

The background of the cover is a photograph of a church building made of light-colored stone. In the foreground, there are several branches of cherry blossoms in full pink bloom, some with buds. The church has arched windows with stained glass. The overall tone is peaceful and seasonal.

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

BARLOW

PARISH MAGAZINE

MAY 2025

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This year marks 80 years since the end of WWII in Europe.

To celebrate, we're hosting a *Cup of Kindness* tea party to raise funds for **Red Cross**.

Join us on **Sunday May 11th**,
between 12pm and 2pm for
tea/coffee and, of course, cake!

We look forward to seeing you,
St Lawrence, Barlow.

MAY 2025

All contributions for the JUNE issue
must be submitted by
Friday, 16th May 2025, 5pm
to ensure inclusion.

Please send your articles and interesting photographs
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YEAR'S MIND - MAY

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

- 1ST** DOROTHY M. EVANS---1998
MARGARET A. ROBINSON---2022
- 2ND** CY JOBLING---2001
- 3RD** ROSE GUNN---1976
- 4TH** ERIC G. WOODALL---2004
BRIAN HIND--2020
- 5TH** HORACE COREY---1983
- 6TH** CHARLES K. MITSON---1980
HORACE N NOBLE---2020
KATHLEEN JOAN LUMB---2010
SARAH JOLLEY---2011
- 7TH** FRANK NOVIS---?
JEFFREY G. HASLAM---1996
- 8TH** BARRIE HOLLIS---1993
EDWARD STEVENSON---2010
- 9TH** CHARLES H. PIDCOCK---1981
JOHN PICKERING---1981
ALBERT E. EATSON---1997
- 10TH** MARGARET M. HALL---1993
*CAROL ROYSTON---2017
- 11TH** *ADA HICKS---1990
CONSTANCE WILSON---1999
HOMER JOLLEY---2002
OLIVE MATCHETT---2015
- 12TH** JOSEPH R. SHELDON---1979
ELIZABETH JAKEMAN---1999
- 13TH** PETER BOOKER---2010
MONA PEARSON---2010
BETTY KUZNIARZ---2012
- 14TH** JOHN MILTON---1975
HILDA R. BRADBURY---1972
DORA B. HARRISON---1992
- 15TH** GARY BIRCHALL---2009
*CYNTHIA 'BETTY' DAVIS---2009
*EUNICE McGUINNESS---2013
JAMES HARRY BLANKSBY---2013
- 16TH** DORIS SMITH---1973
WINIFRED WILTON---1987
- 17TH** ELIZABETH NEALE---1982
JOHN BOTHAM---1991
JOHN FROOME---2018
- 18TH** ANNIE PIDCOCK---1993
- 19TH** ROSA SHAWCROFT---1984
*REG WIDDOWSON---2017
RICHARD R POWELL---2018
- 20TH** WILFRED HASLAM---1971
JEFFREY B. MATCHETT---2000
- 21ST** HANNAH WALKER---1991
JOHN N. HOPKINSON---1993
JOHN T. BLAKEMORE---1997
FRED BROWN---1998
JOHN STEPHEN BETTS--2021
- 22ND** HENRY BOWLER---1964
PATRICIA SIMPSON---2008
CARL PETER BOWN---2021
- 23RD** JEFFREY LAYTON---1978
MURIEL HOLMES---2013
- 24th** MICHAEL GRAHAM---2010
REGINALD A DODD---2017
LINDA J HADFIELD--2020
- 25TH** RAYMOND JONES---2007
- 26TH** ARTHUR COCKING---1979
MINNIE BOOKER---1979
- 27TH** JOHN E. RAINFORD---1993
BARBARA JOLLEY---1999
LINDA MILNER---2009
JOYCE HERRINGSHAW
STANLEY CARSON--2020
- 28TH** HANNAH SLACK---1964
JESSIE WHITE---1968
NELLIE ROWE---1971
ROBERT J. BAINBRIDGE---1994
MILLIE POWELL---1999
GEORGE A. BRADBURY---1999
- 29TH** WALLACE BLOOR---1976
GRAHAM FRIEND (Priest)---1998
JOHN HALLAM---2011
- 30TH** EMILY NEEDHAM---1979
MICHAEL FISH---1994
KATHLEEN M. COWAN---1994
BRENDA CHAMBERS---2002
KEVIN SMITH---2015
BETTY TAYLOR---2015
DENNIS ROY POOLE---2016
- 31ST** TOM LOWE---1966
LUDVIK KUZNIARZ---1978
SYLVIA MAY NEEDHAM---2008

FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: MAY 2025

Baptisms

20th April---Quinn William Burgess

Funerals

14th April—Rod Powell—Funeral service & burial

12th April---Ken & Joan Mettam—ashes burial

26th April—James Colin King—ashes burial

16th April---Brian Haslam—funeral service and burial

Marriages

None

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)

Dear Friends,

The month of May is going to be busy for any of the many bellringers in this country. On May 8th they will be ringing to remember that 80 years have passed since VE day was celebrated and when bells rang out again, having been silenced during the war. Those of you who had waited through those bleak war days must remember the joy of celebrating together. Wherever you were, I am sure you have a memory of that day and night.



Hot on the heels, 18th May will be Bell Sunday and many church towers will join in festivities with teams of ringers busy with their art.

But what has that to do with Barlow? Barlow Church has only one bell. That may be so, but it calls out the same message as church towers with six, eight, ten or even sixteen bells. Something is happening. It says 'we are about to begin a service', be that for a wedding, a funeral or celebrating Mass. It says 'come and see what is happening inside. Come and join us'. And if it is a service of the Lord's Supper (Mass), there will be

bells rung during the Eucharistic prayer, two times three bells, sounding out to any who may hear, connecting the worshippers in the building with the community of Barlow and across the fields beyond. The bell rings out, saying 'Come and be part of the celebration'. As a child I remember hearing the bells of King's Lynn, St Margaret's and being rushed to the church railings to see if mother knew the bride's or groom's family. The bells made the event public by telling all who heard them that a new marriage was beginning: "Come and celebrate with us."

The passing bell, or 'tolling', for a funeral tells of the passing of a parishioner or one of the Barlow community. No longer are we told man or woman and their age, through coded messages of groups of bells, but if the bell is ringing midweek, it will almost certainly be a call to remember a life which has ended and to celebrate that life.

Barlow school also had a bell. The tower remains and I guess in days before watches were worn by all the villagers it rang out to signal that the school day was about to begin. The school logo on the school uniform features the bell, telling whoever sees it that they are looking at a pupil of Barlow Church of England School and we are surely proud of all that BCS does for our community.

Bells mark the passing of time. Big Ben sounds at 6.00pm and if you listen to Radio 4, you will know the bongs which unite the country, ready to listen to the 6.00 news. Of course, it is the same bell which so many will hear as each old year passes into the new year, from December 31st into January 1st, marking a closing and an opening.

Not so long ago pub landlords and landladies, of The Peacock and The Tickled Trout no doubt, proudly rang their bar bells, with the call 'time gentlemen please', so not PC these days and yet so much a part of an era in British culture. 11.00pm was the time to break up the party, celebrating was over. Thank goodness it didn't coincide with dusk, like a curfew bell, indicating that all must be indoors.

Over the next few weeks, when you hear a bell, stop to think for a moment and ask what is it saying to you? Is it the end of something or a beginning? If it is the church bell, what are you being invited to celebrate? Will you take up the invitation to join in?

Revd. Gill.

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

What a busy month April has been, as the deadline for this magazine is Good Friday, we still have the majority of the Easter services to come. However, we were very excited to host Pre-school and School for their Easter celebrations, and to welcome all their families and friends.

Lent breakfasts went very well and it was so nice to see so many of you there. An incredible £1,480 was raised, with £740 each going to Church and Dementia UK. Thank you to everyone who helped over the weeks and especially to Clarence and Jo for supplying us with milk and eggs.

We will be planting pots of flowers around Church again this year, so if anyone has any unwanted pots or troughs, we can certainly find a use for them.

Red Cross VE Day 80th Cup of Kindness

As you will be aware it is the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May. To mark the occasion, we will be holding a “Cup of Kindness” event to raise money for The Red Cross, in the Church marquee on Sunday 11th May. It will be after the morning service, from 12 midday until 2pm. Drinks and cake will be served and everyone is welcome to join us.

Open Gardens

A huge thank you to everyone who has already agreed to take part in Open Gardens this year. We can accept as many gardens as people who are willing, so if you have never opened your garden before, but think you might like to, please get in touch for a chat to see what is involved. You can e-mail or telephone Churchwarden Julie West whose contact details are at the front of this magazine. Your garden does not have to be Chelsea Flower Show standard, any garden can take part, formal, informal, wild, nature, for children, sensory, a work in progress, all are encouraged to participate.

If you could let Julie know by Friday 9th May if you wish to take part please so we can finalise numbers.

Flower Festival & Well Dressings

The well dressings & flower festival will run from August 13th to 19th with the Blessing of the Wells parade taking place from the main well opposite Hackney House on Wednesday 13th August. There is a service in Church at 6.30pm with the parade following this.

Appeal to the Bakers of Barlow and Beyond

Once again we are appealing to all the talented bakers in the area for scones and cakes for Open Gardens day and for the week of the flower festival. We are always so grateful for the fabulous donations made, they are really appreciated by all our visitors too. If you could put your name on any cake boxes or similar containers we can ensure they are returned to you promptly.

Church Opening

Thanks to our group of wonderful volunteers, Church opening will return to summer hours from 1st May. Church will be open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays' from 10am until 4pm. There are occasionally events happening on some of the open days when access may be restricted, but we do our best to avoid this.

Regular services for May

Sunday 4th May: 11am service

Sunday 11th May: 8am Mass & 11am Family service

Sunday 18th May: 11am service.

Sunday 25th May: 11am service

Upcoming Events

VE Day 80th Anniversary Cup of Kindness: Sunday 11th May at Church
12-2pm

Open Gardens: Sunday 6th July 2025 10am-4pm

Flower Festival: August 13th-19th 2025

Blessing of the Wells: August 13th 2025

Harvest Supper: Sunday 12th October 2025

With best wishes to everyone, from Julie.

Baby Basics Appeal

The Baby Basics team in Chesterfield thank you all for the huge amount collected for them at church. Their volunteer was really amazed when she saw how much she had to fit into her car to take away, and said it looked as though she had robbed a Mothercare store!

Thank you for supporting our appeal again. We don't really know where everything came from, or who to thank, as every time we came to church there were more gifts waiting for us. There was so much! We know the residents of Valley Rise sent lovely things, as did some of our school mums. Our congregation was amazing - and those not familiar with newborns kindly gave donations, so that we could buy items on the list. It has been a truly wonderful effort and we do thank you if you found something for us, knitted for us, or gave money. A message came from the team - "Thank you all so much. We, the Baby Basics Team say a very big thank you. For us there is nothing like the feeling of knowing we have the wherewithal to help our mums and babies in need."

Their team regularly fill 8 baskets a month. Just think of the relief a new mother will feel when she receives a basket for her baby, full of those beautiful gifts and she knows someone did care after all. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to anyone who may not read this magazine but gave us something. We really are grateful and appreciate your generosity. THANK YOU.

Jenny Windle St Lawrence Church.



"Quick! Shut the boot!!"

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2025

This meeting is held every year to receive the financial report and the various reports of church activity throughout the year. The meeting also elects Churchwardens, PCC members, Deanery Synod members, vergers and sidespersons.

The meeting was held on 23rd March 2025 in church after the Parish Mass and was chaired by Rev Sarah Colver and attended by 14 members of the congregation

The following were elected;

CHURCHWARDENS Julie West (Peter Gouldthorpe has stood down this year. The second Churchwarden's post is vacant)

DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS Mrs. Jenny Windle was elected last year, Richard Smith has also been appointed to fill our second place on the Deanery Synod..

PCC MEMBERS The following were elected:

David Windle, Joy Layton, Charlotte Mitchell, Janet Siddall, June Waller. Mr. J Shore, Mr. D Skelton, Melanie Hancock, Peter Gouldthorpe

VERGERS Joy Layton, June Waller & Janet Siddall

SIDESPERSIONS Joy Layton, Jon Cook, June Waller, David Windle, David Barnes, Annette Jacques, Jenny Windle, Lynda Reeves, Charlotte Mitchell, Anne Haslam, Jenny Kingston.

TREASURER Janet Siddall

PCC SECRETARY Peter Gouldthorpe

PCC MINUTE SECRETARY Joseph Shore

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER Jenny Windle

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Paul Hardy



Sunday 6th July 2025 10am - 4pm

Entrance fee per person

£6

Children under 12 free
Must be supervised by an adult please

Please wear your wristbands as these
allow you entrance to the gardens



Proceeds to St Lawrence Church, Barlow

Dogs welcome but **MUST** be kept on a lead at all times

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Planning Matters

Planning applications

24/00973/AFULD – Approval of details for Application prior notification for Agricultural storage building for machines and fodder storage (Amended Title) at Land East of Fig farm, Grange Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

25/00102/LB – Listed Building Application to carry out work to reveal and restore fireplace on western wall of the first floor south-western bedroom, including removal of gypsum plaster using needle gun technique and modern brick work and installation of hearth. (Listed Building) at Lees Hall Farm, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

25/00198/AGD – Prior approval application for agricultural building for storage of machinery, fertiliser and seed at Yew Tree Farm, Far Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

25/00215/FL – Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (Materials) of planning application 25/00672/FL to change roofing product and preferred colour palette for the windows and house and garage doors as material sample board at 43A Valley Road. Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

25/00046/FL - Change of use of a section of existing barn (used for storage) to an events space with kitchen and toilet facilities (Package Treatment Plant) at Land To The North West Of Overholme Farm, Barlow Road, Chesterfield

RESOLVED Council are concerned with the potential noise pollution, traffic increase in this already congested area. Access to the venue will be difficult from the main road. Parking should be made available for any visitors and staff otherwise it will cause more congestion on the main road.

Planning Decisions

24/00882/FLH – Single storey side and single storey rear extension (revised plans/amended title) at 22 Valley Road, Barlow – Conditionally approved 7 March 2025

25/00062/CATPO – Notification of intention to prune 2 trees within Barlow Conservation Area at The Old Vicarage, Hackney Lane, Barlow – Approved 10 March 2025

25/00069/CATPO – Notification of intention to remove 1 Spruce tree within Barlow Mills and Crow Holes Conservation Area at 3 Crow Hole, Barlow – Approved 10 March 2025

RESOLVED noted

Any other planning matters, appeals, etc

No other planning matters received

Planning applications circulated after the agenda was issued

No further planning applications received

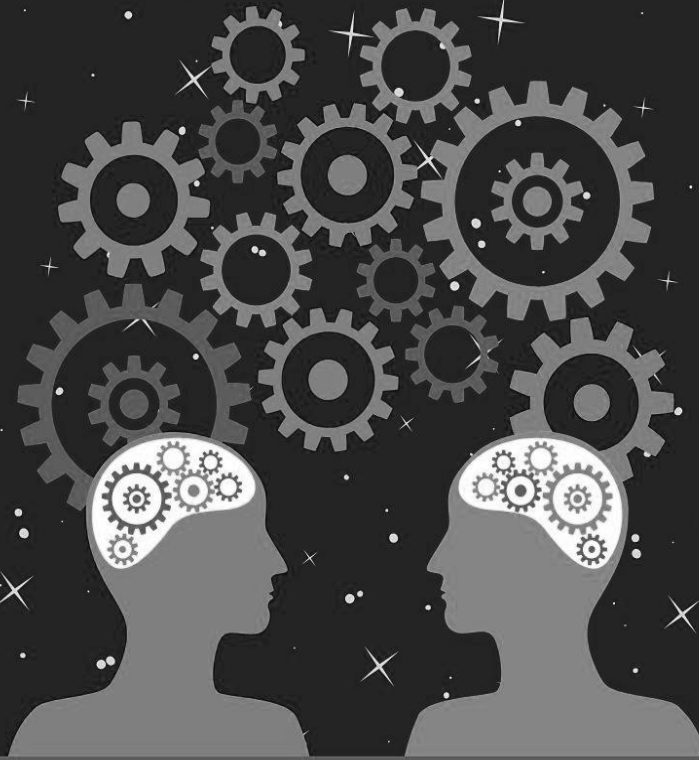
Quiz Night

The Quiz Night at the Village Hall with Quizmaster Tommy is becoming really popular. The April one attracted approximately 30 people. The next quiz has been arranged for Wednesday, 14th May. Please see poster on page 14!

Book Signing

Another date for your diary is the book-signing event by best-selling author Beth Morrey. Beth lived in Barlow as a child. She went to Barlow Playgroup (as it was called then) and Barlow School. She went on to Lady Manners School in Bakewell. Her parents, Louise and Ian, still live on Valley Rise, but Beth now lives in London with her husband and 2 sons. Please refer to the poster on page 15. Beth will be talking about reading, writing and publishing.

Barlow Village Hall



QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 14 May 2025
£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 7.30PM QUIZ STARTS AT 8PM

www.barlowvillage.co.uk

BOOK CLUB

WITH BEST
SELLING AUTHOR

Beth Morrey

Sunday Times Best Selling Author



Beth Morrey's publishing journey, her tips for writing a bestseller, book recommendations and gossip about all your favourite authors! Includes Book Signing and Q&A

**Saturday 21 June 2025 2pm
at Barlow Village Hall**

**For admittance please email
the Parish Clerk -
info@barlowvillage.co.uk
to reserve your free place.**

SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Beth Morrey

Isabella's

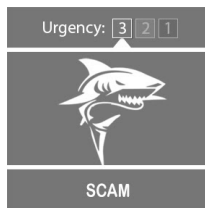
A shattered friendship.
A quest for answers.

Not

Can she put the pieces
back together?

Dead

'Beth is a really clever, funny writer' Nina Stibbe



Stay vigilant for ticket fraud ahead of top events and concerts this summer.

Hello everyone,

In Action Fraud's new campaign, we are urging people planning to buy tickets or attend this summer's events and concerts to stay vigilant to criminals.

According to new data, £9.7 million was lost to ticket fraud in 2024 in the UK alone. Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, has launched a new ticket fraud awareness campaign, warning people to be alert to fraudsters trying to catch out people planning for popular and sold-out events.

Find out more:
actionfraud.police.uk/ticketfraud



**In 2024, £9.7M
was lost to
ticket fraud.**

Follow our top tips to protect
yourself against ticket fraud.

- Buy safely ● Payment ● Account security

STOP! THINK FRAUD
actionfraud.police.uk

Action Fraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
www.actionfraud.police.uk

EVAS SECURE
TICKETS from
AUTHORISED
RETAILERS

Follow our top tips to avoid falling victim to ticket fraud.

- Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter or agent, or a well-known ticketing website.
- Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer, especially if buying from someone unknown. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering the money if you become a victim of fraud.
- The password you use for your email account, as well as any other accounts you use to purchase tickets, should be different from all your other passwords. Use three random words to create a strong and memorable password, and enable 2-step verification (2SV).
- Be wary of unsolicited emails, texts or adverts offering unbelievably good deals on tickets.
- Is the vendor a member of STAR? If they are, the company has signed up to their strict governing standards. STAR also offers an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution service to help customers with outstanding complaints. For more information visit star.org.uk/buy_safe.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040, or call Police Scotland on 101.



"You'll have to get behind me and push."

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

We have had a very busy Easter at Pre-school which involved egg rolling competitions, baking, an Easter bonnet parade and a celebration at St Lawrence Church, where we sang songs and enjoyed coffee and cake afterwards. The children sang beautifully to a packed church. We were very proud of them. Mary, one of our staff members, also kindly made an Easter cake to raffle off. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. We raised over £150 to go towards our outdoor resurfacing fund. Thanks also to St Lawrence Church for allowing us to visit and to Reverend Sarah for telling the children the Easter story.



For Mother's Day we made gifts using plants kindly donated by Dunston Garden Centre. The children decorated the pots and made a decorated stick to go with the plants.

We love this time of year as it means we get to visit the baby lambs at Needham's farm, next door to Pre-school, and have a cuddle with them. Thank you, Richard, for having us again; we really enjoyed the visit. It is always a highlight of the year.

Over the Easter break we finally had our outdoor area resurfaced. This has been a long time coming as we had to raise a huge amount of money to cover the cost. We are nearly there, £5000 more to raise. We are so pleased with how fabulous it looks. Thanks to Jethro Heathcote (Heathcote plant Ltd) for doing the groundworks and Soft Surfaces Ltd for the wetpour surface. One of our fabulous parents, Steve, has also tidied up the shed and playhouse for us.

Save the date! Family Fun Day, Saturday 28th June 2-6pm at the village hall. Bouncy castle and slide, bar, food, stalls and games. Everyone welcome.

Jo



BARLOW CofE SCHOOL

This term we have lots to say thank you for! We are extremely grateful to parents, friends and families of the school who have supported us in our reading endeavours with purchasing books from our Amazon wish list. As you can see from their smiles, the children are very excited about the new books. Reading continues to take a high priority in school with a continued focus on our phonics programme, Little Wandle. We are very pleased with the progress all the children are making. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and other volunteers who come in and support the children's reading in school.



We are also extremely grateful to FOBS and everyone who supports them through volunteering time, setting up and buying tickets for the Easter raffle, running and attending the pop-up craft club and all the other events that FOBS run. We have just been able to purchase a suite of 15 ipads and a docking station for them through the generous support of a £3000 donation from FOBS. This allows the children to work in pairs using the ipads and to be able to access some of the latest educational software.

Mrs Weston-Taylor has been hard at work in the school garden. She has worked with some of the children in Emerald class planting seeds and setting up vegetables. She is also keen to improve the garden further and has successfully applied for a grant of £250 from NEDDC. We are excited to continue the transformation of the garden area.

Lea Green

Emerald class had the delights of an overnight trip to Lea Green. We go there in both Y3 and Y4, so the Y4 children were able to lead the way and show the Y3 around the site. The children had an action-packed

schedule, including buggies, low ropes course, campfire and skyline. The skyline is the most challenging element. Children are harnessed to a cable which runs freely around a hexagonal steel track about 5m up in the air. They then have to negotiate a series of hanging obstacles. Every single child made it around the course at least once, with some progressing to the more challenging course, which goes in and out of the middle section. To get down from the end platform, children go down the zip wire course. We were proud of the children's determination and 'have a go' attitude on everything they tried. Our instructor Jenny was very pleased with the children.

Willersley Castle

It was a similar story at Willersley Castle for Sapphire class's two-night residential trip. We had so many comments from instructors and catering staff about how polite our children were and how well they engaged with the activities. Our activities at Willersley included archery, grass sledging, aeroball and climbing. The unanimous highlight was the kayaking and canoeing. Willersley is situated on the River Derwent between Cromford and Matlock Bath, so the children were able to paddle directly from the site. Everyone had a chance to have a go in both the double canoes and single kayaks with an exciting mid-water swap-over point. The children soon got the knack of using the paddles and the communication skills needed in the double canoes in order to stay on track. Our second night finished with several goes on the floodlit zipwire which really accelerated everyone down the hillside.

We are so pleased that we can offer a residential trip in every year group between Y3 and Y6. We know the children get a lot from them and they certainly make special memories. We are very grateful to the staff who volunteer to accompany the children, as without them the trips would simply not be possible. Thank you to Miss Thorpe, Mrs McElhattan, Mrs Gale and Miss Jones.

Welcome

We are excited to welcome our new cohort of Reception ready for September 2025. They were all allocated their places mid April. We are looking forward to getting to know them over the next months.

Penny (Headteacher)

FOBS

Friends of Barlow School

We're excited to update you on what's been happening at Barlow School, thanks to the ongoing support from our community!

As carnival countdown looms, we want to celebrate the success of our school's float last year. We had a new team of parent volunteers who worked so hard with the children to create a RIO themed float. We had had a generous donation from SKYHOUSE business and were able to purchase a portable power pack which can be used for years to come. Our school float won many prizes, including best party float, outstanding float and a great school scarecrow. The float team would like to donate £150 prize funds to a new school project, run by Mrs Weston-Taylor, to support the development of the school's nature area. The funds will go towards creating a pond that will become a habitat for local wildlife. The garden will also feature planters and flowers designed to attract pollinating insects. Additionally, there will be a bench where children and staff can sit and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. This project will be a great addition to the school and the children are excited to be involved.

Our after-school craft clubs have been a huge success! Due to popular demand we've added more dates. Not only have the clubs provided fun activities for the children, but they've also contributed to our fundraising efforts, helping us raise funds for future projects.

We're pleased to share that FOBS have recently donated £3,000 towards 10 new iPads for the school. These are already being used in the classrooms, helping the children with their learning.

Lastly, and most importantly, we're focusing on our next BIG project: Improving and resurfacing the school playground. The playground is in desperate need of resurfacing. Cracks and worn-out surfaces mean that the playground is becoming uneven and potentially hazardous and is in need of an upgrade. That's why we're hoping to raise £15,000 to give our children a safe, fun, and welcoming place to play again. As a small school our budget is tight and unfortunately we don't have the funds to complete this important project on our own. That's why we're turning to our community for support. Whether you're a parent, a past pupil, a local

resident or just someone who cares, we would be so grateful for any support you can offer. Every donation, big or small, brings us one step closer to transforming our playground into a safe space once more.

You can support this project by donating through our go fund me page <https://gofund.me/f6d4f5f0>. We're truly grateful for any contribution you can make and please feel free to share the link with others who may be interested in helping.

A big thank you to everyone who continues to support FOBS. Your involvement really makes a difference.

Helen (on behalf of the FOBS team)

BARLOW CARNIVAL

NOT QUITE 10K 2025

Chip butties ready! Entries for this year's event are now open via the website!





BARLOW **Family** **FUN DAY**

Sunday

May 25th
2025

Live Music
Bar & Coffee
Fish & Chips, Ice Cream
Bring Your Picnic
Bouncy Castle

12 to 5pm

**Free
Entry**

BARLOW VILLAGE HALL
MILLCROSS LANE
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YOUNG FARMERS

This month we've had some great meetings including a tour of Barlow Kennels where we had a barbecue and met all the hounds including their two puppies! A massive thank you to all who organised the visit and for the generosity of the team there.

We've also had plenty of rally preparation meetings for our upcoming competition days. Barlow are entering a range of competitions including dancing and singing as well as surprise entries and tractor driving. Good luck to everybody who is competing.

Our dinner dance was a roaring success, celebrating our lovely members and all their achievements this year.

If you're looking to get involved in all the fun and are aged between 10 and 26 the good news is it's not too late to join Barlow Young Farmers! Whether you're interested in sports, social events, or just being part of a fantastic group of people, there's something for everyone, even if you're nothing to do with farming. The more the merrier! For more information on how to become a member, please contact Clare on 07858 579877 or Maddie on 07729 696013.

Keep an eye on all of our social media for more updates and upcoming events. We've got Instagram, TikTok and our private Facebook group.

Thank you,

Clare Wood (Secretary) - Contact me on 07858 579877

BARLOW PEOPLE ON TV

BARLOW RED BARROWS

As reported in last month's edition we have recently been lucky enough to appear on Britain's Got Talent. An offshoot of which is that a kind sponsor has bought us a new set of wheelbarrows. We now have five pre-used red wheelbarrows. We offer these to anyone willing to use them as a planter for display in a front garden or prominent position in or around the village.

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CHRIS MAPP

A Chesterfield gastropub owner showcased a taste of Derbyshire to the nation on a recent weekend, as he appeared alongside James Martin on his Saturday morning cookery show.

Chris Mapp, owner of **The Tickled Trout** in Barlow, was cooking for fellow guests on the ITV show in the weekend's episode (Saturday 5th April).

The Tickled Trout prides itself on creating delicious dishes using locally sourced produce. In 2024, the venue received an AA rosette and was awarded Best Pub Restaurant Chef in the UK, at the Craft Guild of Chefs Awards ceremony.

Speaking on his TV appearance, Chris said: "I know James and have done demos with him presenting, but to be on the show was surreal, it was so exciting. I must say that the whole crew and James himself were just fantastic and friendly, so they helped calm the nerves a lot. I also travelled down with Alysia, the Yorkshire Forager, she is a close mate of mine, and that was a huge relief she was there to help me through it."

To get viewers' taste buds tingling, Chris prepared one of his signature dishes on the show: "I did our already-famous spiced cod scotch egg with curry mayonnaise, my homage to Cornwall when I was there with Paul Ainsworth. James is such a brilliant professional, it's very easy being with him, he makes it go extremely smoothly. There's always room for a chuckle as well during filming!"

Chris believes the show will help to put Barlow and Chesterfield on the map as a place to enjoy quality cuisine, adding: "The show has over 1.5m live viewers, plus those watching on catch-up, which is huge. I am sure it will put Barlow and Chesterfield on the map and I am hoping it helps the pub as well. I can envisage already that the lads in the kitchen are going to be making hundreds of scotch eggs!"

The Tickled Trout has currently been under refurbishment but has now re-opened with an exciting new look.



BARLOW PEOPLE

Carol Evans

Stepping through the entrance of Carol's home, Middle Barley, on Wilkin Hill, you are immediately surrounded by fresh, green leaves, clinging to the walls, running up the stairs, appearing to grow throughout the entire house. Secateurs are not required, however, it's only her rather classy wallpaper. But it's a clue to one of the many strings to her bow, her love of gardening. I visited in early Spring, with her collection of magnolias still in bud, all set to burst into life with the magnificent, if brief floral display loved by people the world over.

Each of her garden plants has a special significance, linked as they are to friends and family still with us, or dearly departed. Since 1964, when Carol and her husband Barrie moved into the village, the garden has developed, taken many turns and continues to flourish to this day, much like Carol herself...

Barlow was a natural choice; Barrie's mother having been born here. Finding a home wasn't straightforward. Following the exchange of a cheque for a princely sum, paid to a man in the pub, Barrie and Carol took possession of a derelict barn, knee deep in manure and chickens. Very much a case of starting from scratch. Carol qualified as a cookery teacher in 1955, following a course at Leeds College of Domestic Science. Barrie had started a vending machine company, growing eventually to forty employees. But their early days in Barlow were long and tough, and with children James, Claire and Lindsay arriving through the 1960s, they had plenty to keep them busy!

None of this prevented Carol teaming up with others to contribute to life in Barlow in a wider sense. In partnership with Judy Needham, she founded the village playgroup, helped along by the indefatigable Sue Rowse and many others. The Parish Council donated six weeks free rental of the Village Hall, intensive fundraising provided the equipment, and they were soon up and running. Entirely the work of volunteers, this is surely what 'community spirit' is all about. Barrie somehow found time to join

local light entertainment troupe, Barmypots. A bit like the concert party in 'It Ain't Half Hot Mum', but with not quite so much eyeliner.

For many years, Carol also proved her worth as an impartial judge at the Carnival Classic Car Show. Knowing, as she puts it, 'nothing about cars', she applied her own special set of criteria. Who looked like they needed cheering up? Did the car match her Aga? How fanciable was the owner? Step aside, Mr Clarkson. Barrie did his bit too, serving tea and cake in the refreshment tent. Not a vending machine in sight.

In 2012, Carol and friends started up the Book Group, which has run successfully ever since, bringing people together who may otherwise never have met. Her love of cooking has been a common thread running through her life. Rack of lamb and venison casserole are her go-to dishes. Her Quick Lemon Curd has become justly famous, after appearing in a series of recipes she contributed to this very magazine for four years.



Never one to rest on her laurels, after a long and happy career teaching Home Economics, she enrolled on a set of courses with her favourite cook, Mary Berry, which she thoroughly enjoyed. She also gained a role as a demonstrator in Sheffield's Aga shop, where her skills as a 'people person', as well as a cook, really came to the fore. There were occasional mishaps, the most notable being the time a Kitchen Aid malfunctioned during a high speed whisking operation, in front of an attentive audience of potential owners. Having managed to bring the machine to an unscheduled halt, Carol looked up to find she had meringued the front row!

There is barely room to mention the degree in English she picked up, as she says, 'almost by accident'. The philosophy class, her deep interest in Chinese art, a long tenure as a contributor to Barlow Open Gardens, regular lunches with friends and much

more. But at the heart of everything for Carol has been family life. What a role model she has been. Endlessly supportive and caring, energetic, intellectually curious, always busy, continually connecting people. She's given so much to our village, as well as her family.

History is yet another area of interest for Carol and how fitting that her biggest hero is Bess of Hardwick, whose remarkable and mould-breaking life she has studied extensively. No doubt historians of the future will speak of another exceptional woman, even closer to home - Carol of Barlow.

Peter Baldry

BARLOW HISTORY



1930s picture of 2 unidentified men in the Cordwell Valley area. One of these men bears some resemblance to the playwright George Bernard Shaw who is known to have visited Edward Carpenter (1844-1929), the poet, anthologist, early gay activist and socialist philosopher, at his Millthorpe home. The writers H G Wells and E M Forster were also visitors.

Mike Bradley

POETRY CORNER

Early May

by John Burroughs

The time that hints the coming leaf,
When buds are dropping chaff and scale,
And, wafted from the greening vale,
Are pungent odors, keen as grief.

Now shad-bush wears a robe of white,
And orchards hint a leafy screen;
While willows drop their veils of green
Above the limpid waters bright.

New songsters come with every morn,
And whippoorwill is overdue,
While spice-bush gold is coined anew
Before her tardy leaves are born.

The cowslip now with radiant face
Makes mimic sunshine in the shade,
Anemone is not afraid,
Although she trembles in her place.

Now adder's-tongue new gilds the mould,
The ferns unroll their woolly coils,
And honey-bee begins her toils
Where maple trees their fringe unfold.

The goldfinch dons his summer coat,
The wild bee drones her mellow bass,
And butterflies of hardy race
In genial sunshine bask and float.

The Artist now is sketching in
The outlines of his broad design
So soon to deepen line on line,
Till June and summer days begin.

Now Shadow soon will pitch her tent
Beneath the trees in grove and field,
And all the wounds of life be healed,
By orchard bloom and lilac scent.

BARLOW BOOK CLUBS

Further to the article on the book clubs operating in Barlow, we have received the following bit of additional information from a member of one of them:

“When our first book-club meeting happened in 2012 none of us realised it would be so important for each of us - or that it would still be going strong in 2025. I can’t work out how many books we have discussed (including by email during the pandemic). We get the books from the library, or buy them cheaply from Amazon and we swop copies, so it’s not too expensive. Most of us are retired and we meet on the same Tuesday morning every month in the Peacock at Barlow. There is coffee, space, lovely service and some of our members even have time to stay for lunch. Being keen readers we all have favourite kinds of stories and authors - mysteries, history, detective, classics, science fiction, old and new. The range of reading has introduced us to many writers and widened our appreciation of writing. The joy of a good read and saying why it appeals is great fun. Each member explains why she chose her particular book for the group. Then we go round the table in turn to let everyone express their opinion on the book. It’s really interesting and so varied. It’s amazing how different people’s opinions can be and how we can accept the different viewpoints.

We all fell in love with ‘A Gentleman in Moscow’ (by Amor Towles) and gave it ten out of ten. However, it’s rare that we all agree. The next book, for example, something about pieces of string, will get a low mark from me. I’ve not finished it yet, but our honorary American member Suzie has posted her judgement as a ten! So there’s no knowing what contribution each of us is going to make. We take it in turn to choose a book for the following month. Usually the member who picked the book has enjoyed it and leads the discussion before we go round the table. Each book is given a total mark for our records, which is useful when asked for recommendations. Some of my books are put in our telephone box, others I just can’t part with. Jean and Jackie keep records and send the info out to all nine of us. We are not all from Barlow, but we have connections through friends. I think the longevity of the group is due to meeting during the day and away from home, with no need for dusting! Here are some of my favourite reads which I can’t bring myself to part with:

‘Still Life’ by Sarah Winman, ‘The Seal Woman’s Gift’ by Sally Magnusson ‘The Master Mariner’, by Nicholas Monsarrat, ‘Guernica’ by Dave Boling.

Mimi Wright

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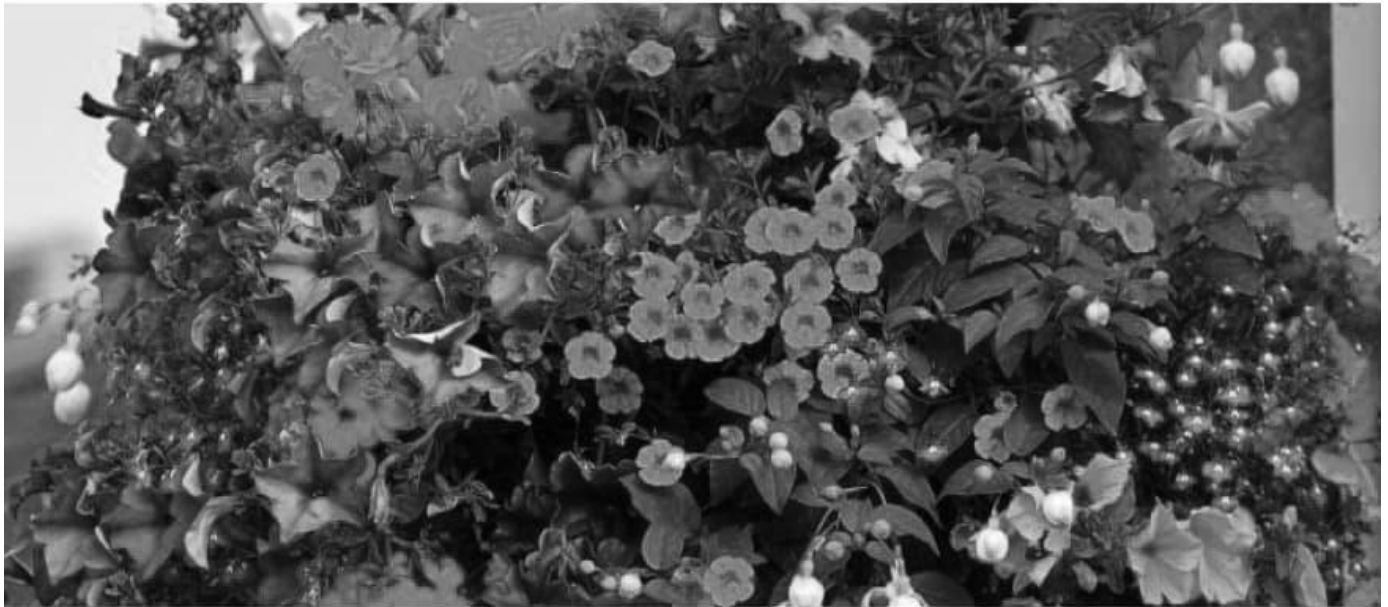
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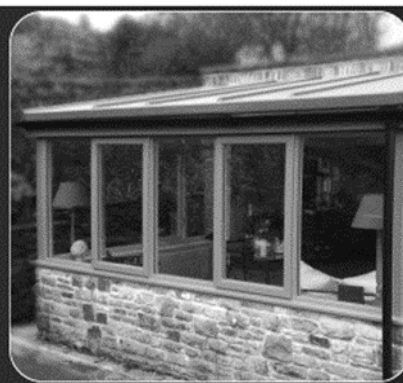
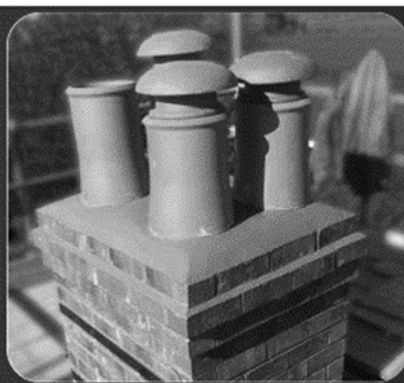




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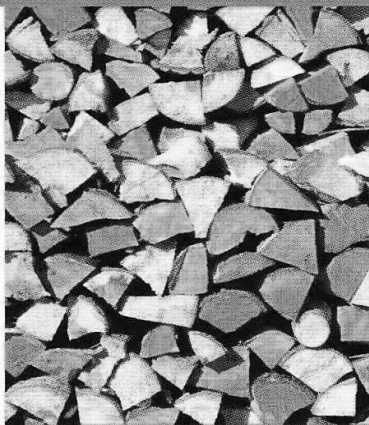
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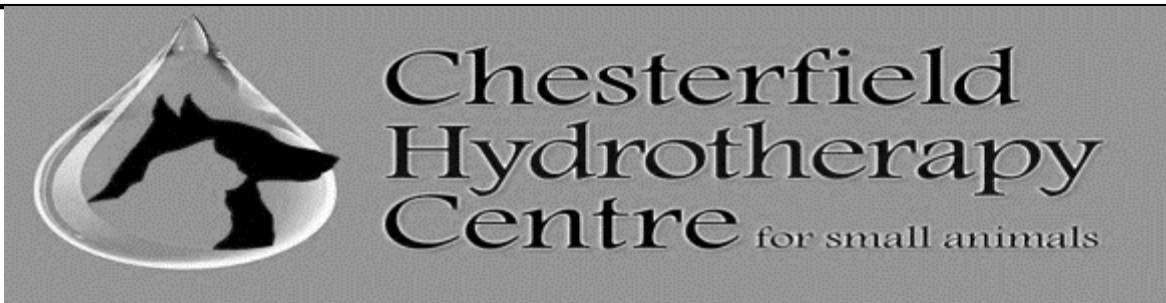
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