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From the serious to the light-hearted...

This edition once again ranges from the serious to the light-hearted as we continue to reflect the nation's focus on WW1. Do read young Matt and Ben's account of visiting the battlefields of France and Belgium and consider learning more about life in Barrow during those grim war years by getting hold of Malcolm Dark's latest book. Still thinking about the war, when Judith Rodgers wrote her 'Letter to an Unknown Soldier' for BV Summer little did she foresee the surprising ripples it would create.

But there's so much of interest in this edition there isn't space to do it all justice. There are interviews with older residents, a library catch up, a Murder Mystery review, a Christmas Quiz, what people eat for Christmas Breakfast, an interview with Barrow's one and only Canine Superstar and Selfies!

Front cover: 'Hens in Snow' by Dee Wigmore

Merry Christmas,

Gaynor Barton, Editor

Beware! Bird feeders can harbour a nasty virus.

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust is asking people who feed birds in their gardens to be extra vigilant about cleaning their bird feeders after a severe case of Avian Pox was confirmed in Cropston.

Avian pox is a skin condition that affects many bird species commonly found in gardens. It causes lesions, particularly on the face, which look like warty tumours. In severe cases these lesions grow large and can affect the bird's vision which results in a greater risk of predation or a slow death from starvation.

So please clean your feeder regularly, ideally once a week. The disease spreads quickly amongst birds from feeders as the easy supply of food encourages a variety of birds to congregate.

You can get more information about Avian Pox from www.lrw.org.uk



Letter from Hubbard's

Dear Editor,

Please may David and I thank Barrow Voice for the lovely article that appeared in the September edition "Hubbard's hang up the saws".

It came like the icing on the cake after we had packed our bags (in thought only) at the end of that last Saturday in the shop thinking that soon, everyone would have forgotten Hubbard's Butchers.

For a whole fortnight before we closed the business we were overwhelmed with cards, flowers, bottles of wine, messages of appreciation and ...orders for sausages. Lots and lots of them. One customer ordered £100's worth!!! Poor David had to work night and day to meet the orders because we certainly weren't going to let our customers down.

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Prue and David Smart

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News

Library Update

It's official: the changes WILL happen!

County Councillors have voted to accept the recommendations of the Library Service.

Historically the County Council has to make massive cuts because of reductions in its grant funding from 2018. Its solution includes cutting the Library Service budget by £800,000 (from £5.6m).

This will be achieved by:

- reducing the opening hours of the 16 major libraries
- providing an on line library service available 24/7
- offering a (generous) support package (including the book stock, computers etc) to the 36 communities that have a rural library so that they could take over their library via a Community Partnership and
- where a community does not agree, then the LCC may replace the library with a library van.

THE SITUATION IN BARROW NOW

The LCC library Public Meeting in Barrow in June showed overwhelming support by residents to keep the library open.

As a result, BUSCA and Barrow Parish Council have been working together to ensure that a Community Partnership can be formed with the LCC to keep our library open and operating at the same level as currently.

BUSCA held a Public Meeting for anyone interested in finding out more and possibly wanting to volunteer. 62 people attended and from that meeting we have received many offers to man library sessions and several offers to form a Library Management Committee. We also received a variety of other offers to help including cleaning.

BUSCA and the Parish Council have had several meetings with the Library Service and Barrow was selected to give evidence to a special LCC Library Review panel (ie they want to know what Barrow thinks!)

THE LIKELY TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

- We research all the details for the Community Partnership and draw up a business plan.
- We finalise the Community Partnership by end of Feb 2015
- Locally-based training by the Library Service will be aimed to ensure that every volunteer feels confident to carry out the required range of tasks with enjoyment!
- We take over Barrow library sometime between April and December 2015

We are well aware that this poses commitment problems for volunteers because they might not be needed to man library sessions for over a year! However, there are lots of ways that volunteers can get started and we intend to get things going straight away now that we know that the main proposals have been accepted by County Councillors.

THE LIKELY MODEL FOR THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

BUSCA Library Committee will continue to work with Barrow Parish Council to manage each stage. BUSCA will form the Community Partnership with Leicestershire County Council (with or without Barrow Parish Council).

A Library Management Committee will be formed which will have an operational function. It will be a subgroup of BUSCA and will include new volunteers plus at least two BUSCA Trustees and two Parish Councillors. It will be responsible for adhering to the Service Level Agreement contained in the Community Partnership as well as any additional functions that are deemed desirable (such as fund-raising, setting up a Friends of Barrow Library). It will also report to Trustees and to the Parish Council on a regular basis.

BUSCA will employ a part time co-ordinator of volunteers whose main role will be to manage a rota of volunteers and ensure that they maintain a satisfactory level of service. The Manager will be supported by the Library Management Committee.

The Parish Council will fund the cost of the part time manager and Barrow's share of the running costs as detailed in the support package of the Community Partnership. This will be done via a grant to BUSCA.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOUR HELP, PLEASE PICK UP the Library Volunteer application form FROM THE PAPER SHOP, COMPLETE IT and RETURN IT TO THE PAPER SHOP or contact judithrodgers155@gmail.com

You will find more information, including details of the support package on www.leics.gov.uk/futurelibraries

We will also be emailing out regular updates to those people who have asked to be included (let Judith know if you want to add your email address). We will also keep the new BUSCA website up to date as things change and as we make progress.

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‘KNOW-HOW’ - a child of Barrow comes of age in Loughborough

I wonder if you were around in Barrow in 1996. An exciting new Barrow business opened in High Street (where the Parish Council Offices are today).



The premises had housed Ann Noel Clothes Shop but the facility we now had was effectively an internet café although it was initially aimed as a children's educational toyshop. Bryan and Debra Allen sold educational toys, games, activities and computer-aided learning packages. I remember buying my children a game based on Noddy and Big Ears where Noddy wandered through a maze of paths in Toyland in his yellow

car and threw something at an ice cream shy. Do you remember it? Very instructional!

This was at a time before home computers were common (if you can imagine such a world!) Debra told me that people came in for a chat; they dropped their kids off to play with the toys while they did the shopping! They came in and used the computers; one person even wrote a book in the shop. Customers were charged an hourly rate to use the computers but it really became a social hub.

Then, once they had a taste for the wonders of the computer, people started asking if Bryan would build them a computer to use at home. He did this from component parts. A simple word processor cost about £1,000. One customer required a really powerful computer to use in his geophysics business, costing over £2,000. That's when the business really took off. It

expanded to business computers, support for schools, repairs, servicing, upgrades, sorting out internet problems and so on.

Bryan and Debra realized that they no longer needed a shop because most of the work was done at the customer's site. So they sold up and moved to the new University Innovation Centre in Loughborough. They have since moved to the Technology Centre nearby and business is booming.

Bryan and Debra still live in Barrow and it has recently dawned on them that their previous customers don't realise that they are still in business but now in Loughborough. This year they are celebrating Know How's 18 years and they would like Barrow to share in their celebrations of this very successful family business by taking up their offer of an £18 VOUCHER (see advert opposite).

Judith Rodgers

Strawberry Lettings and Sales

The last time Barrow Voice reported on Strawberry Lettings & Sales, this very successful 'homegrown' Barrow business had just moved into their new premises on High Street.

That was over two years ago and the business has been growing steadily ever since. Now with a staff of six, Nicola explained how every member of the team has their specific strengths and this is, in part, the secret of Strawberry's success. Each person has a role which closely matches their own specialist knowledge and skills and this includes Nicola's husband Mel whose attention to detail makes him the ideal property photographer and inventory checker. Even daughter Hannah brings a fresh perspective to the business, helping out part time while studying for A levels.

As well as having a great knowledge of the wider property climate, each member of staff has real-life experience within the immediate locality; in fact everyone lives actually in or very near to Barrow itself. Nicola is proud that Strawberry is part of the community and is recognised as a company providing a genuinely valuable local service.

As further illustration of this commitment, Strawberry now sponsors the Barrow Town Youth Football Club's Under 17 team. As Nicola says, "this excellent organisation includes vitally important life skills within its training as well as allowing the boys to follow a hobby that they very obviously love. Strawberry is very proud to support that."

Judith Rodgers



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As the project to record the memorials in Holy Trinity is almost complete, members of the Heritage Group are starting to plan their next project, which is to look at farming in the village.



The earliest record is of course the Domesday Book, commissioned by William the Conqueror so that he could collect the taxes more efficiently. His

investigators recorded that Manor of Barrow was held by Earl Hugh from the King. There were 40 villagers and 13 small-holders with 11 ploughs. At the Enclosure in 1760 (see Stephen Joyce, 'Changing Times in Barrow upon Soar, Quorndon, Sileby, Mountsorrel North End') 130 people received plots of land, though many were not able to afford the cost of fencing and sold them to larger land owners.

In 1851, Barrow was still a largely rural

village and there were many farms in the area. Agriculture was the second largest employer after framework knitting. There were 24 farmers identified in the 1851 census, employing over 100 agricultural workers on 1,250 acres around Barrow.

The types of jobs included labourers who worked the fields, cowmen or stockmen who tended cattle, farm boys and girls who had a host of jobs around the farm, ploughmen who tilled the land using horses to pull the ploughs, and farm bailiffs at the bigger farms.

Overall the numbers employed represented around 6% of Barrow's population, second only to framework knitting in importance. However, farming declined steadily from the 1850s as an employer, and by 1911, although there were still 14 farmers, they only employed 30 men or just over 1% of the population.

The 1973 map of the village shows that there were still 13 farms, so they were still a significant presence in the economy of the village.

We would like to trace the history of some of the farms and would be very grateful if anyone could lend us pictures of life on the farms, or tell us stories: anything which would keep the memories alive. The pictures which accompany this article have been lent to us



by Diane Sanders; we are very grateful to her for giving us permission to use them. Some older members of the community will probably remember the milk deliveries from the Sanders farm: when milk was produced and delivered locally, we drank the milk from the cows we saw in the fields. If you can help, please contact us through the Heritage website www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk or call Kathryn Timmons 01509 416168.

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TALES OF OLD BARROW

Brian Geary, aged 80 and Owen Wootton, 85, remember days gone by

I have been talking to Brian Geary about his days as a young boy growing up in Barrow. I had heard of children taking dinners to the men at the Ellis Works on Sileby Road but I learned from Brian that this was something of a family tradition, as a younger child would take over when an older sibling left school. He took over from his brother.

Brian told me that the children were let out of school five minutes early and the wives of the workers would be waiting at the school gate with their men's dinners. Brian took four so had two sticks on which he balanced the baskets. His first drop off would be at the joiners' shop, this was about where Pingle Nook is now, and his last would be to Mr Lacey which was about where Stone's Garage is now. He would then run back, have his lunch, and then go back to school. His reward for this was the princely sum of three old pennies a week or, as he says, two pennies and a clip around the ear if he spilt any of the gravy!

Another of Brian's memories is of John Williams who worked as a thatcher. He lived in two of the three cottages that stood on what is now Fishpool Way. In those days it was known as Bill Edge. When the harvest was gathered in, the haystacks were always built near to the farm house and John would be employed to thatch them in order to keep them waterproof until the threshing could be done. There was only one threshing machine in the area and this belonged to Ted Harvey of Cotes: it could be as late as February before he got round to all of the farms.

During his childhood Brian remembers Mr Marlow going around the village with a horse and dray selling vegetables. Brian would help himself to a carrot off the back of the cart then crawl underneath and sit on the axle to eat it.

Another wonderful source of stories is Owen Wootton. He told me about Charlie Bartlet, who was a barber with a shop on the High Street and whose wife used to keep the Post Office next door. Charlie's nickname was Flipper because he had an opinion on everything, as barbers tend to do, and it was "flipping this" and "flipping that". He was also a chain-smoker so would always have a cigarette in his mouth as he was cutting hair. As a result, many men would have hot ash dropped down their necks whilst sitting in the chair.



Brian Geary



Owen Wootton

Walter Lovett, as a young lad, lived next to the King Bill pub across the road from three small shops; one of these was owned by Mr Morgan the cobbler. Behind the shops were long gardens with a privy at the end and then fields in which apple trees grew. One day Mr. Morgan caught Walter scrumping. He told the local Bobby, who told the headmaster and Walter got a thrashing. Bent on revenge Walter hatched a plan: he knew that Mr Morgan was a creature of habit and every evening at the same time he would go down the garden with the 'Leicester Mercury' tucked under his arm for a quiet sit down. Now Walter knew that when the soil-men came with their horse and cart to empty the toilet pans they slid a little door open from the back to remove the pan. So Walter and his mates collected a big bunch of vicious stinging nettles, waited until Mr Morgan was settled, silently slid open the door at the back, removed the pan and pushed the stinging nettles into place. Revenge, as they say, is sweet! I could listen to these two gentlemen forever, so look out in future issues for some more tales from 'Bygone Barrow'.

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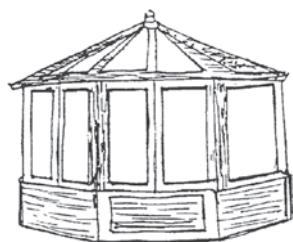
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BV: You've come along way, haven't you Ted?

Yes, yes, I have I know. It is hard to believe I've achieved so much in the last 18 months - but truly - I haven't changed one bit.

I'm still the same cocker-spaniel / poodle combo I've always been: stunningly handsome, modest, brilliantly intelligent, wildly energetic, Classic FM loving, child friendly, low allergy, tough and immensely lovable. Thanks Mum and Dad for giving me such a brilliant gene-pool.



BV: Where did it start?

Only two years ago I was a tiny puppy with Mum in Markfield, then at a very tender age, only twelve weeks, I emigrated to Barrow and now look at me; last July I was a star in 'Annie' at the Curve in Leicester with my own dressing room and grooming products that give my fur the added gloss and volume one needs on stage and I do like a nice smell.

BV. Tell me Ted. Were you the only dog to play 'Sandie'?

No, I wasn't but the other two weren't anything like as good! No, they weren't, honest!! No comparison at all. I feel I was outstanding in the part as I fitted the role description so perfectly. The Leicester Mercury ad had called for a sandy coloured dog with a shaggy coat that could take a bit of rough and tumble.

Feature

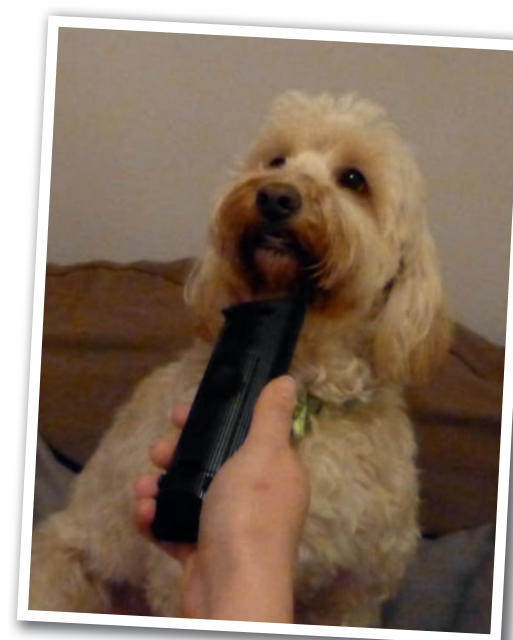
The last thing the director wanted was a pampered pooch! The role description fitted me perfectly and I proved it by accidentally falling off the stage into the orchestra pit during my audition.

Those on stage hurried across looking very worried but then looked down and just saw my tail wagging at the bottom of the pit. I'm a stunt dog at heart don't you know. In the end, three of us were chosen - we acted the others off the stage. Of all thirteen performances I starred in four, the most wildly acclaimed four of course, and never let them down.

No, I never missed a performance and always answered my dressing-room calls promptly, 'Ted to the stage please.' How I love the sound of those words! In Act 1 I always stayed safely attached to my fire hydrant, then Annie would collect me and sing, 'The sun will come out tomorrow' to me and at the end of Act 2 I would make a spectacular jump out of Annie's Christmas present box. Nice box - always had treats at the bottom which I had just enough time to eat before the lid flew open and I bounded out, tail wagging, to cover Annie's face with friendly licks. It was my star moment; the audience went wild. In my opinion no other dog can lick and wag quite as enthusiastically as a cocker-poo. We're such great multi-taskers.

BV: What's your fan base?

Well, I'd say mostly aged around ten or a little younger and very keen on taking selfies with me. Mobbed! Yes, I was mobbed whenever I was caught leaving the stage door. The cries of 'Sandie' 'Sandie' would echo through the night air as I was lovingly surrounded by my fans and their phones. Sometimes I only got back to Barrow at midnight as I'm not the kind of dog to turn tail on his fans. And truth to be told I do enjoy being the centre of attention.



BV: And Ted, what of the future?

My agents, Steve and Julie Barron, are scouring 'The Stage' for West End canine thespian opportunities. I've told them I feel ready for a bigger challenge - working with the likes of Michael Crawford or Elaine Page. 'Annie', was great but with a talent like mine one has to raise one's sights. I know you may laugh, as the dog was a collie, but I think I could play the musical theatre version of 'Lassie'. Don't you know?

BV: Of course Ted; you'd be wonderful and thank you for a fascinating interview.

My pleasure, and by the way I'm available for panto.

As told to Gaynor Barton



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Ben and Matt visit the battlefields of France and Belgium

My name is Ben Coddington and I am a Year 11 student at Humphrey Perkins School. I was selected to go on the WW1 Battlefields Trip to France and Belgium, funded by the government, so I could gain a better understanding of the causes and sacrifices made by the people who served in the Great War.

To be able to go on the trip, together with our history teacher Mr Hurley, we had to do a presentation along with an interview explaining why we wanted to go and represent the school. The trip lasted four days. We left on September 12th and came back on Sept 18th.

We visited a number of sites, both in France and Belgium, such as the Menin Gate in the town of Ypres, Belgium. Personally my most memorable moment of the trip was in Tyne Cott cemetery where I found a couple of young men's headstones side by side which said that they had died in the war at the age of 15. This particularly touched me because it made me realise how brave those young men were to fight for their country despite being younger than myself. This moment made me take time to stop and

I think the best part of the trip was meeting and socialising with people that without this opportunity and experience I would never have met. The friendships I have made will hopefully stay with me and carry on afterwards. As well as this, the trip was not just useful in terms of learning about WW1 but it also taught me life skills such as living in a room with people I had never met before.

My name is Matt Carpenter and I was chosen, along with Ben, to represent the school in Belgium and France. I was very proud to do this because it was a process that required me to do an interview first.

I'll write about the things I remember most. Firstly, there are many people I remember from that trip that I am still friends with as we shared the same experiences on that trip. Secondly, I managed to understand the amount of people that died in 'The Great War'. Whilst driving through Belgium in every village you go through there is a war memorial that has the names of many soldiers that were killed. Also we attended a service that commemorates the soldiers. In Belgium they do a memorial every single day, whilst in Britain a lot of the population only remember them on Remembrance Day. Thirdly, when we attended the largest cemetery for soldiers of the First World

War, you can understand just how many people's bodies were not found. For example there were twelve thousand graves that did not have a name on them. That makes me personally think about the families that do not know where their loved ones are buried because their bodies were not found. Just imagine not knowing where your mother or father is buried after they fought for your freedom. Just think about it.

To summarise, this experience was very eye-opening for me and showed me how important it is to remember the people who died for us.

Ben Coddington and Matt Carpenter



Mr. Hurley



Matt (left) and Ben



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Christmas breakfasts

A small survey amongst friends found that pork pie for breakfast on Christmas Day is a tradition in Leicestershire: Pat Doxey born in Barrow, Averil Hildred born in Sileby and myself, born in Leicester all have this delicacy and has been a family tradition since childhood.

Elliot Wilkes and family always have a brussel-sprouts and bacon fry up whereas my daughters prefer bacon and mushroom butties, whilst Shirley Apperley has porridge and Ceri Fairbrother has croissants. The most bizarre one I came across was Mary Marlow's gran who hailed from Yorkshire; she had eggs, bacon, tomatoes and pickled onions, the onions only having been pickled for a week to ensure they were crunchy. There's nowt so queer as folk.

Val Gillings



What will Santa bring this year?

Very, very early one Christmas morning in the late 1950s, I crawled to the bottom of my bed to find the pillow case that Santa had filled during the night.

I pulled out the biggest parcel, unwrapped it and found what I was looking for - a large doll with long plaits and moveable legs. On the other side of the room my brother was still sound asleep and I think I knew it was too early to wake him so I placed the doll carefully back in her box and went back to sleep for a few more hours.



When I hear children talking about what they want for Christmas nowadays I often feel a bit baffled so I decided to take a look at Hamleys Toy shop's list of top toys. I got quite a surprise because the first toy I saw was a doll who looked quite similar to the one I remember from half a century before. Then I read the description and realised that they were very different toys.

My doll was special because she could walk - if you pulled her along her legs would move one at a time - as long as you pushed against the floor as you did so. And I could unplat her hair and then plait it again. I called her Arabella.

The doll that Hamleys would like you to buy is called Cayla. She uses speech -to-text Google software to look up answers to questions online. She will cost you around £75.

The popularity of the film, 'Frozen', seems to have influenced the Christmas toy list. Still on the dolls theme, for £40 you can buy 'Ice skating Anna' or 'Ice skating Elsa'.

Or you could buy Xeno, who looks like a cross between a rabbit and a hedgehog in a purple plastic design. Apparently Xeno interacts with a dedicated app to 'encourage hours of play' using eight touch sensors. I have it on good authority that Xeno produces green bogeys and farts on demand. Hmmm! Xeno will set you back £100 - not exactly a stocking filler then!

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I asked a few friends (most of them over forty) what their most memorable childhood Christmas present was. The list included train sets, construction sets and modeling kits, a tricycle, a scooter, a sledge, a gold ring, a doll's house, a table tennis table and an enormous paint box. It pleased me that all those things are still popular with children of today. I wonder what the top toys will be in another fifty years time.

Julie Gardner

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

(Answers on page 30)

Christmas General Knowledge

1. Plus or minus one year, when did Queen Elizabeth II deliver her first televised Christmas message to the nation?
2. Who composed the music for the festive season ballet 'The Nutcracker'?
3. On which three special days do Americans consume the most food?
4. What was the name of the boy in the TV film 'The Snowman'?
5. Which word that is also used for Christmas means 'turning of the sun'?

The Christmas Pop Master

6. Which record was a Christmas No.1 in 1975 and 1991?
7. Who was the fastest milkman in the west?
8. Who broke the X-factor winning streak of No1 Christmas hits in 2009?
9. Who has had the most Christmas number 1s in the UK?
10. "Mary's boy child" was a Christmas number 1 for two different artists. Can you name them?

Christmas 'dingbats'. Find the words - some Christmassy some not really!

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13. Tofrankouch
14. A3 tortilla A4
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16. In 'Coronation Street' in 1961 who nearly choked on a sixpence during Christmas dinner?
17. Which long running TV series opened with a 1971 episode called 'The Homecoming - A Christmas Story'?
18. Who played Scrooge in 'The Muppets Christmas Carol'?
19. Which Welsh singer made her acting debut in the 2010 Doctor Who Christmas Special?
20. Which long running TV series features a character called Santa's Little Helper?

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We will be reporting on the work of each Committee over the next few issues; we hope you find the information interesting and useful in understanding the work of the Council and hope that this encourages you to put yourself forward at the next election May 2015.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee meets about twice a month, dependant on applications received. We don't only look at relevant planning applications and comment on planning decisions, but each month we:

- review major planning applications within the village boundary and those that may affect the village. This means that the Parish Council can remain aware of any changes in the status of the applications and of any concerns raised by residents.
- liaise with various agencies and authorities regarding developer contribution as well as the cumulative effect of development on the infrastructure of the village. We are mindful of the pressure that increased housing puts on services within the village.
- respond to planning consultations from other authorities, and update our knowledge on the ever changing planning legislation.

In addition, committee members may meet and/or visit sites with developers, statutory authorities and agencies in order to better understand the application so that our comment is made with more knowledge than may be available otherwise. Another nice thing we do is suggest names for any new roads, but we don't always have our way as there may be similar road names within Charnwood!

Members of the public are welcome to come and see how this committee works; just keep your eye on the website/window of the Parish Council Office where agendas are displayed.

Update on the Status of Recent Major Planning Applications

Jelson Homes - 280 homes on land off Melton Road

Further to the Parish Council's strenuous objection, subsequent appeal and following High Court Challenge the development is approved, though subject to satisfying a number of significant conditions including the approval of the arrangements for surface water and foul drainage schemes which we believe pose a number of problems.

Barwood Homes - 76 homes (subsequently increased to 87) at Strancliffe Hall

Again this application has been approved and again is subject to satisfying a significant number of conditions. Barwood Homes has recently started ground work on the site.

David Wilson/Miller Homes - 71 homes at Orchard Kennels

Approved and subject to satisfying a significant number of conditions including the approval of the arrangements for surface water and foul drainage schemes and the associated capacity of existing systems.

Morris Homes - 70 homes on land off Cotes Road

The Parish Council has submitted strenuous objections to this development. The application was heard on 17th November and was rejected by councillors against the recommendation of the Planning Officers by 7 votes to 5 on the grounds that i) it is outside the limits to development ii) it would not be a sustainable development. At the time of going to press it is unclear whether Morris Homes will appeal against this decision.

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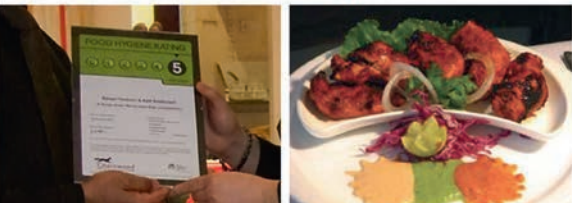


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Ripples

In the June edition of Barrow Voice, I wrote a “letter to an unknown soldier”, responding to the call from Neil Bartlett and Kate Pullinger (and our editor) for people to make their own memorial to the First World War in this way.

They set up a website www.1418now.org.uk for people to publish their letters. The website opened to receive letters on 28th June 2014 and closed on 4th August 2014. During the 5 weeks of the project, 21,439 letters were published.

Shortly after Barrow Voice appeared I received this email:

Hello Judith, The piece ‘Letter to an unknown soldier’ reached the village of Lympstone this weekend in the hands of an unknown person who dropped it into the local pub on Furry Dance Day. It is a curious coincidence, since the letter makes reference to the dance itself.

You would not necessarily know this but the Furry Dance is shrouded in mystery and any information we have is highly valued. Not only that, but every single Royal Marine Commando is trained in this village and our connections with the military are profound. This makes the letter not only a fascinating insight into our past but also a very moving antidote to war.

I would ask that ANY information you can give us to locate your source material would be gratefully received. It means a lot to us.

Sincerely S... F... Royal British Legion.

This is how my reply started:

Gosh, what a small world.

Let me explain the context of the letter and come clean from the start: **this letter is fiction.** I was born in 1942 and my childhood in Lympstone started in 1947!

I am on the editorial panel of our community magazine, Barrow Voice (see www.barrowvoice.co.uk) It had already been determined that we would take part in the “Write a letter to an unknown soldier” project started off by Stephen Fry and others.

I wrote as though a child of nearly 10 (ie it would actually have been 1952). I wrote as from my home at 4, Strawberry Hill, with real brief reminiscences of village life including the Furry Dance, the swimming races, Saddlers Arms, Lympstone Station etc. But definitely not first world war time.

I had an idyllic childhood in Lympstone. We lived in what were the servants’ quarters of Lympstone House. There was a huge fig tree in our walled garden (is it still there?) and I gorged myself on ripe figs. I would go off on my bike at the start of the day and come home for tea in the evening. I swam in the River Exe from Parsonage whenever it was possible and often when it wasn’t really. Didn’t get polio although some of my friends did: Exeter’s sewage came down the estuary untreated, not that we knew that at the time. Played on the bits of sand under the cliff in the harbour. Climbed all over Darling’s Rock. Crabbed, fished for minnows down Mill Lane and biked all over Woodbury Common, made campfires and cooked sausages and wild garlic. I went to Lympstone Primary School for 2 years and then to Exeter,

catching the steam train everyday and then walked 3/4 mile to school in Exeter. When we travelled by train to Exmouth or Exeter in the evenings we were locked in the ladies only compartment to protect us from the drunken marines. What freedom and excitement modern kids miss!!

Sorry not to shed any light on the origins of the Furry Dance!

Yours....

Then in September, I was stopped in Barrow High Street by a resident, more or less on the pedestrian crossing. “Judith, quick, tell me what your phone number is. I’ll phone you as soon as I get home”. Intrigued, I learnt that her friend, now resident in Exmouth once lived in 4, Strawberry Hill...my home between 1945 and 1966 that I had written from in my Letter to the Unknown Soldier. I still can’t quite believe this because it was such a peculiar house. Who else would choose to live in a permanently leaking house comprised of the next door mansion’s apple store, the billiard room, the butler’s suite and a pantry. Actually, I think someone knocked down our ropey old garage and built a “proper house” but I’m waiting for Keith to phone me to tell me.

The next question is: what will be the ripples from this December edition?

Judith Rodgers

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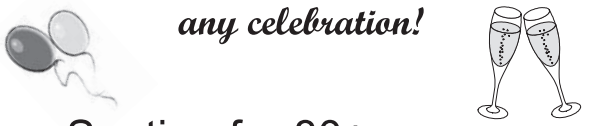
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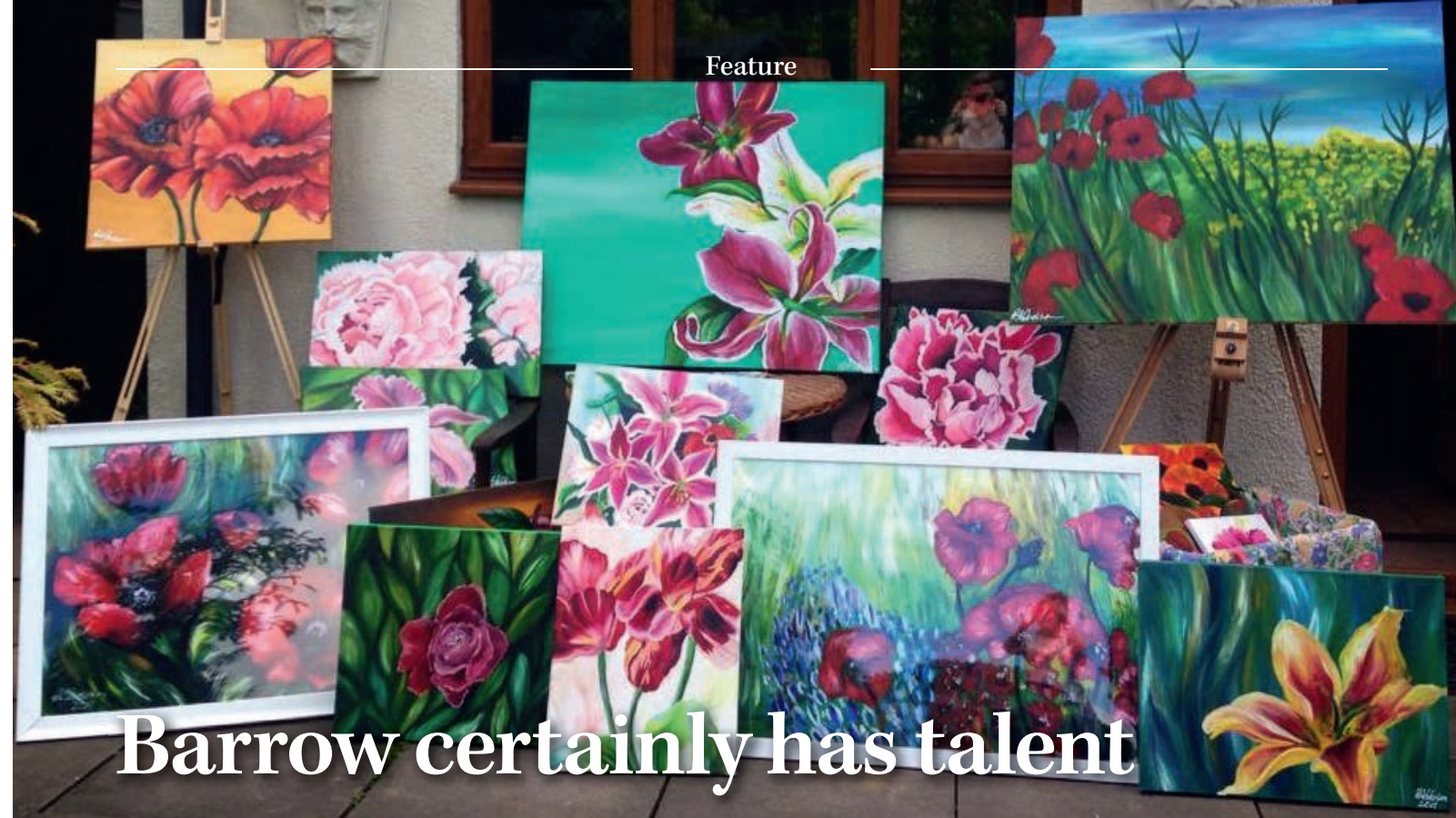


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Barrow certainly has talent

Rosey Hudson, who has lived in Barrow for most of her life, is one talented young woman. Not only does she run her own business, she is also an extremely gifted artist with a huge output of paintings.

Rosey, who is just twenty one years old, lives in Markfield now so I met her at her parents' house in Barrow, where I was made very welcome. She explained that she has always loved drawing and painting and that by the time she was eleven she knew that she wanted to be an artist and that flowers were her passion.

After school she studied fine art at Lincoln University. Rosey has been inspired by the work of Marianne North who was born in 1830 and devoted her life to travelling the world and painting plants. At Kew Gardens the recently restored Marianne North Gallery has walls lined with hundreds of her pictures. Rosey's enthusiasm made me think I might try to visit there in the near future.

Rosey told me that she feels really happy when she's painting. She often takes photographs of the flowers she wants to paint and always has her camera with her when she goes for walks. She particularly loves big, showy flowers with vivid colours - poppies and peonies feature a lot in her paintings, as do lilies. She likes to work with acrylics and oil paints. She explained that oil paints are particularly satisfying to work with because she can mix the colours to get them exactly right. Her keen observation and good eye for colour is evident not only in her paintings, which I loved, but when she talks about her work. When you look carefully, she told me, there are so many different colours in each petal.

Many of Rosey's pictures are very large. She showed me the shed in the garden which is crammed full of her paintings. She has already sold a few and I am sure she will sell more. I asked Rosey if her passion for flowers means that she is a keen gardener. She smiled and said she enjoys watching her mum do the garden.



When she's not painting, Rosey runs her own mobile beauty and nails business, Rosey Ribbons Mobile Beauty, in the Loughborough and Coalville areas. She's only been doing this for six months

but already she has built up a loyal clientele. She particularly enjoys doing weddings. If you would like to contact her directly go to roseyhudson@gmail.com or telephone her on 07807887654.

We are lucky in Barrow to have so many talented people. I for one would like to see an exhibition of local artists - perhaps in one of the empty

shops in the village.

Julie Gardner



Centre Stage brings to Barrow

'MEN IN GENERAL' - a fast moving and funny night out

Men in General comes to Barrow on Friday 23rd January, starting at 7:00 in Humphrey Perkins Community Centre, Cotes Road. Tickets cost £8, £7 concessions, £4 for children or £22 for a family of 4 from The Paper Shop or by Paypal on the BUSCA website (£9, £8, £5, £26 on the door)

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Heanor

Men In General are quintuplets separated at birth (!), re-united by a social networking site and now talking & singing songs by Billy Joel, Lou Reed, Red Molly, Marvin Gaye, Joe Jackson, Coope Boyes & Simpson, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Stephen Stills, Tom Jones, The Beach Boys and the The Spooky Men's Chorale. It's all fast moving, funny and the singing is great.

Men In General mix à cappella classics with comedy, advice on relationships, what not to wear and the tender side of blokedom. It includes highly interactive flights of fancy. A five-piece force of male vocal antics not to be missed. The show includes indoor parachute jumping, a road movie, the benefits of going barefoot, a painting by Edward Hopper, unusual hobbies for men, a pub at midnight and mistakes anyone could make.

Visit their website www.meningeneral.org.uk

Benjamin: saxophonist extraordinaire!

Benjamin Lewis-Skeath, a new pupil at Humphrey Perkins School, has just launched his Bown music teaching business. With a Grade 8 music qualification in saxophone which he recently gained with distinction, Benjamin is qualified to teach all ages and will do so with great enthusiasm and commitment. In fact this is already his long term career ambition.

Benjamin took up the clarinet at 10 in his school in the Cotswolds. He quickly moved to the saxophone, in which he has made meteoric progress. He gained his Grade 8 at 15 and now, a Year 11 pupil at Humphrey Perkins, he is studying for his Teaching Diploma on top of all his GCSEs. Not content with two instruments, he also studies tuba and drums. After GCSEs, he hopes to go to Loughborough College to do his National Diploma in Music Studies.

Although Benjamin plays and enjoys all styles of music: swing, classical, brass band, wind band, etc, it is jazz that is his passion. You can tell that because he travels to Worcester every week to attend rehearsals for his jazz band "Almost Blue".

Says Benjamin, "I love teaching people. I am really excited to be able to encourage people, younger and older, to pick up the saxophone and make enough progress to follow all the opportunities that music offers."

So if you are inspired by Benjamin's example and you want to have saxophone lessons, get hold of him and sort something out (See ad on page 26). He can help you with getting an instrument and music. His contact details are 01509 412411 or benlewisskeath@gmail.com

I know who did it!

Murder Mystery Review: A Fête Worse than Death

The 2014 Annual Murder Mystery evening was a resounding success. The incredible turn out (almost full) allowed the actors to deliver a flawless performance which was both natural and humorous. The personalities of the characters were completely believable, the performance was enjoyable and the set was excellent. The props, the costumes, the lighting, if I didn't know any better I'd have thought that it was a professional team who'd performed the show a hundred times before.

Then came the meal, which was included in the very reasonable charge of £10 per head. The meal in question was a ploughman's supper, which consisted of an assortment of bread, cheese, ham, salad and a few other various things. It was delicious, and we got it very quickly considering how many had to be fed all at the same time. The dessert was a generous slice of black forest gâteau which I suspect was bought but I would have believed you if you told me it was home-made.

Between courses, there were periods where the audience could examine the evidence and ask questions of the performers to try and get to the bottom of the mystery.

Some of the questions were good, some were not so good. However, in the end the audience had all the information they needed to solve this conundrum. Each individual table wrote down who and how they thought the murder was committed. This had very varied responses. Nevertheless, a few tables successfully figured out who the murderer was. It was a very enjoyable evening; there were laughs, there were cheers and not a single dull moment. I would definitely recommend going next year!

Elliot Wilkes

The cast for the evening was: Ali North played Reverend Humphrey Smallpiece, Jackie Johnstone played Mary Smallpiece, Ginnie Willcocks played Florence Smallpiece, Abi Crossley played Tracey Morton, Val Gillings played Dr Harriet Ffinch, Craig Johnstone played Cllr John Forshaw, Cam Sim played James Troughton, Stephen Bennett played Sergeant David Marsh, Matt West played Sergeant Derek Foot. We raised £1,275 which will be divided between BUSCA and the MS Society.

Helen Sadler



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'Sounds of Vienna' in Barrow again on Jan 17th 2015

So popular is this seasonal concert that Charnwood Orchestra has made it part of Barrow's annual programme, something in the Christmas spirit to enjoy in sober January. Note down 17th January in your new diary to make sure you book seats in plenty of time.



As usual it will be in Humphrey Perkins Community Centre, Cotes Road starting at 7.00pm. As you enter you will be offered a free glass of bubbly or fruit juice to get you in the mood. The Hall will be decked with beautiful flower arrangements and the players will look suitably festive. Apart from the three favourite must-haves: Blue Danube Waltzes, Thunder and Lightning Polka and Radetsky March, we have yet another new programme for you including the Mit vergnügen Polka by Eduard Strauss (it means 'with pleasure'), the Du and Du waltz by Johann Strauss II (means 'thou and thou') and 'The Fairies of the Rhine' by Offenbach.

Tickets will cost £12.00 (£11.00 concessions) and £3.00 for accompanied children under 16. They are available from the Paper Shop, High St or phoning 07718 153117, emailing judithrodgers155@gmail.com or via Paypal on www.charnwodorchestra.org.uk

No need to go to Vienna to watch Lorin Maazel when you have this just down the road!

Here's a great Christmas present idea: how about giving tickets for Charnwood Orchestra's 'Sounds of Vienna' concert to your nearest and dearest? Or to your neighbour? Or even as a thank you to the baby sitter. Well why not? It might be a completely new experience and one that will be treasured.

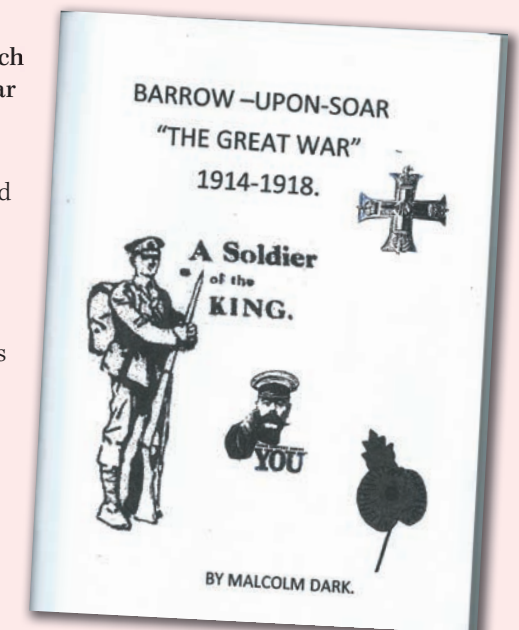
Barrow Upon Soar 'The Great War' 1914-1918 by Malcolm Dark

Malcolm Dark has recently published an interesting book, a large format paperback, which in my opinion is well worth £7.50 as it gives the reader such a good insight into what it must have been like to live in Barrow during World War 1.

Malcolm Dark has chosen to structure his well researched material in a strictly chronological order, not only year by year, from 1914 to 1918, but month by month and includes not just war related material but village events as well. Some of the entries are quite long, others very short. This means that the subject matter jumps about a lot. As well as reading the names and ages of Barrow men killed, gassed, injured or missing in France you also learn of fancy dress parades, fund raising concerts given by the village silver band, farmers reported for cruelty to their horses, a child killed as a result of playing by the railway line, the suicide of a man who didn't want to return to France and of a village piano tuner who was a conscientious objector.

The book begins with a village map and an overview of Barrow in 1914; thatched houses, gas lighting, everybody knowing each other and no internal plumbing. It ends with how news of the Armistice reached Barrow, a son rang home to his family in Cotes Road, and the list of names on the war memorial. There's a lot of data in this book and as you read on, and the deaths build up, you realise how much sadness there must have been here at the time. Even if you didn't have a son, brother, or husband at the front yourself, you would know, to some degree at least, the men who were and families, already bereaved, lived all around you.

Gaynor Barton



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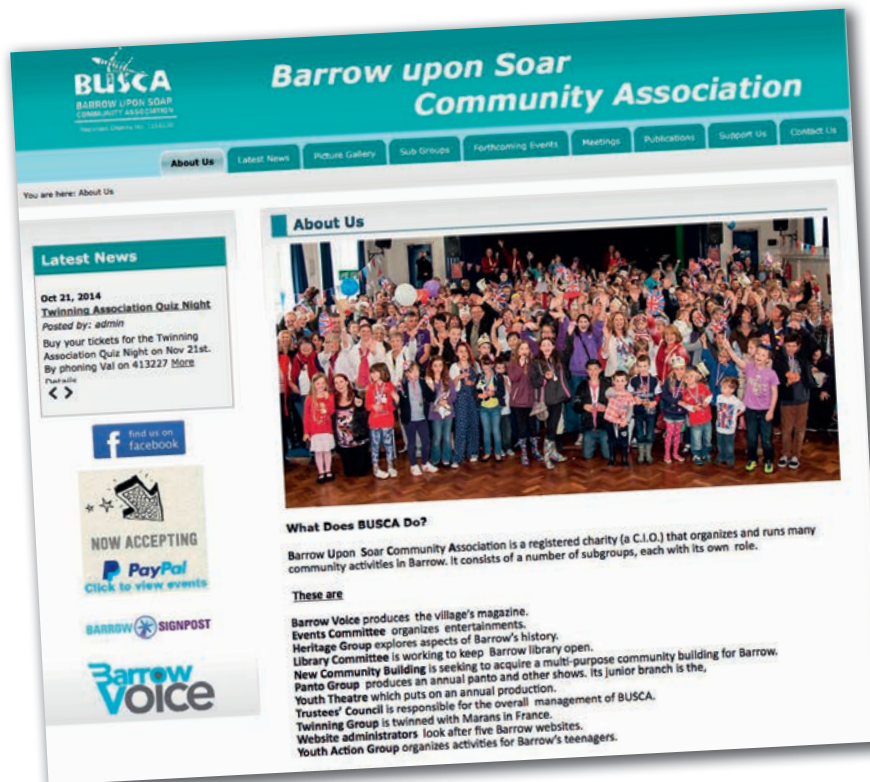
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New website for BUSCA

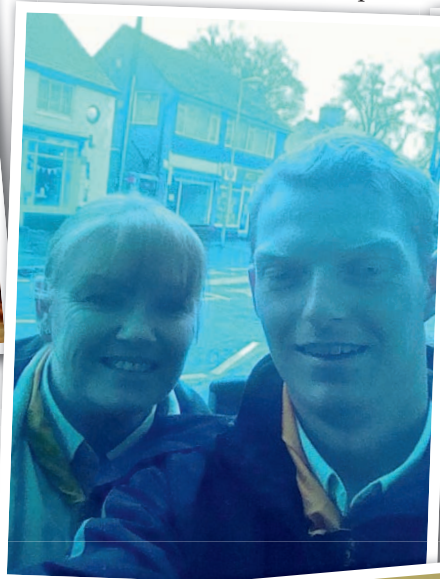
With all the things going on in BUSCA recently, we felt it was about time it had its own dedicated website. We hope you like it. It brings together for the first time information about all the (many) activities that come under the BUSCA banner.

Because some of the subgroups already had interesting pages in the leicestershirevillages site (www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk) such as Panto and Twinning, we have linked to them so they are still there. It gives you clear and up-to-date information about BUSCA events and you can even buy tickets via Paypal.

Do go and have a look at www.busca.org.uk



Chris Ketcher and Angela Stephens



Judith Rodgers and granddaughter



Rosey Hudson



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Adam and Elliot Wilkes



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The Gypsy Caravans



In October two beautiful gypsy wagons could be seen parked just off Sileby Road on an old concrete area next to a disused factory. Did you pass them and wonder who lived in them? I did, so one afternoon I went along to find out a little more.

My questions were hospitably answered by Mrs Walker whose extended family own them. They use them for travelling around Leicestershire in both summer and winter, although they do own modern caravans which travel with them too. Mrs Walker said their family are well known in the county. Of the two traditional wagons the newest, and shiniest, is six years old and was made in Cossington. The other, golden too but of a deeper hue, is forty years old and was made in Peterborough. This latter is a precious family heirloom. The horses that pull the wagons are gypsy cobs and are, of course, harnessed when pulling the wagons but always ridden bareback. Andrew, one of the sons, says he can't ride with a saddle and stirrups! The horses can cover about twenty miles a day pulling a wagon. The extended family, seven of them, make up a true gypsy family and attend Gypsy Fairs all over the country such as the great Appleby Horse Fair in Cumbria, which is held every June.

Gaynor Barton

Heron in the snow

Just think if you were a heron and all around you was white, even the pond full of goldfish you loved to feed on in the summer was under a foot of snow...and your feet were freezing!

Heron have to eat well in times of plenty, and find what they can in the cold months living off the fat they have stored relying on their thick downy undercoat and strong waterproof feathers to keep out the snow and bitter wind.

They live here all year round, not for them flying off to warmer climes when the weather turns bitter cold, they have to forage as best they can, patiently waiting for spring when small mammals are abundant and fish plentiful in ponds and streams, even the occasional frog or unwary duckling.....if you are lucky!

So now it's spring and the nesting season; herons like to live close together in nests, usually built by the female, of sticks and twigs high in the treetops. She lines it with bracken and soft grasses to protect her precious eggs. She'll lay 4 or 5 around

the end of March, incubation begins as soon as they are laid so the first to hatch has the best chance in life, in good years all may grow to adulthood, in poor years only the oldest survive.

Heron colonies can be seen high in trees, at a favoured site it's not unusual to see 10 nests high on one tree; look around the heronry and see them up there in many of the trees.

You occasionally hear the male protecting his nest by snapping his beak at an intruder; he'll fluff himself up to look even bigger and more aggressive, if this fails to see off the intruder a spurt of regurgitated fish usually sees him off!

They are big birds, getting on for 100cm tall with a wingspan of almost double that, quite light for their size at around 1500g.



The oldest recorded in Britain was just over 25 years.

Their numbers have increased in recent years, maybe due to mild winters...and peoples love of garden ponds, it's sad to see them clear a small pond of pretty goldfish but a magnificent, almost prehistoric sight as they take off and fly away.

Maggie J

Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show 2014 Results

It was a difficult year this year. Nothing came up at the right time, seeds failed to germinate, crops ripened too soon or didn't have enough water and failed to produce the usual amount of produce.

Some of our regular exhibitors were unable to enter because of other commitments, but we had some new people to swell the numbers. I didn't get round to sowing my leek seeds so Pete bought some seedlings from Loughborough market, planted them, fed them, watered them, protected them with fleece, dug them up on show day and washed the soil off the roots. At this point I peeled off a few outer leaves and entered them in the show under my name. They won First prize and Best in Show! Actually, the real Best in Show turned up in her pram in the afternoon, one week old. No wonder that the family

hadn't entered this year. When casting an eye over the greenish, brown area that was supposed to be a flower bed I was highly relieved to find twenty-five different flowers to put in a vase. We had a small cookery section this year, A Victoria sponge and some gingerbread men, we intend to extend next year so watch out for the schedules and come and join in the 'Barrow Bake Off'. The cream teas were delicious, as usual, and made a pleasant end to a busy and interesting day. Any produce that was not collected went into our Harvest Festival on Sunday before going to The Carpenters Arms for distribution in Loughborough. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the event a success. *Tilly Yates*

Quiz Answers

(DEDUCT 1 POINT FOR EVERY ANSWER YOU CHECK ON GOOGLE!!)

Christmas General Knowledge

- 1 1957
- 2 Tchaikovsky
- 3 Thanksgiving, the Super Bowl, Christmas Day
- 4 James
- 5 Yuletide

The Christmas Pop Master

- 1 Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen
- 2 Ernie
- 3 Rage Against The Machine
- 4 The Beatles
- 5 Harry Belafonte 1957, Boney M 1978

Christmas "dingbats"

- 1 Tinsel (T 'in' stel)
- 2 Noel (no L)
- 3 Frank in sense
- 4 Wrap in paper
- 5 Mixed nuts

The Christmas sofa of yesteryear

- 1 Ena Sharples
- 2 The Waltons
- 3 Michael Caine
- 4 Katherine Jenkins
- 5 The Simpsons - it's Bart's dog

The Hike of a Lifetime - 56 miles in 24 hours!

At the start of September, me and my friend Ryan completed a gruelling trek across the Derbyshire peaks over rough terrain and in arduous weather conditions. We have been hiking before around these areas of the peak district, and enjoy a trek over a week, camping as we go, so we thought we knew what to expect. How wrong could we be?! This was nothing like that.

56 miles in 24 hours was the challenge we had gracefully accepted in aid of raising money for the Stroke Association. This is a charity close to my heart because I know someone who has had a stroke and come through the other side, and also because the charity does such wonderful work for people that have had strokes to help them get back on their feet.

It was very daunting to begin with. I mean it's more than two marathons in one day! But we soldiered on, making checkpoint after checkpoint, looking forward to the next snack at the following checkpoint; the hot dogs half way round were my personal favourite.

However, there were times we thought we wouldn't be able to make it. It took us to our limits, physically and mentally, but the one thing that we had in our minds was the motivation to complete this beast of a challenge for the charity, not to mention the huge fry up for completing the challenge at the end. We also wanted to complete it to thank all the people who had donated for us as we raised around £500.

We did it! We completed all 56 miles in 23 hours and 26 minutes: we received our certificates, ate the well needed fry up, downed a pint and then slept for about a week!

Ashley Martin



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Making the Grade in Shotokan Karate

Barrow Scout Hut is the venue for many activities and organisations throughout the week. On Saturday mornings it hosts lessons in Shotokan Karate, a form of Japanese karate that focuses on speed and power. Safety is paramount.

It should be noted that this is a martial arts class and though we try not to make contact, the occasional knock is inevitable. This is why, once at brown belt level, we all wear safety approved protective pads to minimise the risk of injury. However, Shotokan Karate is a very rewarding sport that can be used in competitions throughout the year. Aside from physical benefits, it can help as a psychological release to get away from the stresses of modern life.



There are many levels of experience and every twenty weeks there is an opportunity known as a 'Grading' to prove you have the ability to move up a level. The weekend of 4/5th October was one of these opportunities. On Saturday 4th it was the turn of the brown belts and the brown and white belts. I took part as a brown belt.

It can be quite a nerve racking experience for those that Sensei Pete Statham (Sensei means 'teacher') feels are good enough to Grade, almost like a room audition for the X Factor. However, Sensei Pete said he was very pleased with how it went and was impressed by the level of spirit. I'm happy to say all eight of us passed, one even achieved a merit. Those with a brown belt received their brown and white belt, those on brown and white, received their brown and black belt - just one level away from a black belt. Apart from the odd 'round house' kick to the side of the face or a near miss to the groin, of which I was the recipient, all went very smoothly.

Elliot Wilkes



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Sat 13th Methodist Christmas concert by "Musical Village"; 19.00; Tickets £6 from Janet Thompson on 413810
Methodist Nativity Festival 12.00 - 16.00
Sun 14th Bishop Beveridge Club: Film 'The Holly and the Ivy' £4 at the door; 14:15
Mon 15th Bishop Beveridge Club: 'Carol Service'; 14:30
Wed 17th

Sat 3rd Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00 - 11.00; all welcome
Mon 5th New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14.00; all welcome
Fri 9th Baptist Luncheon Club; 12.30
Tues 13th Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.30
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Mon 2nd New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14.00; all welcome
Tues 3rd Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.15; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.30
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