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YEAR'S MIND - JUNE

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

1ST FRANK HOLMES---1992

SADIE BARKER---2001

2ND ELLEN SIMPSON---1977

MICHAEL GRAHAM---2010

3RD SAMUEL HASLAM---1969

EDITH M. HILL---1975

5TH VICTOR HASLAM---1973

LUCY M. BOTHAM---1985

MABEL JOHNSON---1984

DOLLY BURGOYNE---1983

6TH ALAN WILLIAMS---2011

7TH JEAN POOLE---2016

8 TH EDITH G. MARPLES---1992

MAY WALKER---1999

9TH EDITH PIDCOCK---1967

ETHEL HASLAM---1976

WILLIAM McINTYRE---1990

EVA MORRIS---1991

ALICE WOOLEY---2013

PAUL SANDERSON---2014

10TH WILLIAM HOLMES---1979

DERRICK H. TAGG---2000

RONALD FLINT---2012

11TH ANNIE DANN---1973

12TH ELIZABETH H. PRISK---2007

JOAN WORTHINGTON---2014

13TH LIZZIE A. NOVIS---1981

MILDRED M. CROSSLEY---
1992

GLADYS LAYTON---1973

14TH JOHN FEARN---1972

BRIAN MARSHALL---1995

ELSIE GELDART---1987

15TH ERNEST SMITH---1987

17TH THELMA DOREEN SMITH---
2016

18TH AMY HOLDEN---2001

19TH MARGARET BARGH---1988

20TH NELLIE GRATTON---1981

JOANNE ALLEN---2021

PHYLLIS PARTRIDGE---1984

ELIZABETH NORTH---2000

*MARION HUNT---2011

*WILLIAM G. SALISBURY---
2007

21ST EDNA SLACK---1984

23RD NELLIE GLAVES---1984

DENNIS STAINROD---1996

BLANCHE MORGAN---2023

24TH PADDY BRAMMER---2001

25TH JOYCE MARSDEN---1975

26TH ETHEL MORGAN---1968
BRENDA MONA PARKIN---
2008

27TH JANE COALEY---1976

HARRY COLES---1983

JOAN RINTOOL-SMITH 2007

28TH ARTHUR JOHNSON---2022

29TH KATH MADDOCKS---2002



FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: JUNE 2025

Baptisms

None

Funerals

15 th May – Derek Woodhouse—ashes burial

Marriages

None

BARLOW CHURCH (ST. LAWRENCE)

Dear Friends,

I was reminded recently of a story about the famous pianist Ignace Paderewski (1860-1941). Apparently, a mother took her young son along to a concert that was to be given by the great man, in the hope of encouraging the boy in his piano lessons. They arrived early for the concert and found their seats, from where they could see the beautiful Steinway piano on the stage in front of them. As they waited for the concert to begin, the mother began a conversation with people sitting nearby – so that she didn't notice when her son quietly slipped out of his seat.



Just as the concert was about to start, everyone began to quieten down - and then their attention was drawn to the piano and to the music which was already being played. The mother looked up and was horrified to see that it was her son who was sitting up there at the piano and picking out the tune 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star' with one finger. As she hurriedly

began to make her way to the platform to remove him, Paderewski himself appeared and went over to sit down beside the child. He whispered: "Don't stop; keep playing!" Then, as the little boy continued, Paderewski first added the bass line and then more harmonies to expand the music further. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized.

This is a fable, an 'urban myth', if you like, and there are several variations doing the rounds. In some, for example, the boy is playing 'Chopsticks' rather than 'Twinkle twinkle', but it doesn't really matter because of course it's the meaning we might find in such a tale that is important and not the specifics.

One of the things I remember about learning the piano is that it requires determination (as well as hours of practice) to reach a decent standard. Every now and then I would feel like I was 'stuck' for a while, not making any progress - and at that point I always needed encouragement to keep going. Thankfully I had a brilliant teacher who understood this!

So what I notice most in this tale is how the great maestro came and sat beside the boy to join in with his playing – starting from where he was, encouraging him, and the music developed from there. Sometimes we might feel that our lives are of little consequence, but actually our words and actions always have an impact on those around us, whether in a community group like the church or our own circle of family and friends. As an adult now (and a much less competent pianist!), I am also thankful for how this story reminds me of how God values each individual for who they are and also that St Paul reminded the early Christians how important it was to value every member of their church community. We all need one another in order to learn and grow together in faith - to make beautiful music in harmony, as it were.

In this June magazine you will read about lots of events, some of which have happened already and others that are planned for the coming months. Thank you to everyone involved with planning and 'delivering' them all. And as the summer months come round again, whatever our context or community, let's take a moment every now and then to stop and to reflect, to be thankful and then to offer encouragement and thanks to those around us too.

Thank you!

Revd Sarah

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

You might notice that Church will be undergoing some renovations during June. We are having all our rotten gutters and holey downpipes replaced, so there will be scaffolding around the Church for a short while. We also have work starting on pruning and cutting back some of the overgrown trees and bushes in the Churchyard. This work is likely to take up to 18 months to complete, as all the trees have different requirements.

We are looking forward to joining Pre-school at their fundraising day, serving cake and drinks to support them in their effort to complete their playground resurfacing fundraising.

Thank you to Tracey who has sent us a flower crochet pattern (please see below). We want to thank all those who have already sent in knitted flowers; we also have some people making fabric flowers and we hope to have a beautiful display at Church for Open Gardens and the rest of the summer. All donations are gratefully received.

Help Needed!!

If you have some time on your hands, love gardening and chatting with others, we are looking for people to join the Churchyard volunteers. They do a great job, keeping the Churchyard tidy and all the grass mowed but are in need of new members. If you might be interested and want to know more, please contact Joy Layton. We also need help to weed and plant the roadside front of Church and are hoping to arrange a one-off mass weed and plant with perhaps a trip to the pub afterwards! If you think you could help, please contact Julie.

Red Cross VE Day 80th Cup of Kindness

The Red Cross fundraiser went very well, with lots of delicious cake. £169 was raised.

Open Gardens

Thank you to everyone who is taking part in Open Gardens this year; we have 16 private gardens open in total. Some are regulars, to whom we are very grateful for their continued support, some are new gardens, thanks to those people for being brave, and some who have returned to opening their gardens after a break. If you would like to get involved, we would welcome anyone who would like to help in the Church kitchen or on one of the car parks, just let us know please.

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, they are really appreciated by all our visitors too. If you could put your name on any cake boxes or plates we can ensure they are returned to you promptly.

Church Opening

Church is 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'll do our best to avoid this.

Regular services for June

Sunday 1st June: 11am service

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

Sunday 15th June: 11am service.

Sunday 22nd June: 11am service

Sunday 29th June: 11am service

Upcoming Events

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.

Simple crochet rib flower pattern.

DK yarn 3 or 4 mm hook. Work up loosely.

Crochet 12 chains (2 are turning chains)

DC into the (Back Loop Only) throughout.

Row 1. DC into the 3rd chain from hook (BLO) to the last stitch = 10 stitches. Turn.

Row 2. Chain 2, DC into 3rd DC from hook (BLO), the 2 chain create a fancy edge to the finished flower.

Continue with row 2 until work measures 16 cm. Make 2 chains and turn, fold work in half so the first row and last row are together, join first stitch of both rows with SC in the (BLO) of both these stitches, work to end. Leave around a 20 cm length of yarn and sew gathering stitches through the gap of the 2 chain stitches. This forms the base of the flower. Secure and tie off both ends of thread.

To make the centre use a different coloured thread, about a 20 cm thread is required at the start and finish of the flower, make a M/C with 6 DC into the circle. Secure and tie off.

Attach to the inside base of the flower with both threads then knot together and leave the threads hanging to use to fix to the display fabric.





Sunday 6th July 2025 10am - 4pm

16 wonderful gardens

from rolling country acres, cottage gardens,
wildlife-friendly spaces and community allotments.



Tickets £6 per person

available in advance from

Hackney House cafe &

Millthorpe Nursery

or on the day from

Church, main car parks,

Millthorpe Nursery plant stall,

Sudbrook Hall & Barlow Woodseats Hall



Children under 12 free and must be supervised by an adult
please. Dogs welcome but **MUST** be kept on a lead at all times.

Refreshments available at the Church

All proceeds to St. Lawrence Church, Barlow



Would you like to sponsor a flower arrangement at the Barlow Church Flower Festival 2025?



The Church Flower Festival will soon be here starting on 13th August 2025. Helen and Sue make a wonderful job every year in providing beautiful, interesting and imaginative arrangements which are greatly enjoyed by our many visitors during Wells Week. The theme this year is "Name the Book?" and is eagerly anticipated and as always, we expect it to be a lot of fun guessing the answers.

The Wells Week and the Flower Festival are an important part of our fundraising calendar each year and we really appreciate the contribution from donations and refreshment sales. This year the cost of sponsoring a display will remain the same as last year. If you are a private individual or a local business, a donation of £35 would sponsor one of the arrangements and your sponsorship will be acknowledged on the display. To ease the cost, why not share the sponsorship with a friend? Or a donation of any amount would be welcome.

If you would like to help, please contact:

Julie our Churchwarden: 07799 639566
or Janet our Treasurer: 01246 206964



URGENT HELP NEEDED!

If anyone has any of the following items we could borrow for the flower festival could you contact Helen on 07813472992 please:

A baby type of doll

Large black cauldron

Carpet/ tapestry bag

Large toy wolf / fox

Toy pistol

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Chair's Annual Report 2024/2025

By the Chair Cllr Irene Hall

Looking back, in dismay, at how quickly the last 12 months have passed, I cannot help but dwell on the salutary thought, "How much (or how little!) has been achieved in that time?" This set me sifting through 12 months of our Clerk's carefully annotated Minutes....

This journey seemed to reveal 5 main topics:

USE OF THE HALL AND EVENTS

During weekdays the Main Hall is kept as busy as ever, by Barlow School and our ever-expanding Pre-School. Other regular activities include a

flourishing Pilates class, an active Young Farmers' Club, a Nature Club for young people and the new Quiz Night, which has made such a promising start. One off events have included Bernie Clifton's book signing, a Christmas Fair, and a Wreath Making Class, not to mention the annual Harvest Supper, Red Barrows Dinner, numerous parties at the weekends and the huge impact of the Carnival festivities. I am pleased to report that yet another book signing, by the prize-winning author Beth Morrey, is already in the pipeline for 21st June.

HIGHWAYS AND PARKING

As always, Highways and Parking are an ongoing source of concern for Council. As a result, even more meetings have been arranged this year with the Highways Officer and the Police to examine the ever-present need for more parking during busy hours, at the same time addressing the concerns of residents who have become the victims of insensitive parking, especially across driveways! As a consequence, more yellow lines have been promised for Wilkin Hill and Hackney Lane, including a more clearly defined bus stop outside the Parish Church. Sadly, due to priorities at Derbyshire County Council, the wait for these is proving rather longer than we would have wished for. Nevertheless, in addition, Council is grateful to PCSO Flower who has submitted a scheme to Derbyshire County Council's Highways Department, for extra parking in front of Hackney House. As for the status of Commonsides Road.... It continues as a no through road and, possibly, in time, it might become an official Bridle Path.

PLANNING

Council looks at all planning applications and decisions as they reach us and we have been particularly happy this year to support two successful appeals, on behalf of some very anxious households.

FINANCE

Council takes the responsibility of 'Keeper of the Village Purse' very seriously. We neither wish to be too frugal, nor irresponsible. Given the current rise in the cost of living, there is even more reason to maintain a sensitive balance. However, we are extremely fortunate to have a skilful and efficient Financial Officer in our Clerk, Emma, who keeps the books in order and makes sure that the budget is never threatened. As a result, we were pleased to have been able to donate £5000 this year towards the resurfacing of the Pre-School play area.

HALL REFURBISHMENTS DURING 2024-2025

Again, with Emma's assistance, we have been able to proceed with a number of improvements to the inside of the Hall this year. In both the Main Hall and the Committee Room, doors have been replaced or refurbished, there has been significant redecoration and new floor tiles have been laid. Shortly, the windows will be fitted with blinds and extra storage will be installed in the kitchen.

IN CONCLUSION.....

As always at this time of year thanks are in order. Primarily, Council is especially grateful to Emma for all her input, not only on the administrative front, but also for the many journeys that she makes to the village, to meet up with people and address the numerous practical problems which occur during the year.

In addition, a big "Thank you!" has to go to Emma's uncle Richard, who frequently assists tirelessly in the background, on both the practical and the advisory front. Also, we are delighted to have the continued support of PCSO Flower and his team at the monthly meetings, with Speed Watch and at the advisory meet-ups which happen from time to time.

Despite other commitments preventing them attending the meetings, we must not forget the County and District Councillors, Foster and Jones. Councillor Jones, spent a considerable amount of time supporting the two successful planning appeals.

Then, there are the Speed Watch volunteers, who have continued to report on and hopefully re-educate speeding drivers.

Finally, a huge "Thank you!" to you, the Councillors. Your support during this last year has been invaluable! Okay... our very humanity has revealed differences of opinion at times. However, the sheer quality of this team allows it to move on and fulfil the aim, which is dear to all our hearts..... the privilege of being allowed to serve our community.

Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NED 25/00285/CATPO – Notification of intention to prune various trees within Barlow Conservation area at St Lawrence Church, Hackney Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

NED 25/00198/AGD – Prior approval application for agricultural building for storage of machinery, fertiliser and seed at Yew Tree Farm, Far Lane, Barlow – **Refused 1 April 2025**

NED 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 – **Conditionally approved 17 April 2025**

RESOLVED noted

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

APP/R1038/W/24/3355320 – Bluebell Woods Cottage, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow – Appeal is dismissed

RESOLVED noted

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

NED 25/00286/TPO – Application to prune x5 Beech trees and x1 False Acacia covered by NEDDC TPO 5 at St Lawrence Parish Church, Hackney Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night at the Village Hall with Quizmaster Tommy is scheduled for Wednesday, 4th June. Doors open at 7.30pm, quiz to start at 8.00pm. £1 per person, no need to book, just turn up on the night. Bring your own drinks!

Book Signing

Please book your free place to attend 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 see the poster on page 16. Beth will be talking about reading, writing and publishing and of course she will be bringing some of her books. To give us some idea of expected attendance we would like you to register your interest with the Parish Council Clerk, Emma.

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

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

We were super excited to see our new play surface finally installed. The children love it, it's super springy! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising for this.

This term is all about Summer, animals, mini beasts and people who help us. Thank you to Julie from Spire Vets who visited us to talk about pets. The children listened through a stethoscope, assisted in an emergency operation and looked at X-rays. We also had a local postman visit to talk about his job and of course let us have a sit in his van!



Next to visit are The Guide Dogs Association and a bee keeper! Please check out our website (barlowpreschool.org.uk) for the latest news, updates and photos, as well as Facebook and Instagram.

Don't forget our Summer fundraiser on 28th June at the Village Hall, 2-6pm. Everyone is welcome for a family day out. Games, stalls, food, bar, cake and coffee (kindly provided by St Lawrence Church), bouncy castle and much more. There is also an amazing raffle with exciting prizes from local businesses. We hope to see you there.



Jo



FOBS

FRIENDS OF BARLOW SCHOOL

Hello,

Just some quick 'thank yous' from FOBS this month. We have had some generous donations of plants and pots for the school. Anne (who works

at Dunston Garden Centre) generously paid for plant pots out of her own money when the FOBS team were sourcing items for the craft pop.

Thanks to Hazel Grainger and Graham Branson for the flowers for the school front and pots for the gardening club respectively. Ruth Powers also kindly donated some plants to us in support of the renovation of the nature area at school too. We are so grateful for your support.

With their help we are looking forward to having the school looking bright and beautiful for the Open Gardens event where we will be providing teas and coffees and most delicious cakes again this year.

Thanks.

FOBS team

THE BARLOWIAN - STEP BACK IN TIME

A Summer Evening of Song and Celebration!

Get ready to tap your feet and sing your heart out – in our much-loved ‘The Barlowian’, our Open-Air Concert. We’re inviting you to Step Back in Time!

Join us for a fun-filled evening where music and memories come together under the summer sky. The concert promises something for everyone, with a fabulous mix of feel-good classics and party hits that will have the whole family dancing. From the soulful groove of Somebody Else’s Guy to an energetic Spice Girls medley, and the irresistible beats of Uptown Funk, the night is set to be a musical time machine through some of the best tunes of the past few decades. Bring your picnic blankets, your friends and family, and enjoy the joyful atmosphere in the heart of the Barlow community. There’ll be something for all ages to enjoy – whether you’re singing along, dancing on the grass, or simply soaking up the sounds.

We can’t wait to see you there – let’s make it an evening to remember!

Doors Open at 6:00PM - From 7:00PM to 9:45PM

Chorus UK Present

CRE8IVE
STATION

STEP BACK IN TIME

A glorious array of
smash hits from the
1970's to the 2020's!



Cre8ivestation.com/barlowian

The Recreation Ground, Barlow S18 7TA
19th July 7pm

Ticket Prices:
£17.50 Over 14s | £9 14s & under

BARLOW CARNIVAL

NOT QUITE 10K 2025

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



A MISCHIEF OF RATS

A Mischief of Rats is a public art trail in **Hull** featuring **50 giant rat sculptures**, each uniquely decorated by artists. The event will take place from **May 3 to August 31, 2025**, across Hull and East Yorkshire, bringing vibrancy and creativity to the area. This initiative is part of a series of successful public art events in the region.

Barlow resident and regular contributor to this magazine **Peter Baldry** is one of the participating artists. His contribution (picture below) is called 'Only After Dark'.



Artist: Peter Baldry

Sponsored by: GreyHawk Capital Limited

About the Design

Only After Dark is a nod to one of Mick Ronson's (famous local musician) finest but little known recordings. The artist loves nature in all its forms and takes every opportunity to remind everyone how precious it is. He says that, although we don't actually have fireflies in the UK, he couldn't resist putting them in!

About the Artist

Peter Baldry has been working as a freelance creative for over eleven years now, as a professional cardboard artist. He makes mostly 3D pieces in collaboration with schools and museums. Usually, the children do all the painting, though more recently he has been making commissioned pieces at home, the most recent being a silver birch inspired sculpture for Stapleford Granary Arts Centre in Cambridge. Peter loved being an art teacher in a previous life but loves being a freelancer even more!

RHUBARB RHUBARB

EASY RHUBARB CAKE

Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups brown sugar
½ cup softened butter
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup milk
2 1/2 cups chopped rhubarb
1/3 cup white sugar mixed with 1 tsp cinnamon (topping)

Directions

Sift flour, baking soda, salt into a small bowl and set aside.

In a larger bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar until well-blended. Add egg and continue to beat by hand until well-mixed.

Stir in vanilla.

Using a wooden spoon, now alternate between adding the milk and the flour/soda/salt mixture you set aside earlier. Add about ¼ of the milk and stir well. Then add about ¼ of the flour mixture and stir well. Continue until all is added to the batter.

Spoon into a sprayed (or greased and floured) 9 x 13 baking dish or cake pan.

Now add the cinnamon/sugar topping:

Mix the white sugar with the cinnamon in a small bowl and mix well. Sprinkle over the batter until cake is entirely covered.

Shake the pan from side to side to distribute the sugar evenly, if necessary.

Bake at 350F for 40 minutes (or until knife comes out clean).

Remove from oven and allow to cool a little before serving.

Serve your rhubarb cake warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or top with real whipped cream. Alternatively, top it with available fresh fruit and berries.

HYDRANGEAS

Choose the right one

The huge variety of sizes and blooms is what makes hydrangeas so appealing. For plush pink or blue flowers, look for *macrophylla* varieties, also called lacecap or mophead. *Paniculata* types are larger with conical flowers, great for mixed borders or hedges. The foliage of Oakleaf hydrangeas have brilliant colour in the autumn. For perennial vines that reach impressive heights, choose climbing hydrangeas.

Find the best location

Hydrangeas can be tiny or huge! Dwarf varieties like ‘Paraplu’ are perfect for containers, while large ‘Kyushu’ hydrangeas are better for the look of your garden. Choose your hydrangea keeping both the height and spread of the mature plant in mind.

Give them sun—and shade

Hydrangeas like partial sun, ideally full sun in the morning, then shade from the afternoon rays. The lacecap and mophead hydrangeas are especially susceptible to wilting. However, some varieties can handle more sun, especially in northern areas.

Get your soil ready

Hydrangeas like fertile, well-drained soil. You can improve soil with compost and other organic matter to add nutrients. If you add fertilizer, do so only a couple of times in the growing season—too much will mean fewer flowers. Only the *macrophylla* hydrangeas change colour based on soil acidity, so you can change the colour of your hydrangea.

Plant them the right way

Learning how to care for hydrangeas starts before the plants are even in the ground. Plant your hydrangea in spring after the danger of frost has passed. Dig a hole as deep as the root ball and 2-3 times as wide. Gently loosen the roots, then plant using plenty of rich soil. Give the hydrangea a thorough soaking at the base daily for the first week while the plant gets established.

BARLOW HISTORY



Barlow Woodseats Hall is a Grade 2 manor house situated at Barlow Woodseats, on the edge of the village of Barlow. It remains the only manor house in the Parish of Barlow. It is also believed to be once occupied by Bess of Hardwick who married the owner of the Hall, Robert Barlow, who subsequently died in 1544. This was the first of her four husbands, even though she was only 14.

The barn - dated to 1530 - is open as a restaurant on Sundays for lunch. You can book online if you would like to visit.



Springfield Rd.
(Early 60s)



VE Day in Chesterfield, Market Place, 8th May 1945.

POETRY CORNER

I Opened A Book... **(Anon)**

I opened a book and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.

I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the Happily Ever After.

I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me.

Adventure **(Anon)**

Here's an adventure! What awaits
Beyond these closed, mysterious gates?
Whom shall I meet, where shall I go?
Beyond the lovely land I know?
Above the sky, across the sea?
What shall I learn and feel and be?
Open, strange doors, to good or ill!
I hold my breath a moment still
Before the magic of your look.
What shall you do to me, O book?

PUZZLE PAGE

Back by popular demand: RIDDLES!

1. I'm full of holes but can still hold water?
2. The place where today comes before yesterday?
3. I run around the garden but never move?
4. This coat can only be put on when wet?
5. I begin and end with the letter 'e' and usually only contain one letter?
6. I have a spine but no bones?
7. I'm tall when I'm young and short when I'm old?
8. I'm made of water but will die when you put me in water?
9. I have a neck but no head, yet can still wear a cap?
10. My name means 'sightless', but if you want to see you need to open me?
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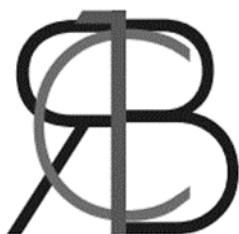
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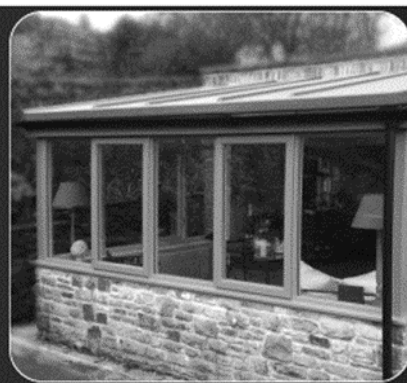
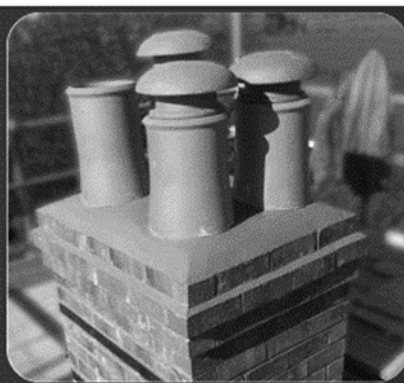




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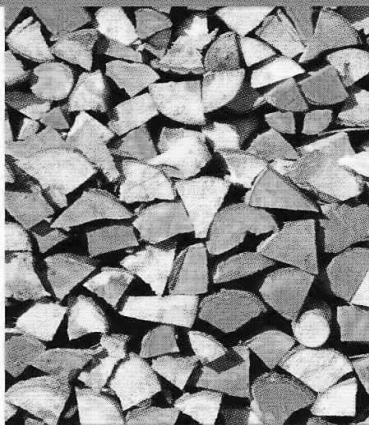
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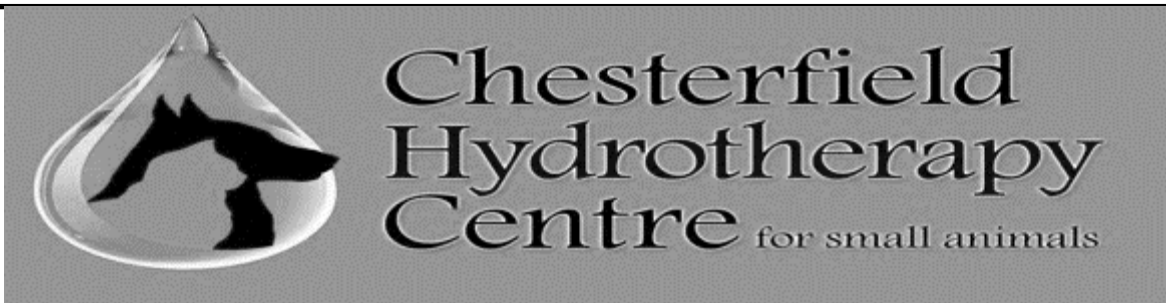
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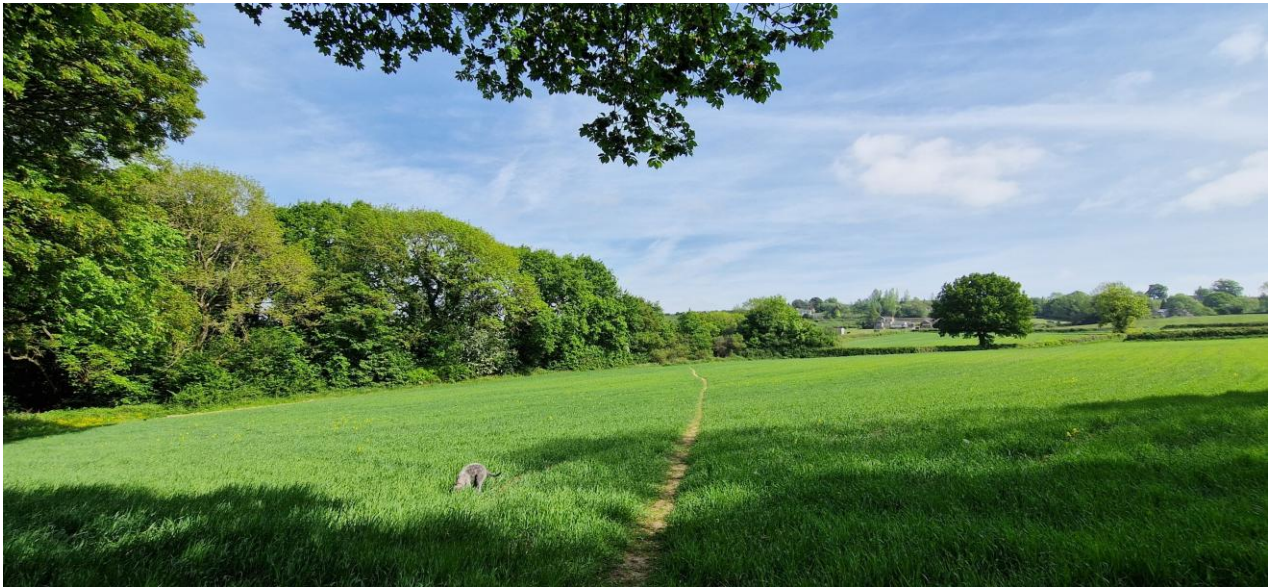
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