



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

BARLOW

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BARLOW *nature* **CLUB**

**10TH & 31ST
AUGUST 2025**

10am - 11am

FREE - donations welcome

Relaxed, nature themed play in the woods

Meet at the entrance to Barlow Fishing
Lakes; we'll be hanging out at the
Preschool Forest School area.

All children must be accompanied by an
adult at all times

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YEAR'S MIND - AUGUST

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

2ND JACKIE LUDBROOK (NEE DICKMAN) ---2020

3RD MADGE LONGDEN---1977
WILLIS PICKERING---1981

4TH HORACE ROWE---1966
ENA CROSBIE---2006

5TH BENJAMIN DOE---1976

6TH MARJORIE REDFERN---1994

*6th MARY MARGERESON---2012

DAVID WHITEHOUSE---1961

7TH JUNE R. HARDY---2001

9TH RUDOLFO R. ORLANDI---1985

MICHAEL JOLLEY---1993

JOYCE HARRISON---2013

DAVID CRATCHLEY---2014

11TH ALICE WILSON---1972

JOHN W. SAVAGE---1978

ERNEST BARGH---1980

12TH ABIGAIL MARGERISON---1974

MERVYN F. WRIGHT---1978

13TH ANN HALLATT---1975

EDITH PICKERING---2002

MIRIAM M BATTERHAM---2011

14TH MAY BRADBURY---1972

15TH CHARLES W. WALKER---2000

LEWIS HARDWICK---2000

ANTHONY PETER JAMES---2009

16TH PHYLLIS COLLIS---1982

RAYMOND HASLAM---1988

17TH DOROTHY J. D'SILVA---1993

RITA PAYNE---2023

18TH * HERBERT HALLAM---2009

BESSIE SILCOCK---2022

19TH SYLVIA V. BARRETT---2005

*AMY DORIS ASKILL---2014

*VERA HOLE---2014

20TH CLIFFORD BOWN---1973

STANLEY LEDGER---2002

21ST SYBIL E. NEEDHAM---1997

22ND HENRY HASLAM---1986

23RD FRED A. HOPKINSON---1968

MARIE H. SHEMWELL---1994

24TH FLORENCE A. HILL---1978

25TH ARTHUR STOCK---1999

MICHAEL J. AIZELWOOD---2002

26TH DOROTHY CALVERT---1983

27TH WILLIAM HANDCOCK---1965

COLIN MILLINGTON---2024

28TH AUDREY NEWBOLD---2013

29TH MAVIS NUTTALL---1993

ADRIAN DENNY--2024

30TH MURIEL J WATSON---2009

RUBY GRACE LEE---2016

31ST WILLIAM SOUTH---1992

FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: AUGUST 2025

Baptisms - None

Funerals - 16th July – Paul Burchill – ashes burial

Marriages - None

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

What is August?

Thought to have been translated to Old English from Latin, the month is named in honour of Emperor Augustus.

August, the eighth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar, is the middle month of the summer season. As an adjective, august describes something or someone who is majestic or who inspires admiration, as in an outstanding performance of playing the part of the queen. Here in Barlow much is august in August.

The carnival attracts people from far and near to join in the celebration of rural community life. Performances in the ring are well rehearsed, the floats are works of art and the culmination of joint enterprise and the stalls and the fair add joyful entertainment. Time out from the everyday chores and commitments; it is a celebration of life, now in its 68th year.



St Lawrence Church flower festival is certainly the august use of artistry in flowers. The beauty and scent of the arrangements can move us to appreciate and give thanks for all that grows, including our food. These days we celebrate harvest home, or harvest

festival in October. August 1st, however, is the festival of Lammas, which traces its roots back to ancient agricultural societies and pre-Christian Celtic traditions. The name "Lammas" is from the Old English term

"hlaf-mas," meaning "loaf mass." During this festival, communities would offer the first loaves of bread made from the newly harvested wheat as a token of gratitude and an offering for blessing.

Not quite so old, Barlow well dressing is believed to have been practised since at least Elizabethan times. Church records imply that the tradition was already established in 1572, making it one of the oldest in Derbyshire. It is thought to be another custom evolved from pagan practices, to offer thanks for a reliable water supply. Life in those days was precarious and a continuous water supply from the well was something to celebrate.



As global warming makes for hotter and drier summers, we are learning to appreciate our own water supply. The hosepipe ban which began on 11th July is just a small suggestion of what life could be like in the future in this country and we can only imagine the distress of people living in countries where climate change has already caused life-changing water shortage.

We have much to be thankful for, as expressed in the verses of the hymn 'For the beauty of the earth', which Folliott Pierpoint wrote after looking out over the beautiful countryside near Bath.

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Lord of all to Thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise
For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,

hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

I wish you all the very best as you enjoy immersing yourselves in the
august sights and sounds which will make for a festival of celebration
this August.

Rev'd Gill.



CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

We couldn't quite believe it on the morning of Open Gardens that after all the weeks of beautiful weather we had had, it was pouring with rain. However, the rain did stop just in time and the sun came out, so after a slow start we had a wonderful day.

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who took part: opening their gardens, allowing parking on their land, volunteering in the kitchen or on the car parks, donating time, cakes, scones, milk..., the list goes on and on.

A special 'thank you' to everyone who knitted or crocheted flowers. Our creative genius on the fundraising committee had an idea and thought we would try it. The response was tremendous with even a 100-year-old lady knitting flowers for us. We were overwhelmed and hope you enjoy the results when you pass Church.

There are far too many people to mention individually, but you know who you are and how much your support is appreciated. It is a real community event and we couldn't do it without your tremendous efforts. We are very pleased to announce that we raised £2,690 for Church funds. Thank you all.

We enjoyed taking part in the Pre-school fundraiser. It was so hot on the day, but fortunately we were definitely in the right place..., inside the cool village hall. Thank you, Jo, for inviting us.

It is still not too late to donate towards the flowers at the flower festival, please see the poster on page 11. A card with your name or a dedication to loved ones will be displayed with the flower arrangements. The recommended donation is £35, however, any amount is always gratefully received. This year's theme is "Name the Book" and we are really looking forward to guessing the answers, especially after seeing what has been requested as props!

If you have been in the churchyard recently, you may have noticed how neat and tidy all our trees and hedges are looking. Thank you to Emily and Jake Eville and company for pruning and trimming. Our gutters and

downpipes are also looking sparkling, thanks to Lee Wrath and company. Thanks to you all.

Help Needed!!

If you have some time on your hands, love gardening and chatting with others, we are still looking for people to join the churchyard volunteers. They do a great job of 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.

Appeal to the Bakers of Barlow and Beyond

Thank you to everyone who donated such delicious cakes and scones for Open Gardens, they were fabulous. The comments from visitors were, as expected, fantastic. We would be really grateful if you could help us once again for Flower Festival Week please. 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 for visitors 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

Sunday 3rd August: 11am service

Sunday 10th August: 8am Mass & 11am Family Service

Sunday 17th August: 11am service.

Sunday 24th August: 11am service

Sunday 31st August: 11am service

Upcoming Events

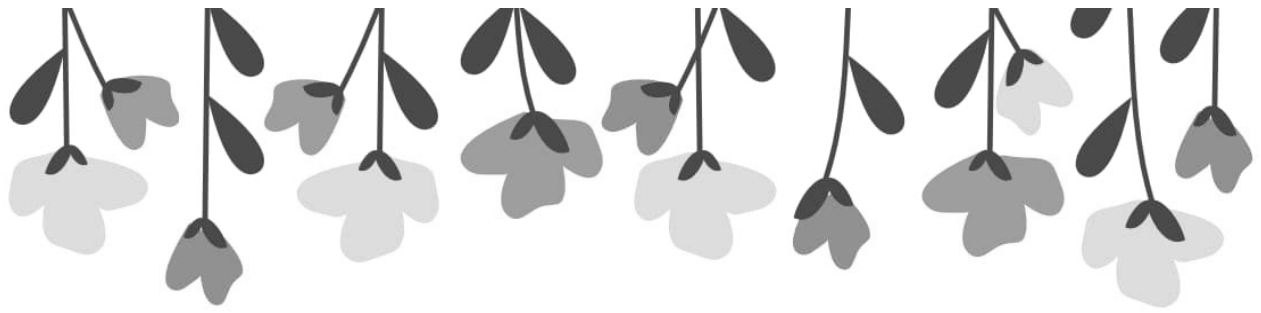
Flower Festival: August 13th - 19th 2025

Blessing of the Wells: August 13th 2025

Harvest Supper: Sunday 12th October 2025

Christmas Tree Festival: 22nd - 29th November 2025

Looking forward to a fantastic carnival week (see poster on page 10), with very best wishes, Julie.



2025

BARLOW WELL DRESSINGS

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, BARLOW

Flower Festival

Wed 13th to Tues 19th August
Church open from 10am to 7pm daily
Theme: 'Name the Book?'

Blessing of the Wells Service

Wed 13 th August at 6.30pm
St Lawrence Church

Refreshments & Cream Teas

Served at Church daily from 1pm
(last orders 4.30pm)
www.barlow-church.org.uk





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
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New Councillor

We are pleased to report that we have been able to fill the recent vacancy on the parish council by co-opting **Will Twigg**. We would like to welcome him to the parish council team and we are very much looking forward to working with him.

Planning Matters

NED 25/00426/FLH – Demolition and re-siting of the boundary wall (Affecting Public Rights of Way) (Affecting the Setting of a Listed Building) (Conservation Area) at Grange Hall Farm, Barlow Grange Lane, Barlow

NED 25/00452/FL – Demolition of an existing dwelling and replacement with a self-build new dwelling and associated works at Barlow Croft, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow

NED 25/00456/FLH – Proposed single storey extension to create entrance porch utility room and dog room (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building) (Affecting Public Rights of Way) at Rumbling Farm, Far Lane, Barlow

NED 25/00470/FLH – Ground floor front extension and wc window in side elevation at 10 Valley Rise, Barlow

NED 25/00518/FLH – Reconstruction of Airey PRC type dwelling house with brickwork at 16 Springbank Road, Barlow

RESOLVED No comments

Planning Decisions:

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 – **Conditionally approved 24 June 2025**

NED 25/00353/AGD – Prior notification application for proposed storage building for agricultural vehicles and machinery at Rumbling Farm, Far Lane, Barlow – **Refused 27 May 2025**

RESOLVED noted

Other planning matters:

No other planning matters

Planning applications circulated after the agenda was issued:

No planning applications circulated.

Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night at the Village Hall with Quizmaster Tommy is scheduled for Wednesday, 6th August. 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! See poster on page 15.

Traffic and Parking Issues

Members of the parish council are often approached by local residents with complaints about traffic or parking-related problems in Barlow. We would like to reassure you that these issues are discussed regularly and addressed by contacting DCC Highways, supported by PCSO Flower. The following issues have been raised repeatedly in writing or face-to-face with a DCC representative, so far with little or no response or action:

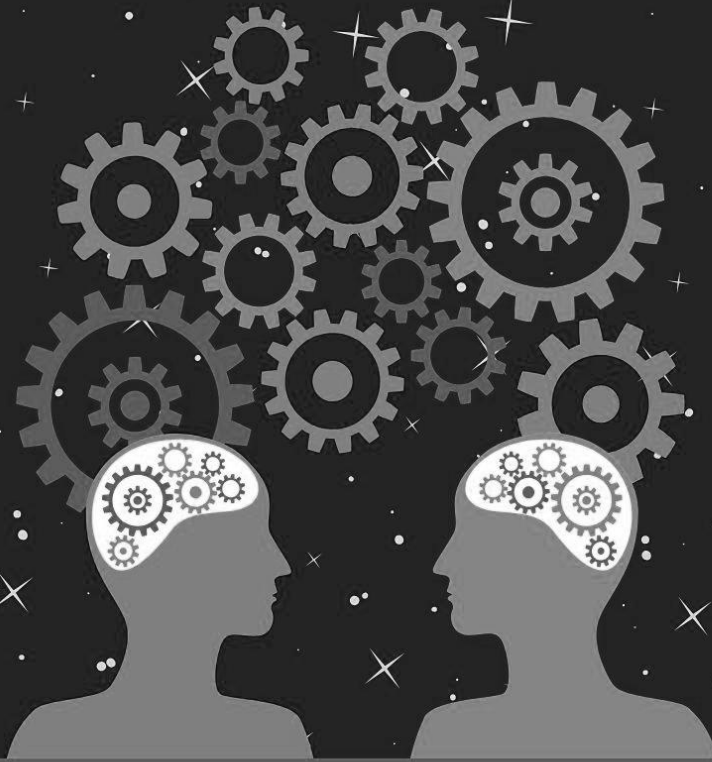
- Extra yellow lines on Wilkin Hill to ease parking problems
- Flashing yellow lights specifically for Barlow School
- The 30mph warning sign near Hackney House not working and covered by foliage
- Further double yellow lines on the Main Road
- Formalising the bus stop outside the church through painted signage on the road
- Additional parking bays outside Hackney House Café
- Double yellow lines around the Coronation Tree
- Parking issues at the top of Springfield Road
- Commonside Road – road status re-classification

Beth Morrey

The literary afternoon with local author Beth Morrey at the Village Hall was a great success. To an audience of 30 interested listeners Beth proceeded to talk about the process of getting a book published. It was very informative and in the following Q&A session people asked quite a few pertinent questions, which she answered willingly and comprehensively. After a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon Beth left Cllr Marshal, who organised the event, with a long list of book recommendations.



Barlow Village Hall



QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 6 August 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

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

The year has flown by and we have now finished our last term! It is always a sad time of year for us, as some of our children move on to their new school. This year we had children going to lots of different primary schools, including Barlow, Cutthorpe, Wigley, Dronfield Infants, Holmehall and Holymoorside.



Our leavers' party took place on Wednesday 23rd July. The committee kindly provided a bouncy castle and slide and parents were invited to come back for the leavers' service. It is always a lovely day and a great way to celebrate our Pre-School leavers but an emotional time for staff and parents as we say goodbye.

Our Sports Day was held in June and we all had great fun completing the obstacle course and challenges, as well as a running race, egg and spoon and bean bag race. Cakes, refreshments and ice lollies in the village hall afterwards were welcome after all the activity!

We were kindly invited by Katie O'Neil, from Riverside Farm, to visit their fabulous show cows. This was a lovely afternoon. We got to watch a cow being milked, fed the calves with a giant bottle, sat on a mini tractor

and enjoyed a lovely ice cream, kindly provided by Katie. A huge thank you to the family for inviting us.



Our 'big' fundraiser took place on 28th June and it was a great success, despite the extreme temperature! Our committee and staff worked hard to make this a successful event. We were so pleased that so many people from the local community came along and supported us, as well as local businesses who donated raffle prizes (See photo). Village 'pick your own' donated strawberries, which were delicious. Nick Ibbotson also donated the coconuts for the coconut shy and Gio's ice creams came along to keep us cool. Johnny Ray, from The Britannia, provided the bar, which was very popular on such a sunny day! How lucky are we to live and work in such a caring community! All money raised will go to finally paying for our new outdoor surface.



We were excited to continue our carnival float preparations. Our theme this year is 'Space'! Keep an eye out for our float at the carnival.

We have enjoyed some fabulous fruit over the year for our morning snack, kindly provided by Ibbotson's fresh quality produce. Thank you to Nick for supplying it to us. The children always look forward to their morning snack. One of our grandparents, along with her knitting group, kindly knitted us, some fabulous characters to go in our story bags. Thank you so much, we love them!

Jo

BARLOW

CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



We have reached the end of another busy year at school.

School Show

Well done to Sapphire Class as they finished off the year with our school show 'Do you remember the first time?'. The children took us on a trip down memory lane with songs and scenes reminiscent of starting school, learning to tell the time, an egg and spoon race and being sent to the Head. It was great fun and the children definitely entertained their audiences. For the first time in several years, Emerald class also took part in the show with the children forming a choir to support with the singing. They sounded absolutely fantastic and we were very proud of them.

Welcome

Our new Reception children are now well used to joining us for short sessions in school. They have got to know the classroom and our outdoor space. For their final session in the last week of term, they will spend the whole morning with us and all the other children will also spend time in their new classrooms becoming familiar with their new teacher before next school year.

Weston Park

All the children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have been learning about toys this term. We have had lots of children sharing old family toys with us and Mrs Durnall still has many of her toys from when she was small. The children have been fascinated seeing the development of toys over time and were very much in awe of the pristine condition Mrs Durnall has managed to keep many of her toys in. The final highlight of the topic was

a trip to Weston Park Museum. The children had free time in groups to explore the museum for part of the day and a workshop where they explored lots of different toys and made their own clay model. The children's behaviour was exemplary and we were so proud of their enthusiasm and attitude. Thank you so much to Mrs Collins for organising it and all the staff and parents who accompanied the children on the trip and made it happen.

The School Pond and Wildlife Area

Mrs Weston-Taylor and the children have been extremely busy working in our school garden, giving the pond area a spectacular garden makeover.

Work commenced back in March this year, when the project was given a financial kickstart from North East Derbyshire District Council Eco Grant with a very generous donation of £250.

Supplementary financial support was also received from Friends of Barlow School, Dunston Hall Garden Centre and a school plant sale. A special donation was also received from the bathcentre.co.uk Chesterfield to provide a temporary home for our pond life.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed working on the project and watched the pond area change and develop into a beautiful area, attracting more pond life and garden insects. This was achieved through relining the pond, adding pond plants and tadpoles, plus putting in new raised flower and vegetable beds.

It's been a real community project and we are extremely grateful to the hard work and vision of Mrs Weston-Taylor in revitalising this area.



Penny

FOBS

FRIENDS OF BARLOW SCHOOL

News from Barlow School

We're delighted to share the latest from Barlow School as we head towards the end of another fantastic school year.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us during this year's Open Gardens event. We're pleased to share that our tea coffee and cake stall raised almost £500 for FOBS! It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who baked, donated, and helped on the day.

As we look ahead to the final week of term we're busy preparing for our much loved leavers disco and bowling session, both funded by FOBS, to give our Year 6 children the send-off they deserve.

We also look forward to welcoming our new starters and their families into the Barlow community. If you're a new parent or carer we would love you to get involved with FOBS, whether it's by helping out occasionally or joining our friendly committee..., every little really does help!

Meanwhile preparations are well underway for another amazing Barlow Carnival Float. A huge thank you to our team of volunteers for all the work going into this year's entry. It is always a highlight of the summer term. We are still looking for more helpers; if you'd like to lend a hand please get in touch with Rachael Fordham. The more the merrier!

As always, FOBS continues to play a vital role in enhancing the school experience. This year alone your support has helped fund:

- A brand new school room
- iPads for classrooms
- Contributions towards our new pond and nature area
- The leavers disco and bowling

We are still actively raising funds for our biggest project yet: resurfacing the school playground. With a target of £15,000, every donation brings us a step closer!

Finally we'd like to extend an open invitation for new volunteers, including anyone who might be interested in stepping into the role of FOBS chairperson. Whether you are a parent, grandparent or simply have a little time to give, your help would be appreciated.

Thank you once again to our amazing school community. Your support makes a real difference and helps make Barlow School such a special place for our children.

The FOBS Team



"Goldilocks said: This iPad is too big. And this iPod touch is too small. But this iPad mini is just right."

WISTERIA

A Warning From History

Just over three weeks ago, at 9.45pm precisely, I made the fateful decision to trim the wisteria over the front porch. Fading light and fatigue, after a long and busy day, should have guided my thinking towards cocoa and an early night. Instead, I took a small metal step ladder from the garden shed and set it in place on the path, a few feet away from my front door. This is a reinforced concrete path, laid by Chesterfield Corporation in 1953. After seventy-two years of service, it has very little or no 'give'. The step ladder, incidentally, used to belong to the previous owners of the house, Bessie and Sam Silcock. It had been tucked away in a corner of their magnificent garden shed for, oh, forty years?

I bought the wisteria as little more than a twig, from Aldi in Dronfield for £2.99, only a few years ago. It has already spread up to the top of the bay window and covers virtually all of the porch, a single slab of reinforced concrete which, unlike the path, is missing a few lumps on the outer edge, hence the plan to disguise these failings with strategically trained foliage. Interestingly (he hoped), the wisteria is planted in an old dolly tub I spotted on the spare ground just down the hill from the Hare on Commonsides. I asked the, by then former, landlady Pauline, if I could have it for the garden, a request she kindly granted.



Spending life as I do, in a state of continual wonder that I actually have a wisteria successfully growing, and flowering, across the front of my home, I climbed the few steps required to reach the platform of the step ladder, about three feet above the path. As I reached out with the secateurs, one foot of the ladder bent inwards, causing the whole thing to collapse under me. I beat the air with my feet for probably half a second, before crashing down, back first, onto the concrete path with a powerful, devastating thud. I had no time to break the fall with my hands, but did, in that elongated half second, manage to bring my head forward, which is why I'm still here to write this cautionary tale. If my head had hit the concrete with the same force as my left shoulder, I firmly believe I'd have been found the next morning, pale and dead, with a lake of dried blood around me. Probably by Jacqui the postie who, coincidentally, this month's offering from me was

meant to be about! Hopefully I'll catch up with her for next month.

My shoulder had completely dislocated on impact, outwards and downwards. The pain wasn't too bad at first, but my first attempts to stand up didn't go well. My head was swimming and it seemed inevitable I would hit the ground a second time, so for a while I stayed put, taking deep breaths and groaning to myself in Anglo-Saxon. Within ten minutes, I'd made it to the bench at the side of the house, where my phone lay, in full ignorance of my plight. A rustle to my left revealed a badger strolling through the border to its usual spot under the bird feeders, where it hoovers up most nights. It gave me an odd 'what's he done now' look. 'Hello' I said, through the agony. Good manners cost nothing, after all.

Thirty years ago, on the BBC sports pitch at Caversham, I dislocated my right shoulder, playing volleyball against some Iranian journalists. An ambulance was on the scene in minutes and I was recovering in Reading Infirmary, with the shoulder back in place, within the hour. This time, I didn't meet the criteria for an ambulance. Merely writhing in agony apparently doesn't generate enough qualifying points. Instead, I phoned my partner Dawn, mercifully only a few miles away at her mother's in Newbold. I arrived at Chesterfield Royal A&E around 10.30pm. Dawn and a helpful bystander got me safely into a wheelchair and I was presented at the front desk.

Disappointing as contemporary Britain's inability to provide an ambulance for a 62-year-old man with an excruciating injury is, I have to say the swiftness and quality of the care I received from everyone at Calow was absolutely first class. The professionalism and good humour of their front line staff, across the whole spectrum of responsibility, from consultants to porters, was in truth a thing of beauty. By 4am I was in the recovery ward, pleasantly spaced out and entirely pain free after a successful relocation under general anaesthetic. Three weeks later, I no longer need a sling and have been discharged by the Orthopaedic Department, an ultrasound scan having revealed no damage to any of the four ligaments holding the shoulder in place.

I was lucky. I hope everyone reading this will be just as lucky if a ladder they are standing on fails. But take a warning from me. Accidents do happen! Please, put safety first and check any equipment you are about to use. It could save you hours of severe pain, or a trip to A&E. Or it could save your life.

Peter Baldry

BARLOW CARNIVAL

Remember this?



Are you ready for Barlow Carnival 2025?

This is how it will unfold (reminder):

Carnival Saturday

This year we have more entertainment throughout the day to provide even more fun. On Saturday in the arena we will have a BMX stunt display team, Dog and Duck display, several dance displays and the Barlow Red Barrows, fresh from their appearance on Britain's Got Talent. At the Bar Stage, Kimmo will be doing his best to entertain kids of all ages throughout the day and in the bar we will have a live band to entertain during the day. Entertaining the crowds we also have a couple of walk-around acts, including stilt walkers and the Pirates of Northants, mobile impersonators playing 80s songs. This is in addition to the old favourites, such as the fancy dress competition, classic car show and over 30 craft and produce stalls. By way of refreshments there will be two bars, including a gin and prosecco bar, ice cream and a food court serving fish and chips, Greek street food, pizza and a hog roast. We will finish the evening with Rock the Carnival, with Atomic 80s band making a welcome return, supported by Tin Man playing contemporary rock.

Parade

This will be setting off from Springfield Road at 1pm. Floats are asked to be there for 12.30pm. Please be aware that the road through the village will be closed 12.45pm - 2.45pm.

Carnival Sunday

On Sunday we will run the popular dog show in conjunction with Guide Dogs for the Blind. There will be lots more stalls and Heeley City Farm will also be back. In the afternoon we will host The Old School Sports Day and we are looking for teams of four to participate. Team categories are '16 years and under' or 'family' and 'Over 16s'. We are suggesting a minimum donation of £10 per team and all is in support of Ashgate Hospice. Register on the website or on the day,

Breaking News : We have managed to secure a flypast by an aircraft from the RAF Memorial Flight on Carnival Saturday..., time to be finalised!

Due to Health and Safety reasons the recreation ground, including the playground, will be closed to the general public until 11.30 am on Carnival Saturday.

Full itinerary for Carnival at the Village Hall

Thursday 14th – Family Quiz and Bingo 6.00pm, eyes down at 6.30pm.

Friday 15th – Cinema Night showing 'Wicked', doors open 6.30pm, start approximately 8.30pm

Saturday 16th – Parade and Rock the Carnival

Sunday 17th – Family Fun Day, Dog Show, Old School Sports Day.

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BARLOW HISTORY

“Hi, I still have quite a few unidentified people in my family album... Does anyone recognise these two people please. Also the lady on the single photo. Thank you.”

Lucy Da Stitcher, on Barlow Forum and History Group facebook site.



JAPANESE WISDOM

- If it's not yours, don't take it
- If it's not right, don't do it
- If it's not true, don't say it
- If you don't know, be quiet

POETRY CORNER

August

by Mary B. C. Slade

I come! I come! and the waving field
Its wealth of golden grain shall yield.
In the hush and heat of glowing noon,
The insects' hum is the only tune;
For the merriest birds forget to sing,
And sit in the shade with drooping wing.

But see! how the purpling grapes hang high,
And ripen beneath my sunny sky!
And see! how the fruits of the bending tree
Turn blushing and rosy cheeks to me!
And soon shall your garners be over-full
With gifts from the August bountiful.

August

by Annette Wynne

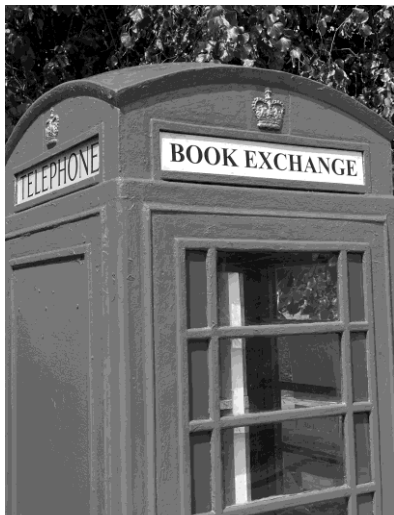
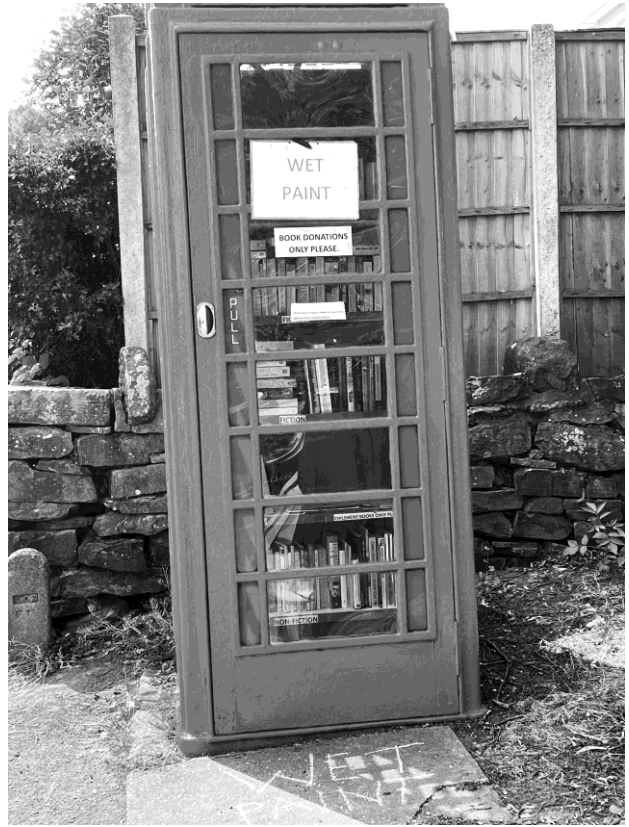
August days are hot and still,
Not a breath on house or hill,
Not a breath on height or plain,
Weary travellers cry for rain;
But the children quickly find
A shady place quite to their mind;
And there all quietly they stay,
Until the sun has gone away,—
August is too hot for play!

"The quiet August noon has come;
A slumberous silence fills the sky;
The winds are still, the trees are dumb,
In glassy sleep the waters lie."

— William Cullen Bryant
A Noon Scene

BOOK EXCHANGE

Have you noticed that Barlow's Book Exchange/Phone Box has been given a shiny new coat? Thank you very much, Cllr Brougham and Cllr Lindsay, for wielding the paintbrushes.



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Can we please ask users of the Book Exchange to restrict donations to **books** and to respect the shelf headings. Recently a whole lot of toys were deposited on the floor of the phone box which we then had to look through and take to one of the charity shops in the area.

PUZZLE PAGE

General Knowledge Quiz

1. What is the only manmade structure on Earth observable from the moon?
2. On which island was Napoleon exiled following his defeat at Waterloo?
3. What is the capital of Australia?
4. Who was the 'Mad Monk' of Russian history?
5. What is the largest fish in the ocean?
6. Which artist gave the Mona Lisa a moustache and a goatee?
7. In which country would you find 8 of the 10 highest mountains in the world?
8. Which common word changes its pronunciation when the first letter is capitalised?
9. Which is the only vowel which isn't on the top row of letters on a QWERTY keyboard?
10. What is the world's most popular drink that doesn't contain alcohol?
11. Does sound travel faster through water or steel?
12. What was the first planet to be discovered through a telescope in 1781?
13. Which country is bordered by both the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean?
14. Which country is reputed to have the world's oldest flag design?
15. What is the only word in the English language that ends in 'mt'?
16. Which is the largest planet in our solar system?
17. What year did the 'Titanic' sink?
18. Which country boasts the most islands in the world?

1. The Great Wall of China 2. St. Helena 3. Canberra
4. Rasputin 5. The whale shark 6. Marcel Duchamp
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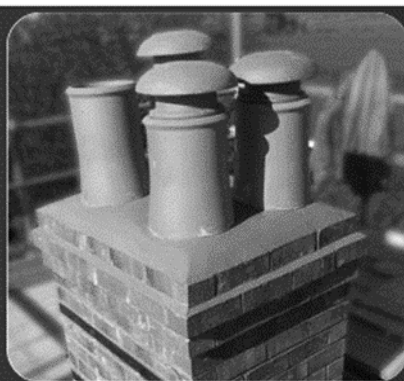
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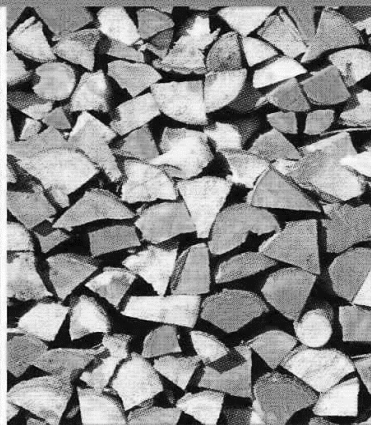
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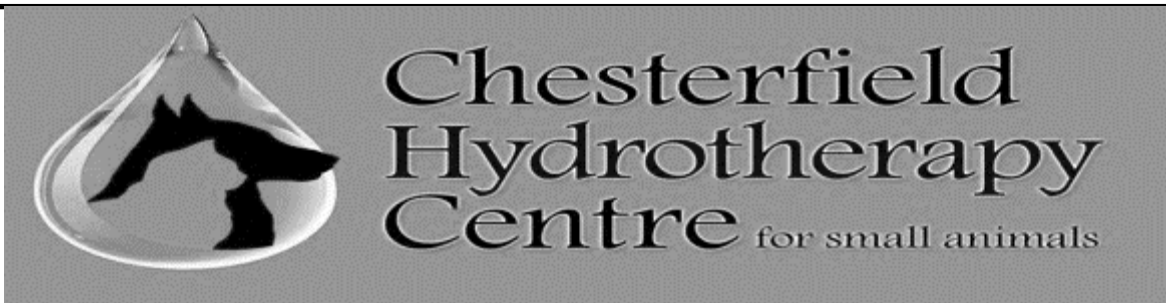
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