

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

# BARLOW

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***We would like to wish all our readers  
and advertisers a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy and Healthy New Year!***



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# YEAR'S MIND - DECEMBER

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

**1ST** EDITH WARDLEY-1977  
**2ND** WILLIAM TURNBULL---1970  
EILEEN MORAWSKI---1999  
LESLIE DAVID WHITEHOUSE---2015  
**3RD** FRANK FAWSON---1968  
MARY A. PICKERING---1979  
GEOFFREY WHITTAKER---2010  
RITA SMITH---2020  
**4TH** GEORGE H. NEEDHAM---1999  
\*NEIL JOHNSON---2014  
**5TH** NELLIE HAYES---1980  
**6TH** LESLIE HASLAM---1971  
EDITH TURNER---1974  
BETTY COBB---2011  
**7TH** MARY NEEDHAM---1981  
JAMES H. NEEDHAM---2003  
JOHN L NEEDHAM---2011  
COLIN M. SIMPSON---2006  
**8TH** MARY MILTON---1971  
SHEILA BARLOW---1993  
THOMAS BOSTON---1994  
FRED HASLAM---2024  
**9TH** ETHEL A. HOLMES---1968  
GEORGE WRIGHT---1970  
HARRY BOWLER---1979  
JAMES WILFRED NEEDHAM---1998  
JENNIFER W BANKS---2021  
**10TH** HARRY WHITTAKER---1970  
**11TH** \*KENNETH HASLAM 2008  
DAVID H. NEEDHAM---2000  
JOHN FEATHERSTONE (priest)---2000  
\*CLARICE R NEEDHAM---2007  
HERBERT FRANK BURGESS---2014  
**12TH** ELAINE L. FAWSON---1993  
JOAN METTAM---2024  
**14TH** GERTRUDE JOLLEY---1971  
EDNA BOOKER---1985  
CONSTANCE GRATTON---1989  
MAURICE COULSON---1990  
MAVIS TWIGG---1992  
**15TH** MAY SIMPSON---1964  
MARY BETTY GILLYATT---2015  
FRANK SHAWCROFT---1971  
LUCY MORGAN---1975  
EMMA MORRIS---?  
FRANCES J. MILWARD---1997  
JOHN A. BRIGHTMORE 2001  
LESLIE ROBINSON---2002

**16TH** VALERIE M BINKS---1987  
ELIZABETH BARGH---1994  
FRANCIS MASON---1997  
EILEEN SHEMWELL---2000  
MONICA JEAN SIMPSON---2006  
\*PETER LAYTON---2009  
**17TH** JANE BRAKES---1969  
\* ALAN MUSSON---1991  
MAURICE HAYES SLACK---2004  
ADA BOWN---2010  
**18TH** TOM MORGAN---1970  
**19TH** FRANCIS J MILWARD---1997  
STANLEY PEARSON---2002  
CHARLES R TANN---2009  
**20TH** IDA SHAWCROFT---1972  
\*STANLEY HUGHES---2012  
MARGARET MORGAN---2014  
DEREK WOODHOUSE---2024  
**21ST** VERA BRADBURY---1995  
**23RD** ETHEL M. SIMS---1995  
**24TH** FRANCES BLAKEMORE 1983  
NORA WESTON---2000  
ENA BLAIR---2018  
**25TH** BILL BERRESFORD---2024  
**25TH** JAMES NEEDHAM---2024  
BILL BERRESFORD---2024  
**26TH** ELLEN WOODALL---2001  
BERYL GOULDTHORPE---2018  
KATHLEEN FOGARTY---2018  
**27TH** THOMAS BINNS---1972  
ANNIE KINGSTON 1984  
WILLIAM H. WILSON---2001  
INA RHODES---2011  
**28TH** ERIC WHITTAKER---1972  
WENDY BARNES---2018  
HENRY WESTON---1979  
ROSA NOBLE---1976  
ELSIE MORTON---1977  
JOHN H. BOOKER---1993  
AUDREY KNOWLES---2016  
**29TH** WILLIAM SPRY---1972  
ANDREW KAY---1972  
ELSIE STEVENSON---1987  
CLAUDE HARRISON---1991  
ROY MARTIN---2016  
**30TH** PAULINE ELSIE HIND--2020  
**31ST** ALFRED PICKERING---1974  
CECIL JONES---2000  
BILLY MARPLES---2006



# YEAR'S MIND - JANUARY

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

**1ST** HAROLD LAYTON---2009  
MICHAEL HASLAM---2009  
**2ND** ETHEL D. GRATTON 2004  
BRIAN J. REEVES---2005  
\*IDA BRANSON---2014  
**3RD** MURIEL BOOKER---1993  
BOB PARKIN---1996  
MARY (MOLLIE) HASLAM---1998  
**4TH** LAURA REVELL 1969  
MICHAEL HASLAM---2009  
**5TH** ERIC F.A. JAKEMAN---1983  
MAUD M. HASLAM---1995  
GODFREY HOLMES---1998  
JOAN BOYES---2019  
**6TH** ELLEN NEEDHAM---1980  
**7TH** ELLEN WILSON---1964  
PATRICIA A. SALISBURY---1995  
RACHEL DORIS HASLAM---2005  
**8TH** ADA CROOKES---1966  
ANNIE KINGSTON---1985  
JOHN STATEN---1971  
JOHN DEREK FOGGARTY---2014  
RONALD W SIMPSON---2019  
**9TH** CLARA NEEDHAM---1963  
AGNES HASLAM---1965  
FLORENCE HILL---1978  
**10TH** JUANITA LAYTON 2011  
**11TH** HUBERT REEDER---1988  
BILLIE BLOUNT---1998  
GEORGE C. HASLAM---2005  
KENNETH SKINNER---2012  
**12TH** HARRY THOMPSON---1988  
ALFRED E. STUBBINS---1993  
JOHN F. DEY---1996  
BETTY E. MUSSON---2005  
HAZEL B MEAKIN---2010  
ENA ROSALIE BRADBURY---2017  
**13TH** GERTRUDE WHATLEY---1965  
CAROLE KENNIE---2024  
DENNIS HASLAM---1971  
FRANK MORGAN---1979  
**14TH** EMILY NEEDHAM---1964  
MARGARET SAVAGE---1997

**15TH** TERRY G. NEEDHAM---1993  
CRAIG ATKINSON---1995  
EVELYN BRIGHTMORE---2006  
**16TH** MARY STEVENSON---1964  
SIDNEY SMITH---1975  
JEAN FROOME---1994  
IVY M. LAYTON---1994  
**19TH** ROY BRANSON 1990  
JOHN A. NEEDHAM---1991  
CONSTANCE M GREGORY---1999  
ERNEST LONGDEN---1999  
ADRIAN HURT---2016  
**20TH** HANNAH BRANWELL---1978  
JOHN WALLACE---1982  
ALAN ROY POWELL---2006  
WILLIAM BRAMWELL---2014  
**21ST** HENRY WILSON---1981  
MARGARET M. WARD---1998  
**22ND** CLARENCE J. SHAWCROFT  
---2001  
CHRISTINE CARR---2014  
**23RD** CLARA WHITTAKER---1965  
PHYLLIS BUXTON---2020  
**24TH** MARTIN M SLACK---2021  
**25TH** KATHLEEN MATTHEWS---  
1979  
**26TH** MARY SMITH---1972  
AUDREY BELLERBY---2025  
JOHN JOHNSON---1981  
HARRY NEEDHAM---2001  
COREEN RHODES---2019  
**27TH** ADA BERRESFORD---1968  
JOSEPH MARSDEN---1979  
MAMIE WRIGHT---1992  
**28TH** ISAAC POWELL---1976  
WILLIAM MARGERRISON---1978  
JAMES COLLINS---2005  
PAUL BURCHILL---2025  
**29TH** FLORENCE WARD---1969  
FLORENCE M BLANKSBY---2010  
**30TH** CATHERINE PLATTS---1964  
**31ST** MAUD HASLAM---1963  
DOROTH CHARLESWORTH---2025  
LENA WHITE---1977  
BADEN POWELL---1970  
OLWEN MARY HALL---2019

# BARLOW CHURCH

## (ST. LAWRENCE)



BARLOW S. LAWRENCE

Old postcard (no date)

**Dear Friends,**

Happy New Year!

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, the new Church year begins and with it the liturgical season of Advent. The origins of this season date back to the fourth and fifth centuries: at first it lasted for 40 days to mirror Lent, but in later times the tradition changed and developed, so that Advent starts 4 Sundays before Christmas. There are special set readings for church services and the theme is one of anticipation and preparation, both for the imminent birth at Bethlehem, but also of Christ's promised return and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God – whenever that might be.

So Advent is both hopeful and thoughtful, with all flowers removed from churches and purple as the colour of church vestments and hangings: but as is our tradition, Sunday by Sunday we will light the Advent candles, with one new one lit each week - three purple and one rose pink for the

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. The final and central white candle is lit for the first Mass of Christmas, which will be Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.



The marking of the season in this way is intended to promote the idea of quiet preparation and an attempt to deliberately try to find (and hold onto) times of stillness and waiting in the midst of the busyness. This can at times feel at odds with the world around, where Christmas songs have been on repeat in shops since the end of October - and yes, the Christmas Tree Festival will have ended just as Advent begins! But there is something very worthwhile about intentionally holding the tension and living in anticipation, because it makes the significance of Christmas much greater and more real.

And yes, the Big Day will arrive eventually - but when it does, Christmas in Church will last not just for a couple of days, but for a full six weeks of celebrations. Most decorations will come down after Epiphany on 6<sup>th</sup> January (when we remember the coming of the Magi to visit the child Jesus), but the nativity figures and white/gold hangings will stay in place until the feast of Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. During these joyful weeks we have plenty of time to reflect on the story of the Incarnation and the way God's love and glory is gradually revealed in the world through the stories of Jesus's early life and the beginning of his ministry - for Epiphany means 'revelation'.

You are very welcome, of course, to join us for any or all of the Advent/Christmas events and services. And in the New Year we'll be running another discussion group for anyone who might be interested in finding out more about the Christian faith – so please get in touch ([priest@barlow-church.org.uk](mailto:priest@barlow-church.org.uk)) if you would like to know more about that.

In the meantime, here is an Advent poem: I hope that you can find, during the coming weeks, just a few moments to be still, as you read it.



## **First Coming** by Madeleine L'Engle

*He did not wait till the world was ready,  
till men and nations were at peace.  
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,  
and prisoners cried out for release.*

*He did not wait for the perfect time.  
He came when the need was deep and great.  
He dined with sinners in all their grime,  
turned water into wine.*

*He did not wait till hearts were pure.  
In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.  
To a world like ours, of anguished shame  
he came, and his Light would not go out.*

*He came to a world which did not mesh,  
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.  
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh  
the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane  
to raise our songs with joyful voice,  
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,  
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

May you have a joyful Christmas, when it comes – and a happy and hopeful New Year.

With Christmas Blessings,

from Revd Sarah and the clergy team



**FROM CHURCH REGISTERS:  
DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026**

**Baptisms**

None

**Funerals**

8th November – Claire Reeves – Burial of Ashes

12th November – Valerie Ruth Haslam – Funeral service & Burial

**Marriages**

None

St Lawrence Church Barlow

**Christmas Services**

**Barlow Carols**

Tues 16th December 7pm

*with the Barlow Singers*

**Christmas Eve**

**Crib Service 3pm**

*come to join our 'scratch' nativity*

**Midnight Mass 11.30pm**

**Christmas Day**

**Family Mass 9am**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

*Holy Communion service at Old Brampton*

*no service at Barlow*

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# CHURCH NEWS

## (ST. LAWRENCE)



**Dear Friends,**

It is difficult to believe, but here we are at the end of another year and Advent is upon us. It really is the most wonderful time of the year, with all the excitement of Christmas. At Church we are certainly looking forward to our celebrations of the birth of Jesus.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the start of the Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. It ends on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, so do come along. We are open 10am until 4pm with evening opening on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6pm until 8pm.

Our carol concert is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in Church. Barlow Singers are joining us and special guests to do the readings. Please come along for a hearty sing of your favourite carols and of course it wouldn't be Christmas without a glass of sherry and a mince pie.

The crib service is on Christmas Eve at 3pm. All children are welcome to take part in the Nativity Story and we guarantee you will have a tear in your eye. Children can come along in their favourite Nativity costume, or borrow one from us.

If you can stay awake long enough, Midnight Mass starts at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve and is a beautiful start to the day to come. Christmas Day starts with our Christmas family service at 9am.

It has been traditional for some time to have a joint service with Old Brampton the Sunday after Christmas, and this year it is Old Brampton's turn to host. Therefore, there will be no service at Barlow on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>



December. Everyone is welcome to attend St Peter & St Paul Old Brampton at 10am where you will receive a very warm welcome.

Once we reach the end of the Christmas celebrations, we will take a breather during January and make plans for 2026. We will return in February with a full list of upcoming events for you.

## **Remembrance Services**

The Remembrance Service held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November was very well attended. It was so nice to see so many people there to pay their respects. Reverend Sarah led the solemn service and we owe thanks to bugler Richard and organist Jack.

Wreaths were laid by David Corrie on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Zachariah Shore on behalf of Barlow School and Janet Siddall on behalf of the Parish Council. Wreaths were also laid from St Lawrence, Derbyshire Police and private individuals.



The wreaths are proudly hung on the frame next to the war memorial on which the named individual crosses are laid. We have written to thank the members of the Men's Shed for their work on the frame and the stunning plaque.

The All Souls service of remembrance and thanksgiving was a very moving service with Reverends Sarah, Janet and Gill reading out the names of those who have been loved and lost.

## **Church Opening**

Church will be open for visitors throughout the winter on Mondays and Fridays from 10am until 2pm.

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

## **Upcoming Events**

“A Bit of a Christmas Do”: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 by invitation

Carol Concert: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7pm

***Date for your diary:***

***Open Gardens 2026 will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July!***

Sending everyone very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year from all at St Lawrence.

### **Regular services December 2025**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December: 11am service

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 8am Mass & 11am family service

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December: 11am service

### **Special Christmas services**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 3pm Crib service

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 9am Christmas family service

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December: 10am joint service at Old Brampton  
NO SERVICE AT BARLOW

### **Regular services January 2026**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January: 11am service

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

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January: 11am service

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January: 11am service

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## **Planning Matters**

Planning Decision: 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 – Conditionally approved 30 September 2025.

Noted.

## **Road Closures**

Notifications have been received announcing the following temporary road closures:

Barlow Lees Lane – December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9.30 to 15.30

Barlow Grange Lane – December 8<sup>th</sup> to December 26<sup>th</sup> for 'utility repair and maintenance works' (Severn Trent Water)

Diversion signs to be put in place.

## **Public Speaking**

A resident expressed concern about the neglected state of the Brook House property. The matter will be raised with the appropriate authority.

## **Crime Report**

PCSO Flower reported nothing of community concern.



### **Speed Watch**

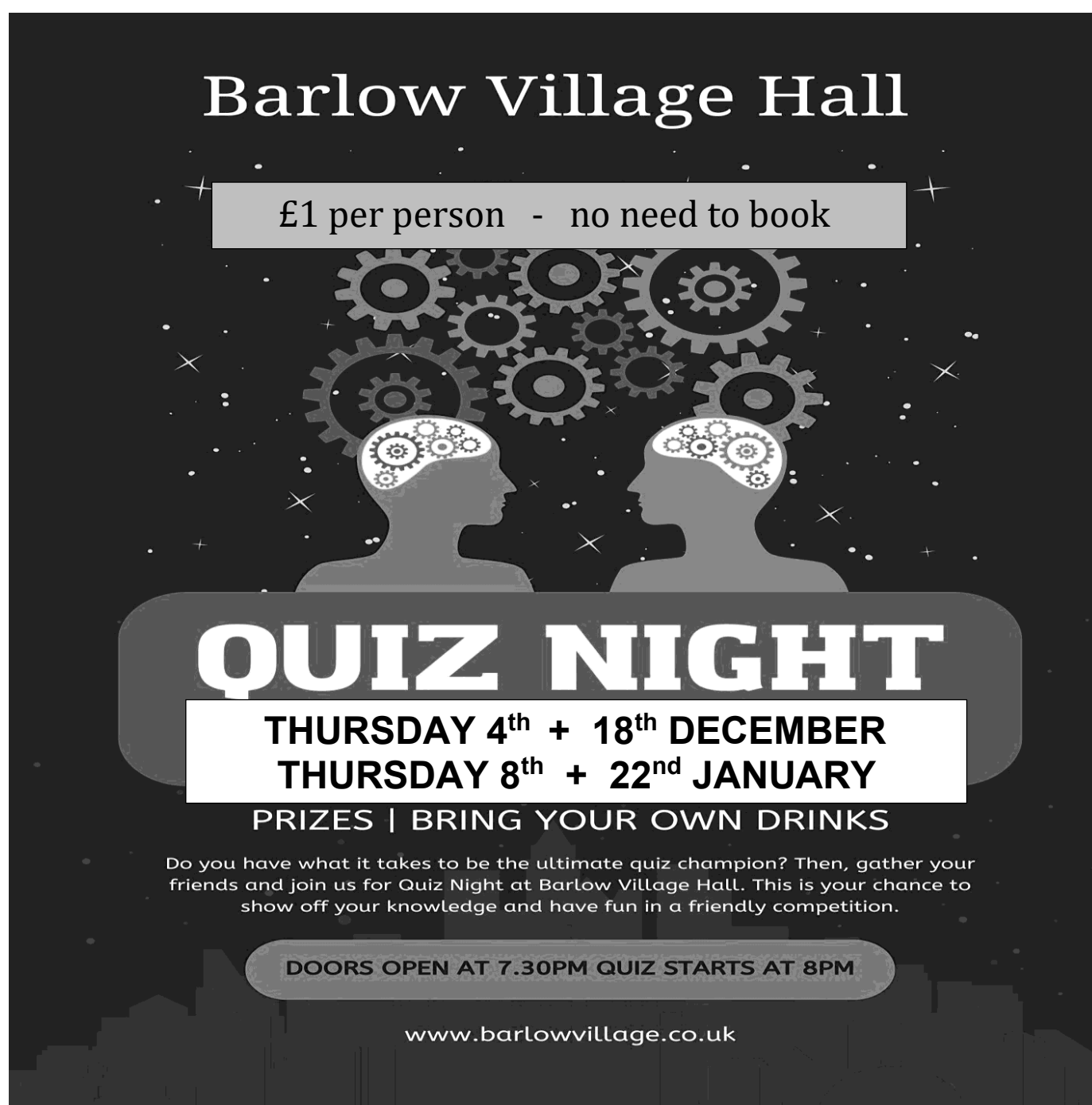
There has been a lull of activity, but new sessions are to be arranged soon.

### **Parish concerns raised with DCC**

The meeting was deemed useful, but no timeframe was given to deal with the ongoing parking-related issues discussed.

### **Quiz Nights**

The dates for the December and January quiz nights have been confirmed (see poster below). Please note that the days have been changed from Wednesdays to Thursdays.

A poster for Quiz Night at Barlow Village Hall. The background is dark with a pattern of white stars and dots. In the center, there are two silhouettes of human heads facing each other, with gears visible inside their brains. Above the heads, a cluster of various-sized gears is arranged in a circular pattern. The text is white and bold, with some elements in a light grey box.

**Barlow Village Hall**

£1 per person - no need to book

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> + 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> + 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY**

**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

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# POLICE NEWS

## Crime Prevention information

As the nights get darker earlier, the fear of crime can increase. Here are a few things you can do to feel safer:

- Leave a light on in more than one room, such as the lounge and bedroom. Remember to choose low-energy lamps.
- Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark.
- Change the times that the lights come on to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the home.
- Consider the use of 'smart' technology to have different lights coming on in your house at different times.
- Make sure your front door is well lit and fully visible from the street. Also think about security lighting at the rear and side of your property.
- Consider having a good quality CCTV system installed.
- Keep your curtains closed at night - if you are away, ask a neighbour to close them for you.

## **Planned Community engagement events for Barlow or nearby (Nov, Dec and Jan)**

Dec 25

Tues 2nd Dec – 1-3pm Community Catch up – The Barn Dronfield

Wed 10th Dec 6.30-7.30pm Street Meet Holmesfield

Thur 11th Dec 5pm -6pm Barlow Street Meet – Village Hall

Sat 20th Dec 1-3pm Community Catch up – Dronfield Sport Centre

Sun 21st Dec 10-12noon Street Walk Dronfield Civic / Sainsbury's

Jan 26

Sat 3rd Jan 10-12noon Community Catch Up – The Barn Dronfield

Sat 17th Jan 2 – 3.30pm Community Catch Up – Dronfield Sports Centre

Tues 20th 6-7pm Barlow Street Meet Village Hall Car Park

Fri 23rd Jan 5pm to 6pm Street Meet Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Close

Sat 24th Jan 1pm to 3pm Sainsbury's Crime Prevention Stall, Wreakes Lane Dronfield

Many thanks.

**PCSO 12853 Jonathan Flower**

**Dronfield SNT Police Community Support Officer**

North East Section

Derbyshire Constabulary Dronfield Police Station

# BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



**Dear Friends,**

We were very excited to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival again this year, at St Lawrence's Church. The children enjoyed making all our decorations and we went to the church to see the different trees. It really put us in a Christmassy mood and we sang some of our Nativity songs to people visiting the church.

Pre-school closes on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm and will re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

We have been very busy practising our Nativity, which we will be performing during the last week of term. We are hoping that if we sing loud enough we might receive a special visitor to the Village Hall.

After all the rain it was nice to finally get some dry but cold days at Forest School. We made some Gruffalo salt dough faces and bear faces as well as plenty of mud pies.

In January we welcome some new starters. Our Pre-school is almost full, only a couple of sessions available, so January will be a busy term. If you know someone who is looking for a future place they can be added to our waiting list by emailing **[barlowpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:barlowpreschool@gmail.com)**.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jo







# **FOBS**

## **FRIENDS OF BARLOW SCHOOL**

**Hello,**

We hope everyone's feeling festive in the run-up to Christmas!

The soup share at the Harvest Festival was a lovely community event, with the veggies prepared by the children and turned into scrumptious soup by a team of parent volunteers. Thank you! £158.36 will be split between FOBS and the school garden.

Now FOBS has some seasonal fun in store, with raffle tickets to win a hamper of goodies on sale from the 1st of December, along with Christmas quiz sheets to win a Christmas Eve box.

The children will be selling their creations at the Enterprise Sale on the 2nd of December, where FOBS will be running a refreshments stall. Donations of baked goodies gratefully accepted from Monday 1st!

Term will end with the school disco on the 18th of December and the Christingle service on the 19th of December.

We need a hundred oranges for the children to make their Christingles! If anyone can help with this, please get in touch with a member of the team. We would also be very grateful for any donations of prizes for the raffle.

Thanks, from the FOBS team

# BARLOW RED BARROWS



Barlow Red Barrows have recently handed a cheque for £1,000 to the Neil Ward Memorial Fund in Dronfield. The Neil Ward Memorial Fund has been set up by Neil's parents Elaine and Ian and so far has paid for thousands of 14-35-year-olds to be checked via charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY).

Neil died unexpectedly and suddenly at a Scouts meeting at Wreakes Lane many years ago. He was 17 at the time.

The next fundraising event for CRY will be happening at Coal Aston Village Hall on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026. For more information about that event or about CRY itself please contact [elaineward49@btinternet.com](mailto:elaineward49@btinternet.com).

## WANTED!

Barlow Red Barrows are looking for new volunteers to be part of their display team raising money for charities, especially during the summer months.

If you are interested in becoming a 'pilot' please contact Steve by emailing [barlowredbarrows@gmail.com](mailto:barlowredbarrows@gmail.com).

# YOUNG FARMERS

**Hello,**

This November Young Farmers have been busy with Stock Judging practices ready for this year's forthcoming competitions. Firstly, we were hosted at Church Farm by kind permission of Richard & Peter Needham. Here we learnt all about Beef Stock judging, then a meeting was held at Mr & Mrs Shepheard's near Bakewell to learn all about Dairy Cattle. Both meetings were incredibly insightful and informative and were thoroughly enjoyed by all, with all members learning about choosing the placement of a select few cattle and how to give their reasons for this to a 'judge'.

Also, this month we have once again put together the decorations to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival in Church. Keep your eyes peeled for our tree if you're visiting. In December we will be hosting meetings, including our Big Christmas Quiz, our Annual Film night and end of year meal, so lots of festive fun is planned!

December is that time of year again for our annual Christmas Tractor Run. This year we have decided that the funds raised will be split between Young Farmers and Ashgate Hospice, so if you're visiting and see a collection bucket please support if you can!

**The Tractor Run will leave the Three Merry Lads in Cutthorpe at 5:30pm and then go on to pass the Peacock @ Cutthorpe, Fox & Goose @ Wigley, The Holme Hall Inn, The Woodside, The Olde House, The Peacock @ Barlow and then finally down past the Tickled Trout to safely deliver Santa at the Village Green around 7pm.** Please come along and support at one of the venues en route and give us a cheery wave as we pass!

As usual, new faces are always welcome, so please give us a 'follow' on our socials if you would like to know more! Contact details are also at the front of the magazine if you would like further information. As we draw towards the end of November and 2025 with another budget looming, the feeling of uncertainty and the unknown is once again swirling within the farming community. Please, wherever you can buy British and support British Farming as without your support things such as the Christmas Tractor Run just simply wouldn't happen!

On behalf of all of Barlow YFC we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to meetings recommencing on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January with lots of upcoming exiting meetings for our little club in 2026.

Club Leader Will.

# **TARDIS FREE TIME TRAVEL**

## **BARLOW HISTORY**

Walk around any part of Barlow and traces of the past are all around you. A few steps away from the village green, for instance, between the pair of red brick terraces and the council bungalows, is the entrance to an old drift mine that disappeared underground in what is now someone's back garden. A clue is the original dry stone wall, still in place, running alongside the last of the terraces.

And have you ever looked closely at the little beer garden next to The Hare on Commonside? If you do, you might notice an old stone window lintel, set into the path outside the pool room. Presumably, this came from the cottage at the end of the row, demolished to make room for the beer garden many moons ago. Incidentally, this was the first home in Barlow of the late and much missed Doreen Carter, who moved to the village in 1953. Doreen's final residence in Barlow was the little bungalow next to me, at the top of Springfield Road, which came with a huge garden facing onto Mods Lane, just down the slope from the Hare.

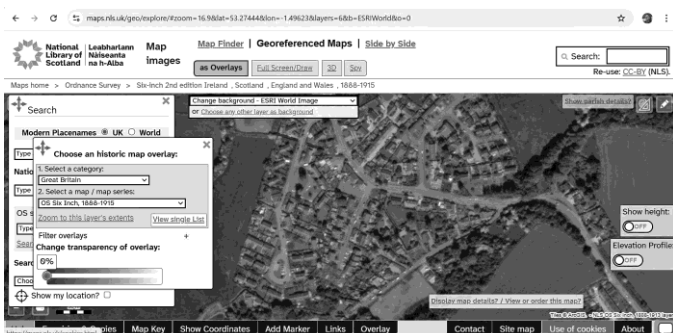
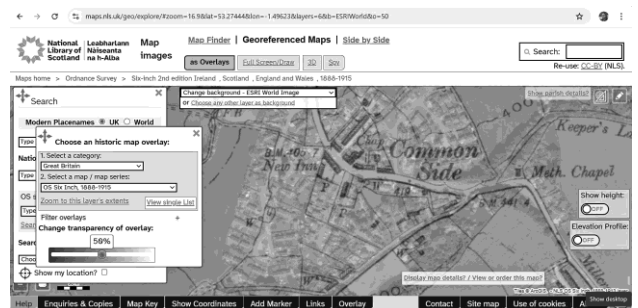
I acquired (legally, for an appropriate fee) a small section of Doreen's old garden last year and have spent many gruelling, but happy hours digging out all manner of bits and pieces, following the removal of Doreen's old shed and greenhouse by the council.

The biggest thing I discovered, a good few feet underground, was another beautifully dressed window lintel, bearing the chisel marks of a skilled mason, working a century ago, or two perhaps? As far as I can work out, there were never cottages at this location at any point in the dim and distant, although there is what looks like an old gateway, with iron brackets for a gate still in place on the stone pillars, almost completely lost in the undergrowth a few yards away.

I say, 'as far as I can work out', because I have been doing a little research. Freely available to all is a fantastic resource, enabling any of us to look into the past, in any location. It is my pleasure to share with you this Christmas, the gift that is maps.nls.uk, otherwise known as the National Library of Scotland – Maps. It's a completely safe website with no sign in, sign up, pop ups or advertising.

Here's my recommendation for the best experience, starting out. It's a vast archive, very easy to get lost in. It is best viewed on a laptop or desktop computer to begin with, but will run on tablets and phones, of course.

When you first open the website, you'll see a page titled 'Map Images'. Scroll down the page and click on 'Georeferenced Maps'. On the left of the screen you'll see two overlapping boxes. This is the tricky bit. Move your cursor to 'Modern Placenames' on the larger box, then click on the search bar and type 'Barlow'. A drop down menu will appear with 'our' Barlow included. Click on that. A map of the village from somewhere between 1888 and 1915 will magically appear on the main part of the screen. You can zoom in and out and move it around to your heart's content.



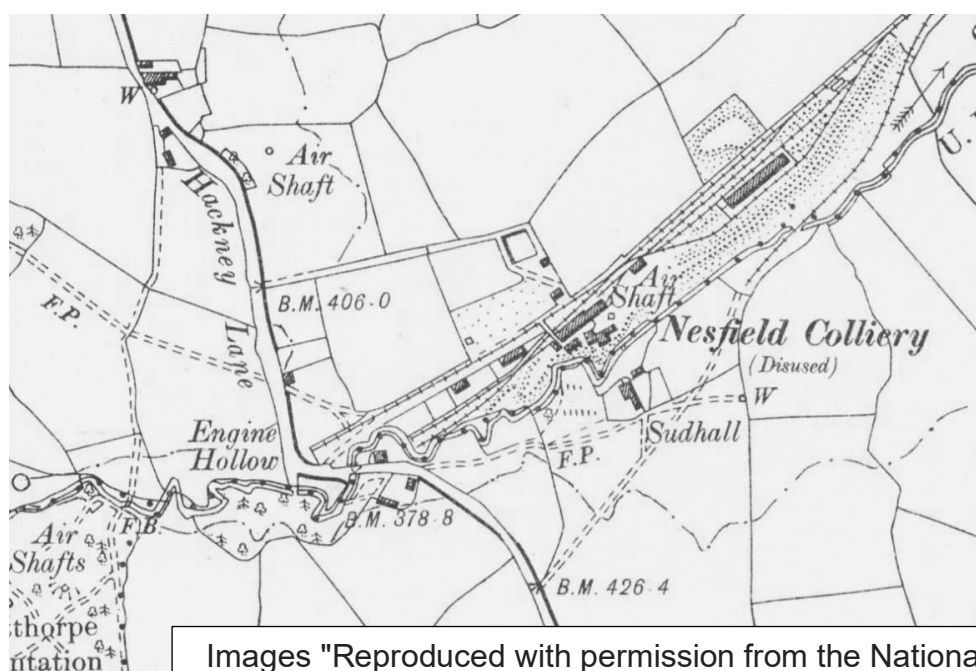
But here's the amazing part. You should still have the two overlapping boxes on the left of your screen. At the bottom of the smaller box where it says 'Change transparency of

overlay' is a blue button in a slider, set at 100%. Simply slide the blue button to the left....and travel from the past to the present. You'll be looking at exactly the same location, perfectly aligned with a recent satellite photograph. With the button set at 50%, you'll be able to see both at once, as transparent layers. It's incredible!

It's amazing how much, and how little, has changed in our pretty corner of North East Derbyshire. Take a trip to Sheffield and it's a different story. Vast swathes of countryside were given over to housing and industry as the industrial revolution gained pace. Even so, it's surprising how many little ponds, greens, medieval buildings and rights of way still exist.

The oldest map on the website I can find, is the 'OS One Inch 1<sup>st</sup>/Old Series, 1798-1878', which is a treasure trove of old place names – there was an actual Hollins Spring, for instance, just below Hill Top in Dronfield, hence Hollins Spring Avenue. And did you know Keepers Cottage on Keepers Lane was originally called Barlow Lodge? Well, you do now. Hopefully you'll have some time to do some exploring of your own over the festive season. Happy researching and Happy Christmas!

Peter Baldry



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# BARLOW PEOPLE (PAST)

## Fred Haslam (1927 – 2024)



In the Royal Engineer  
Regiment

Fred Haslam was a lifelong resident of Barlow, having been born on Berrys Row, Commonsides and living at Rutland Terrace.

A very active member of Barlow he was on the board of the Parish council, being both secretary and treasurer in the 1960s. He was also on the School governors when it was proposed that Barlow should have a new school in the very early 1970s.

In the 1950s Fred and two friends, other Barlow residents Stan Hughes and Stan Ledger had been visiting other Derbyshire villages and seen carnivals take place. They decided to set up a carnival committee of their own. Barlow had always had well dressings and a feast, but the introduction of the parade and the competitions was a new concept.



Some time back in Barlow either during his leave or returning home from his national service days.

Fred helped dress the main well in the village for many years. He organised many events that took place over the carnival period, sourcing gifts and prizes and much, much more.

Fred was an enthusiastic historian who researched his family tree back to the sixteen hundreds. His keen eye for detail included finding birth, marriage and death certificates, census returns and where possible photographs. Fred's love of history also included any interesting facts about old Barlow. He would tell tales of times gone by, the village way of life and the people he met along the way. Some of his anecdotes featured his friend and neighbour Ted Starkey, going 'rabbiting' with his ferret and having to hide it from the gamekeeper. He also had stories about the travelling fairground Hibble and Mellors coming to the village once a year.

He was a keen photographer who would go out and take photographs of places and buildings that most people would overlook. He did truly love his village. It was this forward way of thinking that we have Fred to thank for recording information relating to times gone by. Many of his photographs record the changing face of Barlow.

When he retired, on most days you would catch him entering competitions and doing the daily crosswords in the newspapers.

A very interesting man, he would always be willing to help anyone. He was a very modest and unassuming gentleman, kind and loyal, funny and clever.

Julian Haslam



Fred and his wife Audrey



# STORMS

## How do we name storms?

**Author:** Press Office    28 August 2025

With autumn upon us and the likelihood of impactful weather increasing, the Met Office, in partnership with Met Éireann and KNMI, has prepared a new list of storm names for the 2025/26 season.

But how are these names chosen, and why do we name storms at all? Here, we explain the process behind naming storms, the criteria involved, and the benefits this system brings to the public.

### **The process of naming storms**

The annual list of storm names is not created in isolation. Instead, it is a collaborative effort involving the public and our partners in Ireland and the Netherlands. Suggestions are invited from members of the public all year round, as well as from Met Éireann and KNMI. This ensures the list reflects a broad range of names from across the UK, Ireland, and the Netherlands.

Once all suggestions are gathered, a dedicated group reviews the names. However, not every name submitted makes it onto the final list. Several important factors are considered to ensure the names are suitable for use in weather communications.

### **Criteria for selecting storm names**

Pronunciation is a key consideration. Names that are too difficult to pronounce may be excluded, although it is important to remember that some names may be unfamiliar due to the involvement of partners from Northern Ireland and the Netherlands.

The group also examines whether a name has different meanings in different countries, which could lead to confusion or unintended associations. Names connected to significant public figures, or those that could be considered controversial or political, are avoided. Similarly, any name that has already been retired as a hurricane name will not be used again.

To maintain impartiality, storms are never named after private companies or brands. Importantly, the frequency with which a name is submitted does not influence its selection; it is the suitability of the name that matters most.

## **When are new storm names announced?**

Since the launch of the 'Name our Storms' initiative in 2015, a new list of names has been published each September. The list covers the period from early September to late August the following year, aligning with the seasonal increase in low-pressure systems and the potential for named storms. The latest list of named storms was revealed on Monday, September 1.

## **Why do we name storms?**

The primary reason for naming storms is to provide a consistent and authoritative message about approaching severe weather. By using a single, recognisable name, communication through media partners and government agencies becomes clearer and more effective. This helps the public to better understand the risks, take appropriate action, and ultimately keep themselves, their property, and their businesses safe.

## **When is a storm named?**

In the UK, a storm is named when it is expected to cause disruption or damage significant enough to warrant an amber or red warning. This decision is based on the National Severe Weather Warnings service, which considers both the potential impact of the weather and the likelihood of those impacts occurring.

While storms are most often named due to the threat of strong winds, other weather types are also considered. For example, heavy rain that could lead to flooding, as advised by agencies such as the Environment Agency, SEPA, and Natural Resources Wales, or significant snowfall, may also prompt the naming of a storm. In this way, the system ensures that the public is alerted to a range of severe weather threats, not just wind.

Naming storms is a vital part of how the Met Office communicates severe weather risks. Through a careful and inclusive process, we ensure that each name is suitable, recognisable, and effective in helping people stay safe when severe weather approaches.

(From the official Met Office website)

# POETRY CORNER

## **A Thunderstorm** by Emily Dickinson

The wind begun to rock the grass  
With threatening tunes and low, -  
He flung a menace at the earth,  
A menace at the sky.

The leaves unhooked themselves from trees  
And started all abroad;  
The dust did scoop itself like hands  
And throw away the road.

The wagons quickened on the streets,  
The thunder hurried slow;  
The lightning showed a yellow beak,  
And then a livid claw.

The birds put up the bars to nests,  
The cattle fled to barns;  
There came one drop of giant rain,  
And then, as if the hands

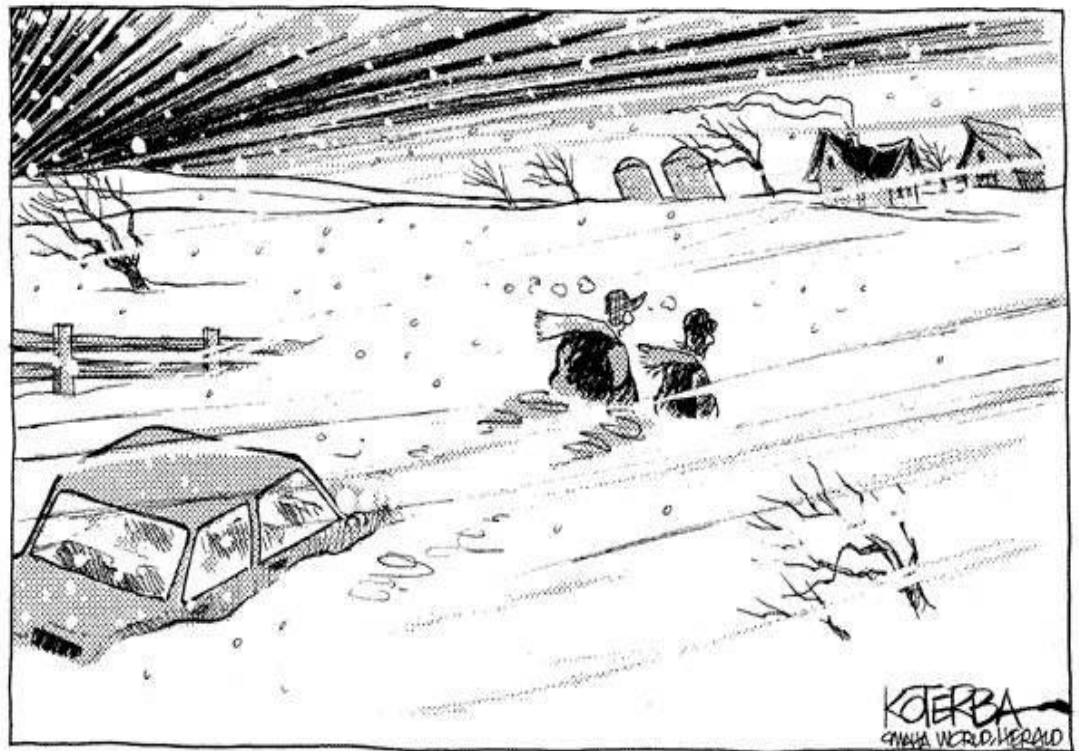
That held the dams had parted hold,  
The waters wrecked the sky,  
But overlooked my father's house,  
Just quartering a tree.

## **The Snow-Storm** by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Announced by all the trumpets of the sky,  
Arrives the snow, and, driving o'er the fields,  
Seems nowhere to alight: the whited air  
Hides hills and woods, the river, and the heaven,  
And veils the farm-house at the garden's end.  
The sled and traveller stopped, the courier's feet  
Delayed, all friends shut out, the housemates sit

Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed  
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Come see the north wind's masonry.  
Out of an unseen quarry evermore  
Furnished with tile, the fierce artificer  
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Round every windward stake, or tree, or door.  
Speeding, the myriad-handed, his wild work  
So fanciful, so savage, nought cares he  
For number or proportion. Mockingly,  
On coop or kennel he hangs Parian wreaths;  
A swan-like form invests the hidden thorn;  
Fills up the farmer's lane from wall to wall,  
Maugre the farmer's sighs; and, at the gate,  
A tapering turret overtops the work.  
And when his hours are numbered, and the world  
Is all his own, retiring, as he were not,  
Leaves, when the sun appears, astonished Art  
To mimic in slow structures, stone by stone,  
Built in an age, the mad wind's night-work,  
The frolic architecture of the snow.



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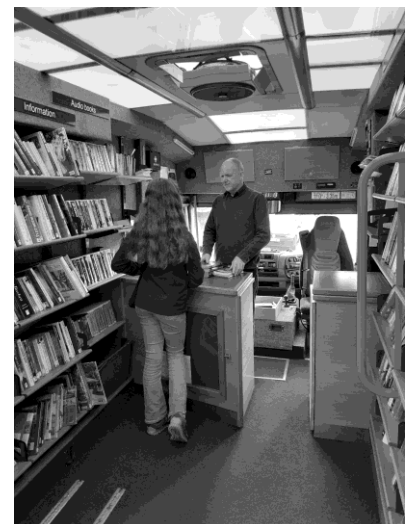
In September, I finally did something I have wanted to do for a very long time: I decided to pay a visit to the Mobile Library on its monthly stop in Barlow. I have been aware of its existence, of course, having put the dates for the scheduled stops into the magazine when they are available, but I had never visited. I was curious about how many Barlow residents actually use this service.

Not many, as it turned out! I stayed for a chat with Martin, the driver of the vehicle who doubles up as librarian, and throughout the full twenty minutes of the stopping time only one ‘customer’ (a teenager) came to take some books out. Martin did say that he had only a couple of regulars, but none of them made an appearance that day.

I must admit that I wondered about the accessibility of the chosen stopping place as I trudged half way up Springfield Road. Martin explained that this has always been the designated place, but I was wondering if it might be possible to find a better alternative. I was impressed with the number and selection of books on offer, however, and think it is a real shame that not many more people use the service. With money being tight, there is always the danger that a service like this may be scrapped to make a saving...

When asked how she had found out about the date for the library stop, the young lady said that she’d read it in the parish magazine! Unfortunately, the dates are not always available when I check on the website, so I can’t always include them in the magazine. There was no service in November, as Martin was on leave and no cover was provided.

There will be no stopping in December, as it clashes with Christmas, so the next scheduled stop will now be on the **21<sup>st</sup> of January 2026!**  
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# PUZZLE PAGE

1. Complete the line from *Away in the Manger*: 'no crib for a \_\_\_\_\_',
2. What line is said three times in the chorus of *O Come All Ye Faithful*?
3. What is the English title of the Austrian carol 'Stille Nacht'?
4. Who sang *All I want for Christmas is You*?
5. According to the song *Little Donkey*, where is the little donkey walking?
6. In what language is the song *O Tannenbaum* written?
7. What is said to be shining in the dark streets in the carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*?
8. Fill in the missing word: Deck the \_\_\_\_ with bows of holly.
9. Which Canadian singer released a Christmas album in 2011, featuring 16 songs?
10. Who sends the narrator their gifts in *Twelve Days of Christmas*?



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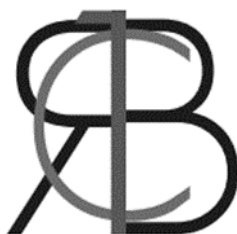
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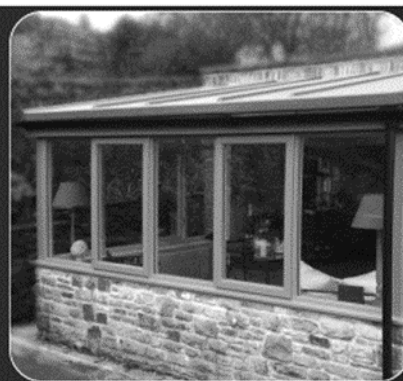
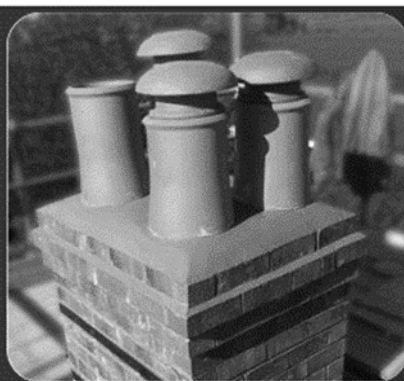
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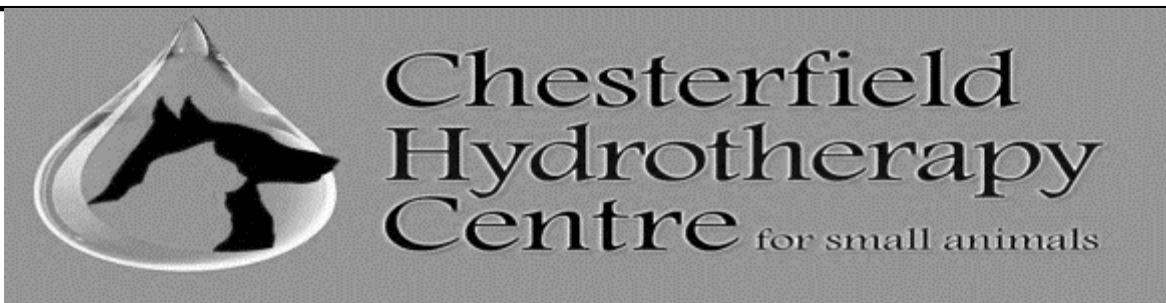
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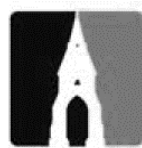
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