

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

# BARLOW

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# CHESTERFIELD GLOW UP



**A new event will see Chesterfield Market Square illuminated following a multi-million pound project to revamp the town centre.**

Chesterfield Glow Up is set to be held on 27 and 28 of March to mark the end of the regeneration works and will include a lightshow and artwork which will be projected onto the Market Hall.

A 35-metre (115ft) observation wheel will be installed in New Square, along with fun fair rides, for the event and the wheel will remain there for three weeks.

The event will also include family friendly activities, live music from local musicians, street entertainers, free craft workshops, UV face painting, and a night market, Chesterfield Borough Council said.

Projection artists Illuminos have created the projected artwork, called Twist and Shout, which will be shown from 19:00 GMT on a loop on both evenings during the event.

Councillor Kate Sarvent, the council's cabinet member for town centres and visitor economy, said: "This event is a fantastic way to mark a major milestone in the regeneration of our market and to welcome people back into a space that has been completely transformed.

"We're especially excited to showcase the stunning projection light show — a truly dazzling experience that will highlight how our renewed town centre is a place for people to come together and share new experiences."

The wheel and fun fair rides will be in New Square from 12:00 on Friday and all day on Saturday, while the musicians will be performing at intervals from 12:00 until 18:45 on both days.

The free craft workshops will be held from 16:00 to 20:00 on both days.

# MARCH 2026

All contributions for the APRIL issue  
must be submitted by  
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# YEAR'S MIND - MARCH

From the church registers - \* Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial

1<sup>ST</sup> ROY STEVENSON---1983

THOMAS HARDY---1989

2<sup>ND</sup> WILLIAM BRAMWELL---1990

DORIS HURT---2012

RODERICK POWELL---2025

3<sup>RD</sup> MADGE CROOKES---1969

DORA SKINNER---2006

ANTHONY [CHAD] CHAPMAN---  
2025

4<sup>TH</sup> EUNICE SHELDON---1964

PHILIP D. HARDY---1990

JENNIFER ALICE HANSON ---2008

5<sup>TH</sup> FREDERICK J. STEVENSON---  
1987

IVY BOOKER---1987

MAUD M. TAYLOR---1990

ELLEN E. WATTS---2004

ETHEL SPRY---2005

6<sup>TH</sup> WILLIAM WALKER---1984

KATHLEEN BRADLEY---2007

7<sup>TH</sup> ALBERT C. DRAKE---?

DEREK RHODES---1993

8<sup>TH</sup> MARY L. BROUGHTON---1986

\* HILDA BOWLER---1990

FRANCES B. HALLAM---2001

ERIC SHAW---2006

9<sup>TH</sup> \* ANNIE MARPLES---1990

EMILY M. M. TAYLOR---1990

10<sup>TH</sup> MAY HASLAM---1985

\* LILIAN SHAWCRIFT---2017

PATRICIA A. SKELTON---2021

11<sup>TH</sup> JOHN BANKS---2001

GILLIAN DRURY---2019

ADRIAN CLARKE---2022

12<sup>TH</sup> OLIVE HASLAM---1977

WILLIAM WILSON---1982

13<sup>TH</sup> ERNEST WARDLE---1968

HARRY HOLE---1986

JAMES WALKER---2003

\* KATHLEEN BRADLEY---2007

14<sup>TH</sup> KATHLEEN M. WASS---2001

15<sup>TH</sup> PRISCILLA BINNS---1972

JOYCE HARDY---2003

JAMES SHEMWELL--2019

17<sup>TH</sup> FLORENCE HOLLIS---2001

SAMUEL SILCOCK---2003

BRIAN PATMAN---2007

IVAN LAYTON---2009

19<sup>TH</sup> ARCHIE PENDLETON---1971

BEATRIX WRIGHT---1972

MARY A. SIDDALL---1974

20<sup>TH</sup> JENNIFER VALENTINE---1993

MAY HOSKIN---1961

20<sup>TH</sup> JOHN PARKIN---2003

21<sup>ST</sup> HARRY BARGH---1966

ALICE HOLMES---1972

HANNAH WILSON---1991

COLIN G. PAYNE---2001

JAMES A. LAYTON---2005

22<sup>ND</sup> \* STANLEY TEW---1992

ERIC BARDSLEY---2019

SUSAN M. RAINFORD---1995

ROBERT A SHAWCROFT---2010

TERRENCE NEEDHAM---2016

NORMAN HARRISON---2019

23<sup>RD</sup> DERRICK PREECE---2007

24<sup>TH</sup> JUDITH HASLAM---1993

REGGIE BLAIR---1993

NICOLA S. WASS---1999

25<sup>TH</sup> ARTHUR HOLLIS---2004

DAVID HOUSELEY---2023

26<sup>TH</sup> FRANK NEEDHAM---1998

EDWIN KAY---2005

28<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTINA ARMSTRONG---1987

DORA JOLLEY---2000

\*STANLEY HARDY---2012

29<sup>TH</sup> WILLIAM LAYTON---1984

JULIE M FERREDAY---2021

30<sup>TH</sup> DOROTHY SMITH---1995

31<sup>ST</sup> ORIEL WILSON---2002

PAUL TURNER---2022

# BARLOW CHURCH

## (ST. LAWRENCE)



**Dear Friends:**

### **March Poem**

Racing clouds and whistling winds,  
Coats flapping in the breeze,  
Bright kites circling in the skies,  
The dance of swaying trees,  
The cheerful sight of crocuses,  
The first sweet breath of spring –  
Just part of all the many moods  
The month of March can bring.  
*(Blue Mountain)*



This poem gives us a touch of romanticism. Perhaps, if we are of a ‘certain age’, we may remember when our British climate was, on the whole, a bit more reliable than in these current days of global warming and climate change. So, maybe, such a poem takes us back to the innocence of our own childhoods or gives us a sentimental glow of how things in a more stable world *could* be. There is no harm in comforting daydreams! Indeed, sometimes good thoughts help to keep us going when we are surrounded by uncertainties.

St. Paul knew this. In his closing words of a letter to the Christians in Philippi, he wrote: *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

So, what comforting thoughts sustain you, sustain me? It might be helpful to spend a few moments considering this – away from the treadmill of life’s duties and responsibilities. Away also from pondering on how others view

us, or what your worldly aspirations are (I'm sure it's acceptable, in God's sight, to have ambitions in life, provided of course, that this doesn't involve trampling over others to achieve them).

But those times aside are healthy and necessary: that reception of comfort that sustains. Comforts can take many forms: sports activities (active or passive), creative arts, essential social enjoyment, feeling close to nature (easy for Barlow residents) - or attending a church service, or having a 'God space' sometime in the week? The latter can give us more than we might suppose: Jesus talks about his coming into the world as bringing life 'in all its fullness'. Isn't that, friends, what we all want when all is said and done?

The period of Lent, which this month presents us with, is a time of reflection: on ourselves and the direction of our lives and the world. I hope we can all find the personal space in our daily lives to take advantage of it.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Janet (Quick) - St Lawrence Ministry Team



***FROM CHURCH REGISTERS:  
MARCH 2026 UPDATE***

**Baptisms**

8th February--- Edith Robyn Knight

**Funerals**

27th January--- Sarah Allen--- Ashes burial

29th January--- Sallyann Needham--- Funeral  
service & burial

**Marriages**

None

# CHURCH NEWS

## (ST. LAWRENCE)



**Dear Friends,**

Despite the rain, it is lovely to see the snowdrops everywhere and hopefully spring will soon be here.

At Church we are busy preparing for Easter with our Lent breakfasts and the Ash Wednesday service which was joint with Old Brampton and held at Barlow this year. Palm Sunday falls in March too this year on the 29<sup>th</sup>, with the focus being the Passion Narrative.

Our family service in March has moved from the second Sunday to the third, to coincide with Mothering Sunday. We are once again collecting items for Baby Basics as you will be aware from the February issue of the magazine, items can be brought to Church up until and including the week following the Mothering Sunday service.

Items can be dropped off at Church at the following times: Sunday mornings 10.30-12 noon (church service 11am); Mondays 10am-2pm; Wednesdays during Lent breakfasts 9.30-11.30am; Fridays 10am-2pm; or left in the box in the Church porch at any other time.

On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, the day before Mothering Sunday, Church will be open from 10am until 4pm for anyone to come into Church to light a candle, either for a mother, mother figure, or important person in their life.

It is that time of year for our annual Church meeting; anyone from the village is welcome to attend the meeting which will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 12.30pm, after the morning service.

## **Lent Breakfasts**

Our Lent breakfasts have got off to a great start, with many people coming to enjoy good food and a chat. They are running for 6 weeks from the 18<sup>th</sup> February until the 25<sup>th</sup> March on Wednesday mornings. Please see the poster on page 10.

This year proceeds from the breakfasts are being shared with the Northern General Hospital Cardiac Services, a unit which many of our supporters have benefitted from, either personally or through family and friends.

## **Open Gardens**

The current weather makes it difficult to imagine what we might be doing when summer comes, but we are starting to think about Open Gardens once again. If you think you would like to take part in Open Gardens 2026, which will be on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> July, or if you just would like to know what is involved, please contact Julie.

Thank you to those who have already said they will take part; your continued support is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to try joining in for the first time, we would encourage you to have a go. Your garden does not have to be very large, or perfect; small gardens and works in progress are of as much interest to visitors.

We will also be needing people to help on the day, so if you would like to volunteer your help with organising, supervising car parking, or helping in Church, please let us know. It is a great community event to get behind.

And of course we will need lots of homemade cakes for this event, if you can help at all.

## **Church Opening**

Church will continue to be open for visitors until Spring on Mondays and Fridays from 10am until 2pm.

There are occasionally events happening on some of the open days when access may be restricted, but we do our best to avoid this.

## **Upcoming Events**

Lent breakfasts: Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Open Gardens: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Well dressings & flower festival: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Harvest Supper: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Christmas Tree Festival: dates to be confirmed

“A Bit of a Christmas Do”: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026 by invitation

Carol Concert: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2026

If anyone would like to offer to volunteer to help at any of the above events, please contact Julie on the details at the front of the magazine. Thank you.

Here is looking forward to Spring and some sunshine!

Best wishes, Julie

### **Regular services March 2026**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: 11am service

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: 8am Mass & 11am service

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: 11am Mothering Sunday family service

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 11am service. Followed by APCM

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday 11am service

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: 8pm Compline at Old Brampton Church

# ***BARLOW CHURCH***

*The ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING*

*will take place on*

*Sunday 22nd March 2026 at 12.30pm*

# **LENT BREAKFASTS 2026**

**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, BARLOW**

**Every Wednesday in church during Lent**

**The price is £7.00 for a cooked breakfast  
(bacon, sausage, egg, tomato &  
mushrooms with tea or coffee & served  
with toast or a bap)**

**Or £3.00 for toast & preserve plus a drink**

**Served between 9.30am & 11.30am on:**

**February 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Come & bring your friends for a delicious  
start to your day.**



**Proceed to be shared between Barlow Church &  
Northern General Hospital**



## Clothing

We accept all clothing sizes from Newborn to 5-6yrs.

We also accept items such as muslins, baby towels socks and bibs

We ask that all items are washed and sorted into sizes in clearly labelled bags before being brought to us to speed up our processing.

## Bedding

- Moses Basket sheets & blankets
- Cot mattress protectors, sheets and blankets
- Cotbed mattress protectors, sheets and blankets
- Toddler duvets & covers
- Baby sleep bags all sizes 0-36mths

We ask that all items are washed before donating.

## Feeding items

- Stage 1 formula milk - any brand with at least 3mths use by date.
- Sterilisers - non electric
- Bottles
  - Any brand if new
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Tommee Tippee only
- Weaning equipment
- High Chairs

We ask that all items are in good giftable condition.

## Baby Toiletries

- Nappies sizes 1-8
- Baby wipes
- Cotton Wool
- Nappy cream
- Top to toe wash
- Baby shampoo
- Baby bath
- 0-2yr toothpaste and toothbrushes

All toiletries must be unused.

We accept your new or good condition, pre-loved items, sort and repackage them into beautiful bundles, tied with a bow, to be loved by another child.

# PARISH COUNCIL



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Cllr J Siddall 01246 206964

Cllr P Taylor 0114 2890949 / 07753 662 619

Cllr W Twigg 07814 667362

## **Planning Matters**

No planning matters received.

## **District Councillor / County Councillor**

No reports received.

## **Police Liaison Officer**

See Crime Prevention information on page 14, provided by PCSO Flower.

## **Speedwatch**

No sessions planned at present; new sessions to be scheduled.

## **Smeltinghouse Lane**

The preferred option for the solution to the problems on Smeltinghouse Lane would be the creation of two passing places. Due to the cost involved it is unlikely that DCC are going to authorise this work. After intervention by local residents the idea of a one-way system will not be pursued further.

## **Connect Fibre**

Representatives from this company will attend the next Parish Council meeting to talk about the plans.

## **Pinfold**

This ancient monument has been tidied up and a plaque will be installed to provide visitors with some information.

## **The Big Lunch**

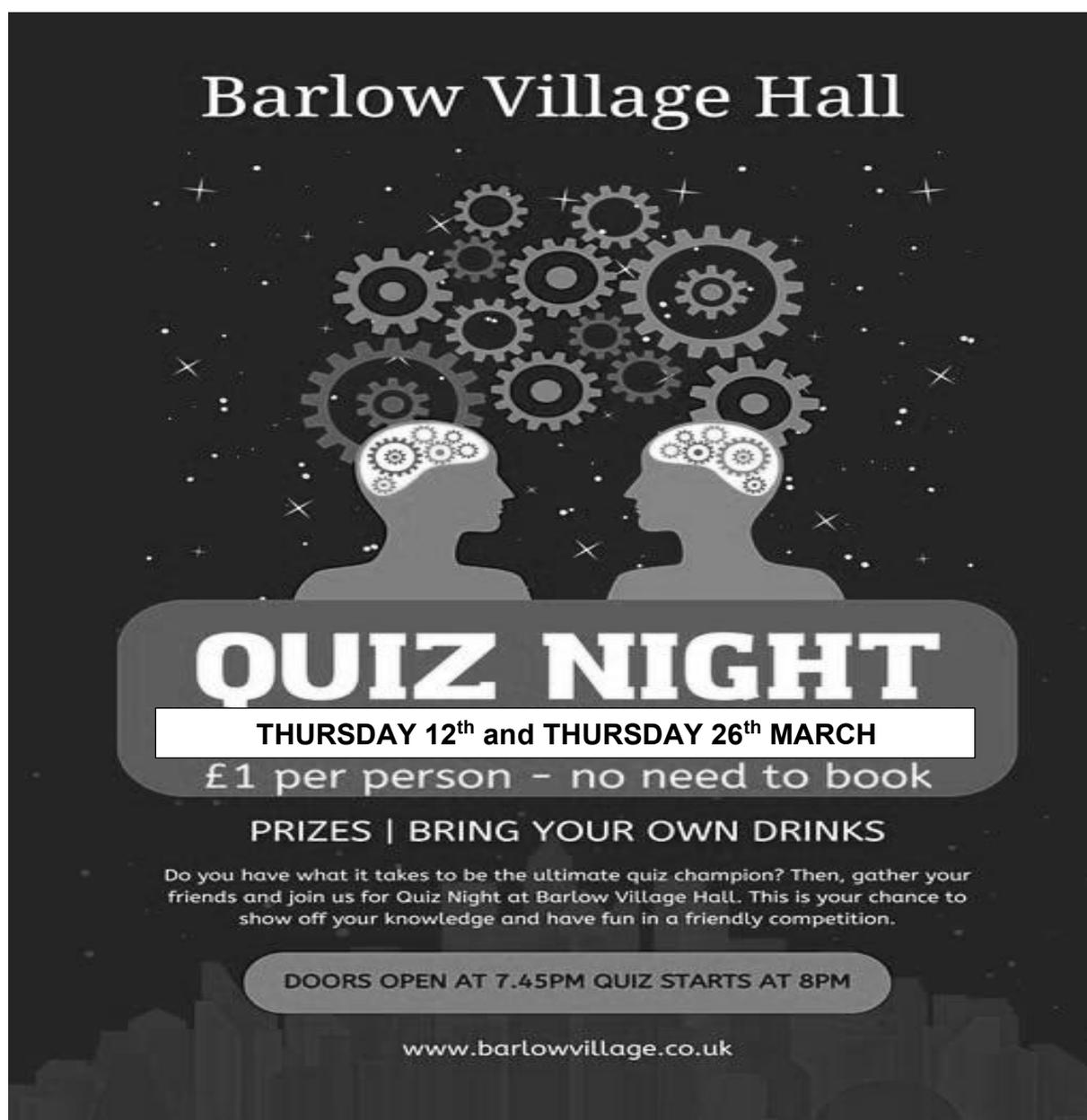
This is a nationwide initiative with community events to be planned for this summer. Ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **Local Plan**

We are still waiting for updates on this and will report back to residents as soon as we have more information.

## **Village Hall acoustics**

For a long time the poor sound quality at large gatherings in the village hall has been criticised. In order to improve the situation the installation of sound boards is being considered.



**Barlow Village Hall**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> and THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH

£1 per person - no need to book

PRIZES | BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night at Barlow Village Hall. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.45PM QUIZ STARTS AT 8PM

[www.barlowvillage.co.uk](http://www.barlowvillage.co.uk)

## **Crime prevention information**

### **Do you own a Bicycle? why not get your bike registered with Bike register. Its Free! Bike Register – Keep Your Bike Safe**

Registering your bike is one of the easiest and most effective ways to protect it from theft. It helps police identify and return stolen bikes and acts as a strong deterrent to thieves.

#### **Why Register Your Bike?**

- Increases recovery chances if your bike is stolen.
- Helps officers quickly confirm ownership, making it easier to reunite bikes with the right person.
- Deters thieves, as registered bikes are harder to sell on.

#### **How to Register**

- Go to **BikeRegister.com** — the UK's national cycle database.
- Consider using a police-approved marking kit to visibly mark your frame.

#### **Additional Tips for Bike Security**

- Always lock your bike with a quality D-lock and cable through the frame and both wheels.
- Avoid leaving your bike unattended for long periods, even in familiar places.

#### **Get Involved Locally**

Dronfield SNT regularly holds **bike-marking events**, giving you the chance to get your bike security-marked for free. Keep an eye on our community updates and Derbyshire Alert for upcoming dates.

#### **Local Shop Thefts Update**

Over the last month, Dronfield SNT have continued working closely with partner agencies and local stores to help keep our community safe. Recently, we've supported shops including Sainsbury's and others in improving security around high-value items. Our officers have also been carrying out proactive patrols and using a range of tactics to identify those involved in reported shop thefts. This work is ongoing alongside all our local partners.

**Thanks to these joint efforts, stores have told us they're already seeing increased confidence among staff and customers, helping create a safer and more welcoming shopping environment for everyone.**

#### **Community events - March 2026**

Mon 2nd 6-7pm Barlow Street Meet Barlow Village Hall

Wed 4th 1-2pm Bike Marking Crime Prevention Dronfield sports centre  
Thu 5th 1.30-3pm Community Catch Up Dronfield Sports Centre, Civic Centre  
Fri 13th 2-4pm Community Catch Up Dronfield Sports Centre, Civic Centre  
Sat 14th 1-3pm Sainsbury's Crime Prevention Stall Wreakes Lane  
Mon 16th 4-5pm Street Meet Ramshaw Road Unstone  
Mon 16th 6-7pm Street Meet Holmesfield Village Hall Vicarage Close  
Sat 21st 10-11.30am Community Catch up – The Forge Church Street Dronfield  
Sun 22nd 11-1pm Bike Marking Event - Dronfield Sports Centre, Dronfield  
Fri 27th 10 – 11am Street Meet – Dronfield Civic Centre Dronfield

Many thanks

**PCSO 12853 Jonathan Flower**  
**Dronfield SNT Police Community Support Officer**  
North East Section, Derbyshire Constabulary  
Dronfield Police Station, Lea Rd, Dronfield, S18 1SD

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**BARLOW**

*nature*

**CLUB**

**22ND MARCH 2026**

10am - 11am

FREE!

NATURE THEMED GAMES  
AND CRAFTS



# **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.



**North East  
Derbyshire  
District Council**

# BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



**Dear Friends,**

Spring is just around the corner and at pre-school we are looking forward to getting outside more and enjoying some much anticipated sunshine!

We have Sarah Screatton, performing arts teacher, providing a weekly music and song session this term. The children have loved it so far. The sessions are based around a well-known story and involve songs, instruments and props to help retell the story through music. Her website is <https://www.screattonperformingarts.co.uk/> if you would like to find out more about her services.

We have lots of activities planned in March including Mother's Day, book week, which involves dressing up as a book character, a parents book themed stay and make session and a book swap stall. Of course, we will be visiting St Lawrence Church for our Easter celebration, with Easter bonnets, songs and refreshments. Thank you to our ex committee chair Joel Botham from St Thomas's Church Brampton, for agreeing to come and talk to us about Easter.

Now the children know how to make a fire we are going to plan a cooking activity together at forest school. The children will choose a recipe, help to make it at pre-school and cook it at





forest school. Hopefully it will be a success! We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Williams for continuing to let us use his woodland for our forest school. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful environment for our forest sessions.

As per new government guidance we are turning our attention to how we can be more sustainable at pre-school. The village hall already has solar panels and we now have a compost bin for our food and garden waste. We are encouraging

the staff, children and hall hirers to recycle more and are busy planning a garden with bee and butterfly friendly plants. We would love a new shed with a living roof, so this is our next fundraising target.

Jo

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# FOBS

## FRIENDS OF BARLOW SCHOOL

Hello,

With warmer weather just around the corner, FOBS are hard at work on some springtime fundraising fun. While we wait for the sun to make an appearance, please remember that Barlow School is in the running to win a Tesco Stronger Starts grant of up to £1,500. This money would be used to improve our garden and pond areas. You can vote at Esso Tesco Express (S41 7AL), Tesco Extra (S41 7JB), Derby Road Tesco Express (S40 2EP), or High Street Tesco Express (S41 9LQ). Voting is open until the end of March.

The FOBS team



# CARNIVAL

## March Update

**Hello Friends,**

Our Annual General Meeting took place in early February, where the committee and attendees looked back at last year's Carnival. The annual report was shared and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make Carnival 2025 such a success.

We're especially grateful to our amazing Committee members for the phenomenal amount of work that happens behind the scenes all year round. We'd also like to thank everyone who helped on the day itself — our marshals, stallholders, Scouts, local farmers and the many volunteers who gave their time and energy. Quite simply, Carnival couldn't happen without you!

Planning for this year's Carnival is already underway and we're excited to bring you a week packed with entertainment and plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

We're inviting local businesses to get involved by advertising in the Carnival Magazine (from just £69) or by exploring our sponsorship opportunities.

If you're interested, drop us a line at [info@barlowcarnival.co.uk](mailto:info@barlowcarnival.co.uk).

In March, tickets will go on sale for our popular Barlow Not Quite 10k, Open Air Cinema, and Rock the Carnival — so keep an eye out!

We'll be sharing more updates over the coming months, but for now, here are some dates for your diary:

**Barlow Not Quite 10k** – Friday 10th July

**Carnival Week** – Wednesday 12th – Sunday 16th August

**Christmas Fayre** – Saturday 28th November



# YOUNG FARMERS



## February Round-Up

Hello,

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it has certainly been a busy one for Barlow Young Farmers!

We kicked things off with a fascinating and eye-opening visit from one of the team at Edale Mountain Rescue. Members learned all about the vital work they do across the Peak District, responding to call outs in all weather conditions to help those who find themselves in difficulty on the hills. Paul spoke about the specialist equipment they use, the importance of teamwork and the dedication required to be on call 24/7. It was incredible to hear real-life stories of rescues and to gain a deeper understanding of how much preparation goes into every call out. He brought along his rescue dogs which he has trained from puppies which the members enjoyed meeting and staged a seek and find mission with a member hiding on the playing field.

The club also presented, with great pride, a cheque for £1000 to Ashgate Hospice from proceeds raised at the Christmas Tractor Run.

Of course February wouldn't be complete without some Pancake Day fun! Our annual pancake evening was filled with laughter, games and (perhaps most importantly) plenty of delicious pancakes.

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout and plenty of new faces joining in. As always, Barlow Young Farmers continues to offer a mix of learning, social activities, and good old-fashioned fun.

If you're aged 10–28 and would like to get involved, we'd love to welcome you along to one of our upcoming meetings. Keep an eye on our social media pages for details of what's coming up next — there's plenty more in store as we head into spring!

Rosie Twigg — Barlow Young Farmers



# BARLOW - OLD PHOTOS

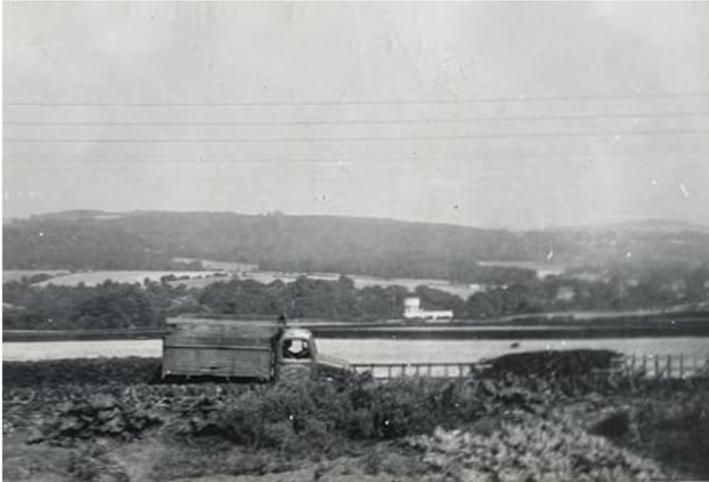


Photo showing Monk Wood (no bypass!) and water tower (not really visible anymore), taken from front room of No4 Rutland Terrace (my aunt Sally's) – guessing early to mid 50s?

And are these the people who built it?

Julian Haslam



1975.  
The New Inn,  
Later renamed  
The Trout

# ASTRONOMY EVENTS IN MARCH

## **March 8 – Mercury at Highest Altitude in Evening Sky**

On March 8, Mercury will reach its highest altitude in the evening sky, providing an excellent opportunity to observe the elusive planet.

Typically difficult to spot due to its proximity to the Sun, Mercury will be visible low on the western horizon just after sunrise; near its peak, it will be as far as 16° from the Sun. This event marks one of the best times to see Mercury as it shines brightly against the dusk, making it a spectacular sight for dedicated skywatchers.

## **March 14 – Total Lunar Eclipse**

March 2025 brings with it a total lunar eclipse – that means the moon will appear completely red!

It will occur on the night of March 13-14, 2025, depending on where you view it. For most of those viewing from the western hemisphere, the lunar eclipse can be seen late on the 13th; if you're viewing in the eastern hemisphere, it will be visible early on the 14th. The total lunar eclipse will be visible across almost all of North America and South America, plus parts of Greenland and Antarctica.

This lunar eclipse will begin at 03:57 UTC and will end at 10:00 UTC; the total eclipse will occur from 06:26 UTC to 07:31 UTC, meaning there's a 65-minute window where the moon will appear completely red.

## **March 14 – Peak of the $\gamma$ -Normid Meteor Shower**

And now for something different! Mid-March also welcomes a different kind of astronomical experience: the peak of the  $\gamma$ -Normid meteor shower on March 14th.

This southern hemisphere meteor shower runs from February 25th through March 28th, but astronomers predict that the night of greatest activity will occur on the 15th. On this night, you can expect to see up to six meteors per hour.

While the  $\gamma$ -Normids aren't one of the major meteor showers in the year, viewers in the southern hemisphere can enjoy trying to spot meteors as they radiate from the constellation Norma.

More astronomical events listed on <https://spacetourismguide.com/march-night-sky/>

# POETRY CORNER

## Focus on Robert Frost

**Robert Lee Frost** (March 26, 1874 – January 29, 1963) was an American poet. Known for his realistic depictions of rural life and his command of American colloquial speech, Frost frequently wrote about settings from rural life in New England in the early 20th century. Just before the First World War Frost had a period of residence in Britain and his first book of poems, which no American publisher accepted, was in fact published here in 1913.

His two most famous and best-loved poems are 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' and 'The Road not Taken', both of which were featured in previous editions of this magazine.

Here are a couple more:

### Fire and Ice

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To know that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.

### Lodged

The rain to the wind said,  
'You push and I'll pelt.'  
They so smote the garden bed  
That the flowers actually knelt,  
And lay lodged - though not dead.  
I know how the flowers felt.

### Looking for a Sunset Bird in Winter

The west was getting out of gold,  
The breath of air had died of cold,  
When shoeing home across the white,  
I thought I saw a bird alight.

In summer when I passed the place  
I had to stop and lift my face;  
A bird with an angelic gift  
Was singing in it sweet and swift.

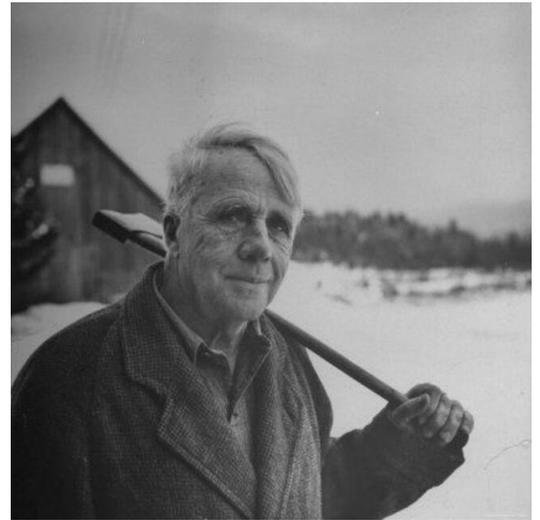
No bird was singing in it now.  
A single leaf was on a bough,  
And that was all there was to see  
In going twice around the tree.

From my advantage on a hill  
I judged that such a crystal chill  
Was only adding frost to snow  
As gilt to gold that wouldn't show.

A brush had left a crooked stroke  
Of what was either cloud or smoke  
From north to south across the blue;  
A piercing little star was through.

## **A Considerable Speck (Microscopic)**

A speck that would have been beneath my sight  
On any but a paper sheet so white  
Set off across what I had written there.  
And I had idly poised my pen in air  
To stop it with a period of ink  
When something strange about it made me think,  
This was no dust speck by my breathing blown,  
But unmistakably a living mite  
With inclinations it could call its own.  
It paused as with suspicion of my pen,  
And then came racing wildly on again  
To where my manuscript was not yet dry;  
Then paused again and either drank or smelt--  
With loathing, for again it turned to fly.  
Plainly with an intelligence I dealt.  
It seemed too tiny to have room for feet,  
Yet must have had a set of them complete  
To express how much it didn't want to die.  
It ran with terror and with cunning crept.  
It faltered: I could see it hesitate;  
Then in the middle of the open sheet  
Cower down in desperation to accept  
Whatever I accorded it of fate.  
I have none of the tenderer-than-thou  
Collectivistic regimenting love  
With which the modern world is being swept.  
But this poor microscopic item now!  
Since it was nothing I knew evil of  
I let it lie there till I hope it slept.  
I have a mind myself and recognize  
Mind when I meet with it in any guise  
No one can know how glad I am to find  
On any sheet the least display of mind.



## **Happiness Makes up in Height for what it Lacks in Length**

Oh, stormy stormy world,  
The days you were not swirled  
Around with mist and cloud,  
Or wrapped as in a shroud,  
And the sun's brilliant ball  
Was not in part or all  
Obscured from mortal view—  
Were days so very few  
I can but wonder whence  
I get the lasting sense  
Of so much warmth and light.  
If my mistrust is right  
It may be altogether  
From one day's perfect weather,  
When starting clear at dawn,  
The day swept clearly on  
To finish clear at eve.  
I verily believe  
My fair impression may  
Be all from that one day  
No shadow crossed but ours  
As through its blazing flowers  
We went from house to wood  
For change of solitude.

# MOBILE LIBRARY

A couple of editions ago I reported on the sad lack of visitors after a trip at the Mobile Library van. I pointed out that we might lose this service if we don't use it more. I was surprised about the strange choice of stopping place, halfway up on Springfield Road. I have since been reliably informed that Barlow used to have two stops in the distant past.

Independently, Emma Woods also helped to promote the Mobile Library by suggesting to School and Preschool that they might wish to make use of this library facility. Encouraged by the positive response Emma wrote to DCC to ask if it would be possible to schedule a specific stop for school or class use. This is the reply she received:

Many thanks for your email. I'm glad to hear that you have started to use the mobile library in Barlow, and it's brilliant that you are helping to promote it.

As part of our Library Strategy, we are updating our mobile library service. We have new vans on order, and will be reviewing timetables and the location/timing of stops ahead of these arriving – so this is incredibly useful timing, and I will feed the suggestions into the conversation.

The new vans will be smaller, and so will offer greater flexibility – as you've noted, we are very limited on where we can park the current HGV vehicles.

We do not offer mobile stops specifically for schools/class visits. Many schools have their own library facilities already (and there are government plans to make this compulsory). We don't have the capacity or resources to provide school stops. I completely understand your suggestion of stops near schools/after school to attract families, and this is something we will be considering. We will certainly need to look at logistics, and levels of demand, to make the best use of the two vans to cover the whole county.

Kind regards, Carla

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Given that they are currently reviewing the situation I think that there might be a real chance here that we might be able to ask for a second Barlow stop, or at least for a stop in a more easily accessible spot. I am going to write to Carla (Community Engagement Manager) to suggest this, but of course it would help if other Barlow residents would do the same. Alternatively, we could try to start a petition?

Please let Emma (or myself) know what you think, as she has kindly agreed to head up the campaign.

As always, the proof is in the pudding, of course, so we would really have to increase footfall on the days the Mobile Library stops in Barlow!

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# PUZZLE PAGES

## QUIZ:

### Famous Authors & Their Works

1. Who wrote *Pride and Prejudice*?
2. Who is the author of *1984* and *Animal Farm*?
3. Who created the detective Sherlock Holmes?
4. Who wrote the *Harry Potter* series?
5. Which author is best known for *The Old Man and the Sea*?
6. Who wrote *The Great Gatsby*?
7. Who is the author of *The Catcher in the Rye*?
8. Who wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
9. Who penned the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy?
10. Who wrote *Frankenstein*?
11. What is the name of the whale in *Moby-Dick*?
12. Who is the author of *Crime and Punishment*?
13. Who wrote *Jane Eyre*?
14. What is the title of George Eliot's most famous novel?
15. Who wrote *Wuthering Heights*?

Answers: 15. Emily Bronte 14. Middlemarch 13. Charlotte Bronte 12. Fyodor Dostoevsky 11. Moby Dick 10. Mary Shelley 9. J.R.R. Tolkien 8. Harper Lee 7. J.D. Salinger 6. F. Scott Fitzgerald 5. Ernest Hemingway 4. J.K. Rowling 3. Arthur Conan Doyle 2. George Orwell 1. Jane Austen

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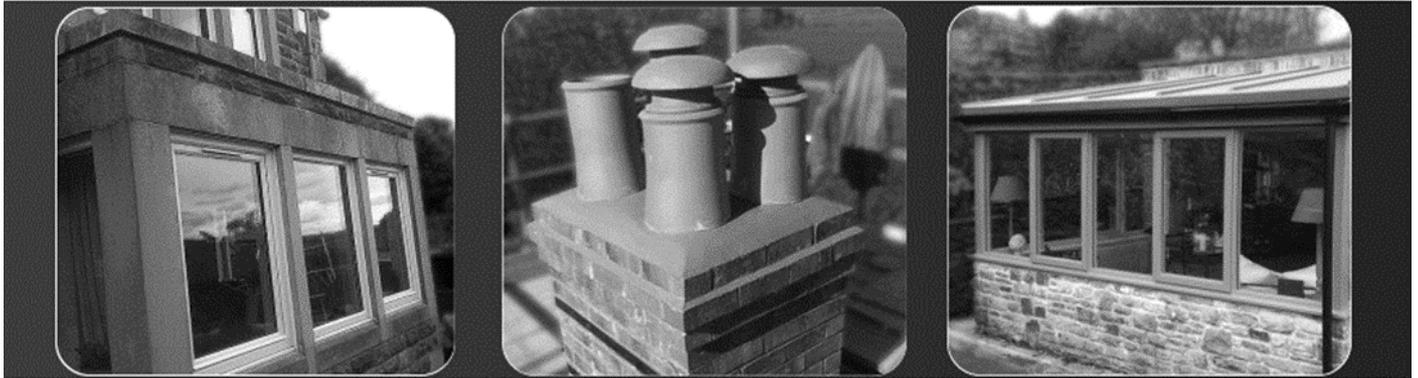
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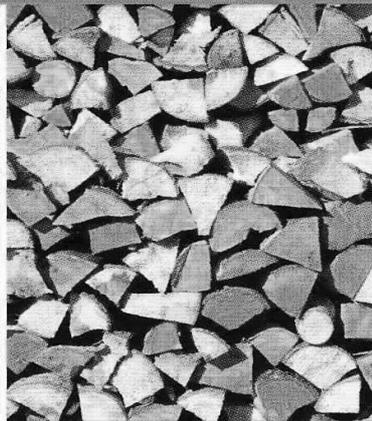
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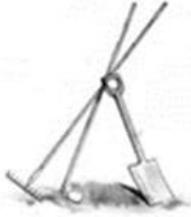
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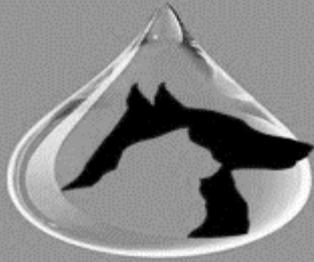
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