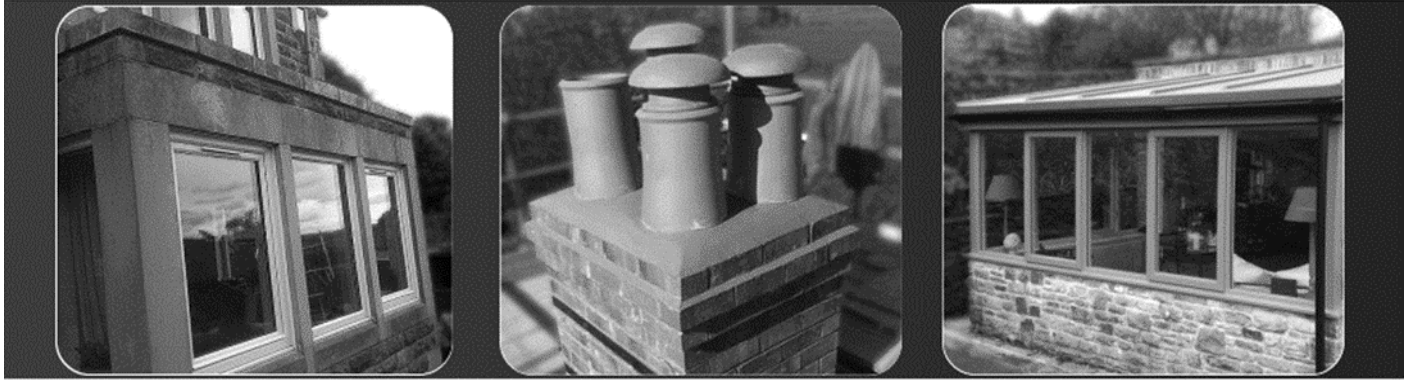




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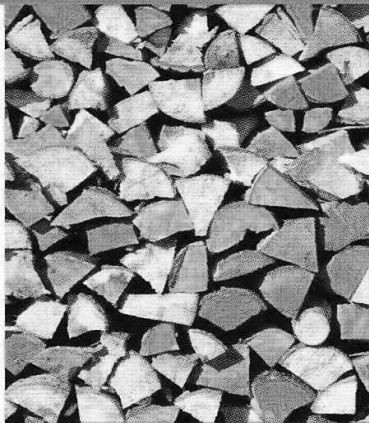
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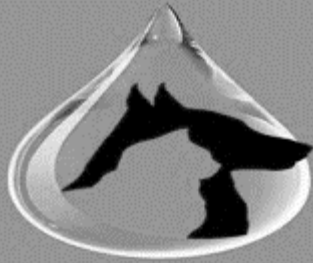
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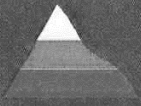
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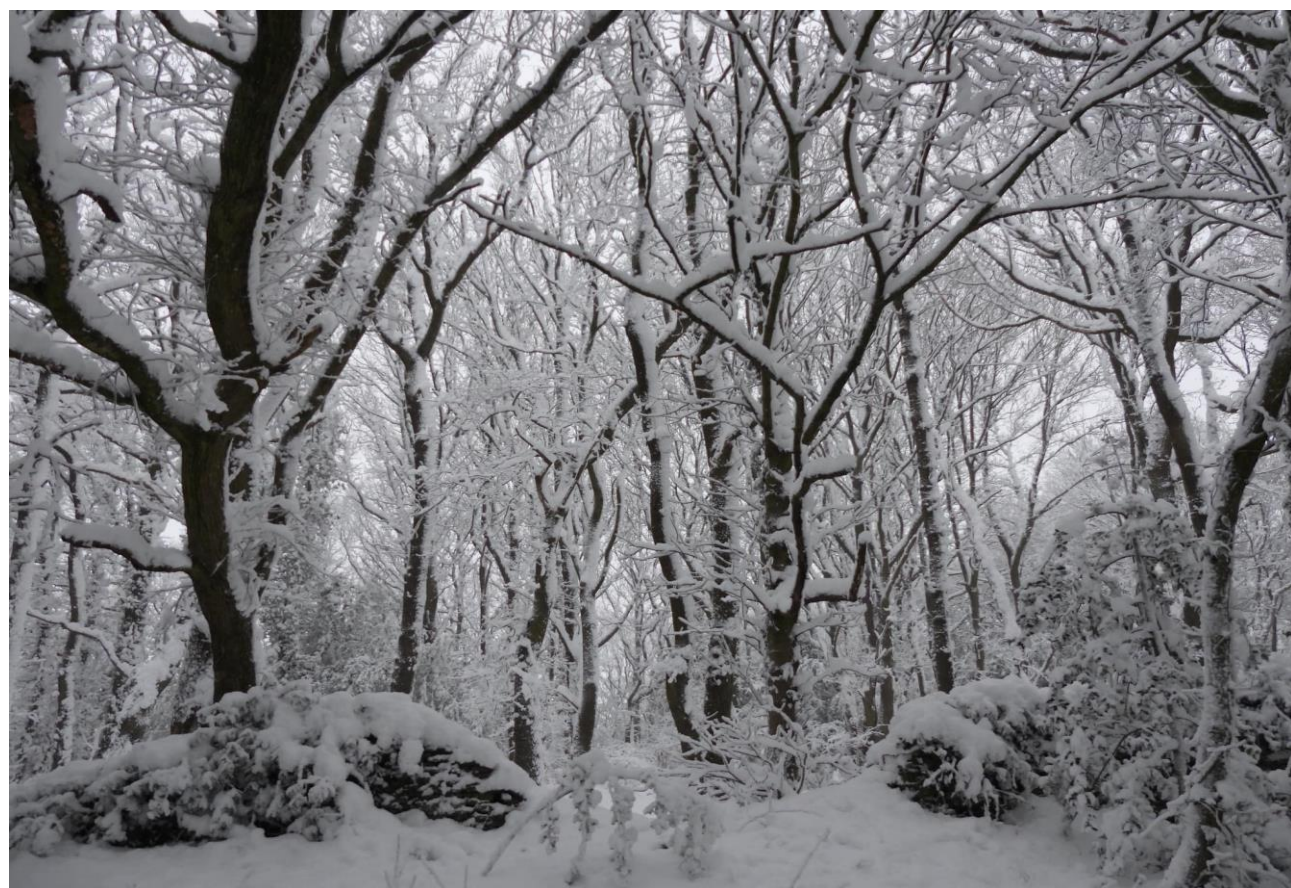
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