



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

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BARLOW WELL DRESSINGS

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, BARLOW

Flower Festival

Wed 12th to Tues 18th August

Church open 10am to 7pm DAILY

Theme: *'What's my Destination?'*

Blessing of the Wells Service

Wed 12th August at 6:30pm

St Lawrence Church

Refreshments

Served at Church daily from 1pm

(last orders 4:30pm)

www.barlow-church.org.uk

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YEAR'S MIND - JULY

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

1ST * BRIAN HANSON---2014
2ND CORNELIUS DYSON (priest)---
1923
3RD ALFRED NEEDHAM---1996
BRIAN PIDCOCK---2011
4TH FRANK I. COBB---1993
EILEEN HARDWICK---2024
5th BERTHA TAGG---1963
*JACQUELINE S MILLICAN---2015
6TH DOROTHY PICKERING---2014
LINDA HOUSLEY---2016
7TH OLIVE GROVES---1972
NORA HOLMES---2005
8TH KITCHENER NEEDHAM---1989
9TH WILFRED ARMSTRONG---1975
10TH EPHRAIM BOOKER---1996
JOHN GRATTON---2005
11TH LESLIE J PAYNE---1994
12TH ARTHUR PENDLETON---1971
13TH AGNES M. CLARKE---1988
GORDON SMITH---2000
15TH FLORENCE A. DITCHER---1976
CARL ANDERSON---1997
EILEEN COCKING---2005
ANNIE WALLACE---2006
16TH MARY NEEDHAM---1999
17TH THOMAS BRADLEY---1963
RICHARD SIMPSON---2019
PHYLLIS PIDCOCK---1978
WILLIAM D. MORTON---1995
BARRY E. MEAKIN---2006

18TH BETTY M. BEMBRIDGE---1998
JAMES BOOTH---2013
*LOTTIE KENT---2019
19TH BERNARD LEDGER---1974
20TH SYDNEY SATTERFITT---1973
IVY JAMES---1985
ALBERT RALPH---1988
OLIVE SHARPE---1990
* WILLIAM G SALISBURY---2007
21ST DAVID F MEGGINSON---2021
22ND JOHN J. WOOD---1992
LESLIE A. TRICKET---2000
* AUDREY WOOD--2015
23RD HILDA D. HASLAM---1968
MABEL SATTERFITT---1973
IRIS PAYNE---2015
24TH PETER C. WALKER---2007
25TH EVELYN BURNETT---1976
26TH JOHN SPRY---1961
OLIVIA J KELLY---2017
27TH CARL M. RICE---2007
GREETA WELLS---2018
28TH HARRIET HASLAM---1965
HARRY KINGSTON
29TH ALASTAIR I. COBB---1997
LILY J. ARMSTRONG---1985
EMILY ALICE MITSON---2013
30TH SARAH BERESFORD---1968
ROBERT C. NORFOR (priest)---1969
31ST * JOHN NEWBOLD---2013



FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: JULY 2026 UPDATE

Baptisms

None

Funerals

None

Marriages

None

BARLOW CHURCH (ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

Soon it will be 15 July, St Swithin's Day and according to traditional folklore, whatever the weather is like on St Swithin's Day - whether rain or sunshine - this will continue for the next 40 days and 40 nights.

The old poem goes like this...

*"St Swithin's Day, if it does rain
Full forty days it will remain;
St Swithin's Day, if it be fair
For forty days, t'will rain no more"*

So, if it rains on St Swithin's Day, it will rain for the next 40 days, but if St Swithin's Day is dry, dry weather will set in.

But where does this legend come from and is there any truth to it, and who was St. Swithin?

Swithin was a man born in or around the year 800 AD, who became Bishop of Winchester. He requested that when he died he should not to be buried in a prominent place within the Cathedral, but outside in a simple tomb and “where the sweet rain of heaven may fall upon my grave”, and this is what happened when he died in 862. In 971 however, on 15th July, the new Bishop Aethelwold, decided that as the cathedral was being re-built, Swithin’s remains should be moved to a shrine inside. The legend says that after his remains were moved there was a great storm and it rained for many weeks thereafter. The bible often refers to ‘40 days’ as an expression for ‘a long time’ No one takes the



Image source: Getty Images

prediction literally - in fact, few take it seriously! – and there is definitely no statistical evidence to support the claim. Since records began in 1861, there has never been a record of 40 dry or 40 wet days in a row following St Swithin’s Day. So while we might not like 40 days of rain and 40 days of sun might sound like fun, neither is really likely to happen!

That said, 15th July may actually be one of the oldest weather marking days. This was, and still is, when grain farmers in cooler climates start to get nervous about the harvest. As with hay-making, the grain crop needs to have dry weather, which in times gone by, needed to be long enough for the work gangs to travel the fields and to bring all the grain from the manor fields into the barns and to the threshing floor.

Folklore however, doesn’t just start, and this rhyme probably began from people’s close observation. Around mid-July, the jet stream settles into a pattern which remains somewhat constant until the beginning of September, when the days shorten enough to allow more cooling and therefore more fluctuating autumn weather. When this steady jet stream flows north of the British Isles, the continental high pressure creates the dry weather, but when the jet stream settles into a more southerly flow, Atlantic weather moves in. So, St Swithin’s Day can indeed be the beginning of a long period of the same weather, day in and day out.

Things are changing though. I wonder how long St Swithin’s Day will be a weather predictor? If the jet stream settles at all, it will most likely happen earlier in the year. We get sun and heat in May, and sweet strawberries in June, but as the North Atlantic currents are shifting, it is likely that the

jet stream will not often come to the north of the British Isles; the trade winds may not even get here in years to come.
I wonder what we can expect in 2026?
Best wishes to you all, whatever the weather.
Revd. Gill

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

It's July already and almost time for the school summer holidays. Always a very exciting time of year for Barlow, with the carnival and all the events surrounding it. We have enjoyed supporting pre-school with their colour run and very much look forward to welcoming school into Church for their leavers' assembly towards the end of term. We send lots of good wishes to all those moving up to a new class and especially those leaving to go to "Big School".

Wells Parade, Well Dressings and Flower Festival

Well dressing planning is well underway and we can't wait to see what creative designs everyone comes up with; they are always spectacular.

The 12th of August happens to have a deep partial solar eclipse in the early evening, when 90-96% of the sun will be obscured by the moon, which will make for a very interesting blessing of the wells parade.

Because of the eclipse, the 6.30pm church service of celebration will be a bit different (and slightly shorter) for this year and take place in the churchyard if possible, or in church if it is wet or very cloudy. The blessing of the Main Well (opposite the Hackney House cafe and the Peacock) will follow at 7pm, followed by the procession through the village. The sun should be due to come back out again by the time we reach the maypole, just right for the dancers.

To increase the safety of the people walking the route, we have arranged a full road closure from 6.45pm until around 8.15pm, as opposed to our usual partial road closure. We would like to thank the carnival committee for their help with organising this.

The flower festival has the theme "What's My Destination". Sue and Helen never let us down with their fantastic displays. You can see on page 11 how you can contribute to making this one of the best flower festivals in Derbyshire.

Cake Appeal

As usual Church will be open to serve refreshments during the flower festival and we appeal to the fabulous bakers in the area for any donations of home baked scones and cakes, which will be very gratefully received; people enjoy the cake as much as the flowers! If anyone would like to help with sitting in church and welcoming visitors or helping with refreshments, please contact Julie.

Afternoon of Music and Fun.

Don't forget to get your tickets for an afternoon of music & fun activities for all the family on Monday 31st August, from midday until 6pm, in the beautiful surroundings of Barlow Woodseats Hall.

We will be raising funds to support the work of Myeloma UK and towards the ongoing upkeep of St Lawrence Church.

The main attraction will be High Peak 4-piece blues & rock band "Responsibly Sauced". They will take us on a musical stroll through the decades with songs from Chuck Berry, The Kinks, Beatles, Rolling Stones, Tom Petty and many others. Dancing and singing along is encouraged, but not compulsory.

We are very grateful to Nick and Christina at Barlow Woodseats Hall for hosting this event and making available the bar and pizza van. In addition, there will be storytelling, family activities and games in the lovely garden setting.

Please see the poster on the back cover for details of ticket prices and how to get them.

Heritage Opening Days

This year for the first time we plan to take part in Heritage Open Days which is an annual event run by the National Trust (See www.heritageopendays.org.uk).

The theme is "Everyday Histories" and we intend to put on an exhibition of local history in the Church. Therefore, we would be very interested to hear from anyone who has any stories, photographs or anything at all of interest about Barlow and the people who make up that history.

The dates will be Friday 11th and Saturday 12th September; we are keen to start collating the information as soon as possible, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with your stories.

Church Opening

Church is open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am until 4pm.

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

Regular services

Sunday 5th July: 11am service

Sunday 12th July: 8am Mass & 11am family service

Sunday 19th July: 11am service

Sunday 26th July: 11am service

Upcoming Events

Well blessing parade: Wednesday 12th August 2026

Well dressings & flower festival (**See poster on page 2 and donation request on page 11!**): Wednesday 12th – Tuesday 18th August 2026

Event at Barlow Woodseats Hall: Monday 31st August 2026 –
See back cover!

Heritage Open Days: Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September 2026

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Sunday 11th October 2026

Harvest Supper: Sunday 11th October 2026

Christmas Tree Festival: Saturday 21st – 28th November 2026

“A Bit of a Christmas Do”: Saturday 5th December 2026 - **by invitation**

Carol Concert: Wednesday 16th December 2026

If anyone would like to offer to volunteer to help at any of the above events, please contact Julie on the details at the front of the magazine. Thank you.

What an exciting summer ahead for everyone!

With very best wishes, Julie.



A decorative border made of various stylized flowers, leaves, and butterflies, framing the entire page.

BARLOW CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL 2026

Would you like to donate towards the cost of a flower arrangement?

Helen and Sue will be working their magic again this year to create a spectacular array of interesting and imaginative floral arrangements in our beautiful historic church.

Wells Week and the Flower Festival are an important part of our fundraising calendar and we really appreciate the help we receive from both businesses and individuals who support this event.

The costs associated with the Flower Festival are significant and, as in previous years, we are asking for donations towards the cost of the flowers. We are not suggesting a specific donation amount this year and donations of any amount will be very welcome.

The theme this year is 'What's my Destination' and the Flower Festival will run from 12th to 18th August 2026.

If you would like to help, please contact;
Julie (Churchwarden) on 07799 639566 or
Janet (Treasurer) on 01246 206964

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1 Vacancy

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Victoria Noble has now been co-opted to fill one of the vacancies on the Parish Council. We look forward to working with her.

PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- 26/00338/FLH – Demolition of existing single storey side extension and addition of a new single storey side extension above existing garage (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building) at Stonehaven, Wilday Green Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

- 26/00241/FL – Section 73 application to vary condition 2 pursuant to planning application 25/00452/FL to allow for revised plans at Barlow Croft, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow – **Conditionally approved 18 May 2026**
- 26/00249/CATPO – Notification of intention to fell Pear tree within Barlow Conservation area at Church House, Main Road, Barlow – **No objection 1 May 2026**

RESOLVED noted

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

No other planning matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

No further planning applications circulated.

ROAD CLOSURE

5th August – 7th August, Valley Road
(To facilitate new power connections)

UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOSTER

Concerning road repairs the following update has been received:

“To help tackle reactive maintenance repairs on our roads, we currently have:

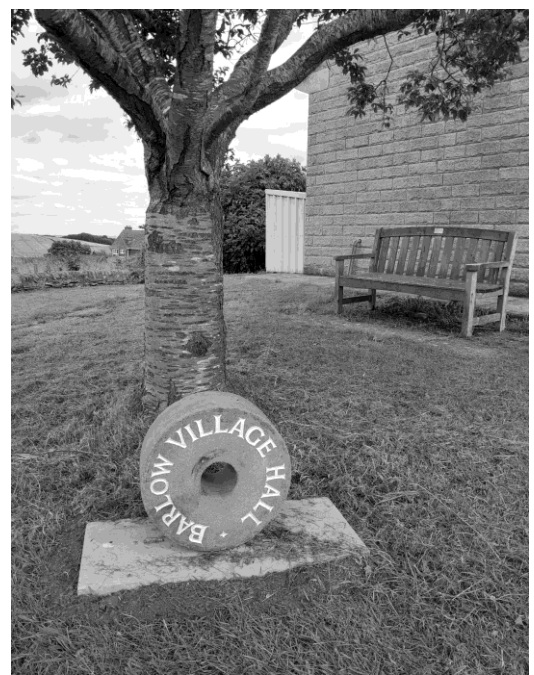
- 18 reactive hotbox teams, filling and fixing potholes at a rate of around 2,000 each week.
- 12 reactive teams, working 24/7 countywide on day-to-day emergency work like overhanging branches, debris on the road, broken ironwork, removing dead animals etc
- 3 skid steers working at larger sites, with multiple potholes, planning out the damaged surface and replacing with new
- 1 Pothole Pro machine working in the north of the county, from Chapel depot, repairing clusters of potholes
- 3 jetpatchers for rural roads with high numbers of potholes.
- 3 thermal repair teams
- 2 elasto-mastic patching teams (recycled tyre rubber) to fix cracking, sealing the road surface to waterproof the road, preventing new potholes forming.!

QUIZ NIGHTS

At the time of writing it is hoped that the July quiz dates can be held at the Hare and Hounds. Watch out for the re-opening of the pub.

MILLSTONE

The millstone discovered on the recreation ground has now been permanently sited at the Village Hall.





Courier fraud: Over 70s targeted

Courier fraud occurs when criminals contact you by phone and convince you to hand over money or your debit/credit card under false pretences.

New figures from Action Fraud show reports increased by nearly 10 per cent year-on-year, rising from 1,721 in 2024 to 1,891 in 2025. Over the same period, total losses climbed from £19.5 million to more than £21 million, with the average amount stolen per victim now standing at £15,311.08, underlining the significant financial harm caused by each offence.

Detective Superintendent Ollie Little, from the City of London Police, said:

“Courier fraud is a cruel and calculated crime that targets trust, often focusing on older and or vulnerable people. Offenders are becoming more organised and persistent, sometimes maintaining contact with victims for days or weeks to maximise what they can steal.

“Criminals are also evolving their tactics, increasingly using messaging platforms such as WhatsApp and courier services to facilitate collections. These changes are making fraud harder to detect and emphasise the need for greater public awareness, particularly among those most at risk and their families.

“It’s vital that people know the warning signs and feel empowered to stop, question and verify before taking any action.”

London remains the primary hotspot for courier fraud, playing a central role in the national increase in both reporting and total amount stolen. The capital and surrounding regions account for around 65 per cent of all victims, with strong transport links enabling offenders to operate across neighbouring counties including Hertfordshire, Essex, Surrey and Kent.

A key feature of this threat is the disproportionate targeting of older people, particularly those aged 70 and above. This group

makes up majority of victims, with those aged between 76 and 96 alone accounting for around 62 per cent of all reports.

Fraudsters often deliberately focus on older victims, exploiting trust in institutions such as the police and banks, as well as using pressure tactics, fear and urgency to manipulate them into complying with instructions.

A growing trend identified in 2025 involves the use of jewellery and gold to carry out high-value frauds. In many cases, victims are persuaded to visit multiple jewellers to purchase expensive items over a period of time before handing them to a courier. This method often results in the highest amount stolen and can involve repeat victimisation, with offenders maintaining contact to extract as much money as possible.

How to spot the signs of courier fraud

Courier fraud typically begins with an unexpected phone call from someone claiming to be a police officer or bank employee. Victims are told their account is at risk or that they are assisting with an investigation, before being instructed to withdraw money, purchase items, or disclose sensitive information. A courier is then sent to collect the items such as jewellery, cash, bank cards and PINs. In reality, this is the work of criminals and anything handed over is lost.

How to protect yourself from courier fraud:

- **Transferring money:** Your bank or the police will never ask you to transfer money to a safe account.
- **Couriers:** Your bank or the police will never send a courier to your home to collect bank cards, cash, or other valuables such as jewellery.
- **Check if it's genuine:** Contact the organisation directly using contact details you know are correct, such as those on official websites, the back of your card or by calling 159 for your bank.
- **Caller ID:** Don't trust the Caller ID display on your phone - it's not proof of ID.
- **Report suspicious calls:** You can report suspected scam calls by sending a text to 7726 with the word 'Call' followed by the caller's number.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud contact Report Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via the website: reportfraud.police.uk.

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

The year is really flying by and we are now in our last term! It is always a sad time of year for us as some of our children move on to their new school. They have already started their transition visits, an exciting time for them!

We have had some visitors this month. Julie from Spire vets came to talk to us about what vets do. Performing a mini operation, looking at x rays and listening to heartbeats was the highlight! Andy the postman came to tell us all about delivering letters and parcels. A real life postman Pat and obviously we got to sit in the van! George came to tell us all about bees and honey. We were super excited to taste the honey and find out how bees pollinate the flowers.

Our leavers' party takes place on Wednesday 22nd July. The committee are kindly providing a bouncy castle and slide and parents are invited to come back for the leavers' service. This is always a lovely day and a great way to celebrate our Pre-School leavers.

Our Sports day will be held on 2nd July (Fingers crossed the weather behaves). We always have great fun completing the obstacle course and the challenges such as a running race, egg and spoon and bean bag race. Ice lollies in the village hall afterwards will be a welcome treat after all the activity!

Our main fundraiser is our "Community colour run" on Saturday 27th June. More news to follow, as at the time of writing our event hasn't happened yet. We are so grateful to our local community for their support with this event. Thanks go to: Richard Needham for letting us use his field as a car park, Johnny Ray for providing the bar, Barlow St Lawrence Church

helpers for cakes and the tea and coffee stall, Gio's ice cream and of course our lovely families, friends and staff and the pre-school parents committee who organised it all. All money raised will go towards new iPads.

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 for us.

Jo

BARLOW CofE SCHOOL

Sports Day and FOBS Summer Fayre

Sports Day was held on our reserve date this year after a week of wet and windy weather leading up to our original early June date. Early signs weren't promising as everyone arrived on the field to a brief rain shower. Thankfully, this soon cleared and the children were able to enjoy their afternoon. We started off with our carousel of field events including jumper, launcher, striker, bouncer and pitcher. As the names indicate, this includes a range of throwing and jumping activities. The children complete the activities in mixed age house teams with each team earning points towards the house competition. After that, the children compete in their year groups with a boys' race and a girls' race, again earning points for the competition. Finally, the Y6 run a final race involving everyone wearing their pyjamas and getting very wet! Once the points were tallied up, we found out that our yellow house, Millcross, were the winners for the second year in a row with a winning total of 317, 12 points ahead of their nearest rivals, the red house, Pinfold. Monkwood, the green house, and Rutland, the blue house were not far behind. As you can tell, all our houses are named after locations in Barlow.



FOBS also took the opportunity to run a summer fayre. We are very grateful to the team of parents and grandparents who helped to make it such a success. We had face painting, a cake stall, a tombola, a treasure hunt and Cutthorpe Creamery brought their milkshake van. We raised nearly £400 which is going towards improvements to the playground.

Tesco Community Champions

Mrs Weston-Taylor and a team of children have been working hard to improve our wildlife garden this year and gardening is a regular lunchtime activity with a core group of children who have taken great pride in taking responsibility for the garden. We joined the Tesco Community Champions Scheme with the opportunity to win a cash prize, depending on how many blue tokens were put into the pots. The whole school



community and the wider

community were clearly backing us for all they were worth, as when the tokens were counted, we had won the top prize of £1500 to be spent on our garden project. The children are very excited and are busy planning how to spend the money ready for next year.



Residential trips

Year 6 have just completed their residential trip to York. The first day began early at Chesterfield station with everyone putting on their orange hi-vis vest and boarding the train. Once they had arrived in York, then it was a wander around to the Railway Museum for a day exploring the museum and Wonderlab. The children walked to the hotel ready for a roast dinner followed by chill time in the park.



Day two saw the children exploring the city, walking along the walls, following the Cat Trail and finding different sculptures after a visit to Dig and Jorvik. Finally, everyone enjoyed an icecream in the Musuem Gardens before the train journey home. We are very grateful to Miss Jones for leading the trip and Mrs Gale and Mrs Collins for accompanying the trip. A special thank you to Mrs Collins for stepping in at very late notice.

Joining Barlow School

We still have a few places available for Reception for September 2026 and limited places in other year groups. 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 to book an appointment to look around either during the school day or afterwards.

Penny (Headteacher)

FOBS

FRIENDS OF BARLOW SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who came to Barlow School's Sports Day to watch the children compete in their events, browse the stalls, and buy some treats. A special shout-out to Cutthorpe Creamery for their very popular milkshake machine, and to Village Pick Your Own for their generous donation of delicious strawberries. FOBS raised almost £400 to support the school.

We are also pleased to announce that the school won first place in the Tesco tokens Stronger Start Programme. They have been awarded £1,500 to improve the school garden, and the children have already begun

thinking of ideas how to use the money. Thank you to everyone who dropped their tokens in the box and congratulations to Mrs Weston-Taylor!

For the football mad, our summer raffle has some amazing prizes, including light-up memorabilia signed by Sheffield United's Tahith Chong, £50 of dining-out vouchers, and more. Tickets will be on sale throughout the World Cup.

Rebecca Hill

CARNIVAL

Hello!

Carnival season is just around the corner and we can't wait!

Famous for its finish-line chip butties and more than a few hills, our Barlow Not Quite 10k returns on Friday 10th July. The event sold out in record time this year, so please come along and cheer the runners on.

As we head into August, we're looking forward to bringing you a week packed with fun for all the family. All your usual favourites will be back, including Family Bingo, the Scarecrow Competition, Fun Fair, live entertainment, the Dog Show, Old Skool Sports Day and so much more.

This year's parade is shaping up to be one of our biggest yet, with lots of interest already. Spaces for floats are now limited, so if you're planning to take part, please email info@barlowcarnival.co.uk to request a booking form.

Plans for the Carnival Field are nearly complete, with a fantastic mix of stalls, food vendors, vintage cars, entertainment, games and live music all lined up.

Tickets for our special events are now on sale via the website: www.barlowcarnival.co.uk.

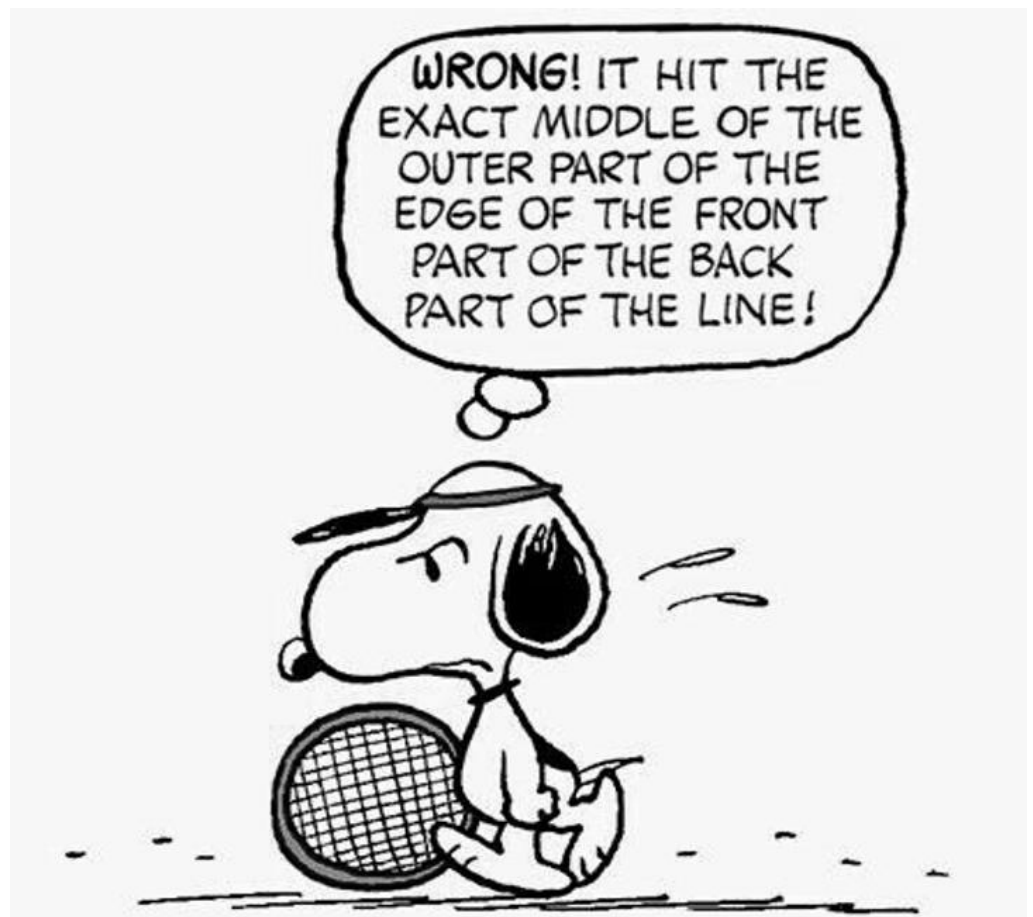
Our Open Air Cinema returns on Friday 14th August. Sit back, relax and enjoy a magical evening under the stars as we screen the live action film The Lion King!

We're also rounding off Carnival Day in style, so get ready to rock! Take The Seven and Atomic will be taking to the stage at Rock the Carnival. We expect tickets to sell quickly, so make sure you secure yours early.

Carnival will soon be here, and we look forward to sharing the full programme and everything we have planned next month.

James

CARNIVAL



BARLOW RED BARROWS

Posted on June 15 on the Barlow Red Barrows facebook page:

*“Fun times **Clifton Campville Country Fair** at the weekend. 2 displays AND a new SUPER FAN called Arlo who apparently saw the display last year and has wanted to emulate his heroes since then. He practiced regularly and, on Saturday, his dreams came true! Arlo led the fly past with Wing Commander Rob! He also took the salute, supervised The Barlow Wave and helped with collection donations. Big cheer for our youngest EVER pilot volunteer.”*



BOOK MYSTERY SOLVED!

In the last issue of this magazine we featured a publication entitled 'Familiar Landscapes' by Barlow resident G. Cooper and I asked if anybody knew who he might be. I was pleased that several people got in touch with me supplying me with snippets of information.

Thanks to Maureen, Coleen, Marisse, Mrs(?) Kershaw and Jo who tried to help me shed light onto the matter of the mysterious book which appeared in the book exchange (although we still don't know who deposited it there). Maureen even sent me another drawing by the same person, with this comment: "...The drawings remind me of one a guy did very quickly of me when I was scything the Methodist church garden, but I can't remember his name..."

Imagine my surprise when I finally received the following email, written by the book's author and illustrator himself:

*"Dear Mr. Hermann,
Viz. the above, I think I can help. My name is G.Cooper and I wrote the book.
With regard to the three people involved, the preface was written by my old friend Jack Carter who has now passed on. I am heading towards 90 at alarming speed, so I might not be far behind him.
I wrote the book, and drew the sketches. I can't remember how many copies were made; I believe I gave most away. I don't know where the original drawings are, but they are a few of many hundreds I have. I don't draw or paint much any more because of a couple of failed 'carpel tunnel' ops, but I still write.
You are right in referring to D.Bucket as a person, he was the best border collie anyone ever had.
I thought you might be interested in the painting below which I did in faux naive style. It measures 3ft x 3ft and depicts a Barlow carnival from around 25 years ago. A realistic Danny Bucket can be seen, bottom left...
Best wishes, Garry."*

I am pleased to say that Garry has agreed to meet me and tell me more about his life and work, so watch out for future editions of the magazine!

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SPECIAL DAYS

Major commemorative dates and cultural events in the UK for July include:

- 1st July: International Joke Day
- 2nd – 5th July: Formula 1 British Grand Prix at Silverstone Circuit in Northamptonshire
- 4th July: Codename Espionage 1940s Event at Peak Rail
- 5th July: Tanabata Japanese Star Festival at the Brighton City Open Market
- 7th July: **World Chocolate Day**
- 9th July: Royal Household Cricket Festival at Windsor
- 11th July: Polish Air Force Day 2026 at the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge
- 13th July: Battle of the Boyne Bank Holiday (Substitute Day in Northern Ireland)
- 14th July: Emmeline Pankhurst Day
- 16th July: World Snake Day
- 19th July: **National Ice Cream Day**
- 30th July: International Day of Friendship

Key Awareness Observances in July 2026

- **Disability Pride Month 2026** – Celebrates the achievements and contributions of disabled people, promoting inclusion and accessibility throughout the UK
- **South Asian Heritage Month 2026** – Recognises the cultural, social, and historical contributions of South Asian communities in the UK
- **World Population Day – 11 July 2026** – A global observance highlighting population issues, reproductive health, and sustainable development
- **Nelson Mandela International Day – 18 July 2026** – Encourages community service and social justice initiatives in honour of Nelson Mandela's legacy
- **Ashura – 5–6 July 2026 (Islamic observance)** – Commemorates the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali, observed by Muslim communities
- **Asalha Puja / Dharma Day – 10 July 2026 (Buddhism)** – Marks the Buddha's first sermon and the start of the Buddhist Lent
- **Pioneer Day – 24 July 2026 (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)** – Celebrates the arrival of Mormon pioneers in Utah
 - **Tisha B'Av – 26 July 2026 (Judaism)** – A day of mourning for the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem

SCONES OR SCONES

The debate between “scone” (rhyming with *cone*) and “scone” (rhyming with *gone*) is famously settled by an anonymous 1913 Punch Magazine poem:

I asked the maid in dulcet tone
To order me a buttered scone;
The silly girl has been and gone
And ordered me a buttered scone!

However you pronounce the name for this delightful English treat, why do home-baked scones always turn out to be so disappointing? What is YOUR secret to produce perfectly light, fluffy scones? Suggestions to my email, please.

This foolproof (!?!) 5 ingredient classic British scone recipe is supposed to yield good scones in about 20 minutes. H0w do YOU vary this basic recipe?

Ingredients

Self-raising flour: 350 g (plus a little extra for dusting)

Baking Powder: 1 tsp (gives them an extra lift)

Cold Butter: 85g (cubed and unsalted)

Caster Sugar: 3tbsp

Milk: 175 ml (cold, plus a splash or a beaten egg for the glaze)

Optional: a handful of sultanas or raisins

Instructions

Prep the oven: Preheat your oven to 220C (200C fan / Gas mark 7) and lightly flour a baking tray.

Combine dry ingredients: In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the self-raising flour, baking powder and sugar.

Rub in the butter: Add the chilled, cubed butter. Using your fingertips, rub the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Work quickly so the butter doesn't melt.

Mix the dough: Add the cold milk (and sultanas, if using) to the bowl. Use a butter knife or a spoon to gently bring together until it forms a slightly sticky dough. Do not overwork.

Shape and cut: Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface. Gently pat or roll the dough out to about 2cm (3/4 inch) thick. Use a fluted 5cm to 6cm cutter to stamp out your scones. Press straight down and pull up – do not twist the cutter, or the scones will bake unevenly.

Glaze and bake: Place the scones on your baking tray and brush the tops with a beaten egg or extra milk. Bake in the centre of the oven for 10 to 12 minutes, or until they are well-risen and golden brown on top.

POETRY CORNER

Apologies to Garry, whose poem 'Wilday Green' was wrongly accredited to J. Carter, who wrote the introduction to his book. Because of the positive response to last month's poem, here is another example of Garry's poetry.

The Old Moor

When I was young, all this was meadow
Untouched and untouchable,
I thought

I sat amongst the flowers and trembling grass
Watching a sparrow hawk
And learned the names
Of things from Grandad

Now, round the church-yard where he sleeps
Forests of brick and mortar, slate
Progress of peeling paint and broken panes
Gardens filled with weeds and litter
God-cars without wheels on jacks
Kids without dads
(Dad's alright, Jack)
And giant metal fungi leeching banality
From the stars

Desert island, desert indeed; graffiti spouts obscene,
Around its concrete shores a thousand
Noisy grin-grilled sharks with head-lamp eyes thunder
In the midst of all this mess
A field-mouse softly lies
Dead on the tarmac –
Out of place
Both of us.

MORE POETRY

Red Geraniums

by Martha Haskell Clark

Life did not bring me silken gowns,
Nor jewels for my hair,
Nor signs of gabled foreign towns
In distant countries fair,
But I can glimpse, beyond my pane, a green and friendly hill,
And red geraniums aflame upon my window sill.

The brambled cares of everyday,
The tiny humdrum things,
May bind my feet when they would stray,
But still my heart has wings
While red geraniums are bloomed against my window glass,
And low above my green-sweet hill the gypsy wind-clouds pass.

And if my dreamings ne'er come true,
The brightest and the best,
But leave me lone my journey through,
I'll set my heart at rest,
And thank God for home-sweet things, a green and friendly hill,
And red geraniums aflame upon my window sill.

Making A Garden

Poet: Unknown

Man plows and plants and digs and weeds;
He works with hoe and spade;
God sends the sun and rain and air,
And thus a garden's made.

He must be proud who tills the soil
And turns the heavy sod:
How wonderful a thing to be
In partnership with God.

PUZZLE PAGES

How about some questions on Sport?

Football

- Who won the FIFA World Cup in 2022
- Which team went an entire Premier League season unbeaten?
- Who holds the record for the most goals in Premier League history?
- Which two teams contest the North London Derby?
- Who is known as “CR7”?

Tennis

- Which female tennis player has won the highest number of Grand Slams in the Open Era?
- In which year did Roger Federer win his first Wimbledon title?

Golf

- Tiger Woods won his first major in over a decade at which tournament?
- What nationality is golfer Vijay Singh?
- The Big Easy is the nickname of which golfer?

Rugby

- Which country won the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup
- Who shares Jonah Lomu's record for the most tries in Rugby World Cups with 15
- Which Welsh rugby player was stopped by police driving a golf buggy on the motorway after a Six Nations victory in 2010?

Olympics

- In which city were the 2012 Summer Olympics held
- Over what distance are Olympic rowing races contested?
- What are the names of the three weapons used in Olympic fencing?
- Who holds the men's 100m world record?

Football: Argentina / Arsenal 2003-04 / Alan Shearer / Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur /
Cristiano Ronaldo
Tennis: Serena Williams / 2003
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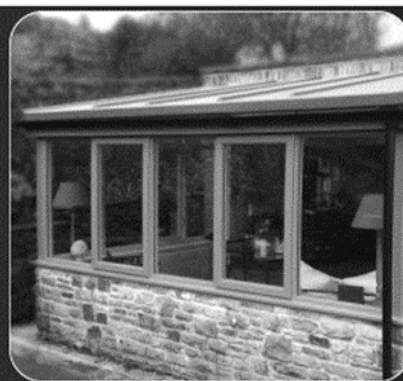
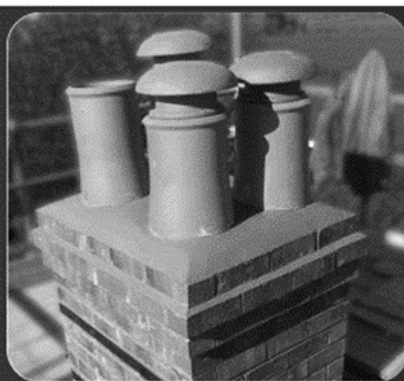
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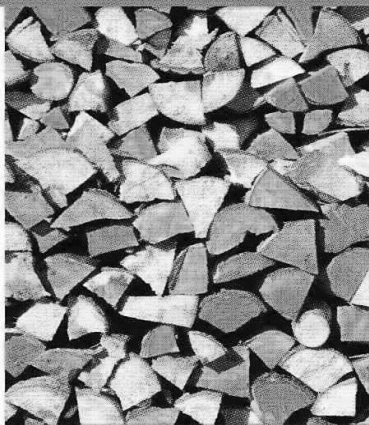
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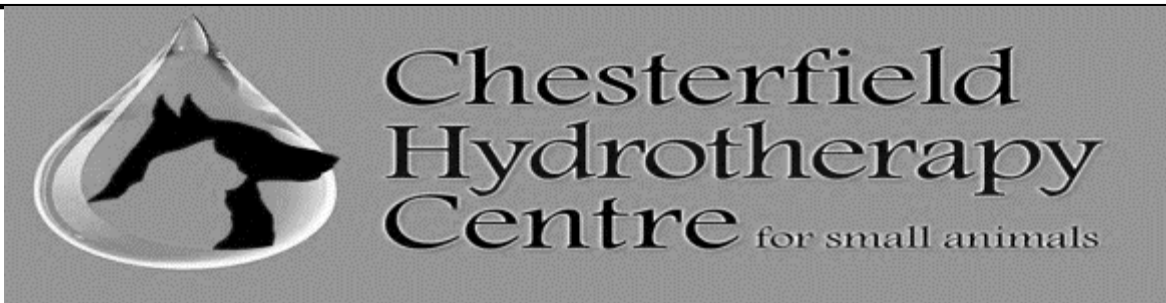
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