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YEAR'S MIND - APRIL

From the church registers

** Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

- 1ST ELLA WASS---1986
EVA BRAMWELL---1992
GINA CLARKE---2021
- 2ND LINDA BARGH---1966
JAMES W.H. MARPLES---1998
- 3RD MARY WILKINSON---1971
IDA SHEMWELL---1978
FRANK R. COBB---2001
- 4TH * ALBERT CALVERT---1990
BRIAN DRURY---2022
MARGARET ROWBOTTOM---2023
- 5TH ROSEMARY G. MILWARD---2005
EMILY TAGG---2023
JAMES R. LEE---2007
- 6TH IRENE HASLAM---2017
- 7TH JOSEPHINE ELSE---1971
BARRIE HOLLIS---1993
JAMES H. HILL---1996]
RITA WRAGG---2016
- 8TH MARY ARMSTRONG---2023
- 9TH DOUGLAS G. HERRINGSHAW---
2005
- 10TH FLORENCE WHITE---1971
ANN F. SOUTH---1997
HARRY HASLAM---2001
VINCENT NOBLE---2009
*BERYL MORTON---2017
- 11TH *WALTER ALAN DICKMAN---
2013
- 12TH SAMUEL BURTON---1969
MARY SHOOTER---?
MONA HASLAM---1997
LILIAN P. NEEDHAM---1998
ANN PATMAN---2003
- 13TH EDITH MARGERRISON---1973
MARGARET STUBBINS---2008
MURIEL FLINT---2020
- 14TH PHYLLIS CARTER---1977
JOHN S. MARGERRISON---1995
- 15TH SARAH WOODWARD---1966
- 17TH PEGGY Y. THOMPSON---1998
*DARREN NAVIN---2023
- 18TH WILLIAM R. MIDDLETON---2003
*JUNE GRICE---2011
- 19TH BEATRICE WRIGHT---1972
IRIS WILSON---1995
- 20TH ANDREW J HURT---2012
- 21ST ERLE KINGSTON---1972
- 22ND FRANK PATILLA---1977
JOANNE WESTON---2012
JOHN R. BELLERBY---1998
NANCY E. COBB---2023
- 23RD ELIZA HOWARD---1966
POLLIE SIDDALL---1966
WINIFRED SMITH---1979
FRANK SLACK---1981
CLIFFORD UMNEY---1989
BARBARA E. STARKEY---2002
- 24TH HORACE SMALLEY---1964
- 25TH * EMILY M. TAYLOR---1990
WILLIAM HILL---1994
GAIL PEAT---2023
- 26TH HAROLD STEVENSON---1979
WALTER G. HALLATT---2004
- 27TH BILL DAVIS---1998
OLIVER JACQUES---2019
- 28TH FRED A BOWER---1965
- 29TH BRENDA POWELL---2013
PAMELA M WARD--2020
SIDNEY BEADBURY---2007
- 30TH IRENE KINGSTON---1990
EDNA E. McGUINNESS---2020
JANET WEST---2022

FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: APRIL 2024

Baptisms

None

Funerals 6th April Carole Kennie, Ashes burial
6th April Joanne Allen, Ashes burial

BARLOW CHURCH (ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Readers,

I don't know about you but, for me the word 'April' as a month, and the idea of moving into it, bucks me up! It somehow holds a sense of promise, of good times / things to come: More sunny days (less gloom); longer daylight (less darkness); more flowers (fewer bare trees and dry foliage); more relaxation / me-time (holiday thoughts rather than nose-to-the-grindstone).

We can't get away from the fact that we are part of nature, part of the world order and whatever changes take place are bound to affect us – like the changing seasons. We were created alongside everything else – vegetation, all creeping things, things flying and walking!

We often have a tendency to forget this 'oneness with nature'. Perhaps this may not be the case so much in farming communities like Barlow, which rely on nature for business! But farmers' time must be very much taken up with practical issues. I'm suggesting a view we can all embrace, regardless of one's job. The good Lord has put us in a special place, as humans, but this doesn't remove our being part of all things. (The astrophysicists - those who study the universe – remind us that we are, ultimately, star dust!)

Now all this, I think, can buoy us up in difficult times: To know that we, as individuals, have a rightful place in the order of things. The Psalms in the Bible are very good, and a worthwhile read, at helping us remember this: *How many are your works, O Lord. In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures (Ps 104)*. And: *What is man that you are mindful of him ... yet you have made him little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour (Ps 103)*. Despite our elevated place and powers, we are part of nature and cannot be separated from it.

Ok, so how does this help me when I'm facing a health discomfort or juggling my bank balance to pay the bills? Well, they (these one-ness with God's nature thoughts) might just remind you that you have the dignity, equality and rights of all created things – regardless of how your fellow humans might think they can treat you! In religious / Christian terms, this is expressed as 'God's care is for each of us, without exception and without limit'. And don't forget, with Easter just over, that a Saviour died, some 2,000 years ago, to make this exact point!

Blessings.

Rev'd Janet (member of the St. Lawrence ministry team)

St Lawrence Church Barlow

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held in **Barlow Church**
on **Sunday 5th day of May 2024 at 12.30pm**

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)

Dear Friends,

We would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who came to share in our Lent breakfast. It was so well attended that we had to squeeze in some extra tables. The atmosphere was great and feedback about the food was lovely; thank you very much for your generosity.

The event raised an incredible £1,290, which meant we were able to send a donation of £590 to Ashgate Hospice.

Of course it would be impossible to run the event without the hard work of many people. Thank you to the Churchyard team who set up and clear away, friends who man the kitchen, cooking, serving and washing up and also thanks to Jo and Clarence for their generous donation of eggs and milk each week.

Our baby basics collection on Mother's Day exceeded all expectation and there is a separate thank you letter on page 10.

Topaz class were in Church on 12th March and it was lovely to welcome them with all their family and friends. In addition to this, both school and pre-school have been into Church for their Easter celebrations. It is always so enjoyable having the children in Church.

Pre-school Family Fun Day

We are very pleased to be supporting pre-school on Saturday the 11th May with their Family Fun Day to raise funds for the resurfacing of the playground. More details can be found in the pre-school article and on page 17.

Open Gardens 2024

Thank you once again to all those who are going to be opening their gardens this summer and to all those who have offered help in any way; we are looking forward to a fabulous event.

Barlow is such a beautiful village for visitors to walk around and so we hoped that perhaps, even if you are unable to open your garden, you

might be able to place a pot of flowers outside your home, or a hanging basket; it would be lovely to show Barlow in full bloom.

Christmas Tree Festival 2024

At last we have a date for the Christmas Tree Festival! It will run from Saturday 16th to Saturday 23rd November 2024; this will once again coincide with the Christmas fair at the village hall.

Of course there will be more details to follow later in the year, but put those dates in your diary and come along to enjoy the beautiful trees. You can also let us know at any time if you would like to display a tree. This was such a lovely event last year and is already one of our favourites.

Upcoming Events

Pre-school Family Fun Day: 11th May 2024

Open Gardens: Sunday 7th July 2024

Well Blessing parade: Wednesday 14th August 2024

Flower Festival & Well dressings: 14th - 20th August 2024

Harvest Supper: Sunday 13th October 2024

Christmas Tree Festival: 16th - 23rd November 2024

“A Bit of a Christmas Do”: Saturday 7th December 2024

Carol Concert: Tuesday 17th December 2024

Also look out for details of additional events to be held throughout the year.

Regular services

Sunday 7th April: 11am service

Sunday 14th April: 8am Said Mass and 11am family service

Sunday 21st April: 11am service

Sunday 28th April: 11am service

Here's hoping for better weather from now on so everyone can enjoy all the many outdoor events planned for Barlow over the coming months. With best wishes, Pete & Julie

Baby Basics

Thank you.

The collection of baby items for the Baby Basics charity far exceeded our hopes for this year. Thank you to everyone who gave either clothes, toiletries, toys or a donation. The response was unbelievable and your generosity was amazing. The crib was piled high with lovely gifts and was blessed by Rev Gill at our Mothering Sunday service at St Lawrence. My car was absolutely loaded for delivery to the Baby Basics workshop in Sheepbridge, where it was greeted with sheer disbelief! How could so much be given? It is really remarkable. There were two cribs waiting for delivery to mothers and the volunteer was busy preparing a third. She said she would use some of our goods immediately. Last year up to November, 99 full Moses baskets were sent out. The demand is growing during these difficult economic times. I'm sure we shall hear officially from the charity, but I couldn't wait to thank each and everyone for giving so generously. Thank you June Waller, for spreading the word on your street, and to Ann Haslam for her help in collecting and storing everything in church. Thank you to the knitters; the folk who gave no longer needed lovely baby clothes; to those who scoured the shops for bargains to buy, and to those who gave lovely items for the mothers. Thank you most sincerely for making the effort to spread happiness to someone less fortunate than yourself. It is very much appreciated.

Jenny Windle, St Lawrence Church



Our loaded car



Donations safely delivered to the Charity

BARLOW OPEN GARDENS



SUNDAY 7th JULY 2024



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Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- 24/00069/FL – Section 73 application to remove condition 13 (vehicular access) of approved planning application 20/00671/FL as the site is served by an existing access to the west of garage/stable block at Highbrook, Far Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

- 23/01088/FL – Retrospective application for the retention of a modified existing field access from Barlow Lees Lane to land associated with Barlow Lees Farm, (Revised scheme of 23/00399/FL) at Barlow Lees Farm, Barlow - **Refused**

9 February 2024.

RESOLVED noted.

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

No other planning matters circulated.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

No further planning applications submitted.



Brass Band Bonanza –

An evening with Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Brass Band

Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Brass Band will be in concert again on Saturday 27 April 2024, back by popular demand. The last concert in aid of the Chairman's Appeal for Ashgate Hospice was a sell-out success and led to many requests for another evening. This is our Brass Band Bonanza!

The concert with Chesterfield's premier brass band will take place at St. John's Church, Walton Back Lane, Walton. Doors open from 7.00pm for the band starting at 7.30pm. The programme will feature a variety of music including brass band favourites, pieces to get your foot tapping or move you emotionally. You are guaranteed an evening of entertainment.

Tickets are £8 each and can be purchased via the Eventbrite link –

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brass-band-bonanza-tickets-858119948867?aff=oddtcreator>.

Alternatively, tickets can be purchased for £10.00 on the door.

For further information please contact:

Councillor Thacker and his Consort look forward to seeing you on the night.

BARLOW NATURE CLUB

BARLOW *nature* CLUB 28TH APRIL 2024

10am - 11.30am
FREE!

NATURE THEMED GAMES
AND CRAFTS

Tickets are now live for the next Nature Club!

The date has changed to Sunday 28th April and we'll be meeting at the clearing near the entrance to Barlow Fishing Lakes.

We will be using the clearing that Barlow Preschool use for Forest school so please make sure to wear appropriate clothing - assume children will get very wet! Wellies, waders and spare clothes required 😊

Please only come if you have booked a ticket - we need to limit numbers to make sure we have enough equipment and keep things manageable. Looking forward to it!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../barlow-nature-club...>

Emma Woods

BARLOW *nature* CLUB

Family friendly meet up to learn about the nature on our doorstep.

**Search Barlow Nature Club
on facebook or Instagram
for more information**

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

Sessions are free but donations towards materials welcome.

No dogs please. Bring your own refreshments.



EXTREME WHEELS ROADSHOWS

TOUR DATES



2024

APRIL

2	Langwith Junction – Rec. Ground	1pm – 3pm
2	Dronfield – Sindlefingen Park	1pm – 3pm
2	Killamarsh – Skatepark	6pm – 8pm
3	Doe Lea – Resource Centre	1pm – 3pm
3	Shirland – Village Hall Recreation Ground	1pm – 3pm
3	Barlborough – Country Park	6pm – 8pm
4	Tupton – Northside Rec Ground, Rugby club	1pm – 3pm
5	New Houghton – Rotherham Rd Rec. Ground	1pm – 3pm
5	Whitwell – Bakestonemoor Rec. Ground	1pm – 3pm
5	Danesmoor – Bevan Park	6pm – 8pm
5	Bolsover – Hornscroft Park	6pm – 8pm
8	Tibshelf – Shetland Rec. Ground	6pm – 8pm
9	Langwith Junction – Rec. Ground	1pm – 3pm
9	Dronfield – Sindlefingen Park	1pm – 3pm
9	Killamarsh – Skatepark	6pm – 8pm
10	Doe Lea – Resource Centre	1pm – 3pm
10	Mickley – Recreation Ground	1pm – 3pm
10	Barlborough – Country Park	6pm – 8pm
11	Tupton – Northside Rec Ground, Rugby club	1pm – 3pm
12	New Houghton – Rotherham Rd Rec. Ground	1pm – 3pm
12	Whitwell – Bakestonemoor Rec. Ground	1pm – 3pm
12	Danesmoor – Bevan Park	6pm – 8pm
12	Bolsover – Hornscroft Park	6pm – 8pm






Sessions will include one of the following:
mobile skatepark, laser tag, KMX, drift trikes,
body zorbing ...and more!

FREE
JUST TURN UP!

IMPORTANT

- ✓ These sessions are provided for local young people from the communities listed above
- ✓ Sessions are delivered as drop-in activities: young people can come and go throughout the session
- ✓ Minimum age 9 years or older for Extreme Wheels activities only ✓ Helmets must be worn at all times

  'extremewheelsroadshows' 



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BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,



Spring is in the air!!

It's been a busy time at Pre-School and we are loving spotting the first signs of Spring!

To celebrate World Book Day the children dressed up and parents came in to read stories over the week. We also had a visit from Usborne books and a sponsored read.

For Mother's Day the children made butterfly plant stakes and home-made cards, with the gift of a beautiful primula, kindly donated by Matthew Feeney, from Dunston garden centre.

We have had a fabulous time celebrating Easter, which included an egg

rolling competition, egg modelling and an Easter bonnet parade at St Lawrence church. We sang some Easter songs and Joel Botham, our chair, told an Easter story. The parents came to watch and enjoyed tea, coffee and cakes!

We love April as this means it's time for our annual lamb visit to Needham's farm, next door to Pre-School. The children love cuddling the lambs, meeting Richard the farmer and finding out more about baby animals. Thank you, Richard, for allowing us to visit again. It's always a highlight of the year!

We have exciting plans for our main fundraiser of the year, which takes place on Saturday 11th May in a marquee, in the field alongside Pre-School from 2pm to 6pm. No need to buy a ticket, just turn up on the day to enjoy a family fun day with entertainment, food, drink, games and activities as well as tea, coffee and cake provided by St Lawrence church. There will also be a bar. This event is in conjunction with Barlow carnival and St Lawrence church. In the evening, from 7pm, there will be an 80s themed disco. The evening will be a ticketed event. Tickets will be available from the carnival website: www.barlowcarnival.co.uk

This is open to anyone and everyone, not just Pre-School families. It would be lovely to see many people from the village there. Look out for posters and flyers soon and check on Facebook!

Some sad news: One of our long standing members of staff, Helen, is leaving after working here for over 15 years. She is our special needs coordinator and deputy manager. We will all really miss her and would like to wish her well in her new role.

Thank you for your continued support
and Happy Easter!

Jo



BARLOW SCHOOL



LATEST NEWS

Dear Friends,

Spring has finally 'sprung' and we are pleased to see warmer weather approaching and the promise of trips out and residentials to come next term.

Collective Worship

Topaz class ran a collective worship at Church to showcase our value of Justice for Spring term 2. The children shared a traditional Jewish story about the importance of being fair and what that actually looks like. After that the children sang a song called 'Make a difference' about the power we all have to change attitudes.

World Book Day

For World Book Day this year we had a focus on different non-fiction books on topics ranging from water to London. The children used these to inspire artwork, poetry and further research. Every class visited every teacher, as well as having additional opportunities in the day to listen to and share stories.

OFSTED

Ofsted visited school just before half term. We are so pleased to share with you that Ofsted judged that we continue to be a good school. Please see below for two extracts from the report:

“What is it like to attend this school?

Pupils are happy to attend Barlow C of E Primary School. In lessons, they keenly follow well-established routines. They enjoy learning and try hard. At playtimes, pupils play together in the well-equipped outdoor space. In daily collective worship, they learn about values and diversity. Staff encourage pupils to reflect on these values and make links to their own behaviour.

What does the school do well and what does it need to do better?

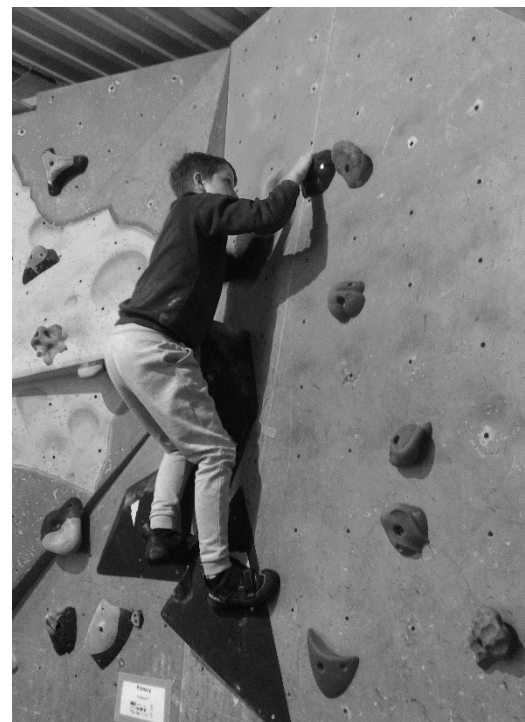
The school has worked hard to plan a rich and ambitious curriculum. Staff have thought carefully about the knowledge that they want pupils to learn across the full range of subjects. This knowledge is effectively sequenced so that pupils build on what they already know to deepen their understanding over time. Staff work together to make sure that the curriculum matches pupils' interests and broadens their understanding of the world they live in.”

The full report can be found on our school website and on the Ofsted website. We are very grateful for the support from staff, pupils, governors, parents and the whole community which enables us to continue to be a successful, happy school.

Sporting Activities

Our bouldering team enjoyed the final of the schools bouldering competition at Sheffield's Climbing Works. This year, the Climbing Works were keen to encourage participation from as many children as possible who were new to the sport of bouldering.

All our children were new to the sport but made the most of the opportunity to problem-solve and push the limits of what they thought they could achieve. We were proud of all of them. Elodie was picked out by our coach as somebody who had really persevered on all of the climbs so well done, Elodie! Our highest score came from Thomas who climbed fantastically!



Penny





YOUNG FARMERS

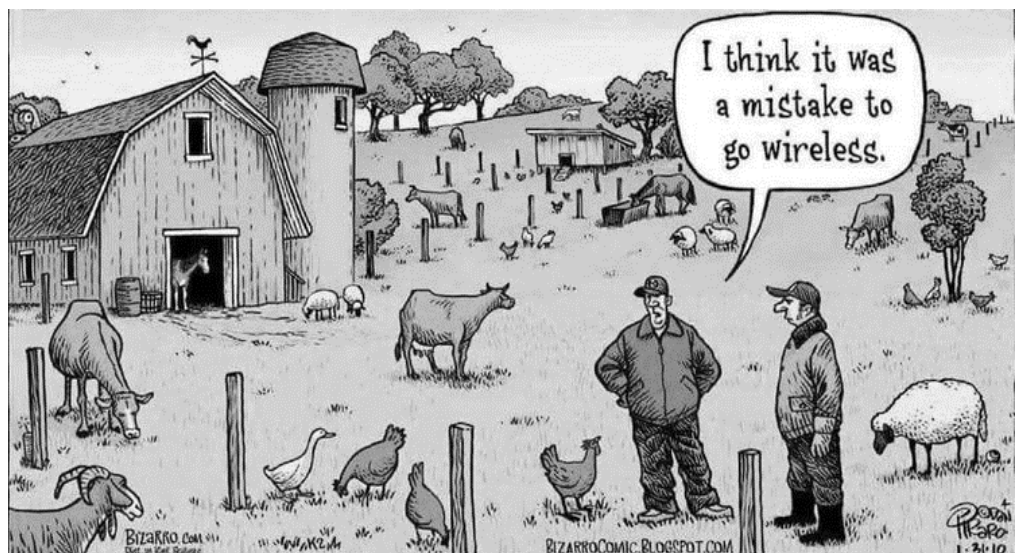
During March the Young Farmers were busy starting to organise the County Rally which will take place in May, allocating classes to all members that can attend on the day and some that can be prepared before. These range from Floral Art, Cookery, Tractor Driving, Stock Judging to Afternoon Games.

The North East round of the Quiz competition was held and a Junior and Senior team were both entered. We have also had a visit from the Rural Crime Team which all the members found very interesting and informative, as well as a Quiz and Games Night. An Easter Eggstravaganza will finish the month off just before the Easter weekend and hopefully the start of some better weather and the beginning of the lighter evenings so more meetings can be enjoyed outside!

Going forwards into April we have a Bowling Social to look forward to as well as more preparations for the rally in May and a meeting with our fellow clubs from North East Derbyshire to visit the Flagship Depot of John Deere Dealer Farol at Newark.

As always new members are very welcome from the ages of 10 – 28. Please follow us on our Facebook page for more information week by week for meetings.

Rosie



CARNIVAL



Hi There,

Barlow Carnival Committee, Pre-school and Church are joining forces to raise funds for the Pre-school play area refurbishment and this year's carnival.

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Needham and with support from John and Jodie Wray we're excited to be bringing you a family fun day at the marquee at Church Farm on Saturday 11th May from 2pm until midnight.

In the daytime you'll find a whole host of activities for the family including outdoor games, bouncy castle, face painting, storytelling, sweets, refreshments and homemade cakes. Activities will run from 2pm until 6pm, entry is free. In the evening there will be an 80s themed quiz, a disco and live music from singer guitarist Matt James and a licensed bar.

A raffle will take place throughout the day and evening with lots of fantastic prizes on offer! Everyone is welcome all day, but tickets are required after 7pm. On sale now at www.barlowcarnival.co.uk or from pre-school at just £5 per adult.

Plans are well underway for Carnival and we are expecting this to be our most expensive to date with loads of entertainment in Carnival week and more planned throughout the year. The first will be the fund raiser event scheduled on the 11th May in conjunction with St Lawrence Church and Barlow Pre-school. A family fun day during the day and an eighties themed evening with live music and DJ. More details are highlighted in this edition, as already mentioned above.

Also please join us for our first ever Drive-In Cinema on the 18th May where we will be showing Pirates of the Caribbean. Gates open at 6.30pm and food and refreshments will be available.

Do not forget the bank holiday car boot event on the 27th May, as always at the Village Hall. Entry will be £8 per car, payable at the gate.

Volunteers Needed

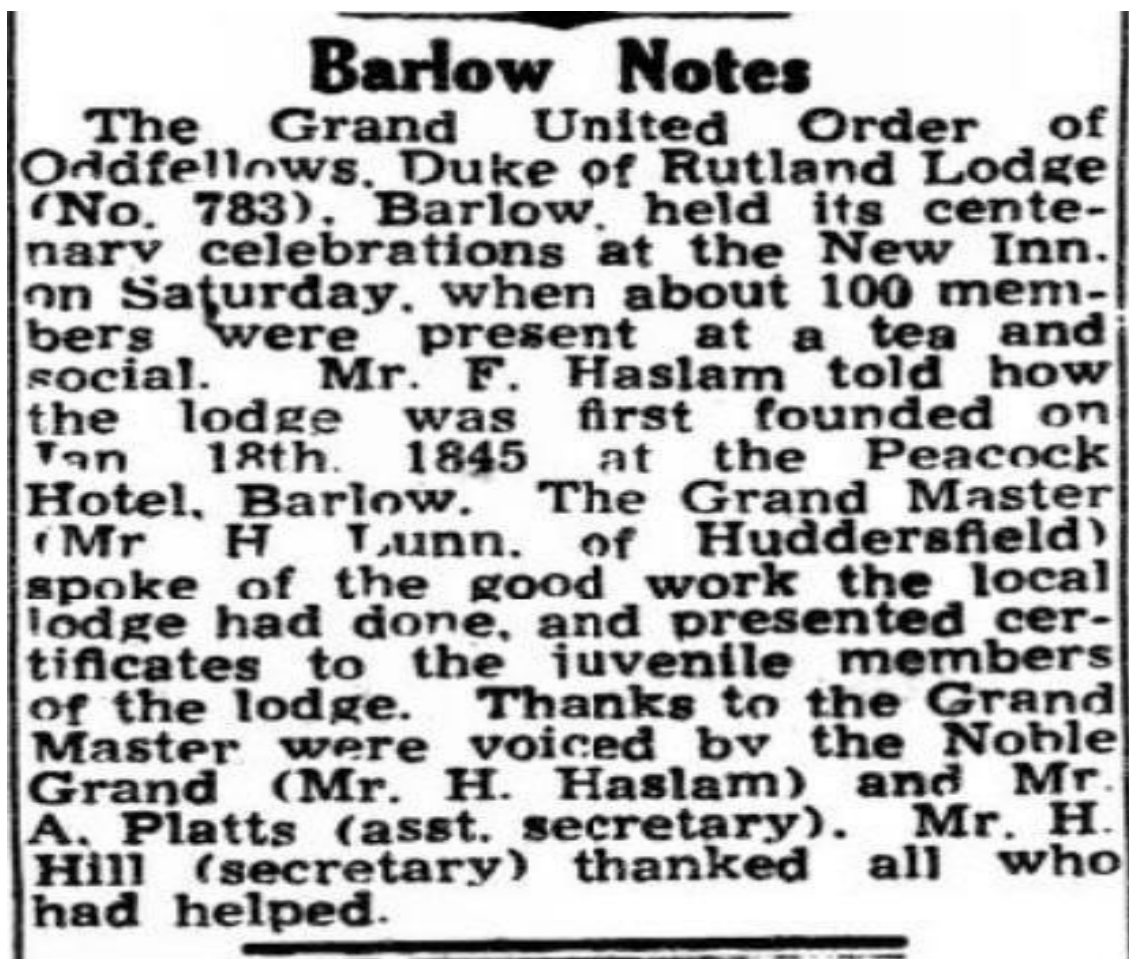
Carnival can only happen with the support and goodwill of local people. As always, we welcome anyone who can spare an hour or so to help us through Carnival weekend and also events like the Fun Run. If you would like to help, please get in touch with us through info@barlowcarnival.co.uk or contact us personally.

Further information and tickets for the 11th May evening event and Drive-In cinema can be found at our website barlowcarnival.co.uk.

James and Terry

BARLOW HISTORY

From the Facebook site 'Barlow Forum and History Group':



Derbyshire Times, 28th October 1945

POETRY CORNER

April

It's spring! Farwell
To chills and colds!
The blushing, girlish
World unfolds

Each flower, leaf,
And blade of turf—
Small love-notes sent
From air to earth.

The sky's a herd
Of prancing sheep,
The birds and fields
Abandon sleep,

And jonquils, tulips,
Daffodils
Bloom bright upon
The wide-eyed hills.

All things renew.
All things begin.
At church, they bring
The lilies in.

—John Updike

PUZZLE PAGES

General knowledge questions

1. Who wrote the book Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car?
2. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
3. What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?
4. When was the movie Titanic released?
5. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
6. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
7. What was the most popular girl's name in the UK in 2021?
8. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
9. Which comedian was the second permanent host of Never Mind the Buzzcocks, after Mark Lamarr?
10. What is the capital of Finland?
11. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World At War and Black Ops?
12. In what US state is the city Nashville?
13. Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?
14. What is the currency of Denmark?

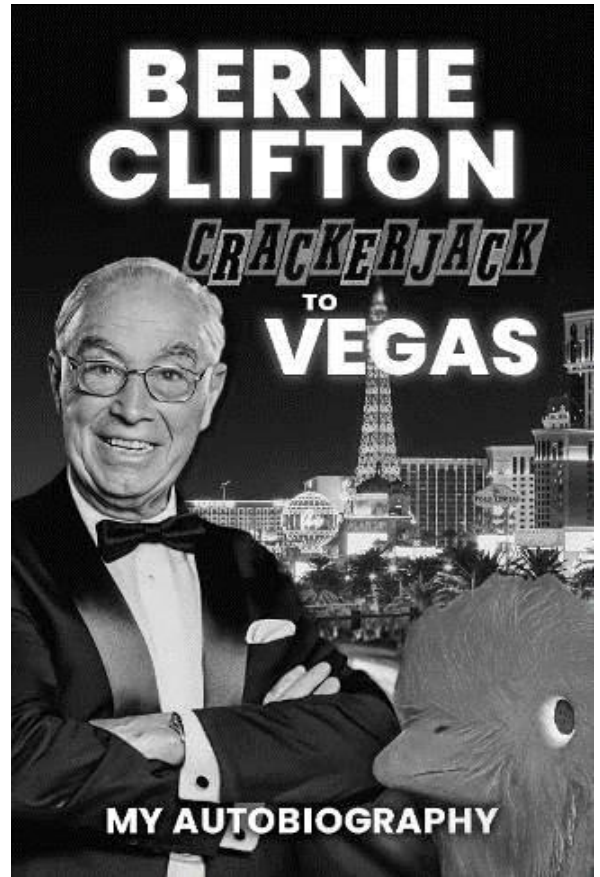
15. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
16. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
17. How many films have Al Pacino and Robert De Niro appeared in together?
18. What was the old name for a Snickers bar, before it changed in 1990?
19. Who was the head of state in Japan during the Second World War?
20. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
21. Who wrote the novels *Gone Girl* and *Sharp Objects*?
22. Which legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting melting clocks?
23. Which football club plays its home games at Loftus Road?
24. Continental United States has 4 time zones, can you name them?
25. What was the Turkish city of Istanbul called before 1930?
26. From which US city do the band The Killers originate?
27. Name the Coffee shop in US sitcom *Friends*.
28. How many human players are there on each side in a polo match?
29. In what year did Tony Blair become British Prime Minister?
30. How many times has England won the men's football World Cup?

General knowledge answers

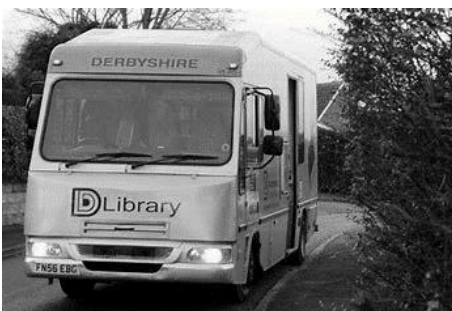
1. Ian Fleming
2. Knee
3. Iago
4. Tin
5. 1997
6. 3
7. Olivia
8. All the President's Men
9. Simon Amstell
10. Helsinki
11. Call of Duty
12. Tennessee
13. Nine Inch Nails
14. Krone
15. The French Open (Roland Garros)
16. Netherlands
17. Four (The Godfather Part 2, Heat, Righteous Kill, The Irishman)
18. Marathon
19. Emperor Hirohito
20. Mercury
21. Gillian Flynn
22. Salvador Dali
23. Queen's Park Rangers
24. Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern
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26. Las Vegas
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28. Four
29. 1997
30. Once (1966)

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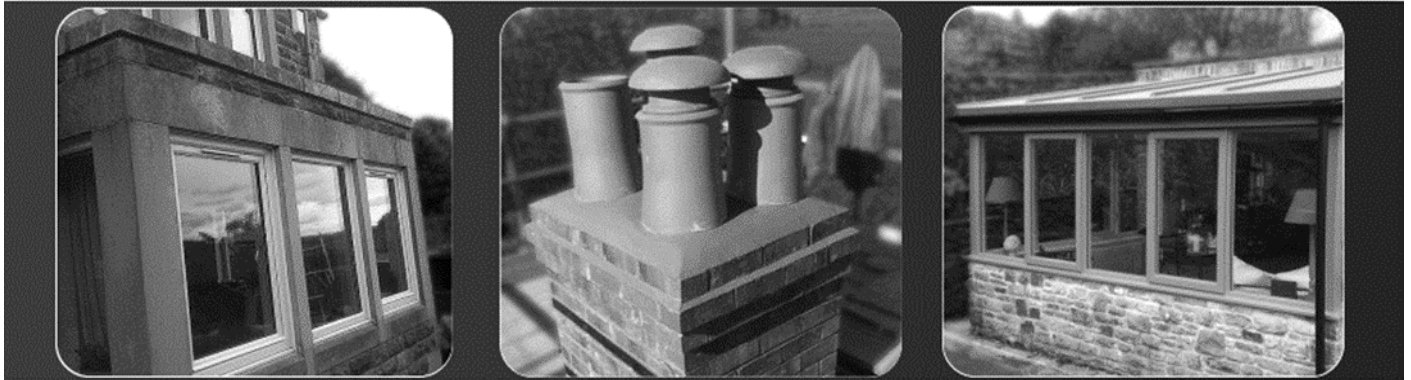




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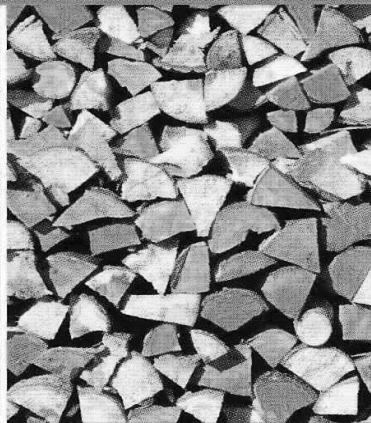
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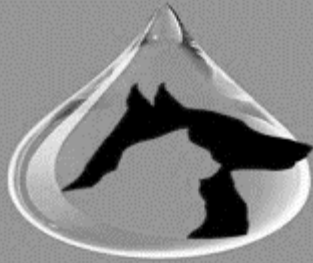
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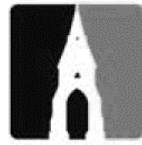
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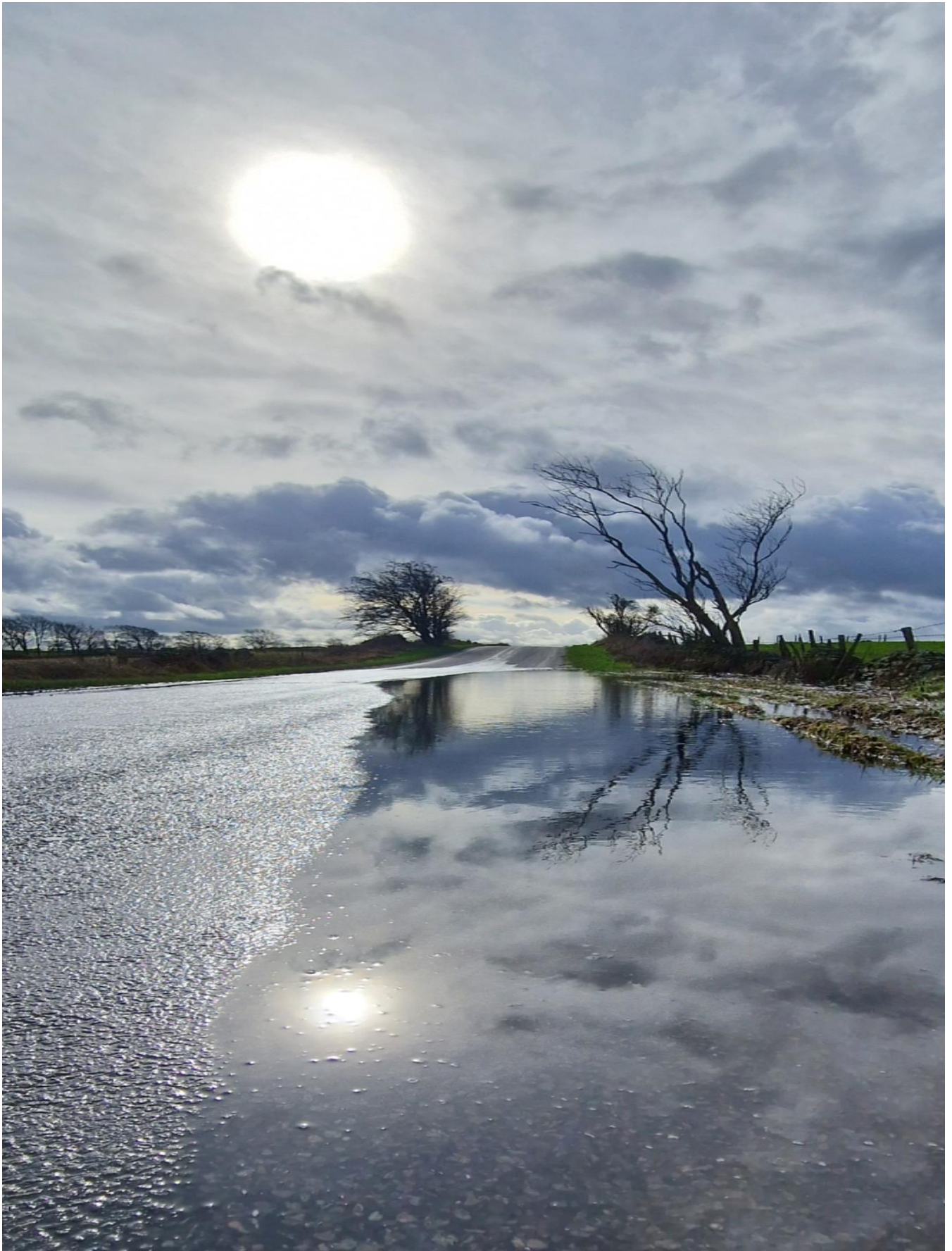


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