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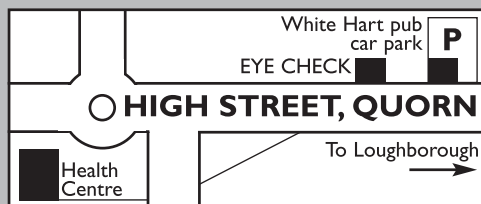
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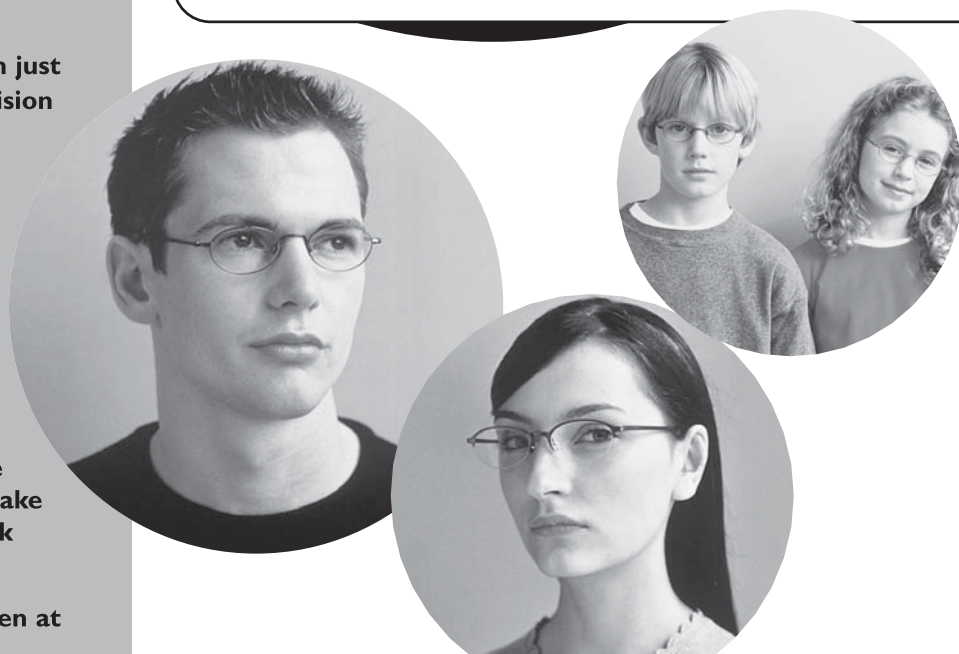


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# Barrow Scouts Celebrate their Golden Jubilee

No amount of rain could dampen the jubilation with which Barrow Scouts celebrated 50 years of scouting in the village on May 6th 2006. The official opening of the Scout HQ in 1956 saw the beginning of Scouting activities in the village and 50 years on, youngsters involved in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides came together with older members to enjoy an afternoon of interest, nostalgia, rewards and, above all, fun.

After a formal flag break, we shared in the investitures of new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and applauded the achievements of existing members as they collected a range of badges. We enjoyed watching - and even taking part in - a range of games that provided lots of opportunity for letting off steam while encouraging team work and co-operation. I particularly enjoyed the parachute games played by the Beavers and 'Ship on the Rocks' with the Cubs. We watched an impressive demonstration of Shotokan Karate by the group of youngsters who use the Scout Hut for their sessions. Then the Guides offered a challenge to the audience to tie a reef knot one handed with a one-handed partner.

While all this was going on, Scouts demonstrated the pitching of a patrol tent. (Do the Scouts still actually use these old heavy canvass tents with their great wooden poles, massive wooden pegs and hanks of rope guys? I remember them well. They let in rain and wind from top, sides and ground. But camping was still fun.)

A new plaque was unveiled that lists all Barrow's Queens Scouts. Five of them were present to help reveal the plaque.

Finally, Jean Wright, the Barrow Cub Leader of 50 years ago and her Assistant, Lilian Elphick, cut a splendidly iced 'Scout HQ Birthday Cake' to conclude the celebrations. But that wasn't really the end because now we were free to pore over a wealth of old photos and other scouting

memorabilia and eat our hot dogs.

This celebration was billed as an Activity Day and that sums up the appeal of Scouting (and Guiding), both yesterday and today. As Philip Seaton who is 14 years old and the oldest Scout present, said 'What I really like about Scouting is the variety of activities that are organized. I've been sailing, ice-skating, camping, mountain boarding, grass sledging, abseiling, canoeing and lots more. It's terrific!

Of course, none of this would be possible without the armies of adults who give their time. What was really wonderful to me was that it wasn't just the kids who were enjoying themselves.

*Judith Rodgers*

## Editorial

# Help us keep the show on the road

Late summer sees the end of the Barrow Voice advertising year. It is a time for balancing the books, taking stock and collecting any outstanding revenue. More importantly it is an opportunity to thank those businesses and services which have funded BV for the past year. We rely on advertising to keep afloat and provide you with what we like to think is a lively, informative publication. A thank you is also due to Judith, James and Laura who have spent many hours on selling, designing and accounting. Without the advertisers and the advertising team, you would not be reading this today.

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Enjoy this edition with news of many summer activities to enjoy and we shall be back in the autumn.

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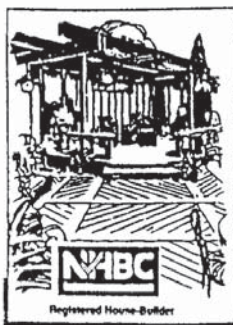
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During the months of March and April new play equipment and paths were installed on King George V and Mill Lane.

On KGV we now have a new roundabout, picnic table, seat and fantastic new swings. New paths and safety surfaces have been put down and when the hotter weather arrives, play patterns will be applied to the tarmac area.

Mill Lane has mushroom seats and table, a van springer and specially designed slide. We have put a fence and play panels along the back of the slide and swings to make this area safer and to increase the variety of play opportunities for all children. Now the installation is complete a new path will be put along the area from the swings to the roadway.

We have been successful in receiving funding from CBC towards the cost of the paths and equipment. The Parish Council will continue a scheme of improvements to provide safe, appropriate but hopefully exciting play opportunities for all children.

*Any suggestions are very welcome!*

**Sue Higton**

## Barrow upon Soar Open Gardens 2006

The Open Gardens weekend takes place on Saturday/Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The previous two Open Gardens, in 2000 and 2004, proved very popular and on both occasions raised money for the Millennium Park on Fishpool Way. I'm sure

you have seen the daffodils, primroses, cowslips, snowdrops and bluebells which were bought with funds raised at the Open Gardens. The proceeds from this year's event will go towards refurbishment of the Scout Headquarters which is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

At the time of going to press, 15 residents have already entered their gardens for the Open Gardens' weekend and, of these, five are new gardens. A range of gardens will be on show, from large mature gardens to small and recently established gardens.

If you want to visit the open gardens you can purchase the Entry Programme from certain shops in the High Street or at any of the participating gardens.



# Progress on the Parish Plan

The conclusions from the Parish Plan crystallised a number of areas that you, the residents of Barrow, would like to see improved. The Steering Committee has begun the process of trying to kick-start the creation of action groups to address the various issues. The Community Association has agreed to act as an umbrella organisation to offer help, co-ordination and finance to some of these action groups. It may well be that the Parish Council does the same thing for others.

The following is a report on the progress to date.

## 1. Youth Action Group

**Parents: please pass on this item to your teenagers.**

The recent Youth Parish Plan showed many requests from our young people for the provision of specific activities such as a film club, discos, café club, art club, sports activities and an 'independent' youth club.

A Youth Action Group has been formed to respond.

The first disco will be on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> at Hall Orchard School from 7.30 to 9.30. It is aimed at Year 7 and Year 8. The DJ is Ben with the Big Taste Disco.

The first film will be 'King Kong' to be shown on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hall Orchard School starting at 7.30. It's suitable for teenagers but parents are welcome too.

Humphrey Perkins hall has been booked for discos and café evenings on several dates from September to March.

Hopefully, there will be some sports activities with the Charnwood Road Show during the summer holidays.

The Youth Action Group is looking for help from more people -- especially parents -- who could help from time to time, and teenagers who can tell us what they want. In fact it is also an ambition to kick-start a **Youth Forum composed of young people**. This would give youngsters a voice in all sorts of aspects of village life and its facilities.

This exciting programme won't happen without help so if you are

able, please ring Lionel Woodhouse on 01509 413232. Please note that all our volunteers are CRB-checked at no cost.

**By the way, there is some progress to report on the promised County Council detached youth work in Barrow. Two new youth workers, Arnie and Demelza have been appointed but they now need to be trained. So we're still waiting... probably until Autumn!**

## 2. Local Association Proposed for Shops and Businesses in Barrow

The Parish Plan has identified a need to retain and develop a vibrant shopping centre and to promote local employment and awareness of local trades and services. The well being of commerce in the village was a significant concern for a majority of residents.

Currently the retailers and trades people have no organised voice in the village through which to express views. Examples of some current issues are parking needs, yellow line enforcement, change of use proposals, additional trade from Willow Way, promotion of local services and trades, access to local employment and even the organisation of the Christmas lights and other festivals in the village.

The Parish Plan Action Group on Business in Barrow has suggested the need for a Barrow upon Soar Association of Retailers and Traders (BART). A preliminary meeting of retailers and traders and all interested parties has been set for

14<sup>th</sup> June in the Soar Bridge Inn at 7.30pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider if such an organisation can be of benefit to the retailers and traders and of course to the village.

We can be contacted at Barrie Atkinson, 2 The Moorings, Sibley Road Barrow upon Soar.

Tel 01509 414498

E-mail:

[barrie.joyatkinson@btopenworld.com](mailto:barrie.joyatkinson@btopenworld.com)

## 3. Village Social Facility Action Group

The Parish Plan gave a big thumbs up to the need in this big village for a village-dedicated community building. A first meeting held in April was very well attended.

Representatives of some of the existing halls and rooms for hire made it clear that they, too, would welcome a new multi-purpose community building. There was very positive commitment to pursuing the possibilities and a follow-up meeting is planned for May 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to get involved..and believe us, this one is going to be a big one. phone Sue or Ted Rodgers on 416533 or email [sue.rodgers@hotmail.com](mailto:sue.rodgers@hotmail.com) or [ejrodgers@hotmail.com](mailto:ejrodgers@hotmail.com)

## 4. Sports Action Group

Eight people met in April for an initial exploration of possibilities. Discussion was dominated by interest and concern over the latest attempt by Humphrey Perkins to get a new sports hall built for the school. There is a real possibility

that Section 106 'Community Gain' money from the Willow Way Development ear-marked for Humphrey Perkins will go a long way towards funding a sports barn of the sort built recently at Limehurst School in Loughborough. Those present at the meeting hope that a new sports hall would be available for use by the community out of school hours but saw the need to enter into dialogue with school in the hope that some community dimension is included at the planning stage of such a building. That, for the moment, is the target of this group.

If you would like to get involved, contact Alan Willcocks on 413996 or [virginia@thebanks43.freemove.co.uk](mailto:virginia@thebanks43.freemove.co.uk)

## 5. Heritage Action Group

The Parish Plan questionnaire revealed a lot of interest in preserving and investigating Barrow's heritage. A first meeting will be held very soon to inspire the creation of a group who might well attract a Local Heritage

Initiative grant to do some really exciting project work in Barrow.

If this intrigues you, contact Arthur Gardner on 416204 or email [a&j.gardner@jardinl.demon.co.uk](mailto:a&j.gardner@jardinl.demon.co.uk)

## 6. Health Matters

One of the greatest areas for concern in the Parish Plan questionnaire was health care. Despite very strongly expressed views, we haven't yet accumulated a list of people who might consider forming a Health Watch.

However, Councillor Pauline Ranson has been appointed to the Patients Forum of our local Primary Care Trust as a direct result of the Parish Plan. She will be in a position to voice our concerns and perhaps influence changes in the future.

If you wish to contact her, phone 416928 or email her on [trevran@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:trevran@globalnet.co.uk)

## 7. Community Events

Many of the community groups in Barrow contribute to the range of social activities that make this village so lively. However, apparently residents would like to see more. Despite this, no-one responded to an invitation to meet to share new ideas.

If you fancy trying something new on the village: a beer festival, May Day Frolics, a World Food Day, a Scarecrow Festival, a regatta, a crazy sports day or whatever, contact Sue Rodgers on 416533 or [sue.rodgers@hotmail.com](mailto:sue.rodgers@hotmail.com)

## 8. Traffic Action Group

We'll have a go at this one next. So many of you expressed outrage and a willingness to join an action group that we are hopeful that there will be a positive outcome.

If you are interested, the first meeting will take place at the Community Lounge, HPHS on Tuesday, 13th June at 7.30pm

# Bobbies on bicycles?

I read the article about PC Andy Houghton in the Spring 2006 edition soon after he had attended a Thursday morning coffee session at the Bishop Beveridge Club. He was accompanied by the new Community Support Officer and Angela Fielding, a civilian worker with the police in this area. They gave a very interesting and informative presentation.

I asked if we would see them travelling round the village on a bicycle and was informed that the police budget did not include provision of a bike nor the specialist clothing and other equipment to go with one. I contacted the local police inspector and found that this would total £1000.

It seems to me that perhaps people living in Barrow would not mind raising such a sum in order to help whichever of the two officers is in the village to get around a bit more quickly. Am I right? Could we have a collection similar to that for Neighbourhood Watch a couple of years ago, or could the Parish Council donate a sum of money.

I would certainly like to see the village bobby on his bike and I am sure that garaging would not be a problem. Would anyone else? I wonder if Andy and Nigel are willing to get mounted? I do hope so.

Graham Hobbs  
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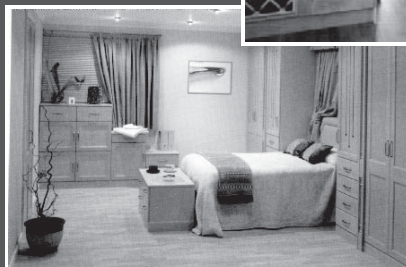
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# Mystery Lady

*Do you know this lady? Was or is she a member of your family?*

This picture was found at the rear of one of the shops in High Street. The proprietor of the shop has no idea who this person is or where the photograph came from.

The photograph is on canvas and its dimensions are 16 inches by 20 inches. I am really curious to know who she is or was. I believe she is from Barrow and hope that someone recognises her. If she or her family would like the picture they are very welcome to contact me to arrange to collect it.

Please contact the editor at Barrow Voice if you have any idea who this person is. It would be interesting to follow up with another story about her if there is any news.

*Ginny Willcocks*



## Antonia Goater - our new Parish Councillor

Filling the seat left by Olwyn Spiers who has sadly retired due to the ill-health of her husband Stan, we welcome Antonia as a new - and young - member of the Parish Council. She was selected against some stiff competition.

Antonia moved to Barrow with husband Nick in 2004 to take over Grants Newsagents, now The Paper Shop on High Street. After a childhood in Devon and the Isle of Wight, she went to live in London with Nick. He worked as an electrician and she with Lloyds TSB. During this time, Antonia completed a degree in Media Production at Bournemouth University hoping for a career in local radio but she found herself in the Catch 22 situation: no job without experience but no experience to be gained without a job. Thirteen years down the line, Antonia and Nick felt it was time to get out of London to somewhere nicer. A casual comment by her mother, who had recently come to live in Barrow, led them to investigate the newsagents that Colin and Jacqueline Grant had put on the market. And the rest, as they say, is history. Nick is no longer an electrician but instead, gets up at 4.30 to open up the shop for 5.00am. Antonia says 'you'd be amazed how many customers are around at that time'.

When asked for Barrow Voice why she had applied to be a Parish Councillor, Antonia explained, 'we were welcomed into the village so heartily that I would like to put something back. Barrow is a really nice village with friendly people and lots going on. I'd like to try and help make it even better.' As a young mum with two small children and living over the shop in the middle of the village, she is certainly in a position to put her finger on the pulse of village life.

Over the next few years, she feels that a major opportunity for the Parish Council will be to welcome in the new residents of the Willow Way estate and encourage them to use local facilities and get involved in village life. As for the challenge for Antonia herself,

she comments, 'I'm a new-comer. I'm going to have to learn a lot more about the area so that I can be a useful member of the Council. I want to thank people in advance for their support.'

Antonia lives at 9 High Street and her phone number is 01509 412051

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# Say hello to Nigel

**Barrow has finally been allocated the services of a long awaited Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), to work alongside the village beat officer PC Andy Houghton, some two years after they were first seen on the streets of Quorn, Mountsorrel and Sileby.**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2006 PCSO Nigel Ritchie donned his yellow reflective jacket, and cap with a blue band around it, and set foot in the village for the first time. Nigels presence in Barrow is part of a countrywide initiative funded by the Government, to assist the police in delivering the type of service the public want, by dealing with the matters that affect the quality of life of village residents on a day to day basis.

Nigel at 37, and a fanatical Leicester City fan, was selected for jury service in 2004, and sat in judgment on a high profile criminal case which lasted for 5 months, during which he got a prolonged insight into the work of a number of public service agencies, which prompted thoughts of a career change. Nigel spoke to his local PCSO and decided that it was the job for him, so he applied for the position, and 6 months later, fully trained, he is looking forward to the challenge of serving the public and is determined to make his presence felt in Wymeswold and the Wolds villages as well as Barrow.

Nigel chose Barrow over the options of working in Coalville, Broughton Astley or the Hamilton area of Leicester, knowing very little about the village. He came on a fact finding tour and was impressed enough to make Barrow his first choice.

His main role will be to assist PC Houghton to maintain a daily public contact with Barrow residents, to liaise with village groups such as the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch and deal with any mundane matters, as well as any long term problems the village might have.

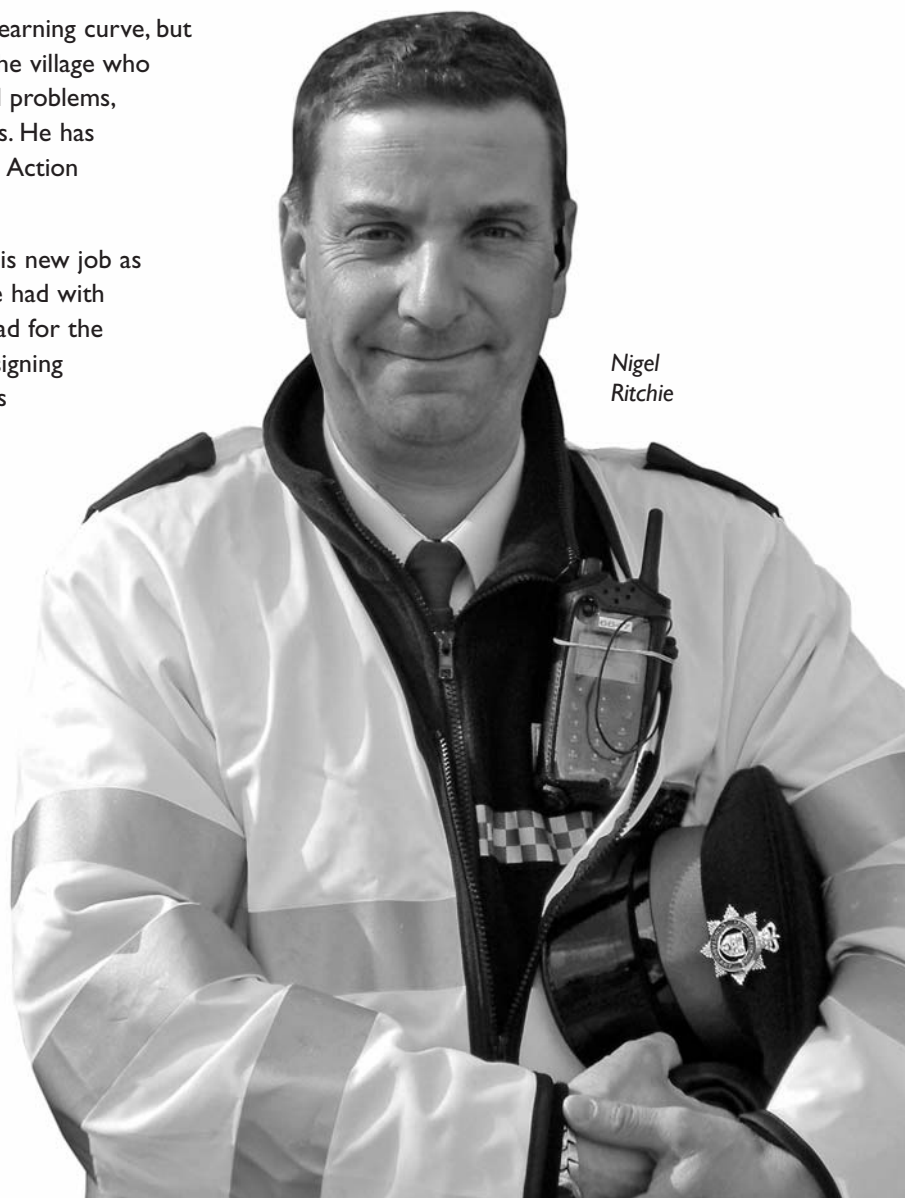
Nigel sees his early months in the role as a learning curve, but wants to be a focal point for the people of the village who require help and advice on community based problems, either individually, as a group, or as a business. He has already been enlisted onto the Barrow Youth Action Group in the village.

Now three months into his work he views his new job as being a world away from the short career he had with the Post Office, and an office-based job he had for the last 10 years at a company in Whetstone designing and manufacturing baggage handling machines for UK airports.

I asked him for his early impressions of the village and he said he is pleased that he chose Barrow. Everyone has been friendly, and pleased to see him out and about. He added that the village reaction to his appointment has been very good, and he is looking forward to meeting as many residents as possible.

To contact Nigel you can ring the 24hr police number of 0116 222 2222, and leave a verbal voicemail message after using his four digit ID number 6647. You can also leave him a note in the NHW box in the Post Office or just simply 'say hello to Nigel' when you see him in the village.

Steve Morris



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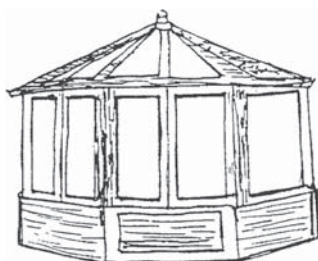
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# A very wet week in Scotland

**In the year of Barrow Scouts' Golden Jubilee, we look back at camping 50 years ago.....**

Imagine the scene, July 26<sup>th</sup> 1956, 10 Barrow Boy Scouts (as they were then called) aged 11-15 with their 19-year old Assistant Scoutmaster, waited excitedly for the 10.36pm train to Derby (steam in those days, Trevor Allen would probably remember the number).

On arrival at Derby, they transferred to the overnight sleeper to Glasgow. There was much excitement during the journey with train spotting at Leeds and Carlisle and very little sleep. Late arriving at St Enoch station, they had to dodge the trams up Buchanan Street to catch the bus to Auchengillan. The party arrived just before lunch in lovely weather which unfortunately was not to last. Auchengillan, 11 miles north of

Glasgow was a favourite campsite of Billy Connelly (maybe he was there at the same time). The Barrow scouts camped in Kiwi Hollow by the swimming pool. During the week, most camp fires were held indoors due to the wet weather. At the first one they sang 'The Ancient Britons' and on Sunday 'The Scouts Own' was also held indoors, camps were inspected and Barrow Scouts were best in camp.

On Tuesday the wind blew and the sun shone and on arrival back in camp from a coach trip to Edinburgh, they found their tents flattened. It rained again on Wednesday and



*Back row (L-R)  
Trevor Allen,  
David Squires,  
Neil Halliday,  
Keith Banbary,  
John Wilford,*

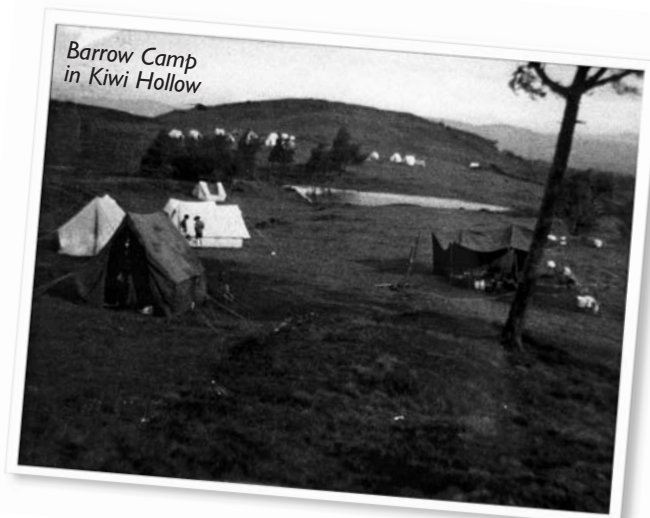
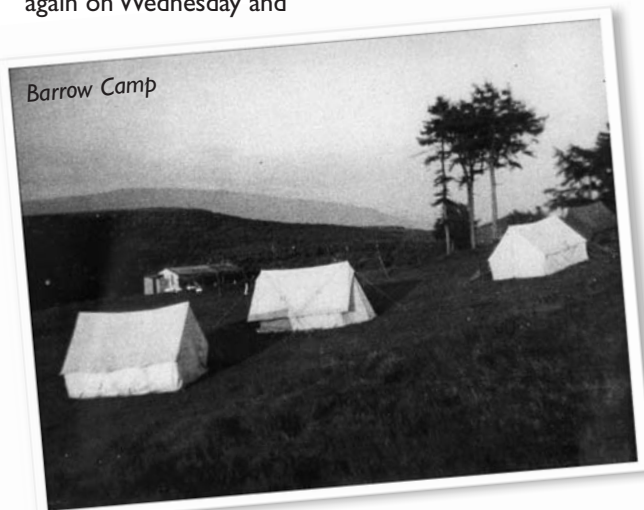
*Front row (L-R)  
Malcolm Barsley,  
Douglas Burrows,  
Michael Dilkes,  
Malcolm Paget,  
Michael Godwin*

Thursday when a trip down the Clyde from Glasgow to Rothesay was enjoyed by all. During the week the scouts were shown pictures of live haggis and young Malcolm Barsley was encouraged to go haggis spotting.

On Friday it was time to strike camp and ...yes, it was still raining. The afternoon was spent in a Glasgow cinema watching 'It's a dog's life' (except for those who fell asleep). After a fish and chip supper, they caught the 8.55pm train, arriving at 6.40am in Barrow. They had to jump out of their compartment under the High Street bridge and Malcolm Paget left his souvenirs on the train. In spite of the weather, everyone had a wonderful time with six of the 10 scouts going on to become Queen's Scouts and one of the other four going on to become a very competent scout leader.

The cost of the week's camp, including travel and excursions was £5 with 18/- (90p) being returned to each camper.

In his spare time the Assistant Scoutmaster was the over-aged captain of Barrow Old Boys U18XI. After beating St Mary's in an earlier round, they played Quorn in the semi-final at Barrow on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1956. Included in the Quorn team were the likes of Sammy Church, Arthur Chadburn who in later years was the manager of Barrow Town and Richie Barker who later achieved fame at Derby County under Brian Clough. The dashing centre forward for Barrow was John Allman who later changed codes and captained Sale at rugby.

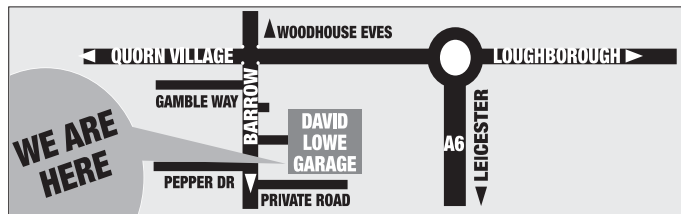


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# Are our dentists giving us something to smile about?

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the Government changed the arrangements for being able to see an NHS dentist. Will this make it easier or more difficult to see a dentist? I asked, Sunita Jassal (BDS, LDS, RCS) of Barrow's Soar Valley Dental Practice what it would mean for us.

First, the good news. Barrow's dentists are still providing NHS care. BUT with some changes.

There is a fixed, limited amount of NHS care each year, so Sunita and her associate, Ashvin Champaneri, have allocated a fixed amount for each month. You can no longer be registered with a particular dentist but if you book well enough in advance, you should be able to make the appointment you want. Emergency appointments are limited to about half an hour a day, so you

need to phone as early as possible in the morning to get seen.

NHS patients can book routine appointments for Wednesdays. You can choose which dentist (Sunita or Ashvin) you would prefer to see although this may not always be possible if your particular choice does not have any NHS time available - or you could choose to wait. By booking my daughter's routine check-up in advance, I had no trouble getting her an NHS appointment.

Some dentists in the area have decided not to take on any NHS patients and the Mountsorrel practice offers free treatment to children if a parent or carer is a registered private patient. I wasn't able to get details from other local practices. I'm afraid it's a case of ring round and ask. But at least in Barrow, you don't have to go far for routine check-ups if you are able to book in advance.

*Karisa Kermar*



# Local Mum has all the answers

A local mum has decided to take the question of 'what to do' and 'where to go' with your children into her own hands by launching a new concept designed to give all the answers. Having moved back to the Charnwood area after several years away, mum-of-two Verity Graham found it hard to find information about what child-friendly places and services existed in the local area. As a result, she has decided to launch [whatcanwedotoday.co.uk](http://whatcanwedotoday.co.uk) – a one-stop-shop quarterly magazine and website for people with children.

'We all know the school holidays can be a particularly stressful time for parents, for obvious reasons. There are plenty of great places to visit and things to do for children, but until now access to quality information about them has been limited. After meeting other parents, grandparents and carers who shared my frustration, I came up with the idea of [whatcanwedotoday.co.uk](http://whatcanwedotoday.co.uk),' said Verity.

[whatcanwedotoday.co.uk](http://whatcanwedotoday.co.uk) will be a comprehensive guide to a 'child-friendly Charnwood' and the surrounding area, covering places to go both indoors and out; shops; pubs and restaurants; party ideas and entertainers; local clubs and classes; and even where to get their hair cut. The quarterly magazine will contain ideas and recommendations from local experts on how to keep children entertained and safe over the summer holidays, whilst the website will provide information on opening times, prices, facilities and age restrictions. Both are set to be officially launched in June, in time for the start of the summer holidays.

Anyone who has recommendations for inclusion in the guide and website, or interested in finding out more can email Verity at [customerservices@whatcanwedotoday.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@whatcanwedotoday.co.uk) or call her on 07772 138988



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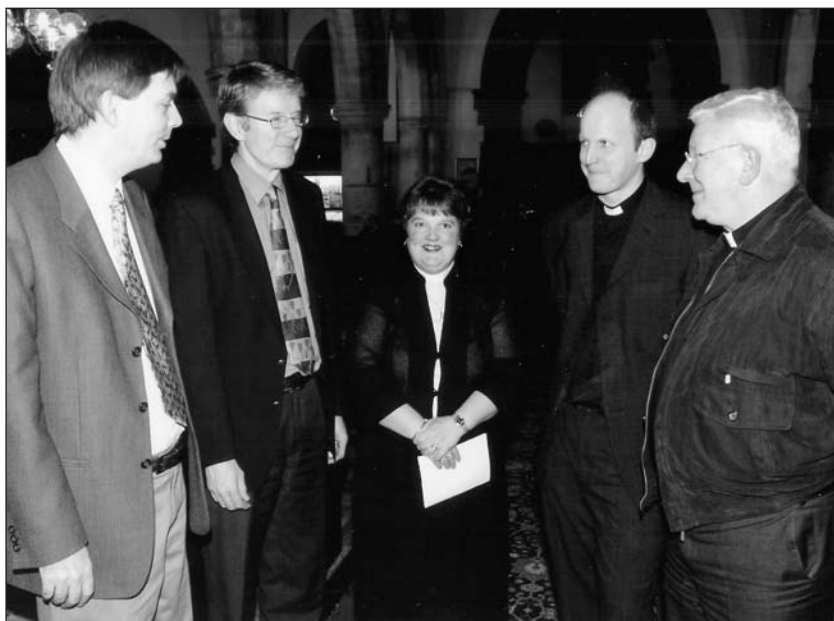
# Churches Together

Earlier this year Holy Trinity Church was the venue for the inauguration service for Churches Together in Barrow. This marked a new beginning in ecumenical relations in the village, and saw both clergy and lay representatives sign the new constitution.

There were also clergy representatives from the wider Church - The Venerable Paul Hackwood, Archdeacon of Loughborough (Anglican); Father Phillip Scanlon, Catholic Dean of Loughborough; Revd Peter Grange, Regional Minister, East Midlands Baptist Association; Revd. Adam Wells, Superintendent of the Loughborough Methodist Circuit and Revd. John Downing, URC Minister, County Ecumenical Development Officer, Churches Together in Leicestershire.

Approximately 200 people attended the service, and music was provided by the Baptist Music Group and the Holy Trinity Organ and Choir.

This service marked the formalisation of the four Churches working together to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in the village, all speaking with one voice and working towards the same goal - that of bringing Jesus into the lives of all the people of Barrow.



Our picture shows all the clergy of the village - from left to right - Revd. Chris Johnson (Baptist) Revd. Mark Turner (Baptist), Revd. Jane Carter, (Methodist) Revd. John Whittaker (Anglican) and Father Anthony Pateman (Roman Catholic)

## Winner of the Village Website Competition

We are pleased to announce that Helen North was the winner of a free meal for two at the Greyhound Inn, Burton. Thanks to The Greyhound Inn for donating the prize.

Log onto [www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk) and find out lots about our village and areas around.



## Do you remember the lime quarries / kilns of Barrow?

Danny McAree, a professional archaeologist working for Northamptonshire Archaeology, is looking for any residents who remember the quarries/kilns or whose relatives worked in the lime working industry in Barrow.

In particular, old photos of the kilns or workings would be greatly appreciated - they would be copied and returned and if used in the final report all contributions would be fully acknowledged.

If you have any information can you please call Northamptonshire Archaeology on 01604 700493 or email [dmcaree@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:dmcaree@northamptonshire.gov.uk).

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DATE/TIME	WALK/DISTANCE	MEETING POINT	ROUTE
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June @ 6.45pm Led by Ginny Willcocks	WOODHOUSE EAVES, RAILWAY/BUD DON LANE 4.5 MILES	Three Crown's car park drivers required to take participants to Woodhouse Eaves	Out by field path to Old Woodhouse, to railway onto Buddon Lane, to Barrow via 'The Slabs'
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7.00pm	SEAGRAVE 5-5.5 MILES	Melton/Breachfield Road bridge Led by Tony & Ann Williams	Out by I.23 by Paudy Farm to Seagrave Refreshment stop at the White Horse returning to Barrow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.00pm	MOUNTSORREL /SILEBY MILL	Old Station car park Leader Required	Out via I.25 to I.26 over one man bridge to Mountsorrel, Refreshment stop at Waterside back via A6 I.63, to Sileby Mill I.26 and I.28
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.00pm	I.15 toward Cotes and return To be confirmed	Humphrey Perkins Michael Gilbert to lead/leader required	Take the I.15 to Cotes via old pumping station, to end of footpath and return. Care to be taken @ Walton Brook. Wellies/walking boots essential
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August to be confirmed @ 7.00pm		Places of Interest Walk Derek Lott	
Please note. • Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a lead at all times • Suitable clothing and footwear should be worn • Routes can be changed at the leaders discretion; <i>Mileage figures are approximate</i> • A refreshment stop will be arranged when & where convenient, depending upon the route, time & weather. • Neither the Parish Council, its Officers, nor Walk Leaders accept any responsibility for or on behalf of participants.			

## Midsummer Music 2006

Once again, The Trap will be hosting Barrow's biggest charity music festival on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>. At least 12 live acts will be appearing between 2.00pm and 11.00pm. This year's charities are the Air Ambulance, Wish Upon A Star which makes dreams come true for terminally ill children, and our own Barrow Youth Theatre group which has put on some remarkable productions over the past three years.

Burgers, ice cream and veggie cobs will be available, as well as a bouncy castle for the kids and real ales for the parents. Musical styles vary from pop to folk to rock to jazz plus one or two which defy pigeonholing, and the Youth Theatre will be performing a taster for their forthcoming presentation.

We made £6500 last year and are well on our way towards that already. First prize in the raffle is a week for two in Spain, flights included, so why not pop in to the Trap, buy some tickets and help us to an even bigger total this year?

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## Barrow Upon Soar Community Association

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### Forthcoming Events

June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council bike ride, get on your bike and prove how fit you are by taking part in one of the three rides, starting at just one mile for the not so fit.
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Dance with the ever popular Just us.
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Come Dancing - the return of the successful introduction to dancing with Ian Shonk.
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dance with Alf Tower.
November 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	Disney Aladdin, another exciting production by the Youth Theatre.
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve dance with Judy Nichols. Get your tickets early, bookings now being taken.

### Some more Village events

#### BOSCAPS

BOSCAPS, the village playscheme, will take place from Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> until Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 to 12.30 for children from 5.00 to 12.00 years. There is also a crèche for helpers children. Registration times are Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 22nd June from 3.30 to 5.00 at Hall Orchard Hall. The first 30 minutes of registration on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> is for helpers and their children only ie from 3.30 - 4.00. The cost is £12.50 per child for the week if paid before registration day and £15.00 after. There will be concessions available on presentation of evidence. Playscheme booklets have been distributed through schools and will also be available in the library and the Paper Shop.

Lots of exciting activities and events are planned such as arts and crafts, specialist work shops including dance, keep fit and karaoke, biscuit making, sports, swimming and loads of others.

For further information, phone Alison Johnstone on 01509 412142 or Carol Westbury at HPHS on 01509 412385.

#### VILLAGE BIKE RIDE

As part of National Bike Week, the Parish Council and BUSCA will be holding the annual Bike Ride on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The first ride starts at 6.30 from the back of Humphrey Perkins High School. There is a 1 mile kiddy's ride round the field, and 4 mile, 7 mile and 10 mile rides on road. The event is fully marshalled and supported by the Police. The Police will be offering free post coding of the bikes of all riders.

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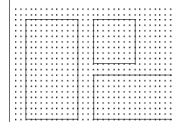
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# Hall Orchard praised for traditional dancing

True Morris dancing comes from middle England and along with maypole dancing stretches back to a least the middle ages, and almost certainly has Celtic origins.

The old customs are being kept alive at Hall Orchard school where pupils have been taking part in Maypole & Morris dancing for eight years, under the expert and enthusiastic tuition of Sonia Hudson. Being a true traditionalist, Sonia has only boys for the Morris dancing, and girls for the maypole. The current boys team has progressed so well that they are performing adult dances, one being the 'Northumberland long sword. This is a very complicated dance and confirms that intelligence as well as enthusiasm is needed to learn all the moves and commit to memory. I was lucky enough to be able to see the boys practise a dance called 'Up sticks Hall Orchard', It was a thoroughly enjoyable foot tapping experience, and very well performed.

I have learnt that in maypole dancing there is no such thing as a set dance, - the patterns are made up and the maypoles vary, Hall Orchards being a twelve ribbon single crown. Luckily the school have Sonia Hudson to devise the dances for them. Originally village folk would have danced around a sacred tree, usually an oak or apple. The tree was replaced by the maypole and in London there is still a church named St. Andrew under Shaft. This is because it stood in the shadow of a giant maypole 100ft. high. The pole was taken down in the time of Cromwell and replaced when Charles II ascended the throne, ensuring the tradition of maypole dancing continued. So many old customs have died out that Hall Orchard are to be congratulated that they are keeping two of them alive. In May, unfortunately before this publication is printed, the school is holding a May Merrymment event at which the boys and girls will be performing their dances. I am sure there will be many proud parents watching and deriving great pleasure from seeing their children taking part in a healthy, energetic pastime. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the children and Sonia Hudson for keeping a bit of olde England alive.

Val Gillings

## At your local library

*Who would make a top secret agent? Are you ready for the next challenge?*

### The Reading Mission, Summer Reading Challenge 2006

Once again, Barrow library is offering the national summer reading challenge when all children between the ages of 4-12 are invited to get reading.

This year's challenge is called The Reading Mission and it will run from 8th July until 9<sup>th</sup> September. It is free and is a wonderful way for children to enjoy reading for pleasure and to use their local library over the long summer holidays, focussing on the exciting world of secret agents, codes and top secret missions.

There will also be several activities in libraries to complement the Reading Mission and details of these will be available in local libraries or by looking at the website [www.leics.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.leics.gov.uk/libraries)

Please note the changes of opening times at Barrow Library:

<b>Mon:</b>	2.00 - 7.00pm	
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<b>Wed:</b>	10.00 - 12 noon	3.00 - 5.00pm
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# Hitting their target



## Soar Valley Archery Club

Thirty years ago I decided to give archery a try having seen the targets set up on Beacon Field opposite Humphrey Perkins High School. I went along on a Tuesday night not really knowing what to expect. This turned out to be training night when experienced archers gave their time free of charge to teach a skill which man has practised since he lived in caves. The club was large at that time with around 60 members and I learned later hosted one of the biggest annual archery competitions in the UK. After a warm welcome and a safety chat I was introduced to the bow and shown the basics of target archery. Over the next few months of steady practice I learned

how to increase my accuracy, bought my own bow and was invited to join the club as a full member. I continued to enjoy shooting regularly for the next 10 years, finally calling a halt due to work commitments.

Five years ago my sister and her partner phoned and expressed an interest in taking up archery. Thinking of

Soar Valley I agreed to take them along on a Tuesday night even though I hadn't been a member for some years. When we arrived I was saddened to see the club was down to 3 members and looked like it would close in the near future. Still, a very nice evening followed with my sister and partner shooting a bow for the first time, and I rediscovered the simple joy of hitting the target.

Over the next few weeks of chatting on the shooting line and over tea we decided to see if there was sufficient interest in the local area to re-grow the club, not along the lines of most archery clubs which tend to be very formal and competition oriented, but as

a social archery club, where nobody minds if you chat while shooting. The club membership grew entirely by word of mouth over the next two years and it was common to see a dozen or so archers again on Beacon Field. Sadly the club store on the field was vandalized and although repaired immediately by the members was damaged three more times until finally being destroyed all together with the loss of most of the targets stored inside.

Nowadays although we don't advertise the club we have about 25 members mostly coming from the local area, with ages ranging from 11 to 76, male and female. Sometimes the targets will be changed for an evening to large dart boards or some other archery game such as archery golf will be arranged. The goal is to enjoy our free time. The club now meets in Humphrey Perkins School hall but we are hoping to start shooting on Beacon Field again this summer if we can find a suitable steel container to store targets.

**Dennis Hargreaves**

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# Cricket Force Day at BTCC

**Cricket Force is the English Cricket Board's equivalent of Ground Force without Alan Titchmarsh and Charlie Dimmock. At Barrow Town Cricket Club, on the afternoon of April 21<sup>st</sup> over 20 young players, plus members of the committee and Paul Nixon from Leicestershire County Cricket Club descended on the Nottingham Road ground to prepare for the beginning of the coming season. Protective clothing, an ECB T shirt, was provided for everyone who helped and activities ranged from fence painting to tidying up the gardens and washing dishes that were covered with cobwebs and creatures accumulated over the quiet winter months when the club house is closed.**

By the end of the afternoon the whole area looked brilliant even without the obligatory gazebo or decking of Titchmarsh and Co's fame. The playing area looked magnificent as always, weeds and ivy all cut back from the club house roof, fences and sight screens painted and glassware and crockery all gleaming after a whiz through the dishwasher. BTCC committee offer many thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

*The picture shows all who took part, most of them in their clean BTCC shirts, They weren't quite so white by the end of the day*





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# Riversiders' end of season review

# 2005 2006

## Seniors just lose out

Once again Barrow Town has been amongst the front-runners for the Senior League title, just pipped at the post by the long time leaders Friar Lane on the last day of the season. League playing record ; Matches 34; Won 24; Drawn 2; Lost 8; Points 74. Credit to Nick Ellis and Darren Siddons for delivering a third runners-up spot in 10 years. The big prize still eludes us, but the club now has the platform and potential to mount another challenge next season

An early shock exit from the Senior Cup was tempered with a fine run in the FA Vase. Drawn at home in all three rounds, we beat Borrowash Vics and Congleton Town, both from a higher standard, before losing out to local rivals Quorn 1-3 in front of a record crowd of just over 450. Incidentally our average crowds this campaign have been well up on previous years at around 95 per match. We thank you all for your valuable support.

## Final season

Manager Darren Siddons has indicated that this is his last season in management after two successful campaigns at Riverside Park. Fifteen seasons in Senior League management, Darren feels the time has come for him and his family to enjoy their leisure time in a more relaxing way. Barrow Town sincerely thank him for his efforts and wish him well for the future.

Nick Ellis initially made the step up from Reserve team manager and has proved hugely successful at this level. His commitment and drive have played a massive part in an enjoyable and rewarding season. Business and personal commitments may mean that Nick will not be in the hot seat next season, but we anticipate he will be involved in some important capacity at the Club

Waiting in the wings are Adrian Draycott and Steve Alexander, who have just completed a memorable double for the club in lifting the Combination championship for the second year running.

Playing record to date; Played 29; Won 21; Drawn 4; lost 4 Points 67

Adrian and Steve have brought enthusiasm and endeavour to the most difficult job at any club. They have proved over two seasons that the qualities they bring produces successful teams that play in the right spirit

## Under 18s

The Under 18 floodlit youth team, under the guidance of Mark Whelband, Nigel Squires, and Terry Steans began from scratch at very short notice. After a run of early defeats they finished the season with three wins and three draws and a great team spirit. They now have a side that has the majority of players still eligible to play next season.

Playing record; played 18; Won 3; Drawn 3; Lost 12; Points 12

Though unsuccessful this year the future looks promising, the team will be better equipped physically to compete next season with pre-season fitness training under Leicester City coach Nev Hamilton, and Tigers fitness coach John Cross, plus a connection with the Leicester City Academy.

*Alan Dawkins*

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The Butter: Chop some fresh coriander, mint and 2 spring onions, mix with the softened butter and add juice and zest of 1 lime. Roll in clingfilm to form a log and chill.

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people

The Salsa: Peel and dice the mango, chop the pepper, slice the remaining spring onions, add fresh cut coriander and mint and then moisten with the remaining lime juice and zest and sweet chilli sauce depending how hot you like it.

The Salmon: Roll the salmon in a little olive oil and then into the spice mix. Sear on both sides in a hot frying pan with a little more oil and pop into a hot oven for 3-6 minutes depending on the size of the fish and how well cooked you like it.

To Serve: Slice the butter and sit a piece on top of each salmon steak. Serve with the salsa and some warm new potatoes 'Jersey royals' if you can get them!

*I like to drink a nice Aussie Riesling with spicy fish dishes like this.*

**Graeme, The Greyhound Inn, Burton-on-the-Wolds**