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YEAR'S MIND - SEPTEMBER

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

1ST MARK HELLIWELL---1972

2ND JOAN G. DICKMAN---1999

3RD DOREEN DANCE---2018

4TH SARAH A. WHITE---1976

JOHN A. LUMB---1991

5TH WILLIAM GLAVES---1976

CLIFFORD LAYTON---2002

6TH FRANK WOODBINE---1987

EDNA BARGH---2001

HAROLD STEVENS---2012

JENNIFER NEEDHAM---2023

7TH REGINALD BOOKER---1965

GEORGE WILTON---1976

OLIVER HAYES---1991

8TH ELIZABETH BURTON---1965

RITA J. ASHTON---1985

9TH FLORENCE HOLLELEY---1975

MARJORIE QUINN 2000

DOROTHY M. ADAMS---2006

10TH CHARLES A. BRADBURY---1962

EVA E. MARTIN---1978

11TH ANN FISHER---1972

JANE DUNCAN---1988

JOHN C S CROSBIE --2010

12TH THOMAS CARTER 1966

CYRIL W. REDFERN---1996

WILLIAM WATTS---1998

13TH VERNON NEEDHAM---1985

14TH FRANCIS STEVENSON---1986

CLIFFORD BRADLEY---1996

15TH SARAH BOTHAM---1961

MARY HARDY---1968

MARY BARDSLEY---2000

17TH MARY WILLIAMS---1974

VIOLETTA M. BOWLER---1986

18TH DONALD GREGORY (priest) 1952

* CLIFFORD H. THORPE---1990

MARGARET HUGHES---1995

KEVIN FINBAR MURPHY---2013

AMY ELIZABETH ROBINSON---2014

19TH FRANK DUNKS---1990

NORAH THOMPSON---1992

GEORGE R. PRISK---1993

20TH LOIS E. HOLMES---1997

JOSEPHINE L PRINCE---2018

DAISY E. BERESFORD---1998

GEOFFREY SIMS---1998

RONALD WELLS---2016

TONY R McGUINNESS---2020

21ST REGINALD PICKFORD---1966

FREDA COLLINS---2015

WILLIAM NEEDHAM---1987

ROBERT SERRELL---1989

MARJORIE HOPTON---2023

22ND ELIZABETH WHITE COULSON---
2016

DOROTHY WHITTAKER---2024

23RD ERNEST BOOKER---1983

JOHN GIBLING---1991

24TH FRANK TURNER---1973

25TH RUTH LUMB---2016

26TH FREDERICK PETER GRAINGER--
2019

27TH THOMAS S. HILL---1980

THOMAS BOOKER---2009

29TH GLADYS HOPKINSON---1984

* BRIAN CHAPMAN---1997

* ROSALIND SHAWCROFT---2017

30TH MARY BARDSLEY---2000

*MICHAEL MITSON---2015



FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: SEPTEMBER 2026 UPDATE

Baptisms

None

Funerals

None

Marriages

None

BARLOW CHURCH (ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

September is, for many of us, a get-back-to-life's-routines month. Young people go back to school and college with their reset for the future and parents liberated from providing worthwhile occupations for their children during the summer break! In there somewhere, for most of us, are the memories of times away from home: visits to holiday places near or far. This year has been unusual in many ways with the realisation that some pre-planned holiday destinations might not be as relaxing as expected, due to summer heatwaves over much of Europe's popular holiday regions. Some people have had to think again. Neither has the UK been exempt from this onslaught of heat, as even our temperatures have reached unprecedented levels.

Rural areas, like Barlow, have been especially hard hit with evidence of what unrelenting heat can do: parched fields and low yield crops struggling to survive. Aerial views from helicopters and drones have given us a comprehensive picture of what our beautiful, usually green land has suffered. When we see these images of land and burning countryside taken from high up there somewhere, we begin to understand the true situation of just how bad things have been and still are. Up there, from a distance, we get that different view of reality that we don't get from having our 'noses to the ground' all the time.

Isn't this standing back from the ground level of daily life what holidays are all about? This distanced view of things, giving us a sense of how things really are, from a different perspective, is nothing new. The book of Ezekiel in the Old Testament (part of our Christian Bible) says: 'The Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven.' (Ezekiel 8.3) This doesn't mean, most likely, that the prophet was actually lifted up physically, but in his inspired imagination he clearly saw how things really were at the times and in the places where he lived. He saw the reality of greedy wrongdoing, of people being led astray by the lies of the powerful, as well as how a project of rebuilding a temple should be carried out and how good the future could or would be if society changed its ways. Ezekiel's is a strange book for modern readers, but it is certainly not without relevance to the world we live in today!

In our own lives, both personal and in viewing the world around us, we sometimes need to stand back a bit to get a handle on what's really going on, i.e. to avoid rushing to judgement or decisions. What about that job application? Is it really what you want, even if it does increase your income? What about that house move? Is it definitely a good idea at this particular time? There is so much it would be wise perhaps to take the long view on...

May all of us, at this seasonal change, feel able to just stop, chill out and allow ourselves to be lifted up by a spirit of reality and truth.

May the God of reality, clear thinking and truth bless us all.

Rev'd Janet Quick
(Member of the St Lawrence ministry team)

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

What a fantastic month August was, carnival was just brilliant as always. Congratulations to the carnival committee on organising such wonderful fun days for everyone.

All the well dressings were amazing; the hard work that goes into constructing them (and taking them down again) is phenomenal. We had several visitors in Church who came from other parts of the country (beyond Derbyshire) and they had never even heard of well dressings, never mind seen one. They were very impressed.

As for Church, once again Sue and Helen did a wonderful job with the flower festival. Visitors loved the quiz element of trying to figure out each destination. The well blessing parade during the eclipse was very special; Rev Gill allowed me to look through her eclipse glasses and the sight was breathtaking. We made unhindered progress through the village behind the band, with the clergy blessing the wells and the fairground, finishing at the village green for the maypole dancing, which was brilliant as always. We think you will agree that the full road closure felt much safer for everyone walking.

We would like to send our thanks to so many people who helped to make our special week happen:

Helen and Sue, the carnival committee, PCSO Flower, our own and visiting clergy, Fox Audio, Castleton Silver Band, marshals for the road

closure and parade, everyone who came to walk with the parade or watched from their homes, those who donated money towards the cost of the flowers, the well dressers, Jo and Clarence for milk and cream, the churchyard gang, Church sitters, cake bakers (a special mention for those who were on emergency call for extra cake and scones), visitors (no point in any of this without you), kitchen helpers, the social and fundraising committee, Ann, Charlotte, Amy and Richard for our scarecrow...

It takes so many people to make such a great event which raised in the region of £5,000 for Church funds, so thank you to everyone and if you have been missed off the list please accept our apologies.

Heritage Open Days

We are taking part in Heritage Open Days this year which is an annual event run by the National Trust. See www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

The theme is "Everyday Histories" and we will be putting on an exhibition of local history in the Church. It is not too late to get in touch with us if you have any stories, photographs or anything at all of interest about Barlow and the people who make up that history.

The dates are Friday 11th and Saturday 12th September from 10am until 4pm. Entry is free and there will be refreshments available.

Harvest Supper

The year turns incessantly and it is time once again to think about harvest. Our harvest festival service in Church and harvest supper will take place on Sunday 11th October.

Harvest supper will be at the village hall, doors opening at 5.30pm for food at 6pm. We are pleased to report that Bowns butchers will again be supplying the pies, along with peas and gravy. If meat and potato is not your thing, they do a delicious homity pie vegetarian option and also gluten free pies.

Entertainment this year is kindly being provided by Stuart Bootle, keyboard player and singer. If you came to harvest supper last year or to our summer fun day, you will recognise Stuart as the keyboard player from the band Responsibly Sauced. We are very grateful to him for agreeing to play for us on this year's harvest supper evening.

See the poster on page 10 for details of how to get your tickets.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We usually hold our coffee morning in September, but due to the heritage open days we have moved it to October. Therefore it will be held after the harvest festival service in Church at midday. Everyone is welcome to stay after the service, or to just come along afterwards to raise money for this great charity.

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 6th September: 11am service

Sunday 13th September: 8am Mass & 11am family service

Sunday 20th September: 11am service

Sunday 27th September: 11am service

Upcoming Events

Heritage Open Days: Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September 10am-4pm

Harvest Festival service in Church: Sunday 11th October at 11am

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Sunday 11th October after harvest service, 12pm

Harvest Supper: Sunday 11th October 5.30pm

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

Autumn is on the horizon, but there is still much to look forward to.

With very best wishes, Julie.

HARVEST SUPPER 2026

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

Sunday 11th October 2026

5.30 pm for food at 6pm

Barlow Village Hall

Delicious pies & pudding

Vegetarian & GF option

Raffle

Entertainment from

Stuart Bootle

Keyboard player & singer

Tickets sold in advance for this event

£15 per person

(includes soft drinks

Please bring your own wine etc)

**Book your place by contacting us
on the number/email below.**

Julie 07799 639566

Or email julie@barlow-church.org.uk

FLOWER FESTIVAL



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1 Vacancy

There haven't been any parish council meetings throughout the month of August.



"You Said" **Shop theft update;** The hard work continues with our local stores in relation to reported shop thefts, especially in CO-OPs and Sainsbury's. We are incredibly pleased to share that since our last newsletter we are committed to working hard to bring people to justice for this type of crime. The latest person responsible has recently been charged and received a custodial sentence.

Martin Hunter, 36, of Sheffield Road, Sheffield was charged with 9 different counts of Shop Theft and was remanded in custody overnight. He appeared the following day at South Derbyshire Magistrates Court and was found guilty of all 9 offences. He received a custodial sentence

for these thefts of 11 months. Hunter was also previously subject to a 12-month suspended sentence which was imposed by South Yorkshire Magistrates Court on the 21st January 2026. This sentence was activated due to his further offending.

He was sentenced in total to 1 Year, 10 Months and 29 Days.

PC Cremin also applied to have Hunter be subject to a Criminal Behaviour Order which was granted by the court at the same time.

"We Did"

Parking Concerns / Information

Dronfield SNT wanted to remind parents and carers as we start to think about a new school year following the summer holiday to consider the following information:

Do Not

I Stop or park near a school entrance and keep off school 'keep clear' markings

I Double park to pick up or drop off children from vehicles.

I Park in such a position that buses, the emergency services and other commercial vehicles are unable to pass.

I Park where a bus stop is clearly defined, either by road markings or a bus shelter.

Do

I Observe in force parking restrictions that may apply.

I Consider parking further away from the school.

I Consider local residents and whether they have immediate access onto and off their driveway.

Many thanks

PCSO 12853 Jonathan Flower

Dronfield SNT Police Community Support Officer

North East Section

Derbyshire Constabulary

Dronfield Police Station

Lea Rd

Dronfield

S18 1SD

XTREME WHEELS

LAST free session!



Xtreme Wheels will be holding the following event in Dronfield during the summer holidays. Why not stop by, it's FREE!
Minimum age is 9 years old.

They will be in Dronfield - Sindelfingen Park one more time,
on the following day,

Thur 13th Aug - 1pm to 3pm
Thur 20th Aug - 1pm to 3pm
Thur 27th Aug - 1pm to 3pm

Thursday 3rd Sept - 1pm to 3pm

[#Xtremewheels](#) [#ASBbuster](#) [#Summerholidays](#) [#Freeactivity](#)

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 Tuesday 9th September.

We have a new shed with a 'living roof'. This will provide food and a habitat for bees, butterflies and other insects. The plants will also absorb some carbon dioxide and the children can observe insects, flowers, weather and seasonal changes.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to our parents and children on their fabulous Toy Story themed carnival float. 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 Nicole Burgess and Ruth Powers for co-ordinating it all.



I thought it was important to make you aware of a book of poems by local resident Garry Cooper. It has just been published privately and in a generous gesture of a completely non-profitmaking venture he has

pledged that **all** the money made from the sale of the books (at £5 per copy) will be split equally between Pre-School and Barlow Primary School. This is incredibly kind of him.

If you are interested, you can find more information on how you could obtain a copy of his book elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

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 SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

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

Generosity

This half term our value is generosity. This is the first of our five core school values – generosity, service, courage, perseverance and forgiveness. We encourage our children to be generous with their time and friendship. Our children are always willing to help others and this is evident in both the classrooms and the playground.

Goodbyes and Hellos

We said goodbye to our fabulous year 6 in a lovely service in church in July. We also took the opportunity to say goodbye to two long serving members of staff who retired at the end of last term. Mrs Durnall was a TA and mid-day supervisor for over 20 years. Mrs Durnall was the mainstay of the Reception classroom, supporting the children through those first few days of nerves and enabling them to reach their potential. She was also our craft guru who could turn her hand to making anything. Mrs McElhattan taught various classes over the years ranging from Y2 to Y6. She has led English, Science and RE throughout the school. Her lessons were memorable and lessons such as the Oreo lesson to teach relative clauses and the use of tights to simulate the digestive process were legendary. We wish both of them a well-deserved retirement.

We also have a number of new staff to welcome. Mrs Denial, Mrs Blair and Miss Fox all join us as part-time TAs. Mrs Robinson joins us as a mid-day supervisor.

Carnival

Thank you so much to the teams of parents, grandparents and friends who supported us by preparing the school for the carnival. The front of the school was beautifully decorated with a moon-landing theme.



Meanwhile, the float was themed as 'Best of British' and beautifully decorated in red, white and blue. We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to make this a special event for the children representing our school.



Garden

We were lucky enough to be the recipients of £1500 from the Tesco community champions scheme to support our wildlife garden. Our plan was to remodel the wildlife garden, moving the fence, erecting a new set of steps at the entrance and building new raised beds. The funding was not enough to carry out all our plans, but thanks to the generosity of NT Killingley Ltd, we were able to complete all the work that enabled us to secure our vision. The ideas had been drawn up in collaboration with our gardening club and Mrs Weston-Taylor. Mrs Weston-Taylor has been the driving force in the fund-raising and implementation of this project, so we are very grateful to her. Thanks also go to our neighbours who have enabled us to keep the pond full over a very dry summer.

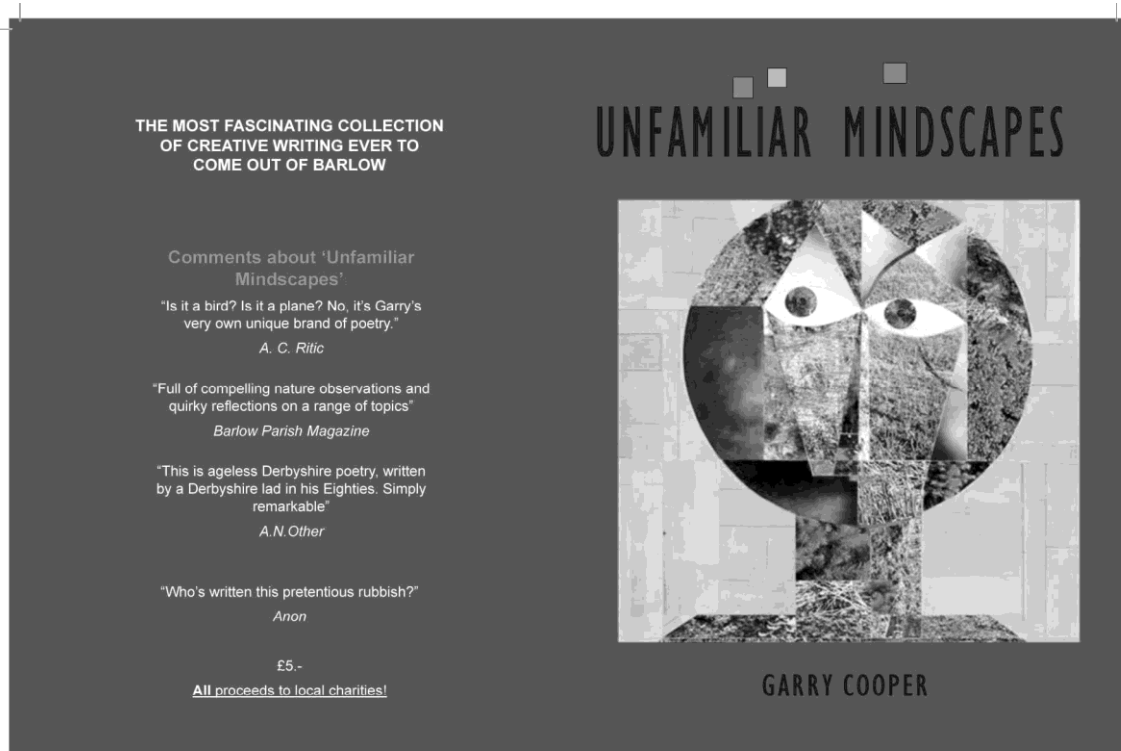


Joining Barlow School 2027

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 2022 and 31st August 2023, 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. We also have limited places in other year groups for children moving to the area.

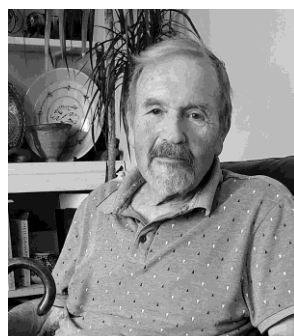
Penny (Headteacher)

GARY COOPER'S BOOK: UNFAMILIAR MINDSCAPES



You may have seen that Garry had a stall outside the Village Hall on Carnival Saturday, selling his book of poetry and signing copies. His poems are largely about nature in and around Barlow at different times of the year, encountered on walks with his border collies. There are also some very funny shorter poems. The books sell at £5 per copy and every penny made from the sale will be donated to the two Barlow schools, Pre-School and Primary School.

The book is called 'Unfamiliar Mindscapes' and you can arrange purchase of a copy by contacting Garry himself, either by phone on 0114 2891288, or by sending him an email on garry.cooper1412@gmail.com.



CARNIVAL



Barlow Carnival Royalty 2026

Barlow Carnival 2026 once again showed just what can happen when a village comes together, rolls up its sleeves and decides to throw the biggest party of the year.

Carnival Week is Barlow at its very best. The beautiful well dressings, bunting, decorated houses and gardens brought colour to every corner of the village, while a packed programme of events gave residents and visitors plenty of excuses to get out, meet up and enjoy themselves.

The scarecrows dotted around the village once again proved just how much talent and imagination we have in Barlow. And, of course, the wonderful well dressings were there to remind us of the traditions at the very heart of Carnival Week and why this celebration remains so special. The ever-popular bingo and quiz night was another roaring success, with our thanks once again going to Tommy for keeping everyone entertained! As the week went on, however, it began to look as though the heat might be determined to steal the show. Behind the scenes, our team worked tirelessly to make sure everything could go ahead safely. Thankfully, the Carnival spirit proved every bit as stubborn as the weather.

Friday saw the return of our Open Air Cinema, with more than 350 people joining us on the Recreation Ground for a wonderful night under the stars

watching The Lion King. There are worse ways to spend a summer evening.

Then came Carnival Day itself, as ever, the highlight of the week.

The parade of fantastic floats and fancy dress made its way through the village, greeted by what may well have been some of the largest crowds Barlow Carnival has ever seen. There is something particularly special about seeing the roads lined with people of all ages, waving, laughing and occasionally trying to work out who exactly is underneath an especially ambitious costume!

When the parade reached the Recreation Ground, the field was packed with entertainment, stalls, food, drink, families and friends. There really was something for everyone, the sort of cheerful, organised chaos that Barlow somehow manages to do exceptionally well.

One of the most memorable moments of Carnival 2026, though, came not along the road but overhead. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight treated Barlow to a spectacular flypast by a Hurricane and not just any Hurricane, but the last Hurricane ever produced. For a few unforgettable moments, conversations stopped and attention across the Carnival turned skywards as this remarkable piece of British aviation history passed over our village. Saturday night then saw a sell-out Rock the Carnival, bringing an incredible day to a suitably lively conclusion. Apparently, after an entire day of Carnival, Barlow still had some energy left.

Sunday brought more family activities, the dog show and Old Skool Sports Day. The dog show remains a firm favourite, not least because the dogs generally appear considerably calmer about the judging than their owners. But behind every float, event, stall, decoration and moment of Carnival magic lies an enormous amount of work.

Barlow Carnival doesn't simply appear by magic. It takes months of planning, meetings, fundraising, organising, decorating, setting up, problem-solving and, when everyone else has gone home, clearing it all away again.

So, to the Carnival Committee, volunteers and helpers, local organisations, businesses, sponsors, stallholders, performers, parade participants and every single person who gave their time, energy, ideas or support: thank you!

A very special thank you must also go to the landowners who generously allow us to use their land. Without their continued support and goodwill, many of the things we perhaps take for granted during Carnival Week simply wouldn't be possible. We are incredibly grateful for their part in helping Barlow Carnival happen year after year.

Because, when all is said and done, Barlow Carnival has never really been about one parade, one event or even one week. It's about community. It's about neighbours working alongside one another, familiar faces lining the streets, visitors being welcomed into our village and different generations sharing the same traditions. It's about laughter, friendship and creating the sort of memories that make village life so special. For a few wonderful days, it felt as though almost everyone in Barlow was part of the same thing.

And perhaps that's the real magic of Carnival.

Barlow Carnival 2026 certainly gave us plenty to remember, another fantastic Carnival Week and another tremendous effort from everyone who helped make it happen.

And, of course, Carnival wouldn't be Carnival without a little friendly competition! You'll find the full results from this year's competitions below. Congratulations to all our winners and everyone who took part.

But while the dust may only just have settled on 2026, we're already looking ahead.

2027 will mark the 70th anniversary of Barlow Carnival, and we're planning to make it an extra-special celebration.

There is much more to come, so watch this space... But for now, there's just one thing you need to do: save the date, Saturday 14 August 2027!

Seventy years of Barlow Carnival deserves quite a party.

Scarecrow Competition

Winner - The Legend of Sleepy Barlow by The Bell Family of Springfield Road

Spot Prize - 101 Dalmations by Alison Gorrod of Valley Road

Hunt the Scarecrows was won by Clemmie, Jack and Aria who found all 40 scarecrows!

Floats

Best Fun/Party Float – Chicken Run by Jake Eville Tree Care

Runner Up - Best of British by Barlow School

Best Serious/ Theme Float - 101 Dalmations by Dogland and Banks Skip Hire

Runner Up - Geoff Walker with his Tractor

Best Pub Float - Alice in Wonderland by The Peacock

Runner Up - Rocky Horror Show by The Tickled Trout

Fancy Dress

UNDER 6

Winner– Slinky dog

Runner Up – Toy Story Family

6-11

Winner – White Rabbit

Runner Up - Queen of Hearts

11-16

Winner – Chimney Sweep

Runner Up – Pantomime Cow

16+

Winner – Dalmatian

Runner Up - Mary Poppins

Groups

Winner - Spice Girls

Runner Up - Alice in Wonderland

Royalty

Best Decorated Royalty Car

3rd – Phil's Freedom Princess Aniyah-Grace

2nd - Blythe House Hospice Petal Lilly / Bakewell Carnival Junior Queen Gracie

1st - Blythe House Hospice Junior Queen Summer

Best Decorated Royalty Car & Trailer

2nd - Meningitis Now Royalty

1st - Blythe House Hospice Rosebud Marley & Pageboy Logan

Best Decorated Royalty Float

1st - South Yorkshire Caravan Club Royalty

Best Overall Royalty in Parade

South Yorkshire Caravan Club Royalty

Best Petal on Arena

2nd - Buxton Wells Dressing Festival Petal Hetty

1st - Blythe House Hospice Petal Lilly

Best Rosebud on Arena

1st - Blythe House Hospice Rosebud Marley

Best Princess on Arena

1st - Phils Freedom Princess Aniyah-Grace

Best Junior Queen on Arena

2nd - Blythe House Hospice Junior Queen Summer

1st - Bakewell Carnival Junior Queen Gracie

Best Queen & Retinue on Arena

3rd - Buxton Wells Dressing Festival Junior Queen Lilly & Retinue

2nd - South Yorkshire Caravan Club Queen Erin & Retinue

1st - Meningitis Now Junior Queen Mia & Retinue

Best Attendant on Arena

Joint 3rd - Buxton Wells Dressing Festival Attendant Penny

South Yorkshire Caravan Club Attendant Isla

2nd - South Yorkshire Caravan Club Attendant Lacie

1st - South Yorkshire Caravan Club Attendant Isabel

Best Pageboy on Arena

1st. - Blythe House Hospice Pageboy Logan / Meningitis Now Pageboy
Harvard

Junior Personality

Buxton Wells Dressing Festival Attendant Penny

Senior Personality

South Yorkshire Caravan Club Attendant Isla

Cars

Classic

1st - Nigel Baston

2nd - Andy Beaumont

3rd - Graham Malia

Vintage

1st - Adrian Bacon

2nd - Susan Lilleker

3rd - John Village

Special

1st - Chris Mcphail

2nd - Craig Sankey

3rd - Carol Fanshaw

CARNIVAL

THE FLYPAST

Photos by Glyn Sanderson



**Night fighter Hurricane
Mk IIC BE634
RAF Battle of Britain
Memorial Flight**



MORE CROWS





BOOK REVIEW

Dan Brown: The Secret of Secrets

This is Brown's first new book in more than 8 years and whilst it contains everything you would expect from his brand of action 'thriller' (Robert Langdon, introduced in 'The DaVinci Code', this time in love, a suitably unhinged baddie in the shape of the Golem, remarkable coincidences and lucky escapes) I found this one decidedly less thrilling than previous efforts. The prose is as clunky as ever, the dialogue likewise, the plot is convoluted, the race against time loses impact because of lengthy passages of unnecessary Wikipedia-style 'information dumps', explaining things which do not contribute to the narrative and the science is dodgy, no, boring actually. The book is simply too long and would have benefitted from radical editing. I got fed up with it halfway through and seriously lost interest about three quarters of the way.

I have read all of his previous books and enjoyed most of them, despite his writing style, but this one is definitely not to be recommended. This is just my humble opinion, of course. I am sure there will be plenty of readers loving it, but I have decided not to read any future works by this author. IH

EL NIÑO & WINDS OF THE WORLD

What is El Niño and how could it affect our weather?

El Niño is a natural weather pattern that begins thousands of miles away from the UK, in the Pacific Ocean.

The Pacific Ocean is between Asia, Australia and the Americas.

Normally, winds push warm water towards Asia and Australia. During El Niño, those winds weaken, allowing the warm water to flow back towards South America. This changes where heat enters the atmosphere and can disrupt weather patterns across the planet.

El Niño happens roughly every two to seven years and usually lasts for about a year. The event developing in 2026 could be the 'strongest in living memory', according to the Met Office.

Its effects are different from place to place. Some countries may experience droughts and very hot weather, while others face heavier rain and storms. El Niño can also temporarily raise the Earth's average temperature.

In the UK, the effects are less certain. However, El Niño could increase the chance of a wetter, stormier autumn. It may also make cold spells more likely later in winter.

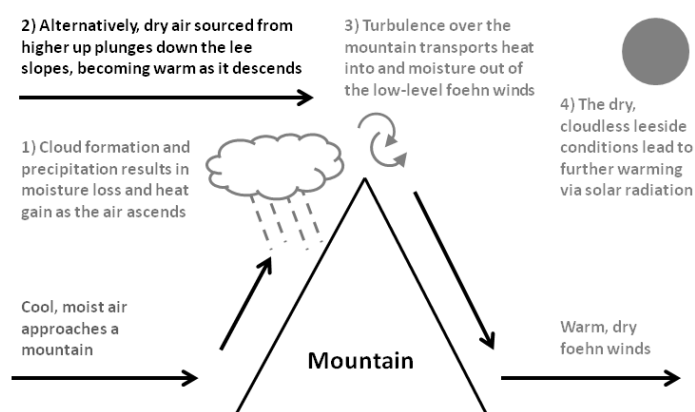
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Famous winds in the world

The world is home to many famous winds, each with its own unique characteristics and cultural significance. Here are some of the most notable winds:

- **Sirocco:** A warm, humid wind originating over North Africa, known for its strong winds and high humidity, often bringing hot weather to southern Europe.

- **Mistral:** A strong, cold, northwesterly wind in Southern France, bringing fierce storms and cold temperatures, especially on the Mediterranean coast.
- **Cape Doctor:** A cooling south-easterly wind in South Africa, believed to clear pollution and pestilence from the air.
- **Berg:** A seasonal katabatic wind in South Africa, blowing down the Great Escarpment from the high central plateau to the coast.
- **Haboob:** A fast-moving wind in Sudan, causing cold temperatures and dust storms, often referred to as a 'sandstorm's wind'.
- **Harmattan:** A dry wind from the Sahara that brings dust southward toward the Gulf of Guinea, also known as a 'sandstorm's wind'.
- **Foehn:** This is a type of dry, relatively warm downslope wind in the lee of a mountain range, like the Alps, for example.



These winds are not only significant for their weather patterns, but also for their cultural impact and the way they are perceived by the people of the regions they affect. They are a testament to the Earth's atmosphere and the diverse ways in which it influences life and culture.

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W. H. Davies, 'Thunderstorms'.

My mind has thunderstorms,
That brood for heavy hours:
Until they rain me words,
My thoughts are drooping flowers
And sulking, silent birds.

Yet come, dark thunderstorms,
And brood your heavy hours;
For when you rain me words,
My thoughts are dancing flowers
And joyful singing birds.

Emily Dickinson, 'A Thunderstorm'.

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 ...

John Clare, 'The Thunder Mutters'

The thunder mutters louder & more loud
With quicker motion hay folks ply the rake
Ready to burst slow sails the pitch black cloud
& all the gang a bigger haycock make
To sit beneath—the woodland winds awake
The drops so large wet all thro' in an hour
A tiney flood runs down the leaning rake
In the sweet hay yet dry the hay folks cower
& some beneath the waggon shun the shower.

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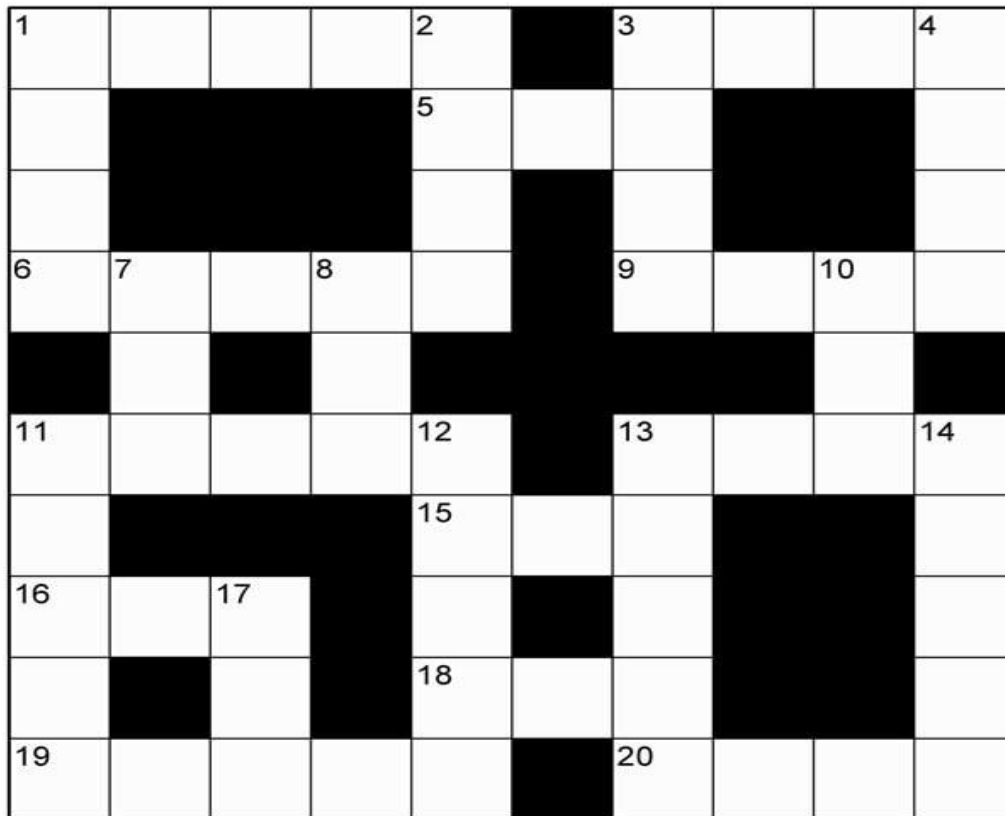
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Lemonade / Lost in space / A rise in temperature / Back-handed / Search high and low / Blood is thicker than water / Reading between the lines / Broken promise / Travel overseas / Pie in the sky / Half-baked / Man overboard / Excuse me / 2 steps forward, 1 step back / Ice cube / Just between you and me / Mixed emotions / High five / Street corner / A fish out of water

Puzzle 1



ACROSS

1. Stinks
3. Second son of Adam and Eve
5. Slack
6. Twinkle
9. Scottish dagger
11. Heron
13. Not closed
15. Eccentric
16. Knock with knuckles
18. Abstract being
19. Group of six
20. Pitch

DOWN

1. Stink
2. Run-down part of a city
3. Chopped
4. Brush with tongue
7. Large tree remnant
8. Period of human life
10. Cereal grass
11. Planet
12. Flirted
13. Writer of lyric poetry
14. Artless
17. Plague

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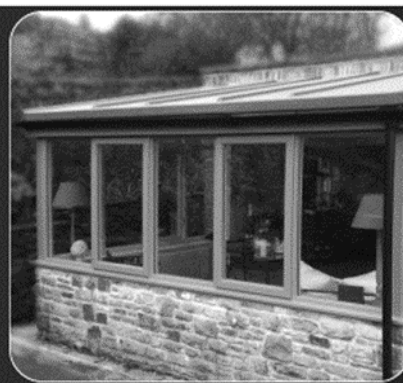
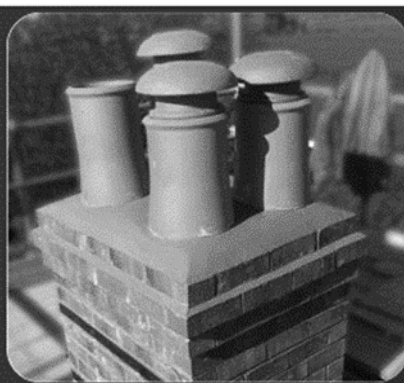
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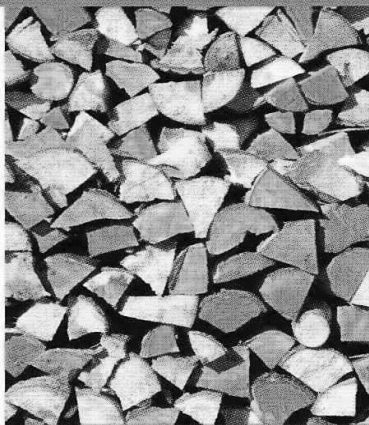
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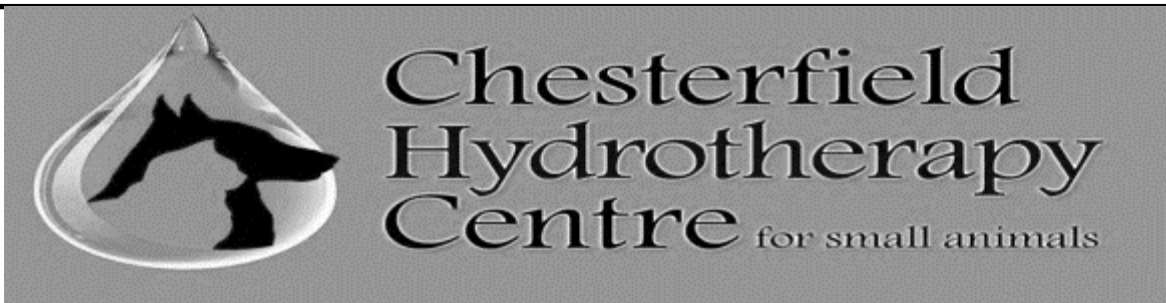
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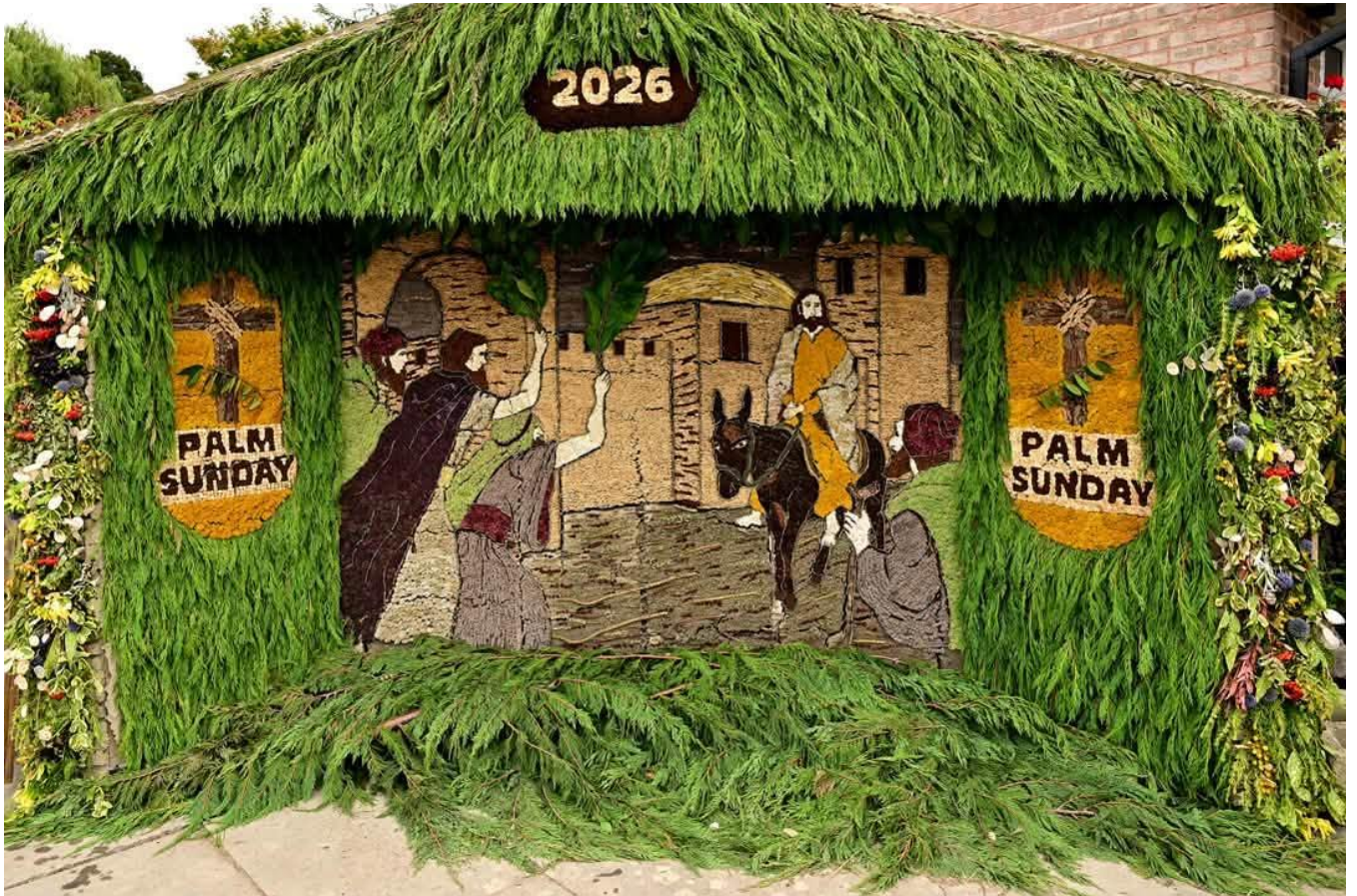
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