

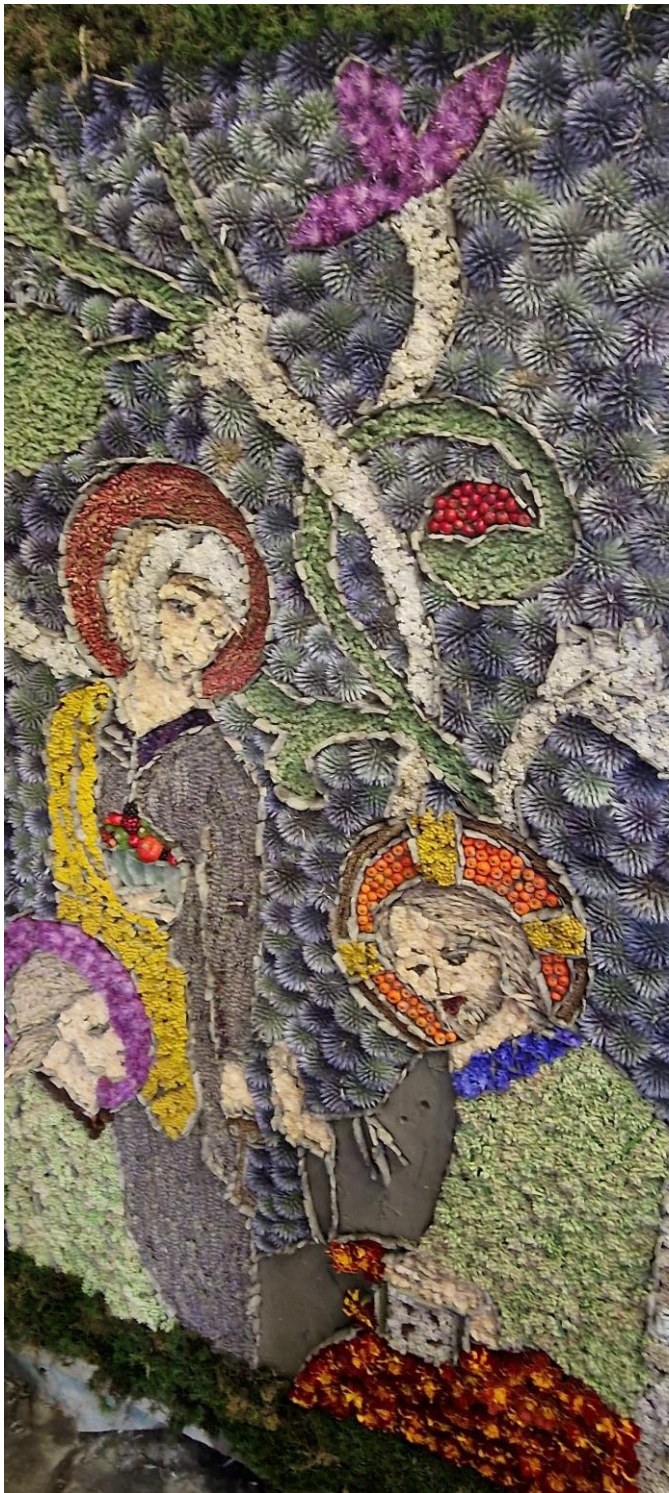
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3RD DOREEN DANCE---2018	MARGARET HUGHES---1995
4TH SARAH A. WHITE---1976	KEVIN FINBAR MURPHY---2013
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5TH WILLIAM GLAVES---1976	19TH FRANK DUNKS---1990
CLIFFORD LAYTON---2002	NORAH THOMPSON---1992
6TH FRANK WOODBINE---1987	GEORGE R. PRISK---1993
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GEORGE WILTON---1976	RONALD WELLS---2016
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EVA E. MARTIN---1978	DOROTHY WHITTAKER---2024
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JANE DUNCAN---1988	JOHN GIBLING---1991
JOHN C S CROSBIE --2010	24TH FRANK TURNER---1973
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MARY BARDSLEY---2000	*MICHAEL MITSON---2015
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FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: AUGUST 2025

Baptisms: 27th July --- Margot Darcy Meakin

Funerals: 16th July --- Brenda Slinn --- ashes burial

Marriages: 2nd August --- Timothy Evison & Sarah Cass

9th August --- Edward Cole & Bethany Aldread

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

September is here again, and so we come to the end of the summer, yet also a new beginning, that of the new academic year. For children, the end of the holidays inevitably means change, with new classes, teachers and timetables to adjust to, but for many parents, grandparents and carers, this time of year brings a more welcome return to the regular routine of school life. For others still, September brings a mix of excitement and anxiety for parents and children alike as they move to a new school or university. For nearly everyone, it is a time of change or new beginning of some kind – as even the seasonal colours, fruits and berries in the trees and hedgerows remind us.

In some schools and colleges the autumn term is still called the Michaelmas term, after the Christian Feast Day which falls on 29th September. In the CofE this day is known as the 'Feast of St Michael and All Angels', but it is also known as the 'Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael'. Michael, who is celebrated and revered in Judaism and Islam as well as in Christianity, is traditionally seen as an archangel, one of the chief angels and messenger of God. As the captain of the heavenly host he is often shown standing on a defeated dragon, holding a drawn sword or a spear – an image from the Book of Revelation. As I usually include a poem as part of my 'Vicar's Column', here's a prayer poem for Michaelmas Day and a reminder of Michael's story.

Michaelmas Daisies



*Michaelmas gales assail the waning year,
And Michael's scale is true, his blade is bright.
He strips dead leaves; and leaves the living clear
To flourish in the touch and reach of light.
Archangel bring your balance, help me turn
Upon this turning world with you and dance
In the Great Dance. Draw near, help me discern,
And trace the hidden grace in change and chance.
Angel of fire, Love's fierce radiance,
Drive through the deep until the steep waves part,
Undo the dragon's sinuous influence
And pierce the clotted darkness in my heart.
Unchain the child you find there, break the spell
And overthrow the tyrannies of Hell.*



As a key date in the year, Michaelmas has long been significant as a quarter day on which rents were/are due. A Michaelmas feast would usually include a goose and in a custom dating back to at least the 15th century (according to Wikipedia!) tenant farmers sometimes presented geese to their landlords as part of the tenancy agreements. Another food associated with Michaelmas is the blackberry, in that traditionally it is the last day on which they should be picked. Legend has it that when St Michael defeated the devil and he fell to earth, he landed in a prickly blackberry bush – so cursed it and stamped and even urinated on the berries, so that they would be unfit to eat!

Whatever the legends and rituals that have grown up around Michaelmas, this key figure in the Christian faith tradition can still provoke a response. The author of the above sonnet, priest-poet Malcolm Guite, writes that Michael 'represents truth, discernment, and the light and energy of intellect to cut through tangles and confusion, to set us free to discern and choose.' As I try to follow in Jesus' footsteps and attempt to lead a good life, it seems to me that these gifts are something this world needs - and that we can all pray for, and welcome.

Revd Sarah

Poem: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/tag/michaelmas/>

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

What a fantastic week we have had in Barlow, with the Carnival and the Flower Festival; the support shown by the hundreds of visitors has been tremendous.

Once again Sue and Helen excelled themselves with their beautiful displays and we hope you enjoyed guessing the books. In recognition of their contribution to the Church Flower Festival over so many years, Sue and Helen have been awarded the Bishop's Badge for the 'Missional Service Award for those who have been offering faithful, missional service over a long period'. This will be presented to them in Derby Cathedral. We would like to congratulate them both on this well-deserved award.

'Well done' to all the teams of well dressers who made three such fabulous displays this year; it is not just the visible results that visitors appreciate, but all the hard work behind the scenes before and after: from puddling the clay, to erecting the frames, collecting the flowers and foliage... and then taking it all down again. The Church Well Team is getting stronger once more after a few years of struggling and they have done a fantastic job.

This year we entered the scarecrow competition with "More tea, Vicar?" Thanks to Ann and Charlotte for an amusing display.



It was lovely to have so many people join us for the Blessing of the Wells parade. Once again Castleton Silver Band led the way with their fantastic playing, all the way to the Village Green where the children gave their brilliant display of Maypole dancing. Thanks to everybody who helped on that evening.

We are grateful to everyone who sponsored the flower arrangements, gave up their time to 'church-sit' or help in the kitchen and bake cakes or scones for us. The baking was once again outstanding, with many compliments being received from visitors. Thank you to Clarence and Jo for their ongoing support with providing milk and cream. And thank you to everyone who came to see the flowers and eat cake, there would be no point in all the work without you.

We are pleased to announce that the amazing amount of £5,240 was raised for Church funds by the Flower Festival. The collection on the Church well totalled £293, with half of it going to the Royal British Legion and half to maintaining the well for future years.

On Friday 15th we marked the 2-minute silence for VJ Day in Church and on Sunday 17th Reverend Gill gave a short service at the war memorial, followed by a very moving service in Church to remember the occasion.

We have been asking for volunteers to join the churchyard gang and we are happy to welcome a new person to the group and we send our thanks to her.

Finally, amongst all the August activity, we have had three weddings take place in Church; these are always such joyful occasions, and we wish all the couples health and happiness for the future.

Macmillan coffee morning

We are holding our Macmillan coffee morning after the 11am service on Sunday 14th September. Everyone is welcome to join us at midday in the marquee to support this worthwhile cause.

Harvest Supper

This year Harvest Supper will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 12th October; doors open at 5.30pm with food being served at 6pm. Once

again Bowns of Ashover are supplying meat and potato pies and mushy peas, with Homity pie as a vegetarian option and gluten free available. Entertainment will be provided by Responsibly Sauced, who are a four-piece blues/rock band from the High Peak. They will take us on a musical stroll through the decades with songs from The Kinks, Beatles, Rolling Stones, Tom Petty and many others. See poster on page 10 for how to order tickets for this event.

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 7th September: 11am service

Sunday 14th September: 8am Mass & 11am Family service followed by Macmillan coffee morning

Sunday 21st September: 11am service.

Sunday 28th September: 11am service

Upcoming Events

Macmillan coffee morning: Sunday 14th September 12pm

Harvest Festival Family Service: Sunday 12th October 11am

Harvest Supper: Sunday 12th October 2025

Christmas Tree Festival: 22nd - 29th November 2025

As summer turns into autumn and children return to school, we hope you have all had a fantastic summer of fun.

With very best wishes, Julie.



HARVEST SUPPER 2025

The St Lawrence Church Harvest Supper is being held in
Barlow Village Hall once again.

Sunday 12th October 2025

5.30 pm for food at 6pm

Barlow Village Hall

**Delicious pies & pudding
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Planning Matters

There was no meeting in August, therefore no planning matters to report.

Quiz Nights

The monthly quiz nights with quizmaster Tommy have been so successful that it has been decided to increase their frequency. For a trial period, we are going to have them twice a month. For the month of September two quiz nights have been planned for the following dates: Wednesday 3rd September and Wednesday 24th September (poster on page 12). See you there!

The Local Plan

Dear Residents,

Council fully understands the concern of those residents who have recently expressed misgivings about land that is being considered for the proposed NEDDC Local Plan. No doubt many of you will already have seen details about this, which the Parish Council published on the parish and village facebook pages and the three village noticeboards. These postings included dates and venues of consultation drop-in events. The dates for consultation drop-in events have now passed and so has the deadline for people's comments to be registered. It is worth pointing out

that this is a **consultation** and that nothing has been decided at this stage.

Sadly, at the end of the day, this is an issue, over which, we, as a Parish Council, have no control. Processing of it is totally in the hands of NEDDC and it is to **that body alone** that all views and comments need to be addressed.

The Clerk and the Chair will be attending a further meeting on this subject in early September. We will keep the village informed of any further developments via the parish facebook page and the noticeboards, as before.

Barlow Village Hall



QUIZ NIGHT

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BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer. Here at Barlow Pre-School we have been busy getting ready for starting back in September. We are looking forward to welcoming back some familiar faces as well as lots of new ones! Term starts on Monday 8th September.

We would like to say huge congratulations to our parents and children on their fabulous Space-themed carnival float. They won their category and also became overall winners!! We are very proud of them. The children and grown-ups went to a lot of effort and all looked amazing! The carnival is always one of the highlights of the year and Pre-School are proud to be part of it. Special thanks to Rebecca Hill for co-ordinating it all.



We have had a new playhouse installed in our outdoor area, donated to us by Gosforth Pre-School, who have moved premises and were unable to take it with them. Thank you to Ben Jones for taking down the old one and to Steve Oldfield and Bruce Goodwin for collecting and putting up the new one. We cannot wait to start playing in it!

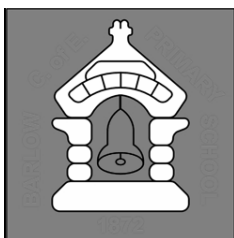
There are still some places available at Pre-school from September. Please contact barlowpreschool@gmail.com or look on our website barlowpreschool.org for more information.

Jo



BARLOW

CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Latest News

We would like to welcome everyone back for the new academic year. We have a larger than usual cohort of Reception children. By now, we hope they are settling in to their new environment. They had a fabulous time in the transition sessions before the summer break and we know they are so excited to be in 'big school'. We are looking forward to a year filled with sporting events, musical activities, enterprise, school productions, trips and residential visits alongside the hard work every day.

Joining Barlow School 2026

As we move into the Autumn term, we will be offering individual tours of the school for prospective new pupils. If you know a child who was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, please encourage their parents to get in touch and come and visit our fabulous village school. Mrs Gregory and Mrs Wells in the office can be contacted on 0114 289 0413.

Thankfulness

This half term our value is thankfulness. 'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted. Some of the things we will be discussing with the children this term are:

- Remembering to let other people know when you are thankful
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone thanks you

Carnival

Thank you so much to the teams of parents and friends who supported us by preparing the school for the carnival. The front of the school was

beautifully decorated with a forest school theme. Meanwhile, the float was themed as 'Under the Sea' after a vote by the children. We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to make this a special event for the children representing our school.

Penny



FOBS

FRIENDS OF BARLOW SCHOOL

News from Barlow School

We hope everyone has had a lovely summer break! As the school holidays come to an end we're looking back on a great few months and getting ready for another busy term at Barlow School.

Carnival week was a real highlight. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the float and the school scarecrows. The children had a great time and it was lovely to see so many families getting involved. We're so grateful to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to bring it all together.

We're also getting ready to welcome our new starters and their families this September. It's always a pleasure to see new faces joining our school and we hope you'll soon feel right at home in the Barlow community.

FOBS (Friends of Barlow School) continues to support the school through fundraising and events. We are always happy to welcome new helpers, whether that's baking a cake, lending a hand at an event, or joining the team. Every bit of help really does make a difference.

Our current fundraising efforts are focused on our biggest project yet: Resurfacing the school playground. We're aiming to raise £15,000.

Here's to a great start to the new school year!

The FOBS Team



JUST PICKLES

By Peter Baldry

In August 2008, I'd just turned forty-five and life, it has to be said, had not been going well. A whole host of things had gone wrong, run out of control, been lost sight of. Worst of all, back in February, my mother had passed away after a sudden decline. I was lost in a maze, with no hope of finding a way out.

In the midst of this bewilderment, I found myself driving down the M5 to pick up a Cairn Terrier from a breeder in Newport, South Wales. With me in the car was Sandra, my partner at the time and one of her daughters, Ruth, who had already decided on the name of her puppy – Pickles.

Meeting the breeders was a surreal experience. They lived in a tiny, stone-clad terrace set in the narrowest of streets, with eBay running as a live feed on their enormous TV. There was a huge hole in the sitting room ceiling, as though a bomb had just dropped through it. Ruth was shown the tiny puppies one by one, most of them seemingly unaware of us, the breeders, their TV and the hole in the ceiling. One, however, stood out as very adventurous, as she tried to climb out of Ruth's lap onto her shoulder. 'I like this one', Ruth said.

Filling out the transfer documents before we left, we were asked, 'what do you want to call her?' 'Pickles', we said. 'Just Pickles?', came the reply. 'Yes', we confirmed. And so it came to pass, a few weeks later we received a certificate from the Kennel Club giving our dog's name as, 'Just Pickles'.

Like most Cairn Terriers, even tiny, cute ones, Pickles was strong-willed and feisty. A few days into their relationship, Ruth decided dog ownership was not for her, after being bitten, spiritedly, on the wrist. Reluctantly, I took over the care and upbringing of our new family member, a development I had wearily foreseen as inevitable.



I was taken by surprise, therefore, about three days in, standing under one of the huge conifers in the garden at 3am, waiting yet again for Pickles to perform, poo bag in hand. Looking down at my furry little bundle doing

endless circuits, trying to find the perfect spot, I remember thinking to myself, 'isn't she great?'

Within a few years, Ruth and Sandra had moved on. My dear father had succumbed to heart failure. Pickles and I were now 'the team', along with Karen, a lovely neighbour across the road who spent countless hours walking and looking in on Pickles, while I was out keeping body and soul together in my exciting, if precarious new job as a freelance artist.



Pickles loved to walk. Day or night, fair weather or foul, we were always out in the park, pounding the streets or off on trips further afield. But life was hard back then. I was still lost in that maze. What I didn't realise at the time is that, step by step, Pickles was leading me out of it.

By April 2018, Pickles was ten years old and firing on all cylinders, albeit with a few less teeth. I'd somehow managed to pay off the mortgage and had developed yearnings for a life in, or as near as possible to, the countryside. Barlow was somewhere we already knew and loved well, but I'd never imagined we could actually live here. And yet, we arrived in November 2019, a few months before the pandemic. Perfect timing.

Resembling as she did a fluffy teddy bear, with bright, brown eyes and a sturdy, waggy tail, Pickles always attracted lots of attention. Toddlers squealed with delight when they saw her, adults young and old fawned over her. Even cool teenagers would melt, say 'hello' and ruffle her unruly fur. Dawn fell for her too, on Keepers Lane in June 2020. Along with her little Jack Russell, Maisie, a team of two quickly became a team of four.

Much as she loved a nap, curled up tightly on the settee, Pickles was a child of nature. She must have spent thousands of hours sunbathing on the lawn, keeping watch in the allotment, or peering out from a hidey hole she'd dug under the hedge. All credit too, to farmer Needham and others, who keep their public footpaths and farm access tracks well maintained and freely available to those who use them responsibly. A simple walk in



the countryside provides so much joy, for us and our canine companions.

Pickles made it to her seventeenth Christmas Day with me last year. She was sixteen and a half, I was sixty-one! A few days later, we had to say goodbye. Kidney disease had been creeping up on her for a few months, slowing her down and eventually making it impossible for her to gain any nourishment from her food.

Her passing was as gentle, peaceful and loving as could be wished for, for any living thing. But it was so painful for us, and still is. I am comforted, however, by the belief that her soul departed to somewhere beautiful on that sad day. And by the fact that she had such a long, safe and happy life.



I'd like to dedicate this article to the memory of Pickles and all the other dogs, and cats, and horses, lost to members of our village community. It feels as though more than usual have left us recently. All of them cherished companions, who leave a gap we can't fill with anything, but love.



"HE'S MY PERSONAL TRAINER."

BARLOW CROWS



BARLOW CARNIVAL

What a week. What a Carnival.

Every year, we're reminded just how special our community is when we come together for Carnival, but this year was something truly extraordinary. The celebrations began with the unveiling of this year's stunning well dressings, each one a true labour of love, reflecting the dedication and creativity of the teams behind them. The flower festival in the church was as breathtaking as ever, Scarecrows appeared as if by magic, each more inventive and delightful than the last bringing smiles to everyone who passed by.

Thursday night brought the annual bingo and quiz, described by one regular as *"the highlight of Carnival week."* We'll let you decide if that's true, but we know for certain that our brilliant host, Tommy, delivered an evening of fun and laughter that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

As Friday's sun dipped below the hill, the Recreation Ground transformed into an open-air theatre for our screening of *Wicked*. A record-breaking crowd came together to share the experience, a magical night we'll long remember.

Saturday dawned with fine weather, and we knew it would be busy, but the sheer number of people who lined the streets and gathered on the Recreation Ground exceeded even our boldest hopes. Led by the rousing sound of the Loxley Silver Band, the parade was a dazzling spectacle: floats brought dinosaurs from Jurassic Park to life, transformed trucks into sparkling car washes, and even brought the Smurfs to our streets.

The afternoon began with a moment of reverence—a Spitfire flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, a moving tribute to all who served. From there, the field came alive: live music, sheepdog displays, children's entertainment, jaw-dropping mountain bike stunts, and so much more. The evening closed with a burst of party as Atomic and Tin Man lit up the stage—two bands who clearly love partying with Barlow as much as we love having them.

On Sunday, the fun continued. The Dog Show raised funds for Chesterfield Guide Dogs, while our Old Skool Sports Day brought out the competitive spirit and plenty of laughter—all while supporting Ashgate Hospice. Congratulations to the Ashgate Team for taking home the crown!

We hope you enjoyed this year's Carnival as much as we did. Year after year, it's clear... Carnival brings out the very best in Barlow: joy, generosity, creativity, and a sense of belonging that's hard to put into words. To every volunteer, every participant, and every smiling face in the crowd—thank you. Your energy, spirit, and commitment are what make this celebration possible.

We can't wait to do it all again. See you next year—**12th to 16th August 2026.**

BARLOW HISTORY

Carnival Queens of the past



Wendy Patman 1957



Ruth Twigg 1959



Margret Branson 1964



Judith Pearson 1966



Barbara Smith 1965



Sandra Wilson 1963

PROVERBS

(ALMOST FORGOTTEN)

Who remembers proverbs?

Here are some **common proverbs** (and some lesser known ones) along with their meanings:

- **"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."** - It's better to have a sure thing than to risk it for more.
- **"Actions speak louder than words."** - What you do is more important than what you say.
- **"Don't count your chickens before they hatch."** - Don't assume success until it actually happens.
- **"The early bird catches the worm."** - Those who act promptly have an advantage.
- **"When in Rome, do as the Romans do."** - Adapt to the customs of the places you visit.
- **"A diamond with a flaw is better than a common stone that is perfect."** - A rare, precious opportunity that comes with some problems is better than a regular opportunity that seems to be ideal.
- **"A drowning man will clutch a straw."** - When someone is in a difficult situation, s/he will take any available opportunity to come out of it.
- **"After victory, tighten your helmet cord."** - There is no room for complacency. Get straight down to work again after a victory.
- **"A goose quill is more dangerous than a lion's claw."** - Inconsiderate words (written or spoken) can cause more pain and harm than a physical attack.
- **"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."** – However big a task is, tackling it starts with a small step.
- **"All is fair in love and war."** - One can break the rules of fair play under extenuating circumstances.
- **"All lay loads on a winning horse."** - A person who says 'yes', even if hesitatingly, to any work given to him will soon find himself overloaded with work.
- **"An empty vessel makes much noise."** - Fools and persons with shallow knowledge often talk a lot.

Taken from: 200+ Common Proverbs in English [with Meaning and Example] | Lemon Grad

YOUNG FARMERS



Tuesday's
8pm



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Hall

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POETRY CORNER

Neither Rhyme nor Reason

Brian Bilston

To make poems rhyme can sometimes be tough
as words can seem to be from the same bough,
yet each line's ending sounds different, though,
best covered up with a hiccough or cough.

Was this upsetting to Byron or Yeats?
Dickinson, Wordsworth, Larkin or Keats?
Did they see these words as auditory threats?
Could they write their lines without caveats?

What does it matter when all's said and done
if you read this as *scone* when I meant *scone*?
It's hardly a crime. There's no need to atone:
language is a bowl of thick minestrone.
So mumble these endings into your beard –
this poem should be seen, rather than heard.

The Bad Salad of William Archibald Spooner

Brian Bilston

Why do I always watch my birds?
I know that statement sounds absurd
but today I reached an all-lime toe
when I received a blushing crow.

It's wetting gorse – and here's the crunch:
my conversation packs a lunch.
I'm not sure when all this began
but I think I need a plaster man

to help me when my stouth gets muck.
I should sit, perhaps, and bead a rook,
fight a liar, or flick some powers.
No, I think I'll go and shake a tower.

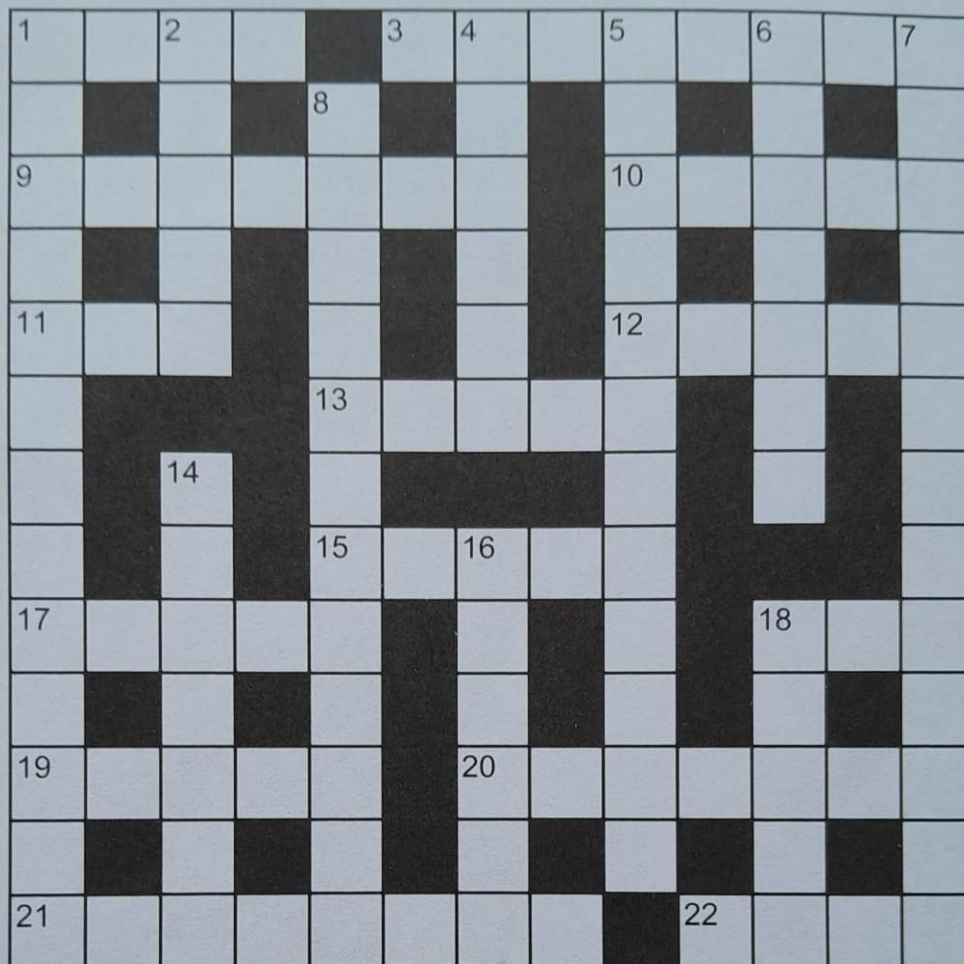
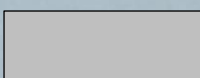
'Spoonerism':

noun

1. a verbal error in which a speaker accidentally transposes the initial sounds or letters of two or more words, often to humorous effect, as in the sentence you have hissed the mystery lectures.

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Across

- 1 Annoying person (4)
- 3 Clamber (8)
- 9 Frozen water spears (7)
- 10 Ascend (5)
- 11 Food item from a hen (3)
- 12 Speak in a slow manner (5)
- 13 Venerate; worship (5)
- 15 Completely correct (5)
- 17 Data entered into a system (5)
- 18 Tree (3)
- 19 Invigorating medicine (5)
- 20 Plunder (7)
- 21 Uneasy (8)
- 22 Opposite of right (4)

Down

- 1 Head of the government (5,8)
- 2 Smart; ache (5)
- 4 Gambling house (6)
- 5 Not on purpose; inadvertently (12)
- 6 Great ____ : island (7)
- 7 Ornamentation (13)
- 8 Pertaining to letters (12)
- 14 Grows larger (7)
- 16 Changes (6)
- 18 With speed (5)

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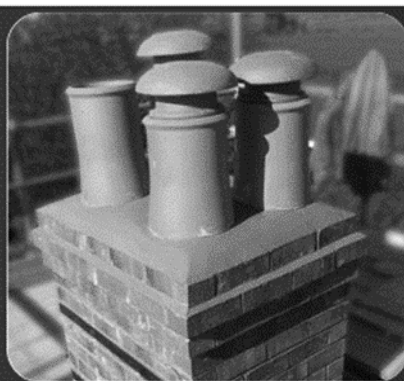
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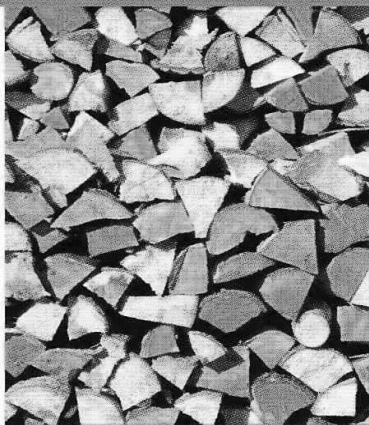
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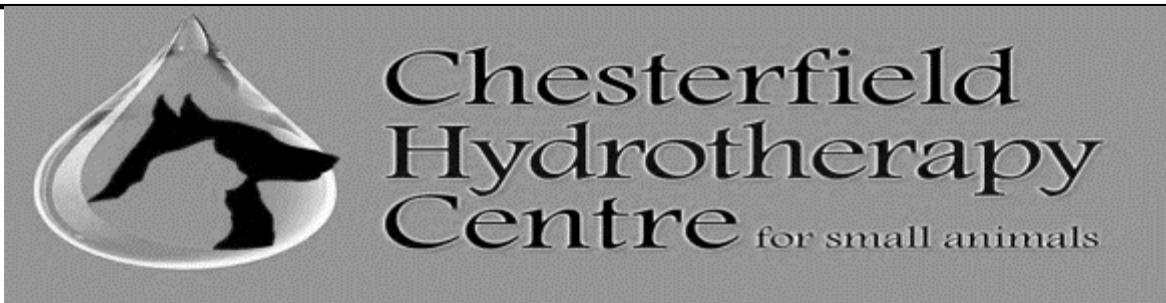
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