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DECEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024

70p



An Evening of
Christmas Music, Carols &
Readings

with

Barlow Singers

BARLOW CHURCH

Tuesday 19th December 2023

7.30pm

sherry & mince pies

Admission Free.

Retiring collection to help cover our costs.

Any enquiries to Julie 07799 639566
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Christmas Services at Barlow Church 2023

Tuesday 19th Dec 7.30pm --- Christmas music, Carols & readings featuring Barlow Singers

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

Sunday 24th Dec 11.30pm --- Midnight Mass at Barlow

Monday 25th Dec 9am --- Christmas Day—Family Mass

Sunday 31st December 10 am --- New Year's Eve
Joint Parish Holy Communion at Old Brampton with
Barlow & Loundsley Green.

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

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DECEMBER 2023 JANUARY 2024

Dear Readers,

When I was a little boy, we used to have small advent calendars to count down the 24 days until Christmas Eve. They were made of thin cardboard, usually depicting the nativity or a wintery scene and behind each small door or window there was a little picture backed by coloured tissue paper. When stuck to a window the light shone through and made it look a bit like stained glass. A few years later, the advent calendars everyone wanted contained little chocolates in each compartment. Now, you can get advent calendars for kids with gaudy, nondescript designs that house anything from Lego, Harry Potter and other figurines of TV fame, books(!), fidget toys to semi-precious stones, beauty products and gin samples for adults. Is that really the spirit of Christmas? Discuss... (and don't get me started on Christmas Eve boxes!)

Happy Christmas to all our readers!

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YEARS MIND FOR DECEMBER

From the church registers –

** Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

1ST EDITH WARDLEY-1977

2ND WILLIAM TURNBULL---1970

EILEEN MORAWSKI---1999

LESLIE DAVID WHITEHOUSE---2015

3RD FRANK FAWSON---1968

MARY A. PICKERING---1979

GEOFFREY WHITTAKER---2010

RITA SMITH---2020

4TH GEORGE H. NEEDHAM---1999

*NEIL JOHNSON---2014

5TH NELLIE HAYES---1980

6TH LESLIE HASLAM---1971

EDITH TURNER---1974

BETTY COBB---2011

7TH MARY NEEDHAM---1981

JAMES H. NEEDHAM---2003

JOHN L. NEEDHAM---2011

COLIN M. SIMPSON---2006

8TH MARY MILTON---1971

SHEILA BARLOW---1993]

THOMAS BOSTON---1994

9TH ETHEL A. HOLMES---1968

GEORGE WRIGHT---1970

HARRY BOWLER---1979

JAMES WILFRED NEEDHAM---1998

JENNIFER W. BANKS---2021

11TH HARRY WHITTAKER---1970

10TH *KENNETH HASLAM 2008

DAVID H. NEEDHAM---2000

JOHN FEATHERSTONE (priest)---2000

* CLARICE R. NEEDHAM---2007

HERBERT FRANK BURGESS---2014

12TH ELAINE L. FAWSON---1993

14TH GERTRUDE JOLLEY---1971

EDNA BOOKER---1985

CONSTANCE GRATTON---1989

MAURICE COULSON---1990

MAVIS TWIGG---1992

15TH MAY SIMPSON---1964

MARY BETTY GILLYATT---2015

FRANK SHAWCROFT---1971

LUCY MORGAN---1975

EMMA MORRIS---?

FRANCES J. MILWARD---1997

JOHN A. BRIGHTMORE 2001

LESLIE ROBINSON---2002

16TH VALERIE M. BINKS---1987

ELIZABETH BARGH---1994

FRANCIS MASON---1997

EILEEN SHEMWELL---2000

MONICA JEAN SIMPSON---2006

*PETER LAYTON---2009

17TH JANE BRAKES---1969

*ALAN MUSSON---1991

MAURICE HAYES SLACK---2004

ADA BOWN---2010

18TH TOM MORGAN---1970

19TH FRANCIS J. MILWARD---1997

STANLEY PEARSON---2002

CHARLES R. TANN---2009

20TH IDA SHAWCROFT---1972

*STANLEY HUGHES---2012

MARGARET MORGAN--2014

21ST VERA BRADBURY---1995

23RD ETHEL M. SIMS---1995

24TH FRANCES BLAKEMORE 1983

NORA WESTON---2000

ENA BLAIR---2018

26TH ELLEN WOODALL---2001

BERYL GOULDTHPORPE---2018

KATHLEEN FOGARTY---2018

27TH THOMAS BINNS---1972

ANNIE KINGSTON 1984

WILLIAM H. WILSON---2001

INA RHODES---2011

28TH ERIC WHITTAKER---1972

WENDY BARNES---2018

HENRY WESTON---1979

ROSA NOBLE---1976

ELSIE MORTON---1977

JOHN H. BOOKER---1993

AUDREY KNOWLES---2016

29TH WILLIAM SPRY---1972

ANDREW KAY---1972

ELSIE STEVENSON---1987

CLAUDE HARRISON---1991

ROY MARTIN---2016

30TH PAULINE ELSIE HIND--2020

31ST ALFRED PICKERING---1974

CECIL JONES---2000

BILLY MARPLES---2006

YEARS MIND FOR JANUARY

From the church registers –

** Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

- 1st** HAROLD LAYTON---2009
MICHAEL HASLAM---2009
- 2ND** ETHEL D. GRATTON 2004
BRIAN J. REEVES---2005
*IDA BRANSON---2014
- 3RD** MURIEL BOOKER---1993
BOB PARKIN---1996
MARY (MOLLIE) HASLAM---1998
- 4TH** LAURA REVELL 1969
MICHAEL HASLAM---2009
- 5TH** ERIC F. A. JAKEMAN---1983
MAUD M. HASLAM---1995
GODFREY HOLMES---1998
JOAN BOYES---2019
- 6TH** ELLEN NEEDHAM---1980
- 7TH** ELLEN WILSON---1964
PATRICIA A. SALISBURY---1995
RACHEL DORIS HASLAM---2005
- 8TH** ADA CROOKES---1966
ANNIE KINGSTON---1985
JOHN STATEN---1971
JOHN DEREK FOGGARTY---2014
RONALD W SIMPSON---2019
- 9TH** CLARA NEEDHAM---1963
AGNES HASLAM---1965
FLORENCE HILL---1978
- 10TH** JUANITA LAYTON 2011
- 11TH** HUBERT REEDER---1988
BILLIE BLOUNT---1998
GEORGE C. HASLAM---2005
KENNETH SKINNER---2012
- 12TH** HARRY THOMPSON—1988
ALFRED E. STUBBINS---1993
JOHN F. DEY---1996
BETTY E. MUSSON---2005
HAZEL B. MEAKIN---2010
ENA ROSALIE BRADBURY---2017
- 13th** GERTRUDE WHATLEY---1965
DENNIS HASLAM---1971
FRANK MORGAN---1979
- 14TH** EMILY NEEDHAM---1964
MARGARET SAVAGE---1997
- 15TH** TERRY G. NEEDHAM---1993
CRAIG ATKINSON---1995
EVELYN BRIGHTMORE---2006
- 16TH** MARY STEVENSON---1964
SIDNEY SMITH---1975
JEAN FROOME---1994
IVY M. LAYTON---1994
- 19TH** ROY BRANSON 1990
JOHN A. NEEDHAM---1991
CONSTANCE M GREGORY---1999
ERNEST LONGDEN---1999
ADRIAN HURT---2016
- 20TH** HANNAH BRANWELL---1978
JOHN WALLACE---1982
ALAN ROY POWELL---2006
WILLIAM BRAMWELL---2014
- 21ST** HENRY WILSON---1981
MARGARET M. WARD---1998
- 22ND** CLARENCE J. SHAWCROFT---2001
CHRISTINE CARR---2014
- 23RD** CLARA WHITTAKER---1965
PHYLLIS BUXTON---2020
- 24TH** MARTIN M SLACK---2021
- 25TH** KATHLEEN MATTHEWS---1979
- 26TH** MARY SMITH---1972
JOHN JOHNSON---1981
HARRY NEEDHAM---2001
COREEN RHODES---2019
- 27TH** ADA BERRESFORD---1968
JOSEPH MARSDEN---1979
MAMIE WRIGHT---1992
- 28TH** ISAAC POWELL---1976
WILLIAM MARGERRISON---1978
JAMES COLLINS---2005
- 29TH** FLORENCE WARD---1969
FLORENCE M BLANKSBY---2010
- 30TH** CATHERINE PLATTS---1964
- 31ST** MAUD HASLAM---1963
LENA WHITE---1977
BADEN POWELL---1970
OLWEN MARY HALL---2019

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Readers,

I'll start with a riddle: what do Tamagotchi, cup-cake dolls and pig onesies have in common? Answer: these were all such popular Christmas gifts that many shops ran out of stock at the time. With the prospect of disappointment, parents were frantic to find them, and there were reports of people travelling miles, and even fighting one another, to buy cup-cake dolls and to be able to keep their promises.

The build-up to Christmas can be stressful as well as exciting.

In the church year, the four weeks of waiting for Christmas are the four weeks of Advent. Waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the fulfilment of God's promise to send a Saviour. These weeks of preparation are an opportunity to delve deeper into the meaning of the account of the birth of Christ, beyond what we read in the Bible, and in particular, to ask the question: What does that mean for me?

But back to Christmases past. For those anxious parents searching for the promised gifts, the impending disappointment seemed unbearable,



because they thought they wouldn't be able to show their love through the giving. But God's promise to send a Messiah, a Saviour, is kept in Jesus. God does not disappoint. God so loved the world that He gave us His Son (John 3:16).

And so we celebrate with meals and decorations, trees and present giving, and maybe by going to Church to see and hear the story of Jesus' birth. I find there is always something beautiful in a traditional nativity play. You are all warmly invited to be a part of the celebrations at your parish church of St. Lawrence. The service times are elsewhere in this magazine.

But this is a double magazine, so I also have to mention 2024.

As decorations get packed away, and for many the post-Christmas diets begin, what is ahead? Will 2024 be much the same as 2023, or will it be different? Will you be making New Year resolutions? Maybe to be a bit more active, to read more, to be more organised, to worry less, or to be a better time-keeper. Will we be keeping the promises we make to ourselves?

I wish you a happy Christmas everyone,

*May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas¹*

and every blessing in the year ahead.

Rev'd Gill.



¹ Common Worship: Times and Seasons,

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Dear Friends,

*For never-resting time leads summer on
To hideous winter, and confounds him there;
Sap checked with frost, and lusty leaves quite gone,
Beauty o'er-snowed and bareness everywhere.
(from Sonnet V by Shakespeare)*

Shakespeare, as we know – even if our only remembrance of his works is agonising school English exam cramming – had a way with words: if we can give time to his poetic expression, we can see that he was able to frame some of the deepest human experiences in words. Here, he laments the passing of summer, with all its attractions, warmth and glory in the natural world, as we face the sternness of winter, which is usually well outside our comfort zone. Barlow, placed as it is in a rural setting, maybe gives to those who live here a more first-hand seasonal knowledge of nature's changes than is possible for 'townies' to know! Not least as we see the previous lush green-ness of cropped fields become furrowed brown, sodden soil. As creatures embedded in nature, these changes do affect us mentally, psychologically – and, for some, physically and psychologically: through SAD (seasonal affective disorder).

But, of course, our present December – January period, is not what Shakespeare was really talking about, because we are now starting to turn our faces away from that 'hideous winter' even though there are a couple of months of it, maybe, still to run. That 'dark season', starting in October, begins to recede from the December 21st equinox and gradually, but surely, leads us towards longer days of light again.

Might this be some kind of metaphor for the times we live in? Much in our human world seems to be stuck in a 'dark season' at the moment. Reports

of wars and rumours of unrest are on the world stage leave us feeling helpless, as most of us are unable to do much about it. In the main, we can only look on with a growing sense of unease, compassion and frustration to world and national events. There may also be aspects of our personal lives which cause similar sentiments: perhaps there are family concerns which are difficult to tackle; a sense of insecurity in the work place; a frustration that our life-hopes are not really working out the way we would wish – or other issues.

The Christian gospel tries to address these concerns. The Christian fellowship has, as leader, one who knew all about life's problems, anxieties, frustrations and hardships. There isn't a page in the Gospels of the life of Jesus that does not feature the difficulties and sufferings of life in some form. It could be said that the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are, in surface respects, not a comfortable read. However, what they hold within them, in how the story of Jesus's life unfolds, is a profound hope realised: that of overcoming the 'rubbish' that the world throws at us. The distortions of the world are overcome and in comes a kingdom of light – the season of darkness is shown not to have the last word. The opening of John's Gospel puts it all quite plainly:

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1. 4,5)

So, as we move through this December – January time, we might spare a thought for that uplifting message brought to us at Christmas; that time of the coming of light, of true light, which can be a guide in all circumstances - if we let it - and a light to be our companion throughout the following year.

With every seasonal blessing and good wishes for 2024,

Rev'd Janet Quick (Member of the St Lawrence Ministry Team)

***FROM CHURCH REGISTERS
NOVEMBER 2023 - January 2024***

FUNERALS --- None

BAPTISMS --- None

WEDDINGS --- None

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

We are drawing towards the end of another year and Advent is once again upon us. Christmas is not far away, but before we look forward to what is to come, let us look back at what has gone before.

It was great to see Church bursting at the seams for the school harvest festival. It was such a pleasure to see so many parents, grandparents and supporters of the children in Church. The theme was colours and the children did an incredible presentation; well done to everyone who worked so hard for it.

When walking into Church, the delicious smell from the soup for the following soup share was almost overwhelming. Being lucky enough to have a chance to taste it, we are able to confirm it tasted as good as it smelt. We understand the children had been working very hard peeling vegetables, so we would like to say that you did a great job.

On the 5th of November Reverends Sarah and Gill led a very moving service of thanksgiving and remembrance. Many people attended to hear their loved ones names read out and to light a candle in their memory.

The Remembrance service led by Reverends Gill and Janet on the 12th November was also very well attended. It was really heartwarming to welcome so many people who wished to pay their respects. You may remember we reported that George Hill was in poor health which left him unable to attend and lay the Royal British Legion wreath this year; at 100 years old this respected veteran of WW11 was greatly missed.

Gathering around the war memorial in the Churchyard, as Pete read out the names of the fallen, those attending laid crosses on the memorial steps. This year the British Legion's wreath was laid by David Corrie

TDVR and serving Royal Navy Medic Joseph Haddow read out the Ode to the Fallen and the Kohima Epitaph. The school wreath was laid by Elodie Shore, the Church wreath by Jenny Kingston and the Parish Council's wreath by councillor Janet Siddall. Thanks once again to our bugler, who doesn't only attend the St Lawrence service, but always manages to make it over to us from the service at Old Brampton in time to mark the minute's silence.

Following this very moving part of the service, the congregation entered the Church to continue the dedicated Remembrance service. Thank you to Reverends Gill and Janet and all who took part by attending.

At the time of writing, our Christmas Tree Festival has not yet started, but we are very excited and are really looking forward to welcoming all those who are displaying trees and - we hope - many visitors too.

If you are reading this after the event, we hope you enjoyed it and thank you for coming to support our first Christmas Tree Festival.

The children in Church had a great time making their decorations for the children's tree during the family service on the 5th of November. After the service there was glitter and glue everywhere, but it was definitely worth the time cleaning up just to see them all having such a fun time. We hope you enjoyed looking at their tree.

Birthday Greetings

A note from Julie:

On the 14th of November our (very) long-serving, and he may say 'long-suffering', Churchwarden Pete Gouldthorpe celebrated his 80th birthday... we know, he doesn't look it. Pete has been Churchwarden for more years than he cares to remember and is a great inspiration to others and just an all-round great person. All at St Lawrence wish you many more happy returns, Pete.

Christmas services

And so we look forward to the coming season of joy and festivities. Details of all the services are listed in this magazine, along with details of the carol service. We hope you will be able to join us over the Christmas period for one or more of our events.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the school children and their parents, grandparents and supporters in for their Christingle service, and also Barlow Singers and all the other contributors for the carol concert.

The crib service will be held at 3pm on Christmas Eve, when the nativity will be performed by the children and Midnight Mass is returning to St Lawrence this year at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

Regular services

Sunday 3rd December: 11am service

Sunday 10th December: 8am Mass & 11am Family service

Sunday 17th December: 11am service

Sunday 24th December: 11am service

Sunday 31st December: No service at Barlow. Joint Parish Holy Communion at Old Brampton at 10am.

See separate entry for the Christmas services (p3)!

Sunday 7th January 2024: 11am Family service

Sunday 14th January: 8am Mass & 11am service

Sunday 21st January: 11am service

Sunday 28th January: 11am service

Upcoming Events

“A Bit of a Christmas Do” in the Village Hall by invitation: Saturday 2nd December 2023

Christmas Carol Concert 7.30pm Tuesday 19th December 2023

School Christingle in Church 2pm Friday 22nd December 2023

We will return in February with news of the events for 2024 which we are starting to plan as we go to press. They will begin with our Lent breakfasts, so look out for the posters and come and enjoy a delicious breakfast with us.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas filled with peace and joy and a very happy New Year,

Pete & Julie

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Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- NED 23/00687/FL – Application for new dwelling (conservation area) (Amended title) at Windy Ridge, Wilkin Hill, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments.

- NED 23/00822/FL – Retrospective application for change of use of part agricultural building for biomass boiler and flue along with log drying container kiln (revised scheme of 20/00154/FL) at Rumbling Farm, Far Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments.

- NED 23/00832/FLH – Single storey rear extension (revised scheme of 21/00128/FLH) (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building) at Bluebell Woods Cottage, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED objection against this planning application due to the impact of the extension impacting the light coming into the neighbouring house through the current glazing adjacent to the extension. Windows are within the new planning application which will overlook neighbouring properties. This planning application is not in keeping with the current plot due to the roundness of the site and the new extension being square. Water run off may have an impact on neighbouring properties.

- NED 23/00840/FLH – Removal of existing roofs and rear dormer, increased ridge and eaves height to create additional

habitable space in front, side and rear extensions (revised scheme of 22/00181/FLH) at The Bungalow, Wilkin Hill, Barlow

RESOLVED objection against this planning application due to the over-development of the site in a green belt area. Neighbouring properties will be impacted due to the overall size of the extension.

· NED 23/00898/FLH – proposed partial demolition of garage and rear extension, construction of proposed single storey side and rear extension and conversion of loft including rear facing dormer window (re-submission of previously approved 22/01228/FLH) at 2 Valley Rise, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments.

· NED 23/00915/CATPO – Notification of intension to prune 2 x Yew Trees (G1) and x 1 Cherry Tree (T1) within Barlow Conservation Area at St Lawrence Parish Church, Hackney Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments.

PLANNING DECISIONS

- NED 22/00317/FL – Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and replacement with a two storey, 5 bed dwelling with Juliet balcony to west elevation, first floor terrace to south elevation, double integral garage and associated landscaping (Private drainage system) at Barlow Croft, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow – **Refused 27 October 2023**
- NED 23.00383/FLH – Proposed conversion and extension of an existing outbuilding to form an annexe to the existing house, with 5 roof windows to provide assisted living accommodation (amended plans) at 42 Mods Lane, Barlow – **Conditionally approved 12 October 2023.**
- NED 23/00453/FLH – Construction of new front gable, front and side extension, raising of the roof to create first floor with roof lights, alterations to fenestration and materials (affecting a public right of way) at 3 Valley Road, Barlow – **Conditionally approved 29 September 2023.**
- NED 22/00687/FL – Application for new dwelling (Conservation area) (Amended Plans) (Amended Title) at

Windy Ridge, Wilkin Hill, Barlow – **Conditionally approved/P.D removed 26 October 2023**

- NED 22/01127/FL – Application for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling (private drainage system) (Amended Title) at Westwood Farm, Dobbin Lane, Peakley Hill, Barlow – **Conditionally approved 13 October 2023**

RESOLVED noted.

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

No other planning matters circulated.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

- NED 23/00926/FL – Section 73 application to vary condition 6 (Stone edge details) and 7 (termini to wall ends) of planning permission 22/00282/FL (Conservation Area)

RESOLVED no comments.

Village Hall

We would like to remind readers that our Village Hall is for hire at preferential rates for locals, so why not plan your next celebration there?

Police Report



Dronfield SNT would like to thank members of the public who came to the Knife Amnesty and crime prevention stall on the morning of Thursday, 16th November. Thanks for the members of the public who dropped off items for the amnesty. This event today has run alongside a number of school and group talks over the week and there are more activities planned in the coming weeks. Knife crime and the awareness of knife crime is a very important subject for us. If anyone happens to run any local groups and would like us to visit over this matter please get in touch with the team: [#OPSCEPTRE](#) [#Droptheknife](#).

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

You may have noticed at the top of this page our new Pre-School logo. We felt it was time to update our logo so it reflects our ethos and aims a little more. The natural colours, tree and handprints are meant to represent our strong links with nature, forest school and natural resources. We hope you love it as much as we do. Huge thanks to one of our parents for designing this for us.

At Pre-School we are excitedly getting ready for our annual Nativity play. We have been busy learning the songs for our nativity story and practising our actions. This is a magical time of year for our little ones and we are hoping that we will also have a special visitor on our last day, Thursday 21st December.

It has been lovely this year to take part in the Christmas tree festival at St Lawrence's Church. The children made their own decorations to be displayed and loved going up to the church to see all of the trees. It definitely got us in the Christmas spirit, we hope you managed a visit.

As mentioned last month we have signed up to be part of a postcard exchange and we have already had some delivered! We were excited to find out about North Tarrytown in New York, Fife in Scotland, Long Beach in California and Broad Chalke near Stonehenge.

Remember you can donate to Pre-School by just using the easy fundraising app! Just sign up and search for 'Barlow Pre-school'. You can even enable donation reminders on your phone. This automatically offers you a donation to our cause with no cost to you. All money raised will be going towards the huge cost of replacing our outdoor area. We have raised £2000 so far but still have a long way to go!


Sadly, our forest school area was mainly destroyed in the recent floods. Almost all of our seating logs were washed away and several trees have fallen over blocking paths, not to mention the deep mud! Thank you to Charlie Village for offering to give us some new seating logs as well as Martin Haslam from Cutthorpe. We hope, given time, the area will dry out and we can get back to splashing in the river and building dens!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Pre-School. We close on Thursday 21st December and open again on 8th December.

Jo

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BARLOW CofE SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

We are well into our second half term now. Plans are afoot for all our Christmas events. We start off with decorating the Christmas tree as part of the Church Christmas tree festival. Then our Enterprise fair takes place with homemade gifts and decorations produced by each class. Meanwhile, Reception, Y1 and Y2 are rehearsing for Busy, Busy Bethlehem, this year's infant nativity. Our term will close with a Christingle service at church.

Trust

This half term our value is 'trust'. 'My God is my strength in whom I put my trust.' This term we will be thinking about what trust is, what makes someone trustworthy and how we can be trustworthy people. We recognise that we place our trust in members of our family and community.

Forest School

This year, we are taking the children to forest school in blocks of 6 weeks with a morning each week spent at forest school to allow the children to build up a sequence of activities linked into their curriculum. So far, Sapphire children (Y5 and 6) have completed their block at forest school and Emerald class (Y3 and 4) are midway through their block.





Sapphire class have been using the new knives and tools purchased by FOBs to make wood sculptures similar to the ones they have been studying in the Benin culture. As well as this, they experimented with cooking pizza. Another great activity was using natural materials to do some weaving.



Seasonal Walk

October saw the first of our seasonal walks in Amethyst class. We have a route that takes us down to the trout ponds, through the woods and back up Keepers Lane. The children expertly followed a photo map around the route. We look for signs of each season and all the changes across the year. Our next walk will be at the beginning of December so it will be interesting to spot all the changes along the way.



Police Visit

All the classes have now had a visit from the police. Our local PCSOs Jonathan and Jules visited the children on two afternoons to explain to the children what the role of the police is. The children all got the chance to try the sirens and sit in the police car. Sapphire and Emerald class also had a go at monitoring the speed of drivers through the village and showed thumbs up cards to drivers respecting the speed limit and thumbs down cards to those who exceeded 30mph through the village.



FOBS

Friends of Barlow School

Time flies doesn't it, hard to believe it is only another 4 weeks until school breaks up for Christmas and the first term of the year is complete. Here at FOBS we are very excited for the December activities in the run up to the festive period. We have some great events coming up; to start we have the Eco Committee and FOBS collaboration of the Enterprise. The children work hard crafting items to sell after school on the 5th December at 2:30pm. The FOBS team support with tea and cakes and as always

would love the support of cake donations that we can sell. In slightly revolutionary news, FOBS is also now able to take card payments too!

As usual we will be having the now legendary FOBS disco on the 7th December, a firm favourite with the children and we will be having the Christmas Raffle which has some great prizes this year, including family days out at Matlock Farm Park and Chatsworth and some very kindly donated vouchers for the The Peacock at Barlow from Mr and Mrs Mapp. It's going to be a good one and not to be missed. The raffle is open to all and can be paid for on parent pay or by card at the school and we will draw the winners in the last week of term.

We continue to try and improve the outdoor space for the children and have been extremely lucky to receive some funding from the Barlow Carnival Committee who have kindly purchased a new playhouse for the reception children for us. We are in the process of construction and painting and will hopefully have photos to share soon. A very big thank you to the committee from all of us at FOBS and from the School.

I'm pleased to say that the FOBS team have also been able to fund new wood-working equipment for the forest school with the money raised from Sports Day. The children have already enjoyed crafting items from wood when the years 5 & 6 recently spent time down at forest school.

As we look forward to 2024, we would like to try and support the school with an improved play surface for the playground. We have set ourselves a target of £5000 and are pulling together a programme of events to try and reach this target. As always, any help and support would be very gratefully received.

We want to wish you a very happy festive period and all the very best for 2024.

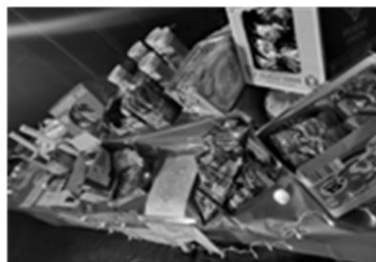
The Fobs Team

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YOUNG FARMERS

November saw Barlow Young Farmers host the Village Bonfire by kind permission of Charlie and Frankie of Village Pumpkins, with the Fireworks donated by the Carnival Committee. The evening was a brilliant success despite the very wet weather and was enjoyed by all who attended. Here's to next year!



Throughout the rest of November the members have been busy practicing for the upcoming Stock Judging Competition of Beef Cattle and Sheep, learning the ropes which they will be putting into practice at our area competition in December. As previously mentioned we will be taking part in the Village Christmas Tree Festival in Church, so if you're popping in look out for our tree and more information about the club!

In December we are very proud to be once again taking part in the annual Village Christmas Light Switch-On, organised by the Carnival Committee, with the Young Farmers completing their Tractor Run throughout the local area, finishing off with delivering Santa to the Village Green for 7pm. The tractors will be departing from outside the Village Hall at 5:45pm for anyone wanting to watch them set off. The Young Farmers will have a stall on the village green selling treats and glow sticks for those wanting to stand out in the crowd!! Please come along and support the village and Young Farmers if you can.

In December we will be hosting a Christmas-themed quiz and games night and also the end of year meal for the members and parents. The club will have a little break over Christmas, but will be back on Tuesday 9th December for another fabulous year of activities.



We would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of Barlow YFC!



CARNIVAL



We will start planning for next year's carnival, but before we close the year we have a few events planned for the village and we hope you can come along and support us.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 25th November

Join us at the Village Hall from 11.00am where we will have various craft stalls to inspire Christmas gift ideas. Traditional mince pies and mulled wine will be on offer, along with burgers and hot dogs. A licensed bar will be available, kindly sponsored by the Tickled Trout. More importantly, Santa will pay a visit from 2.00pm to hear about any Christmas wishes from all the good children. The fair will close at 5.00pm.

Carols Around the Tree - Friday 8th December

In conjunction with Barlow Parish Council, we will be hosting carols around the tree on the village green from 6.00pm. Santa will switch on the Christmas lights and hand out gifts to all the children. As for the adults, there will be mince pies and mulled wine on offer. Following on from the success of the illuminated tractor parade last time, the Young Farmers will do the same again this year and the expectation is for even more vehicles this year! Don't miss this spectacular sight.

Carnival AGM - 24th January 7.00pm Village Hall

Everyone is welcome. The outcome of the last carnival will be discussed and the finances finalised. We will outline plans for next year and welcome any feedback on how we can improve elements of Carnival for 2024. The date is provisional and we will advise any changes.

Your Carnival Committee.

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bonbonbonanzas; junipers affect

frostyfreeze turbans; iciclestuff adorn

all cuckolded creation in a madcap crown of horn!

It's a new day; no scapegrace of a sect

tidying up the ashtrays playing Daughter-in-Law Elect;

bells! bibelots! popsicle cigars! shatter the glassware! a son born

now

now

while ox and ass and infant lie

together as poor creatures will

and tears of her exertion still

cling in the spent girl's eye

and a great firework in the sky

drifts to the western hill.



One Third Of The Calendar

by OGDEN NASH

In January everything freezes.
We have two children. Both are she'ses.
This is our January rule:
One girl in bed, and one in school.

In February the blizzard whirls.
We own a pair of little girls.
Blessings upon of each the head ----
The one in school and the one in bed.

March is the month of cringe and bluster.
Each of our children has a sister.
They cling together like Hansel and Gretel,
With their noses glued to the benzoin kettle.

April is made of impetuous waters
And doctors looking down throats of daughters.
If we had a son too, and a thoroughbred,
We'd have a horse,
And a boy,
And two girls
In bed.

Lights in a Tangle

By SYDNEY STEPHENS

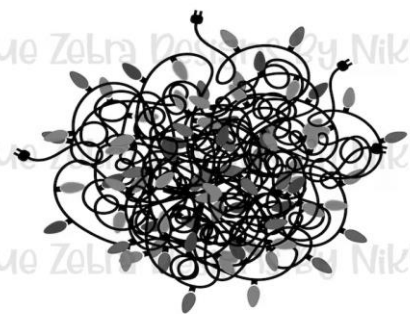
They make Dad shout
and they make Mom cry.
These tangled lights
just make me sigh.

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I'm fine. This is fine.

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PUZZLE PAGE

How about a Christmas Quiz?

1. In the 12 Days of Christmas song, what were the 10 lords doing?
2. When Kevin is left home alone for the first time, where is the family's destination for their Christmas vacation?
3. Christmas Island is located in which ocean?
4. What Christmas product was invented by a London sweet maker named Tom Smith?
5. Two of the reindeer are named after weather phenomena. Name the reindeer.
6. Thousands of what marched to London from Norfolk just before Christmas each year in Victorian times?
7. Which famous puppets starred alongside Michael Caine in a film that was an adaptation of the novel "A Christmas Carol"?
8. What Christmas food is made from a mixture of apple, dried fruit, candied fruit, spices and suet?
9. What are the two main ingredients of a Snowball cocktail?
10. What was the first Christmas song broadcast from space in 1965?
11. What is the name of the reindeer belonging to Kristoff in the Disney film "Frozen"?
12. Ilex is the scientific genus of which type of Christmas foliage?
13. Since 1952, which song has topped the charts at Christmas on three separate occasions?
14. In a traditional pantomime, what is Aladdin's surname?
15. In which country would you be served twelve meatless dishes on December 24th?
16. Which country gives a Christmas tree to Britain every year?
17. Who plays the Prime Minister in the 2003 film "Love Actually"?
18. Which English ruler banned the singing of Christmas songs?
19. From which country do Poinsettias originate?
20. What is the name of the German/ Austrian yeast cake often served at Christmas?
21. What is a baby turkey called?
22. What did Santa Claus win in 1964?
23. In which fictional land is it always winter but never Christmas?
24. What is another name for "Forcemeat"?
25. In which city would you find Wenceslas Square?

ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Leaping 2. Paris 3. Indian Ocean 4. Christmas cracker 5. Donner, meaning thunder in German, and Blitzen, meaning lightening 6. Turkeys 7. The Muppets 8. Mince meat 9. Advocaat and lemonade 10. Jingle Bells 11. Sven 12. Holly 13. Do They Know it's Christmas? 14. Twankey 15. Poland 16. Norway 17. Hugh Grant 18. Oliver Cromwell 19. Mexico 20. Stollen 21. Poulton 22. The Epsom Derby 23. Narnia 24. Stuffing 25. Prague

BOOK EXCHANGE

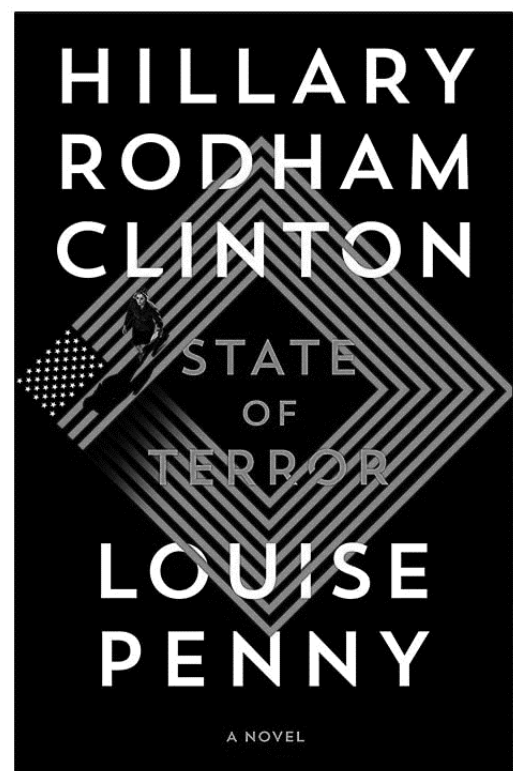
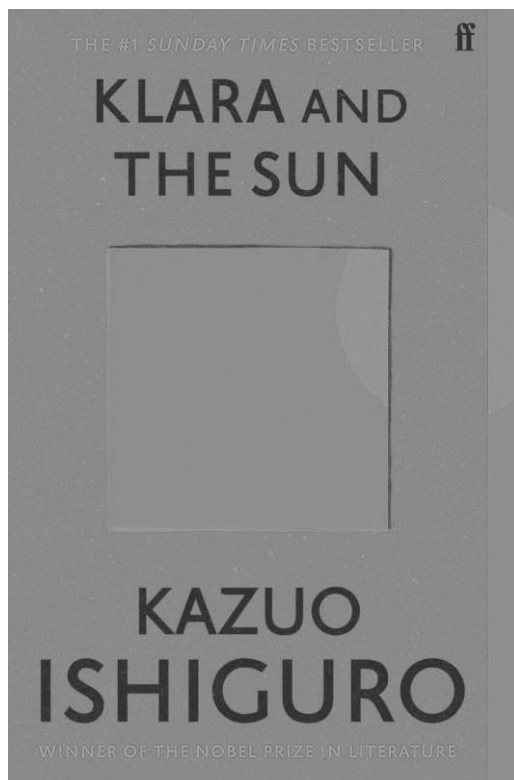
We have received the following note from Carol Evans:

“There are two new books I put into our telephone library recently which I would like any readers’ opinion on.

One is called ‘Klara and the Sun’ by Kazuo Ishiguro and the other is ‘State of Terror’ by Hillary Clinton & Louise Penny’

Our book club had really mixed opinions, all interesting, but so varied, I would like to know what other readers think. The praises by critics are always to be challenged. We find the blurb in praise of certain books sometimes very difficult to agree with. So, dear reader, let’s have some opinions from you! Also: Any recommendations of books for our book club would be very welcome!”

Carol Evans



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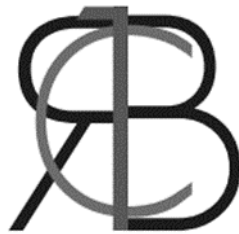
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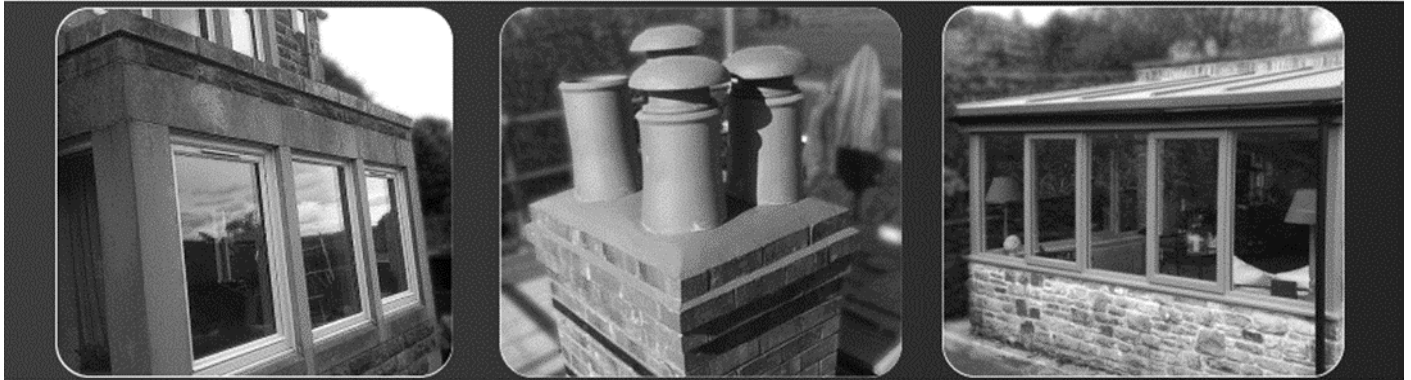




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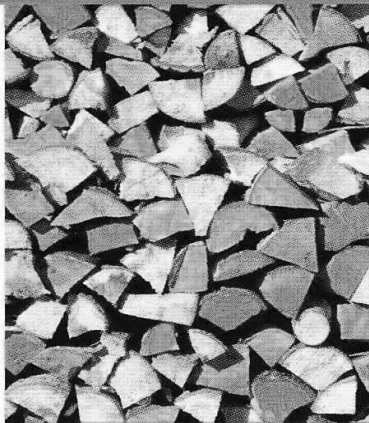
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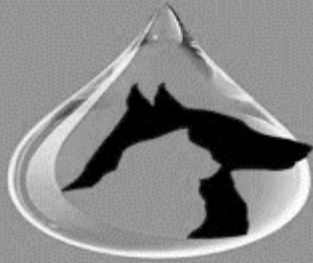
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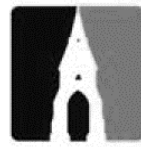
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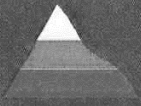


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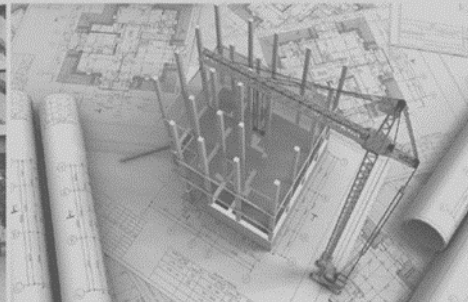
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