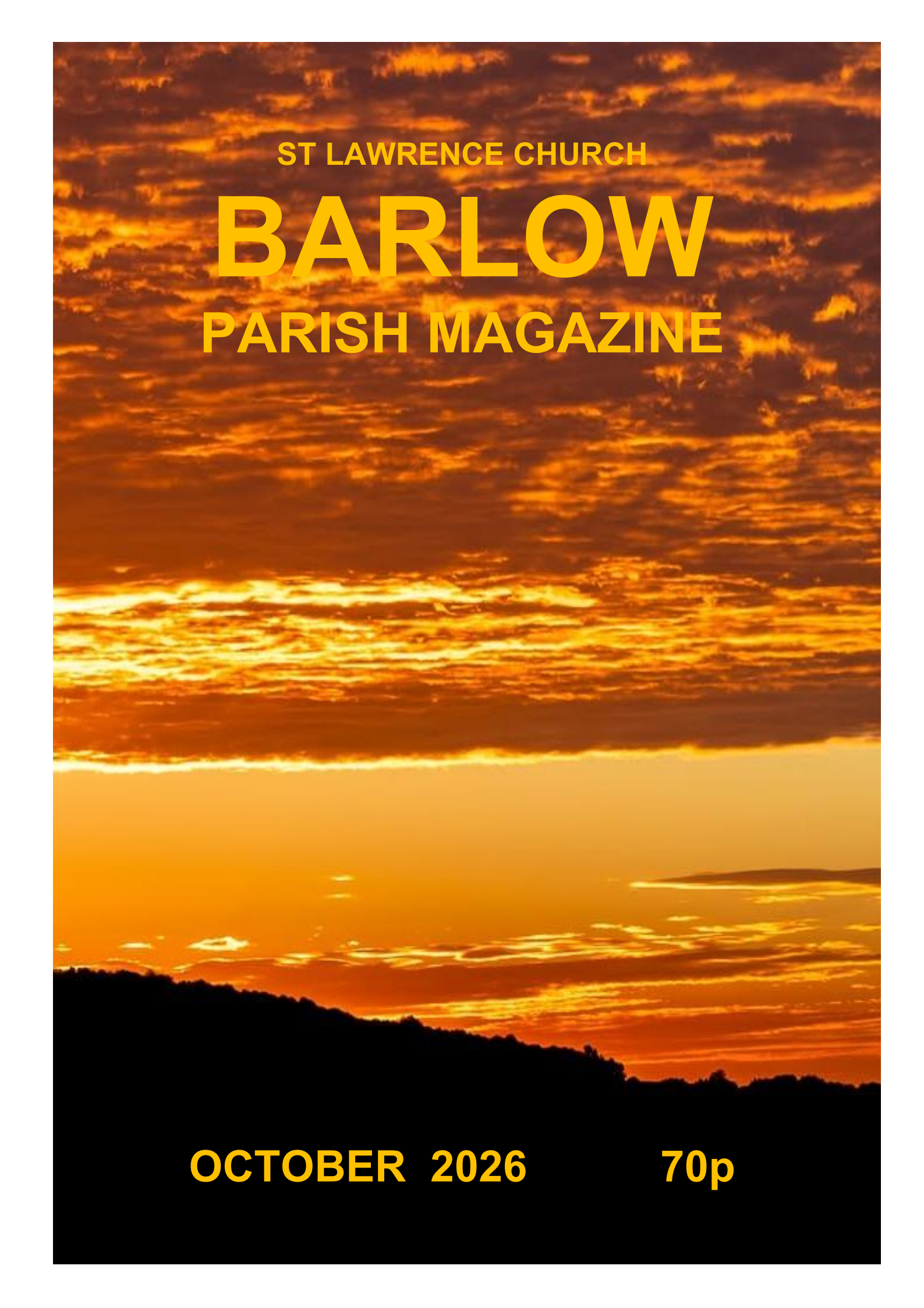




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September Heatwave 2023

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YEAR'S MIND - OCTOBER

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

1ST WALTER LEDGER---1977

2ND JOHN H. WALLACE---1989

3RD SAMUEL HASLAM---1987

*GLADYS COCKING---1979

4TH EDWARD CHEESLEY---1990

GEOFFREY HOLMES---2009

5TH HANNAH STARKEY---1968

SARAH RIGGOTT---1973

EILEEN BOOKER---2009

RICHARD PETER SHAWCROFT---
2019

6TH KENNETH METTAM---2024

8TH IRENE TAGG---2001

PATRICIA DEY---2010

11TH OLIVE CASTLE---1990

ROBERT F. BOYES---1996

JOHN E. CHANDLER---2007

BARRIE EVANS---2015

PAUL JACKSON---2017

PAMELA J SMITH---2021

12TH MARY BRADBURY---1976

GLADYS CHAPMAN---1979

13TH NELLIE NEEDHAM---1988

GLADYS IBBOTSON---1998

KATHERINE M. A. A. CORY---2004

14TH MARY HASLAM---1977

LAURA PINCH---1992

GRAHAM S. PEARSON---1995

15TH LAURA LEECH---1984

JOHN MORGAN---1996

17TH ALBERT 'DUSTY' RHODES---
1983

HARRY WRAGG---1986

18TH GEORGE REDMAN---1976

*JOHN E CHANDLER--2007

19TH ADA NEEDHAM---1964

GWEN JOLLEY 2024

20TH STEPHEN MAXWELL JONES---
2012

21ST HAROLD PIDCOCK---1966

ALLAN MARTIN---1969

WILLIAM SHARPE---1992

JESSIE A. PATILLA---1994

22ND ALAN NUTTALL---1996

BERTHA M. COWES---2001

24TH MILLIE HASLAM---1988

PHYLLIS A. WOODHOUSE---2000

CHARLES LAYTON---1994

PAULINE JOHNSON--2021

25TH HAROLD SMITH---1973

LESLIE TOWNSEND---2001

26TH SIMON D. BROCKBANK---1993

ZENA GOODWIN---2011

VALERIE RUTH HASLAM---2025

27TH ELIZABETH SWANN---1986

ELEANOR SHORE---1993

THOMAS BOOKER---2009

IVA MARY BENTON---1994

29TH MARGARET TOWNSEND---1990

ELSIE BLANKSBY---2009

30TH VERONICA WILKINSON---1977

31ST JOYCE E. EATSON---1994

SARAH ELIZABETH NEEDHAM---
2007

RAMON EDGE---2010



FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: OCTOBER 2026 UPDATE

Baptisms

13th September --- Eliza Belle May Ward
20th September --- Cedric Rodrigo West Cao

Funerals

None

Marriages

30th August --- Penelope Anne Bunting & Jonathan James Cook

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

Autumn is now upon us. By the end of the month the clocks will have been turned back and all being well the harvest will have been, as the hymn says, 'safely gathered in'.

Many of us have fond memories of harvest festivals, with pyramids of tins and displays of packets alongside offerings of fruit and vegetables, and here in Derbyshire a tray of coal. Whether in school or in church, it was the opportunity to be grateful for God's provision. This year at St Lawrence Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated at the family service on 11th October (11.00 am) with the harvest supper the same evening.

While the Church gives thanks for the wonder of creation all the year round, we are at present in the season of Creationtide, which runs from 1st September to 4th October. A time for remembering with gratitude all things created, not just for food and water, but for the beauty and diversity of our world.

4th October is the date chosen to end the season, as this is the day we celebrate the life of one of the most well-known saints, St Francis of Assisi. Born in the late 12th century, St Francis turned away from a life of wealth and privilege, to champion peace and harmony, not just between people but also toward all creatures.

The main objective of the religious order of the Franciscans was to emulate the life and ministry of Jesus Christ through personal poverty and humility, preaching the gospel, and providing sustenance to the poor and needy.

In his book, *St Francis, Patron of ecology*, Keith Warner writes, 'Francis preached the Christian doctrine that the world was created good and beautiful by God but suffers a need for redemption because of human sin'. As someone who saw God reflected in nature, 'St. Francis was a great lover of God's creation. In [his writing] the Canticle of the Sun, he gives God thanks for Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Water, Fire and Earth, all of which he sees as rendering praise to God'. I guess you could say he was a thirteenth century eco-warrior, encouraging people to give thanks for and to respect the environment. Francis' love of animals has led to him become known as the patron saint of animals and nature.



Stained glass window,
Chesterfield Parish Church

Although St Francis wrote a number of meditations and prayers , he didn't write 'make me an instrument of your peace', which is often attributed to him. His most enduring writing is probably the song of praise 'The Canticle of the Sun', which begins:

*Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessings.*

*To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures;
especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us
light.*

*And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your
creatures.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, which is very useful and
humble and precious and chaste.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light
the night;
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us
and governs us and who produces varied fruits with coloured flowers
and herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and
tribulation.*

*Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.*

So, after the drought of summer 2026, let us stop a moment to be grateful and to thank God for all things created for our good. The water in our taps which never stopped flowing, crops from fields and gardens, some smaller or later than usual. The sun and the moon, and the comfort of warmth we know we will need in the months to come. And of course the birds and animals for our pleasure and companionship.

Wishing you every blessing this Autumn,

Revd. Gill.

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who came to our fun day on 31st August; we raised £537.32 to be split between Church and Myeloma UK. Thanks to Nick and Christina for hosting us at Barlow Woodseats Hall and Responsibly Sauced and Hatchlings Storytelling for contributing to the day. The band were fantastic as expected and everyone had a great time.

Our first foray into Heritage Open Days went really well. We welcomed many visitors over the two days, who found all the information about the

people and village of Barlow very interesting. Thank you to everyone who helped and brought information for us to share. Special thanks to Janet Gorman, who brought her memorabilia and stayed in Church to chat to visitors.

Harvest Festival and Supper

Our harvest festival service in Church and harvest supper will take place on Sunday 11th October. The harvest festival service will take place in Church at 11am and all are welcome. We will be collecting for Chesterfield Foodbank, cash or food items are welcome.

Harvest supper will be at the village hall, doors opening at 5.30pm for food at 6pm. There are still a few tickets available so don't miss out.

Bowns the butchers will be supplying the pies, peas and gravy. Meat and potato or homity pie vegetarian option are available and they also cater for those who require 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. He will be playing a mixture of covers and his own compositions. We are very grateful to him for agreeing to play for us on this year's harvest supper evening. See the poster on page 11 for details of how to get your tickets.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our coffee 'early afternoon' will be held after the harvest festival service at midday. Everyone is welcome to stay after attending the service or just come along afterwards to raise money for this great charity.

November Services: The Remembrance service this year is on Sunday 8th November, gathering by 10.50 to be ready for the one minute silence at the war memorial at 11am.

Due to the Remembrance service being on the second Sunday of the month, our family service will be held the following week. Our All Souls service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those we have loved and lost is held at 3pm on the same day, the 8th November. Everyone is welcome and can add their loved one's name to the list to be read out during the service. Please let us know if you would like to add a name, even if you are unable to attend the actual service.

Christmas Tree Festival

One of our favourite events is on the horizon again. It will be running from 21st to the 28th November; if you would like to take part by decorating a tree for the festival, please contact Julie as soon as possible. The more trees the better and we always find room for every one. Please see pages 12 and 13 for more details!

Church Opening

Church will still be open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am until 4pm until the end of October. Look out for the winter opening hours in the November magazine, or on our noticeboards.

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 4th October: 11am service

Sunday 11th October: 8am Mass & 11am harvest service

Sunday 18th October: 11am service

Sunday 25th October: 11am service

Upcoming Events – At a Glance

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

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.**

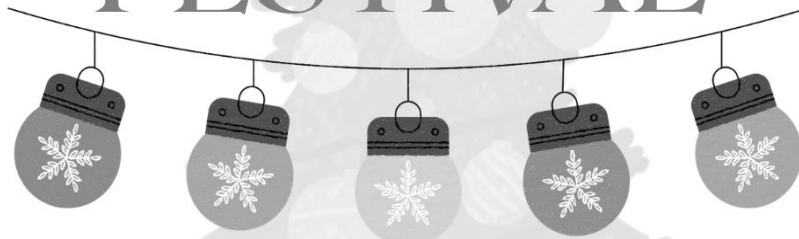
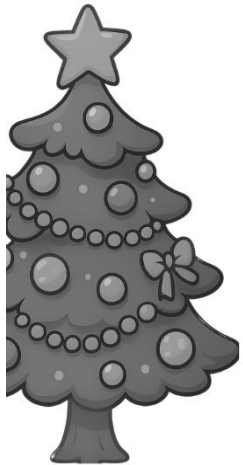
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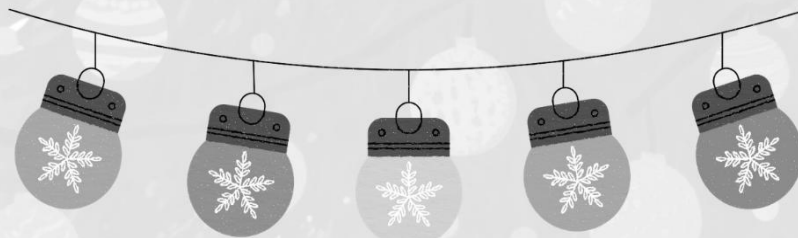


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21ST – 28TH NOVEMBER

10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

LATE OPENING:
27TH NOVEMBER
6 – 8 P.M.



ENJOY BEAUTIFUL TREES CREATED
BY LOCAL GROUPS & BUSINESSES

Refreshments available every day





REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITING YOUR TREE

- Your Trees should not be more than 6 feet in height.
- (Please contact the Church warden if you have specific requirements as we can accommodate a small number of larger trees)
- Only battery-operated lights please. Please supply spare batteries as they will need replacing during the week.
- Be creative! Have fun! Use your imagination!
- Cards will be provided and displayed to identify your group or business.
- Trees should be set up on Friday November 20th between 10am and 5pm and taken down on Sunday November 29th between 12:30 and 3.30pm.
- If you have any problems with these times, please contact Julie West to arrange an alternative time.
- To comply with fire regulations, only artificial trees are permitted inside.
- There is space outside the building for real trees.

Let us know by 8th November if you wish
to exhibit a tree

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PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- 26/00428/FL – Change of use of land to equestrian and construction of manège (Affecting a public right of way) at Oxton Rakes Hall Farm, Grange Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

- 26/00470/LDC – Application for a lawful development certificate for the existing conversion of derelict barn to entertainment area at ground floor level and guest accommodation at first floor level, ancillary to the main dwelling at Highlightley Farm, Highlightley Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

- 26/00533/TPO – Application to prune Sycamore tree (T1) covered by NEDDC tree preservation order 215 (Conservation Area) at Penicaul, Hackney Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

- 26/00592/LDC – Application for a lawful development certificate for proposed single storey extension to the rear of the property in materials to match the existing at 10 Commonsides Road, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

- 26/00637/FLH – Proposed alterations to the roof to create a master bedroom, en-suite and dressing room, proposed to increase the wall plate height (eaves) and roof ridge by circa 550mm. The proposal front and rear gables will remain unchanged at Meadow Reach, Wilkin Hill, Barlow

RESOLVED no comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

- 26/00053/LB – Listed Building application for the downstairs hall, stairs, first floor landing and study (middle front room) to remove the plasterwork to the external walls and replace with lime plaster. Internal walls and red brick arches apply standard backing coat and lime based skim coat with a plain finish, a clay based paint will be used over the new plasterwork. In the parlour remove the plasterwork and modern boarded panelling within the window recess of the eastern elevation, replace with lime plaster, the Parlour fireplace, remove the modern red brick fireplace (Listed Building) (Amended plans) at Lees Hall Farm, Barlow Lees Lane, Barlow – **Conditionally approved 7 August 2026**
- 26/00338/FLH – Demolition of existing single storey extension and addition of a new single storey side extension above existing garage (Affecting setting of a Listed Building) at Stonehaven, Wilday Green Lane, Barlow – **Conditionally approved 10 July 2026**
- 26/00508/CATPO – Notification of intention to fell x1 weeping ash tree located to the rear of the farmhouse within Barlow Conservation Area at Hall Farm, Hackney Lane – **No objection 3 August 2026**

RESOLVED noted.

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

No other planning matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

No further planning applications circulated.

NEW COUNCILLOR

We would like to welcome Simon Ellis onto the Parish Council who was co-opted to fill the last remaining vacancy. We look forward to working with him.

VILLAGE HALL – NEW CLASSES

We are pleased to report that a new activity can now be offered at the Village Hall: Showtime Dance Fitness Classes have now started on Wednesday evenings. Classes available are 'Decades Reloaded' at 6.40pm and 'Broadway Boogie' at 7.30pm. Have fun and become fit at the same time.

QUIZ NIGHTS

Due to the welcome re-opening of the Hare & Hounds the quiz nights held at the Village Hall temporarily have now moved back to their rightful place. The quiz starts at 7pm every Wednesday night, just like it used to do.

SPEEDWATCH

We regret that no speedwatch sessions have been held recently, especially in the light of correspondence received complaining about cars driving through Barlow at high speeds. We would like to encourage some more volunteers to agree to join the small speedwatch team. If you think you might be able to help please contact our clerk Emma in the first instance.

LOCAL PLAN MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 26

The clerk circulated the notes and action points raised at the meeting. A document raising residents' concerns has been received and noted. The parish clerk will arrange a 7pm Local Plan meeting at the Village Hall once the Reg 19 has been made public.



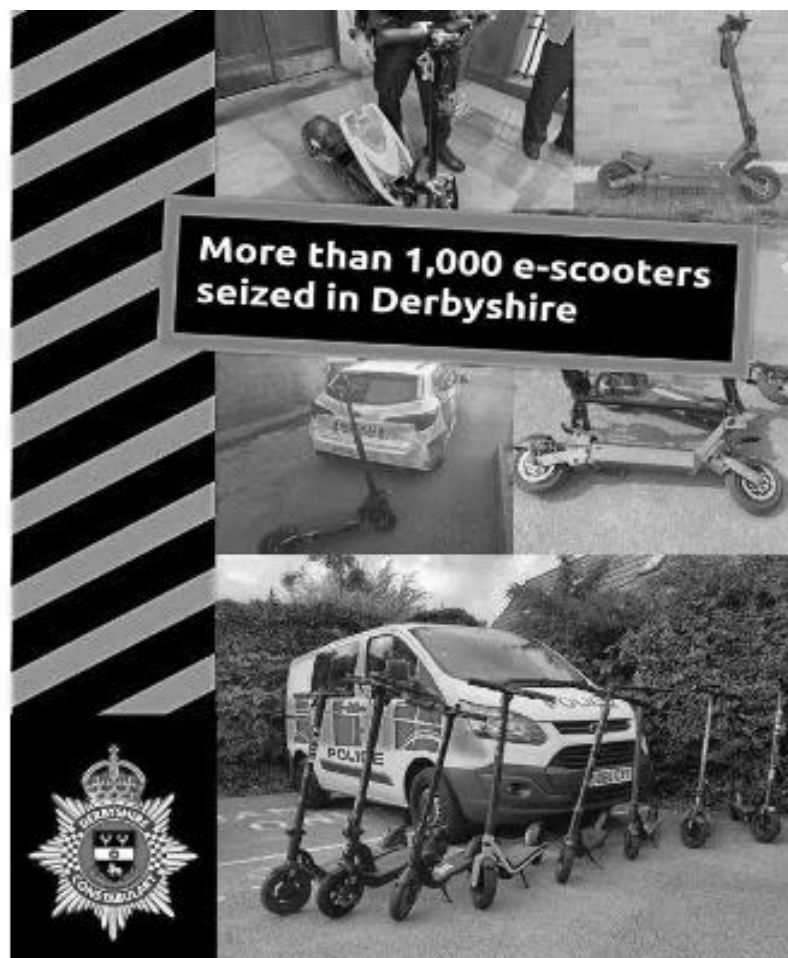
Officers across the county have seized more than 1,000 e-scooters since we began a 'seize first' approach in November 2024.

Some of the most shocking seizures encountered include an e-scooter capable of reaching 50mph ridden by a 12-year-old, a model fitted with mini handlebars for a four-year-old passenger, and a parent who received points on her licence after repeatedly allowing her child to ride on a busy road.

Privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be used on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes. They can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

The change to how we seize e-scooters was launched in response to increasing concerns from the public about the illegal and unsafe use of e-scooters on public roads and pavements in Derbyshire.

We've also seen a reduction in the number of collisions with e-scooters reported in the county since the new approach began; in 2024 we saw eight e-scooter collisions which caused serious injuries, however across 2025 and 2026 so far, we've seen none.



BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

Our new children have settled in beautifully and are really getting into the routine of coming to Pre-School. The last couple of weeks we have been establishing rules and routines and giving children time to get to know their key worker. Our theme is 'All about Me' which gives the children lots of opportunities to talk about themselves and their families.

As the term progresses we will be finding out about Autumn and Harvest. To celebrate Harvest, we are holding a craft and singing session for our parents and children at Pre-School, followed by coffee and cake.

Our AGM is on Monday 12th October, 7:30pm, at The Hare & Hounds, Commonside Road. This is where new committee members can sign up. Any parents are welcome, as well as members of the community. If you are interested in helping us to run events and fundraise* please come along. All welcome.

There is a limited number of places available at Pre-School. Please contact barlowpreschool@gmail.com or look on our website barlowpreschool.org for more information.

Jo

- * Don't forget that Garry Cooper's poetry book is available to order at a price of £5.-! ALL OF the money from books sold will benefit Pre-School and Primary School as the proceeds will be split between the two schools!



FOBS

Friends of Barlow School

Hello Friends,

Everyone is welcome to come along to FOBS' AGM on Monday the 12th of October at 2.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Village Hall and is a great opportunity to meet the team and share your ideas for fundraising. There are loads of opportunities to get involved at whatever level suits you.

Well done to the nine children who joined in with the summer "£26 for 2026" challenge and raised a brilliant £373.81!

Already lined up for the autumn term are the school's always-popular craft club on the 8th of October, and the community soup share after the children's Harvest Festival service at St Lawrence's Church. We will be asking for donations of vegetables to the school from the 19th of October, which the children will prepare.

Enjoy the autumn colours creeping in around the village!

Rebecca Hill (FOBS)

CARNIVAL
SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, 28th November
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Barlow Village Hall

Details to follow in next month's magazine.

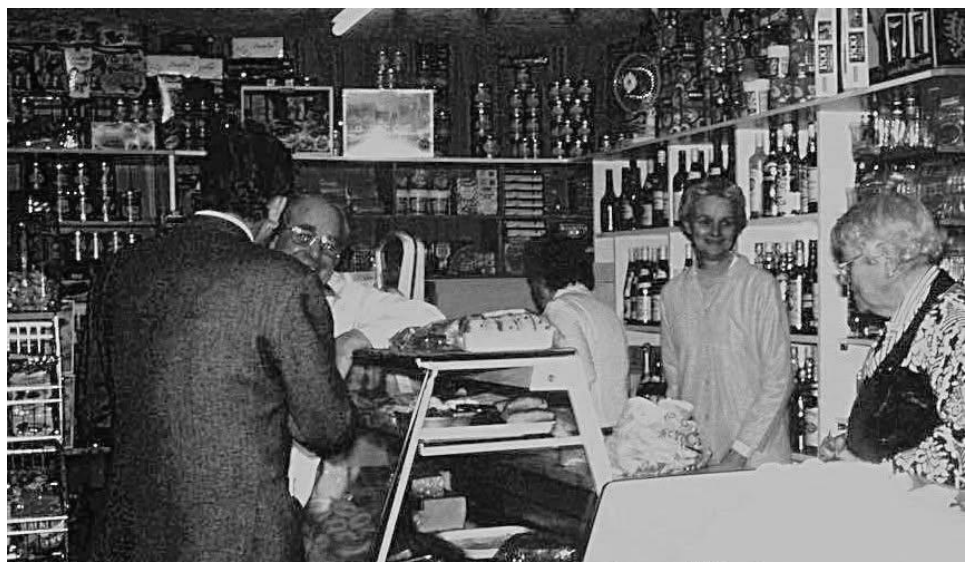
BARLOW – OLD PHOTOS



The Post Office, up on Chapel Hill (run by Jack and Winne Kemp)



The Post Office in 1992



YOUNG FARMERS

The new YFC year is well underway, and Barlow YFC has had a busy start. We kicked off the new year with an outdoor games and social evening, giving members a chance to catch up and welcome everyone back after the summer.

Our Annual General Meeting was also held, with a great attendance from club members. The new officers were elected for the forthcoming year, and we look forward to another successful year of activities and events.

Members have also been getting involved in some practical activities, with a dairy stockjudging practice meeting kindly hosted at a member's farm. This provided a great opportunity to develop skills and learn more about judging dairy cattle.

New Members Night – Tuesday 6th October, 8pm

We are holding a New Members Night on Tuesday 6th October 8pm at the Village Hall. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about Barlow YFC is very welcome to come along, whether you have an agricultural background or simply fancy getting involved in a friendly local club.

We have plenty of social events, competitions, farm visits, training and activities throughout the year, so why not come along and see what Barlow YFC is all about? Everyone aged 10-28 is welcome!

Will Twigg



THE NEW 'ARE



The Hare & Hounds - a wonderful Barlow pub, re-opened at last!

It's SO good to have our third beloved local pub open again (and after a very tasteful re-fit too!).

Many a 'Barlownian' will have fond memories of time spent in here, perhaps under the friendly ownership of Pauline & Ron... Sadly, due to their respective illnesses, combined with the steady decline of the traditional British pub trade because of the Covid pandemic, the Hare & Hounds had to close and ceased to exist for a couple of years.

Now, however, thanks to our good friends John & Jodie Ray (of Britania Inn, Brampton fame), this special place has risen from the ashes like the proverbial Phoenix!

On Friday 28th August 2026 its doors opened once again and a lot of smiling happy faces were seen crossing the threshold on Opening Day, (me & Rosie the dog included!), to sample a nice pint of Bradfield Brewery's Farmer's Blonde and some Mini Cheddars (to be shared with the pooch!).

Favourable comparisons of before and after the extensive refurbishment are being made. The comfortable interior welcomes people like old friends and meeting again after a long time apart feels simply great - Brilliant!

Wishing John & Jodie much success for the future,

Roger Barrett

THE OLD 'ARE



Barlow Village Derbyshire.

Nick Wheat · 6 Feb 2022 · 🌐

In July 2002, the Hare & Hounds was awarded Chesterfield & District CAMRA 'Summer Pub of the Season'.

Pauline Harris is seen receiving the award from the Chesterfield & District CAMRA chairman - Mary Keast.

Seen in the background on the right is another old character - 'snuff' John.

With the recent passing of Pauline, all these people are now no longer with us, and of course the Hare & Hounds has sadly likely pulled its last pint.



And earlier:
Cliff and Gladys Layton lived on Rutland Terrace and ran the Hare and Hounds pub.



POETRY CORNER

October

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

My ornaments are fruits; my garments leaves,
Woven like cloth of gold, and crimson dyed;
I do not boast the harvesting of sheaves,
O'er orchards and o'er vineyards I preside.
Though on the frigid Scorpion I ride,
The dreamy air is full, and overflows
With tender memories of the summer-tide,
And mingled voices of the doves and crows.

October

by Christina Georgina Rossetti

I've brought you nuts and hops;
And when the leaf drops, why, the walnut drops.
Crack your first nut and light your first fire,
Roast your first chestnut crisp on the bar;
Make the logs sparkle, stir the blaze higher,
Logs are as cheery as sun or as star,
Logs we can find wherever we are.
Spring one soft day will open the leaves,
Spring one bright day will lure back the flowers;
Never fancy my whistling wind grieves,
Never fancy I've tears in my showers:
Dance, night and days! and dance on, my hours!

WORDS



The English language is full of colourful expressions that delight the ear and enrich communication. Among the most playful and memorable of these are reduplicatives - a type of word formation where a word or syllable is repeated with slight variation, often to create rhythm, emphasis, or a vivid image. If you've ever said "hocus-pocus," "wishy-washy," or "zigzag," you've already used a reduplicative without even realizing it.

So: What Are Reduplicatives?

Reduplicatives are words or phrases created by repeating or nearly repeating a word or part of a word, sometimes with a vowel or consonant change. These forms are often used for emphasis, rhythm, humour, or sound symbolism.

They often fall into three common categories:

1. Exact Reduplication: The word is repeated exactly.

Example: bye-bye, ta-ta, no-no

2. Ablaut Reduplication: Vowels change between the words (typically I-A-O pattern).

Example: ding-dong, tick-tock, ping-pong

3. Rhyming Reduplication: The second word is made to rhyme.

Example: super-duper, hanky-panky, argy-bargy

Reduplicatives play an important role in English for several reasons:

1. Enhance Expression

Reduplicatives bring musicality and emotion to language. Saying “wishy-washy” is more expressive than just “indecisive.”

2. Aid Memory

Repetition and rhythm make these words easy to remember, which is why many reduplicatives are found in children’s rhymes and songs.

3. Cultural Familiarity

Reduplicatives are embedded in pop culture, advertising, and essential for idiomatic speech.

4. Create Informality or Humour

Reduplicatives often lend a playful or informal tone, helping people sound casual, friendly, or humorous.

5. Expand Vocabulary

Becoming familiar with commonly used reduplicatives expands children’s vocabulary when learning to refine their speech.

Reduplicatives may seem like silly or minor words, but they offer a window into the creative, expressive side of the English language. Whether you’re a student, teacher, writer, or just someone who loves wordplay, using reduplicatives can add cultural or local flavour to people’s conversations.



*It couldn't
be-leaf it!*



PUZZLE PAGES

Here are 30 common (and fun!) English reduplicatives. Can you match them up to their respective meanings?

1. chit-chat
2. hocus-pocus
3. mishmash
4. itsy-bitsy
5. riff-raff
6. pitter-patter
7. humdrum
8. heebie-jeebies
9. tittle-tattle
10. claptrap
11. shilly-shally
12. hurly-burly
13. chop-chop
14. tip-top
15. mumbo-jumbo
16. namby-pamby
17. teeny-weeny
18. hodgepodge
19. nitwit
20. higgledy-piggledy
21. knick-knack
22. meh-meh
23. lovey-dovey
24. dum-dum
25. roly-poly
26. ticky-tacky
27. willy-nilly
28. zigzag
29. fuddy-duddy
30. dilly-dally

undesirable people
boring, monotonous
pretentious or insincere talk
waste time, dawdle
weak or sentimental
cheap, low quality
done randomly, without plan
a silly person
small decorative item
overly affectionate
short and plump
a foolish person
randomly, without planning
a confusing mixture
trickery, often related to magic
excellent condition, quality
hurry up
very small
a mixed collection
move sharply back and forth
expression of indifference, apathy
noisy confusion, chaos
to hesitate or waste time
a person who is old-fashioned
the sound of light rain or little feet
confusing language, gibberish
a feeling of nervousness or fear
extremely small, tiny
light, informal conversation
silly, meaningless talk

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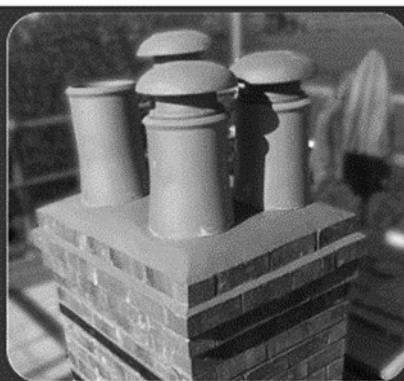
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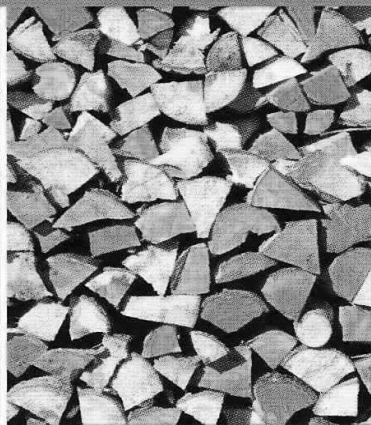
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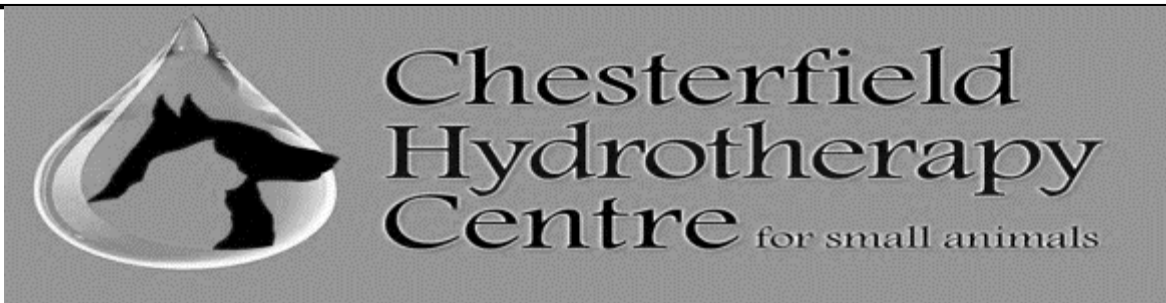
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