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Editorial

The most important task of this edition's editorial is to find a new advertising manager. Barrow Voice has a very good one at present, Judith Rodgers, but Judith has been doing the job for many years and wants to pass the baton to someone new. It's an absolutely crucial role as without the income it generates, Barrow Voice could not exist. If you have any experience of advertising, or interest in the advertising world at all, please contact either myself or Judith - emails on the back page of the magazine. Judith will work with you to make sure you are well briefed before you take over the role for the 2018 BV Summer edition.

And where are Barrow's short story writers? In the autumn edition we offered to print the winner of the competition in BV Spring but so far we have had very few entries. We know you exist: there have been competitions before that have produced really interesting writing. Remember: under 700 words and three age categories: under 11, 12 to 16 and over 16, and work must be original. Send entries to barspiller@btinternet.com. Competition closing date Jan 31st.

As for this edition it's a particularly good one with features ranging from belly dancing to scouting, competitive cooking to keeping kids busy in winter, finding a holiday place for someone with special needs to laying wreaths on the graves of Barrow's fallen soldiers. And two pages of Christmas! Merry Christmas from all of us at Barrow Voice.

Gaynor Barton, Editor

Front Cover: Breadcroft Lane - 1981

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have received bad news regarding the closing of the Sileby Road footpath and bridle way and believe the village should be made aware of it.

Despite the village pushing for the footpath to be reopened, the County Council has accepted the excuse made by Network Rail to close this convenient and historical footpath. They appear to have not considered reopening the existing path under the bridge opposite Vector House. I believe they just want to close it!

I would also like to mention the bridge Network Rail has built between Loughborough (Brush end) and Cotes. This is a full road width for horses and walkers and goes nowhere except the busy A60!

LCC has confirmed to Cllr Fryer that Network Rail has no choice but to extinguish footpath I.20. The only option to keep the crossing open would be to build a footbridge at a cost of £2-3 million and would involve the demolition of a nearby bungalow. It is the County Council that has confirmed the decision, not the Parish Council. Unfortunately there is nothing the PC can do about it.

Yours sincerely,
Rod Billson

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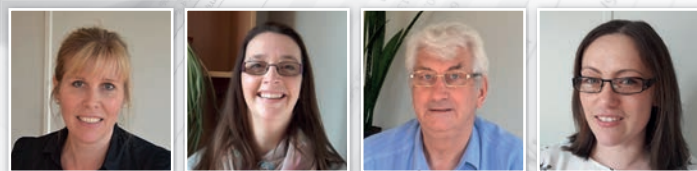
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Chef Zac Gudger

Many people will know Zac Gudger from his appearances in Barrow pantomimes. He joined the group when he was ten and has been in every production since. He was also a member of the Youth Theatre, which was formed in 2004 to accommodate all the youngsters who had been attracted to the panto group. He appeared in all their productions too. Having reached the ripe old age of eighteen, Zac can no longer be on stage as a member of the Youth Theatre so he has volunteered to be member of the back-stage management team.

Zac has a love and flair for cooking so on leaving school he went to Loughborough College to do a Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Professional Chefs; he had found his niche. This year, the college decided, for the first time, to enter a team for the 'Young Restaurant Team of the Year Competition'. The team consisted of Emily Bucknall, Sian Dixon and Zac. The first thing they had to do was draw up a three-course menu and send it off to the competition organisers. The menu was accepted, and they were in the competition, eventually getting through to the final, held in Sheffield. The challenge was to cook and serve an Italian-themed meal featuring parmesan, balsamic vinegar, Kassa Lucka chocolate and Koppert cress. They also had to select appropriate wines to complement the meal and make a speciality coffee

to finish. The Loughborough team made it through to the final, as did four other teams drawn from across the country. One of the highlights was that they met, and learned from, top chefs Tom Kerridge, Cyrus Todiwala and Francesco Mazzei. It was a great experience.

When Zac told me what they cooked and served, my mouth was watering. The starter was sundried tomato, spinach and monkfish ravioli with a prawn bisque and parmesan crisps. The main course was smoked, creamed potato puree, Valdarno chicken, fennel, beans, roast shallot petals with a potato onion cream sauce and balsamic perlage. The dessert was a chocolate marquise, with Chantilly cream, hazelnut crumb and caramelised hazelnut with a fresh raspberry coulis. The wine for the starter was a dry white Italian wine named Gavi, which had a

hint of lemon and complemented the fish element. An Italian red, Valpolicella, a fruity but slightly acidic wine, was served with the main course.

The team had to prep and cook all the food themselves in two and a half hours. Whilst Emily and Sian were in the kitchen, Zac was out front waiting at the tables; silver service, of course, complete with silver salver. He also did the speciality coffee, a floaty coffee with hazelnut liquor. Oh, to be one of the judges!

Zac, Emily and Sian won the Best Service Team title which is a great achievement and the judges said that their food was superb. Zac is now a chef at the Premier Inn, East Midlands Airport. Good luck in your chosen career Zac and may all your puddings be perfect.

Val Gillings





Humphrey Perkins News

It has been a year of celebration for staff and pupils at Humphrey Perkins School, who commemorated 300 years since the school was founded. The school would like to thank the many former pupils who contributed to the events within school, and shared some of the traditions and history that have shaped the school over the years.

Memories from 1936 and the library.

In 1936, one of the major buildings the school lacked was a purpose-built library, and in 1936 Mr Wilkinson, Headmaster, appealed for funds for this to commemorate the 220th anniversary of the opening of the school. A note preserved in the School Log Book describes the event. The local newspaper reported the event thus:

"There was a dramatic moment during the prize-giving at the Humphrey Perkins Grammar School at Barrow upon Soar on Thursday of last week. During the presentation of the prizes, Mrs M. L. Nivison Cross, one of the governors, handed a note to Mr T.G. Wilkinson, the headmaster, expressing her willingness to give a library to the school, to honour her family." The Headmaster at once made an announcement to the assembled scholars and friends, saying, "My dream has come true," and loud cheers followed. "This gift," said the Headmaster, "is beneficent, munificent and magnificent". A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs Cross, who has since had a letter of thanks from the County Director of Education,

Mr W.A. Brockington, whose department will shortly get in touch with the Headmaster, for the purpose of getting on, as soon as possible, with the erection of the library."

Construction began in March 1939, but the opening was delayed by the outbreak of war and did not take place until November 1939.

According to the Head's report to the Governors in 1963, Mrs Nivison Cross had written with a request to be permitted to put her family Coat of Arms in the window by the side of the Humphrey Perkins Coat of Arms. The Chair of Governors agreed to this. The stained glass coat of arms commemorating the donation was commissioned in 1964 and can still be seen next to that of Humphrey Perkins in the bow window of the library.

The library was temporarily relocated to Orchard Block for three years to allow for some essential classroom changes. However, in the summer of 2017, after overwhelming requests from pupils, staff and alumni, it was moved back to its original location.

The library was officially re-opened by Miss Walton on 24th October 2017, with the unveiling of a new plaque. The tradition of strong support to the school continued when members of the Barrow upon Soar Women's Institute were welcomed into school to present a cheque for £200, donated generously to support the library.

Jill Walton, Headteacher, said "I am absolutely delighted to re-open the library in the heart of the school and to honour our proud traditions. The library provides a thriving centre of learning and enjoyment for all pupils outside of the classroom. In a significant year for the school as we celebrate our tercentenary, we would like to honour Mary Nivison Cross, our benefactor, by renaming the library "The Nivison Cross Library". I would also like to thank the Women's Institute for their gift to the school."

Viviana Massiah with acknowledgements to Richard Hudson, Barrow Heritage Group

*Members of the Barrow WI presenting the school with a donation at the opening event.
Charlotte Wilson (Head Girl), Kathryn Judge (Head of English), Pat Moore (W.I.), Rob Squire (Librarian) Doriter Orton (W.I.), Jill Walton (Headteacher), Jasmine Grant (Deputy Head Girl)*

Peppers Barn

When most of us are faced with personal obstacles, our instinct is to overcome them as best we can and then just get on with our lives. But when Gay Pepper from Burton-on-the-Wolds faced an obstacle affecting her own family, she went on to create something remarkable for all families facing similar challenges.

Many years ago, when taking her daughter, who suffers from muscular dystrophy, on holiday, and finding the accommodation advertised as disabled-friendly anything but, she decided to do something about it. Within a few years, Gay and her husband John had created two fully accessible holiday homes to let in Wales.

Knowing that there was nothing similar nearer home, Gay and John then planned to build a holiday home on their 600-acre farm. Sadly, John passed away from cancer before the project could get off the ground, but Gay was determined to pursue their dream. Stepping back from the day-to-day running of the farm, Gay sold the livestock and the farm machinery, leased some of the land to fellow farmers, and started to design and organise the build herself.

There were the inevitable problems with planners and contractors along the way, but Gay has built something truly remarkable in the heart of Leicestershire. And there is clearly a demand for this kind of facility. Peppers Barn has received guests from as far afield as London and Wales, and both LOROS and Rainbows regularly direct patients and their families in its direction.

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It may be over 100 years since Baden-Powell founded the Scouts, but the movement is as popular as ever in the UK. Every year, almost half a million boys and girls aged 6 to 14 (and beyond) enjoy new adventures, experience the outdoors, and are given opportunities to help them reach their full potential. The current popularity may also have something to do with the fact that Chief Scout is Bear Grylls, and astronaut Major Tim Peake was recently appointed the latest ambassador. One of the things I most remember about being in the Scouts is the badges. The traditional badges, covering activities such as first aid and orienteering, are still there to be achieved, but one or two of the newer badges may surprise you – circus skills and dragon boating anyone? The World Faiths and Environmental Conservation badges also show how the movement is keeping up with the times. All the activities are made possible through the hard work and dedication of the adult volunteers who support the Scouts in a wide range of roles. And it is clearly very rewarding, as over 90%

of volunteers say that their skills and experiences have been useful in their work or personal life.

Some of the activities the Barrow Scouts have been doing recently include night hiking at Bradgate Park, a Mud Run, karting, snorkelling, paintballing, world projects such as investigating where clothes come from, and attending the Remembrance Day service.

Subscriptions pay for many of the standard activities, but fundraising helps towards some of the bigger adventures. This year the Scouts are raising funds to help contribute towards trips to international camps in Norfolk and Switzerland next year.

The Scouts will be offering a Xmas wrapping service in the Scout Hut on Sunday 17th December from noon until 4pm (costs from just £1). This is in addition to the normal Scout Xmas postal service that will be available between 1st and 16th December at 25p a stamp. Look out for the post boxes in the Co-op, the library, the Scout Hut, and Fur and Feather.



Barrow Scouts always need more helpers, and there are many roles available, so if you want to help the young people in the village be the best that they can be, please email: scouts@barrowscouts.org
Jerry Sykes



Remembering: a hundred years on

The Parish Council has been considering how to commemorate the end of the Great War 1914-1918. Some local villages are having a dance, some a street-party, but Claire Forrest, our youngest councillor, came up with the idea of laying a wreath of poppies on all the actual known graves of Barrow soldiers who had died; most of them in horrendous circumstances.

After a tremendous amount of hard work and research, Claire has managed to discover where thirty-three of the men are buried. Unfortunately, the rest are in unmarked graves but their names are on the Menin Gate Memorial, in Ypres, so this is where the majority of wreaths will be laid.

The named graves are in the following cemeteries: Barrow upon Soar, where there are seven graves, Thiepval Memorial has six, Loos has three, Ypres has three, Poziers Memorial has four, Ploegstort Memorial has two, Arras has two, Portsmouth has two and there is one at Cricklade. Two soldiers were buried in Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, and one in Gaza.

The Parish Council will be paying for the seventy-one wreaths, but cannot fund any travel expenses. It is hoped that volunteers will come forward to take the wreaths and lay them on the appropriate

graves. Perhaps this could coincide with a holiday abroad. Obviously it is not possible to travel to Iraq or Gaza, therefore members of the Parish Council, and anyone else interested, will lay the three wreaths at the National Arboretum.

After the Remembrance Service this year, all the wreaths will be placed in Holy Trinity Church to be blessed so that there is a binding connection with the village. Claire and her mother Sandie, accompanied by Claire's uncle, will lay the wreaths at Portsmouth. Claire's father and uncle served in the Royal Navy so they feel a strong connection. Claire would like it known that the website Ralph Bowles created concerning the men of the village who served in the 1914-18 war, has been of invaluable help. If anyone is willing to take a single or several wreaths, will they please contact the Parish Council? Each wreath will be named and full directions will be

given to the exact position of the grave concerned. Claire has worked very hard to ensure that all details are correct.

Claire uncovered two stories during her research. One is about the vicar, Rev. Stone, who, on returning home after comforting two families who had lost a loved one, was met by the Bishop of Leicester who told him that his only son, Tom Stone, had been killed in action in Mesopotamia. The other story is that the men who were lucky enough to return home were asked if they would like a village hall or a playing field as a memorial. They chose a playing field for the use of future generations; hence the King George V or 'reccie' as it is fondly called. Do you know if there is any truth in this story? Please let Barrow Voice know if you can confirm it.

Val Gillings

Roxanne Bedazzles Barrow

The festive party season is in full swing and it's a busy time for belly dancer Roxanne Dinsdale. On most nights she heads off to a private party or corporate event, sometimes with snake and fire-eating equipment to add a dash of glamour and fun to the show.



So who is this sultry lady with glossy black hair, sparkly costumes and seductive veils, who dances under the name Ayshe? She's a lovely, down-to-earth, married mum-of-two from Groby, and members of the Barrow WI had the pleasure of meeting her at their October meeting when she popped in to talk about the Myths of Belly Dancing.

Roxanne shimmied around tables in the Conservative Club function room, flicking veils and jingling her coin belt, while outlining the origins of the dance and dispelling some myths.

Did you know that the wiggle of the hips and jingle of the coin belt start at the knees? Small swift knee movements get the hips shaking or vibrating, while the upper body is graceful - like a swan, which has fast movements in its legs and grace and poise in the upper body.

Throw in some buttock crunches - "do them in the supermarket queue, both together or one at a time," she says, to gales of laughter. Roxanne, a dance teacher, says her students wear coin belts in class and if their buttock crunches are correct, the coins will jingle. There is also isolation in certain torso muscles that makes the dance captivating.

With knees going and buttocks crunching, it's time to add hand movements and Roxanne had us rotating our hands and wrists in different styles. Add to this

the wonderful sounds of the Zils (finger cymbals) - from face to feet, the belly dancer has a lot to remember.

Belly dancing is thought to have come out of India around the beginning of the 4th century. Through the years, it spread to other Middle Eastern countries, each giving it a unique style. It gained attention in the West at the Chicago Exposition in 1893, when three dancers performed their Beledi or country dance. The word was misheard and the term belly dance was born.

Today the perception is bare tummies and cleavage, but, in many countries, girls were - and are - covered from neck to ankle to wrist.

Her costumes are spectacular. "My first costume was from Egypt, but today you can source costumes from all over the world and customise them. I get beautiful veils and beading in Leicester too!"

Roxanne has an impressive collection of veils, from plain to glitzy, including one she has used for 27 years. They can be flicked, twirled and rippled, adding to the allure of the dance. She demonstrated the use of silver Egyptian goddess wings, pleated like a giant fan. She then dimmed the lights and danced with an illuminated pair, which was spectacular.

A belly dancer for 33 years and cabaret dancer before that, Roxanne has done many newspaper, magazine and TV interviews and has been on TV over 60 times. She now works regularly with her sister troupe of 10 young Bollywood dancers who are in demand not only in the UK but abroad too. She loves the concept of fusion dance and successfully combines Bollywood and belly dance.

She teaches too, from the advanced dancers to women who just want to get fit and have fun. "It is wonderful to see their confidence grow as they learn to dance."

But what is her life like away from the spotlight?

Very ordinary, she says. Her boys are teenagers and she likes spending quality time with family on Sundays if she is not working, making a roast for everyone to enjoy in the evening. Then there is her 33-year-old python, Pliskinella, to look after and she also keeps chickens.

With three decades of dancing under her (coin) belt, has she had any injuries?

"Only when I fell over one of my chickens," she laughs, as she packs up all the sparkle and heads off home.

Lindsay Ord



WI members, from left, Kath Thorburn, Laura Stevens and Helen Burbidge have fun with belly dancer Roxanne Dinsdale



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The gift shop Victoria Jane was Sam Baker's favourite Barrow shop. It might even have been Sam's favourite shop anywhere at all. So when she discovered that it was about to be sold she greeted the news with dismay. However, a moment later, she realised it was her golden opportunity. Told by other enthusiastic customers that she would be doing the community a service by keeping it open, she bought both business and its name and took over Victoria Jane on August 8th.

Sam was brought up in Countesthorpe and elected to attend the then infamous Countesthorpe College. Despite its notoriously informal approach to secondary education, she was a well-motivated student and gained the qualifications to become a nurse. She worked for many years at Leicester Royal Infirmary, involved in their cancer research programme. Her role included supporting cancer patients who were trialing new drugs. She found this very rewarding and really felt she was making a difference to people's lives at a very difficult time. Five years ago she decided that she needed to spend more time with her young family so gave up her nursing career. She has been helping at Barrow Playgroup since then. Sam moved to a new house in the Willow Road estate eight years ago. She and her family enjoy family yoga as well as walking the family cockapoo, Scrumpy.

Sam has thrown her heart and soul into developing Victoria Jane. She has asked her regular customers what they would like to see in the shop and consequently she is now stocking new lines, including clocks, mirrors, cushions, photo frames and other household goods – items that make a home feel special. She has also introduced a range of luxurious but inexpensive scarves and handbags and some beautiful hand-finished greetings cards. As Christmas approaches you can expect a wide range of Christmas decorations and more gifts to help you find that special present.

Barrow Voice wishes Sam well in her new venture.

Judith Rodgers





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Gaynor Barton



Kids, Winter and Fun

On an ideal winter's day, when the skies are blue and the sun is shining, there is nothing better than putting our hats and gloves on and getting outside to enjoy the fresh air. But you may find that a family walk does not always go to plan, as children find walking in wellies both a bit tricky and boring, and it's not long before you have the back-breaking chore of carrying them home or back to the car.

It is amazing how much further they move when we make it fun. Just adding kicking through piles of leaves, jumping in puddles, squelching in mud or simply racing you to the next big tree can make them move much further and faster. Climbing on the rocks or playing hide and seek at the top of Beacon Hill is so much more fun than plodding up or down. The Outwoods is perfect for hide and seek and gives shelter on a cold windy day and many an hour can be spent hunting the Gruffalo, fairies or other magical creatures in Swithland Wood. Deer spotting and pooh sticks in Bradgate allows you to have hours of fresh air and fun and you will be amazed how quickly you warm up playing tig or chasing each other's shadows out in the park or on the way back to the house, before heading inside for a hot drink and snack.

But what about dark, cold miserable days and evenings, especially when you get them home after a day of wet playtimes when they just have not burnt off enough energy? When the wind is whipping, the rain is falling, it is dark outside and you cannot face fighting with them to get into all their winter clothes to last all of five minutes outside? It can feel a real challenge to get them active and keep them entertained to stop cabin fever and wear them out enough for bedtime. This is when imagination is needed to turn the house into a den of fun and activity to stop them getting bored and tire them out.

Children of all ages love music and dance and with the TV and remote control, a smartphone or CD player we can have dance competitions; musical cushions or chairs; musical statues and musical bumps. Any Strictly Lovers can learn routines together and score each other. You will be amazed how much fun you will have too. Building dens together; playing hide and seek around the house; setting up assault courses using old boxes and blankets to crawl under and through along with boxes or buckets to throw toys into or placing them at either end of a room or hallway and getting them to run, crawl or hop between them all add up to the step count for the day.



Using colours or toys or naming each corner of the room after favourite characters or places can be used as a memory and movement game where you shout out each one and get them moving between them.

Younger children love being animals: standing on one leg like a flamingo, reaching tall like a giraffe, crouching small like a mouse, roaring like a lion, stretching like a cat or crawling around like a dog. Older children may prefer to do Simon Says or yoga poses which can be easily found online. Playing like animals with hands on the floor and doing yoga poses for children can help calm children down if they are feeling over-excited or restless when stuck indoors.

There are also easy workouts available online of around 7 to 10 minutes and you can make charts and have competitions to see who can do the most squats, hops, star jumps, get-ups from the floor or whatever other exercises you learn as you go and you can make up and plan your own workouts within your own capabilities. The NHS website has a Change4Life page with 10 minute Disney-inspired shake-ups for little ones.

Have fun keeping your youngsters happy, healthy and active at home in bad weather this winter and avoid meltdowns and boredom while stuck indoors.

Claire Lidstone

Claire is a chartered physiotherapist and owner of Activity4All in Barrow.

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From Pauline Ranson (Borough Councillor) and Hilary Fryer (Borough Councillor and County Councillor)

If you wish to speak to either of them,
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Festive Fare

Duck Breast with Redcurrant & Red Wine Sauce

Ingredients

2 duck breasts
Handful of redcurrants
1 cup red wine
1 cup chicken stock
2 tbsp butter
Salt and Pepper

Method

The Duck Breasts

Score the duck breasts, but not too deeply, just enough to go through the layer of fat. Season by rubbing with salt and pepper and place the breasts, fat side down, onto a dry pan at a low heat and slowly cook. After around 10 minutes turn up the heat and add colour to the breasts. Turn to get colour on both sides. Remove from heat and place into oven (180C), fat side down, for 10 minutes.

The Sauce

In a saucepan add the red wine and season with salt and pepper. Reduce the wine to a syrupy texture, add the chicken stock and redcurrants and reduce. Remove from heat and add the butter; keep the liquid moving until the butter melts.



Fig & Rice Stuffing

Ingredients

1 onion
1 garlic clove
1 carrot
3 tsp thyme
4 tbsp parsley
Rind/juice lemon
5g rice
6g figs
1.5pt chicken stock
Salt and pepper

Method

Finely chop the ingredients. Cook all together until the stock is absorbed. Finish by adding lemon juice; season with salt and pepper.

Christmas Quiz

1. Which horse won the 1964 Derby?
2. Who is Aladdin's mother?
3. What are the names of Cinderella's two ugly sisters?
4. On which night is it said that animals can speak and evil spirits lose their powers?
5. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950?
6. What bird did Queen Elizabeth I decree should be eaten at Christmas?
7. Which British colony surrendered to the Japanese on Christmas Day 1941?
8. Which US movie-actor / comedian died on Christmas Day 1946? He was noted for quotes such as, "Anyone who hates small dogs and children can't be all bad."
9. Who banned Christmas festivities as heathen practices in 1652?
10. What Hollywood macho man played the lead in the 1996 film "Jingle All The Way"?
11. What do children put out on Christmas Eve in Holland instead of stockings?
12. In December 1897, what did over a million women ask Queen Victoria to shut on Sundays, over the festive season?
13. What job was first taken by James Edgar in 1890?
14. Of which occupation is Joseph, the father of Jesus, the patron saint?
15. What was Scrooge's business partner called?

Answers can be found on page 29.

God's love the heart of Christmas

Churches Together in Barrow upon Soar wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.



Holy Trinity

Sunday 3rd	10.30am All Age Christingle
Sunday 17th	6.00pm Carol Service
Sunday 24th	10.30am Holy Communion (Said) 5.30pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion
Monday 25th	10.30am All Age Holy Communion

Methodist Church

Sunday 17th	6.00pm Carol Service
Sunday 24th	4.00pm Crib Service
Monday 25th	10.30am Family Worship at Mountsorrel

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Baptist Church

Sunday 10th	10.00am Advent Service followed by lunch 7.00pm Evening Praise
Sunday 17th	10.00am Nativity 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 24th	4.00pm Christmas Eve Carols
Monday 25th	10.30am Family Service

Catholic Church

Sunday 24th	6.00pm Night Mass - Sileby
Monday 25th	9.00am Dawn Mass - Sileby 10.30am Day Mass - Syston

Christmas Street Market and Christmas Lights Switch On

Note: we return to the usual location of Barrow High St.

Saturday, 2nd December, 2.30pm - 5.30pm with the Christmas lights switch on at 5.00pm

What to expect: lots of stalls selling Christmas presents, cakes, jams, crafts, light-wands, food stalls and games including lucky-dip, bottle-stalls, tombola, roundabout and hook-a-duck. There will be an entertainment stage for the Hall Orchard choir and recorder group, the Co-op Band and vocal and instrumental soloists. Finally, there's also a Santa's Grotto, Town Crier and a free drop-in for mince pies, hot drinks and lots more.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be happening in the church while the Street Market is going on.



Christmas Tree Festival in Holy Trinity Church

Holy Trinity Church is once again holding a Christmas Tree Festival. On Thursday 30th November at 7.30pm the festival will be opened by The Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor Pauline Ranson. Tickets for this evening cost £6.50 and include wine and a buffet. The following evening, Friday 1st December, a variety concert is to be held in church at 7.30pm and tickets cost £7 for adults and £3 for children.

The festival will be open to the public on Friday from 9am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 7pm and Sunday 11.45am to 5pm. There is an entrance charge of £2 per adult; no charge for children. Everyone is welcome to come along to a Christingle service held in the church on Sunday at 10am. Refreshments are to be served throughout the festival.

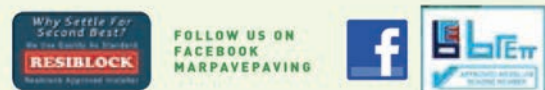
The raffle will be drawn on Saturday evening at 6pm. There will also be a children's and adults' tombola, so come along and join in the fun. There are usually over 80 trees lit up, making a spectacular show.

Jean Cooke





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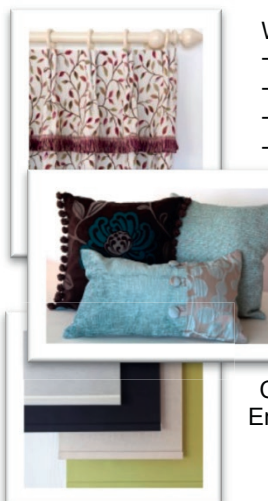
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Mistletoe

The pearly white berries and sage green leaves of mistletoe remind you of Christmas almost as much as holly does. Stealing a kiss under a strategically placed bunch of mistletoe is a long held tradition. For how long I wondered? And why? And how does it survive up in the tops of trees when not planted in soil?

First of all: what is it? Well, ours is the European mistletoe and it's actually a parasite feeding off its host tree, mostly old apple trees, although occasionally lime or poplar will do. Surprisingly, in this country the Midlands is a good place for it to grow well.

The first part of the word mistletoe is 'mist', which meant dung in Anglo-Saxon. The end part 'toe' comes from an old word for twig. Dung on a twig... a poo stick! The dung on the twig contained the seeds of the plant.

The white berries of the mistletoe are popular with some birds, the mistle thrush for example, as well as winter visitors like fieldfare and redwings. Not all birds will try white berries, preferring the brighter coloured ones; others are put off by the sticky 'superglue' effect when squashed. This actually helps the seeds to grow: the poor bird's beak gets so sticky that it rubs it hard against a rough branch to dislodge it and this pushes the seed into a crack in the bark... just what the plant wanted!

As the weather warms, the seed pushes a root-like structure down into the water and food supply of the tree and helps



itself. One small clump of mistletoe probably does no harm to the tree, but with lots of clumps it may cause the tree to struggle to survive. The young plant, high up on the branch, doesn't rely entirely on the tree for its food because, being an evergreen, its leaves

can use sunlight to make food through photosynthesis.

It can be some years from seed to fruiting, four or five years at least, and that's if another bird doesn't come along and steal the seed or seedling from its crevice!

Looking back in time, mistletoe has always symbolised something. The ancient Greeks said it gave passage to the underworld, while the Romans used it as decoration for their feast of Saturnalia. The Druids believed it was sacred, a protection from evil, and that you could use mistletoe as a cure-all for disease as it contained the spirit of the tree. Surprising really, as every part of the mistletoe is poisonous!

According to the Anglo-Saxons, kissing under the mistletoe was connected to the god Freya, the god of love, beauty and fertility. If a couple exchanged a kiss under the mistletoe it was said to be a promise to marry, with the hope of happiness and a long life ahead. Therefore kissing under the mistletoe is about love, health and happiness... all jolly good reasons to keep the traditions alive! So I wish you a very happy Christmas.

Maggie J



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Don't miss your chance to shape the future of Barrow!

Over the past three years, the Parish Council, ably assisted by a group of residents, has been preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. The Plan will safeguard the future of the open spaces and buildings, valued by residents, and will give us all a say in where and of what type any future development in the village should take, up to 2028. If approved by you, it will become a legal part of the Planning process, meaning planning permission can only be given for development that concurs with the policies in the Plan.

The Plan is now in its final stages of consultation, which will conclude in December, having been approved by Charnwood BC and having been examined by an Independent Examiner. It is now up to you! In January or February 2018, there will be a Referendum for every resident to say a simple 'yes' or 'no' to the Plan being adopted for the next ten years. It will be a similar process to the Brexit Referendum, and you will be issued with voting cards, as you are at other local and national elections. The card will also have the date of the Referendum on it.

Please make sure you have your say. Developers are continually circling the village! Without the Neighbourhood Plan it will be more difficult to rebuff any speculative, unplanned development in and around the village. A copy of the Plan can be viewed on the Parish Council website or at the office.

Make sure you vote in the Referendum!!

Peter Cattle, on behalf of the Localism and Neighbourhood Plan Committee

King George V: the long awaited transformation

King George V Playing Field has quite literally been transformed. Once it was a tired, dreary and unwelcoming space, but soon it will be beautiful with something for everyone. Watching the transformation has been hugely entertaining, if not without the inevitable setbacks and stresses, but we think it's well worth the wait and disruption.

NT Killingley, the appointed contractor, has worked brilliantly with our amazing designers, Bellinger Design, and both have ensured disruption has been kept to a minimum. They have pulled out all the stops to achieve completion before winter is properly upon us.

Our thanks go to the residents who live around this space for their support throughout the works. The Parish Council is absolutely delighted with the progress and looks forward to welcoming residents and visitors alike to this area.



Photograph taken on 10th October



The Sound Of Mu... rder

A Review by Jerry Sykes

For fans of mystery fiction and TV crime dramas, one of the enduring pleasures is in trying to work out who the murderer is before they are revealed by the insightful and brilliant star detective. And even though we may be convinced we are right because of this clue or that motive, how often are we eventually proved wrong because we have overlooked an important piece of evidence? Or because the detective has not been asking the right questions? The beauty of the Murder Mystery event is that we get to follow our own instincts and do just that.

The Barrow Panto Group's latest production, The Sound of Mu... rder, was written by Andy Hawkes and revolves around an amateur dramatics group and their rehearsals for The Sound of Music. The evening begins as soon as you enter the building – it turns out the hall has been double-booked and the audience is referred to as a victim support group – and so we are immediately drawn into the action. After this initial confusion has been put aside, the acting troupe gamely try and ignore the gatecrashers and carry on with their rehearsal.

Back on stage it is not long before buried skeletons and simmering jealousies are revealed amongst this group of so-called friends. As well as storing up all the possible motives for murder as it slowly dawns on us who the victim is most likely to be, we are also aware that we need to pick up on other potential clues – the heating is on the blink, all the characters are carrying water bottles, and what about the set designer's toolbox with its array of hammers and chisels?

A scream is heard off stage and we soon find that the leading lady has been murdered, and her body has been found in the boiler room in the cellar. Moments

later, Inspector Foot of The Yard enters and we are told to remain where we are as we may later be needed as witnesses.

As a tasty Ploughman's supper is served, we are given some extra clues from the Inspector's initial findings in the boiler room, and each team is invited to ask one question of one suspect – and they are all suspects; no one can be ruled out yet.

This is where the real fun starts. In my team of seven, there were at least four potential murderers from the first reading of the clues. Arguments for and against from all corners of the table narrowed down the list of suspects to two and then back up again to four. Or was it five? We were getting nowhere fast!

Each team then asked their questions in turn, often followed by sage nods of recognition or hoots of laughter from the audience as people realised they were either on the right track or way off. All the cast were brilliant during the questioning, improvising from their backstories with humour and enthusiasm.

During dessert, we were handed another set of clues in the form of the post-mortem report, and given the chance to ask a secret question – one that

would not be heard by the other teams. There was more laughter and cries of frustration as the Inspector read out the answers to these questions, which was often just a tight-lipped Yes or No. After a further round of open questions, it soon became clear from the bubbles of chatter around the hall which teams felt they had correctly homed in on the culprit.

Five teams correctly guessed the murderer, motive and method.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and everybody involved in the production from the producer and director to the people helping out in the hall deserved the huge round of applause they received at the end of the show.

Cast: Stephanie Spielberg - Jackie Johnstone; Sarah Snoop - Val Gillings; Aggie Alpert - Sharon Gudger; Eadie Ollersinshaw - Carol Kenneth; Julie Andrews - Ginnie Willcocks; Martha Superior - Vicki Wallin; Andrea Williams - Ceri Fairbrother; Inspector Foot - Craig Johnstone

Barrow's Heritage Group and the 1939 Register

When it became clear that war was inevitable in 1939, the government decided to compile a register of all the people living in the country. They hoped in this way to avoid the administrative problems that had occurred during the First World War. They used the procedures that were already in place for the 1941 census so it was organised quickly and efficiently. The information was used to provide identity cards and ration books during the war, and after the war for NHS numbers. Enumerators called at every house and recorded basic information about the people living there.



This register has been published recently on 'Find my Past' and the members of the Heritage Group have been looking at the returns for Barrow. (The information about people who are likely to be alive has been concealed for the time being to protect their privacy.) So far we have looked at the occupations of the people living in the village on the eve of war. We have not analysed this very systematically yet, but as you would expect, many men

and women were employed in hosiery and cement. There is evidence of the number of food shops which existed in the village before the war. The largest occupation for women, by far, is unpaid domestic labour; I suspect this would not be the case now.

As in many other towns and villages a local Home Guard was established in Barrow, the photograph above records who the members were; however, we are short of the names of many of the

people. We would be grateful if you could name any of them and would like to hear any memories of how life in Barrow was affected by the war.

You can contact us through the Barrow Heritage website or by phone: Kathryn Timmons 01509 416168

Kathryn Timmons

Acknowledgement. Picture taken from the late Jean Wright's album to the Heritage Group.

Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Santa Claus
2. Widow Twankey
3. Drizella and Anastasia
4. Christmas Eve
5. The Stone of Scone
6. Goose
7. Hong Kong
8. W.C. Fields
9. Oliver Cromwell
10. Arnold Schwarzenegger
11. Clogs
12. Pubs
13. He was the first department store Santa
14. Carpenters
15. Jacob Marley



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Istanbul BBQ Kitchen

The Turkish lights falling like coloured waterfalls from the roof glimmer in multi-coloured splendour and the smoky aromas of grilling meat waft around the room - a little bit of Turkey has come to Barrow! But how did it get here? Well, it's thanks to the Caglar family. They've been involved in the take-away business for a long time as they began in Besiktas, a town just south of Istanbul, where they still operate a Burger King franchise. However, the family's first Turkish take-away in England was in Leicester's Church Gate in the late 1990s.

I learnt this from Okan Caglar, who is managing the Barrow BBQ Kitchen with a degree in Business and Management behind him. When thinking about where to establish their next operation he considered factors such as gaps in the market, demographics and village expansion. His father, who had set up in Church Gate, had a simpler method. He stood opposite the Co-Op and counted passing cars. There were so many in an hour he knew there would be a good demand! There are two Istanbul BBQ Kitchens as there's a partner operation in Wigston, and Barrow's is built on the same successful business plan. This is to concentrate on very fresh savoury dishes. These are the chicken and lamb shish-kebabs and adana - minced lamb - with a range of starters, salads and sides. All the food is prepared daily on the premises - nothing frozen is ever used - and any kebabs left at the end of the evening are thrown away. Alcohol isn't on sale but you are welcome to bring your own wine and beer.

Okan has been delighted with the village's response to the new restaurant. Although they printed a lot of flyers initially he knows much of their business has been the result of word of mouth. He feels everyone in Barrow knows everyone else! Is he right?

But to end on a serious note: please park in the car-park opposite or at the side of the restaurant after 5pm when the dental practice is closed. Parking on the single yellow line causes snarl-ups. (See restaurant review on page 31).

Gaynor Barton



A Dog's Life for Abbie!

For centuries, dogs have been man's best friend, and Barrow resident Abbie Hall has recently made a whole new set of furry friends. Abbie started a dog walking and pet services business, Walks n Whiskers, in August and says she loves every day - and every dog.

"They all have different personalities and temperaments and I try to match dogs that are compatible on the walks," she says. "Some are confident and like to run free while others prefer to stay close to me."

She takes no more than four or five on a walk so she can give them individual attention, though she is licensed to take six.

Dog walking is her main activity and every day she heads off in her "dog mobile" to fetch them, either in groups or individually, and take them for walks or runs suited to their needs and owners' wishes. Her favourite spots are the Outwoods, Beacon Hill, Swithland Woods and the river banks. After their outing, she wipes them down, takes them home and checks they have fresh water: an outing of an hour - or more if she does not have another client.

Abbie also caters for seniors, pottering at their own pace or just spending time with them. She's well practised in this as she has a chocolate Labrador, Poppy, aged 14. Some dogs are walked Monday to Friday, and there are also part-timers and one-off visits. If the unexpected crops up and you need Abbie to help out with your pet, she will fit you in if she can.

Cats are catered for too - Abbie will call in for a feed and a fuss and she offers a pet taxi service as well.

She often takes pictures of her charges on their walks and sends them to the owners, who love to see their furbabies having fun. Abbie is fully insured and DBS checked.

Abbie is married with three sons. She has lived in the village all her life and worked at Victoria Jane for six years.



Her mum, Janet Soars, goes with her on outings. She's also passionate about dogs and it's an extra pair of hands and eyes. "I can't believe I am getting paid to do something I love so much!" says Abbie as she heads off to fetch Merlin, Ore, Coco and Jake.

Lindsay Ord

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It went very well! Barrow upon Soar Show 2017

Thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes, entered, or just came to view on Show Day. We had another very successful show with plenty of entries from children.



Who's who: Daniel White, Molly Miles (in white shirt), Carole Copson (in stripes) and student judge Dianne Neal.

I think that we will have to change the schedule next year to include "smallest" vegetables because the tiniest ripe tomato class had the largest number of entries! The carrots, and other vegetables, grown by the brothers from Shepshed were absolutely superb; the cauliflower would have looked good in a vase! Presentation hints were given by the judges, for example - make sure that your leek roots are washed and clean and do not cut the tops off or strip any leaves away. Make sure that the leaves on your foliage plants are dusted!! That particular suggestion made people laugh: I do dust my plant leaves but not the furniture.

The judges thought that Dianne Cave's cracked Victoria sponge, which went in the 'Disaster Class', was the best sponge for taste and texture. They were very pleased with the number of exhibits in the children's section. Next year we will have a 'Bean and Sunflower Day' as well as 'Sow and Grow' sessions to encourage young growers.

There were more entries than last year in the craft section and an interesting range of different skills in the 'I Made This Myself'. Please start thinking about your entries for 2018 because one family have already requested the recipes so that they can practise for next year, and also because we will be asking for work done in the last two years to be entered in the 'Craft' section.

Tilly Yates

Truth and Truffles: What a way to start Christmas!

Barrow's next Centre Stage show is an irresistible blend of humour and heart. Truth and Truffles is a "masterclass in enchantment" (Times) delivered by two wonderfully gifted performers. This blend of cabaret, comedy, stories, songs and chocolate will be at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre on Friday December 1st starting at 7.30. A brilliant way to start the Christmas season.

Truth and Truffles is a fabulous two-header, delivered by wonderfully gifted performers, the compelling and masterful storyteller Cat Weatherill and the satirical and hilarious deadpan comic Naomi Paul. This is a captivating and beautifully crafted show for adults, of stories, comedy songs and musings about being a grown up, and the little indulgences that make life worth living (chocolate).

Truth & Truffles celebrates Life as a 'Grown Up': the ups and downs, the regrets and rewards, the hopes and dreams. It's about finding humour in the way we live now, and savouring the special moments.

Cat Weatherill is a firm favourite with rural touring audiences, captivating audiences the world over with her

theatrical style and magical presence. Her stories are beautifully crafted and deeply emotional, with cinematic images that linger in the memory. Using her Jewish background as a comedic platform, the hilarious Naomi Paul takes her audiences on surreal journeys, from Birmingham to the Balkans via lingerie and libraries. Sometimes poignant, always funny and ultimately uplifting, Naomi is a real winner, earning four-star reviews at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2015 and 2016. Tickets can be bought from the Paper Shop or the library in Barrow or by Paypal from www.busca.org.uk (you don't need a Paypal account; just use your card).



Bought in advance of the show they cost £10, £9 (concessions) and £5 (children under 16). With the feel of cabaret, you can enjoy our well-stocked bar while you watch the show. Disabled access is good, parking is easy and the venue is warm and inviting. This must be the way to enjoy professional touring theatre.

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Review: Istanbul BBQ Kitchen

One Sunday night, we popped down the High Street to try out the latest dining experience in Barrow, the 'Istanbul BBQ Kitchen' - a combination of "in" or "out" dining. Having pre-booked, we had an uncluttered "in-house" experience. The interior is smart and clean with restrooms and diners will be offered complimentary dips and pitta bread while choosing from the menu, which you can find online as well. These diners settled for the hot meze starter and wraps: does not sound much, but this was not a meal, it was a feast!



You can fall into the trap of ordering too much, which makes a change, because the portions are generous, freshly cooked and served promptly. OK, it will be different when busier.

Points to note: dining-in carries a slightly higher charge than take-away and there is a cover charge for bringing in your own alcohol, but soft drinks are available. The restaurant does not take cards at the moment and I would recommend you pre-book on the busy weekend periods if dining in.

Go on Trip Advisor and check out customer reports. Cost wise, the evening was very competitive for the amount of food we received and the staff were friendliness personified, with time for a chat.

If you're picking up a take-away, park opposite in the Co-op, not outside; enjoy whichever experience you choose and hear the friendly, 'Tesekkür ederim' (thank you) as you leave.

Epicure of Barra

Charnwood Orchestra Concert:

Vienna And Beyond Saturday 13th January

It is a highlight of Christmas for many music lovers when Charnwood Orchestra brings Vienna to Humphrey Perkins Community Centre in January.

Last year the orchestra experimented by enriching the feast of Viennese waltzes, polkas and marches with other popular pieces from the rest of Europe to start the concert - just as happens in Vienna on New Year's Eve. The experiment was very well received and will be repeated. The first half of the concert will include Harold's rousing Zampa overture, Bizet's Carmen Suite, Dvorak's Slavonic Dance No 8, Svendsen's Violin Romance with conductor Nic Fallowfield playing solo violin and the Waltz from Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky. In the second half, Humphrey Perkins' hall fills with the music of the Strauss family, some new to Barrow, some very familiar indeed. Obviously we will include the Blue Danube, the Radetsky Waltz and Thunder and Lightning Polka.



The tickets cost £15, £13 (concessions) and £3 (accompanied children under 16) and can be bought from The Paper Shop and by Paypal from www.charnwoodorchestra.org.uk The concert starts at 7.00pm and don't be late

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Library Events

December

1/12 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 2/12 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 8/12 Rhyme Time 10.30-11
 8/12 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 9/12 Library Christmas Open Morning 10-1
 15/12 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 16/12 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 22/12 Rhyme Time 10.30-11
 22/12 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 29/12 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 30/12 Saturday Stories 10.30-11

January

5/1 Rhyme Time 10.30-11
 5/1 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 6/1 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 12/1 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 13/1 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 19/1 Rhyme Time 10.30-11
 19/1 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 20/1 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 26/1 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 27/1 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 31/1 Library talk "The Spanish Armada" 7.30pm

February

2/2 Rhyme Time 10.30-11
 2/2 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 3/2 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 9/2 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 10/2 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 16/2 Rhyme Time 10.30-11
 16/2 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 17/2 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 23/2 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 24/2 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 28/2 Library talk "The Archers" 7.30pm

March

2/3 Rhyme Time 10.30-11
 2/3 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 3/3 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 9/3 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 10/3 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 16/3 Rhyme Time 10.30-11
 16/3 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 17/3 Saturday Stories 10.30-11
 23/3 Get Crafty 1.30-3
 24/3 Saturday Stories 10.30-11

the library. Pop in and have a look. It's much more than just a library! The library space is available for hire. For details email library@barrowuponsoar.org.uk or ring 01509 416356. Donations to keep the library running can now be made through the BUSCA website under "Donate to the Library".

Catherine Holmes



And yet... the library itself, its books and resources, are at the heart of this community effort thanks to the local people of the village and our amazing, growing number of volunteers. In addition, 75 Year 5 children, from Hall Orchard School, were welcomed in September to begin their regular visits to the library, which we hope will establish good reading habits for life. Weekly Saturday Stories and fortnightly Rhyme Time also attract new younger readers.

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Village Diary

Mon 27th	Book Club: Hunting Lodge; 19.00
Thurs 30th	Christmas Tree Festival (Ends Sunday 3rd December)
Fri 1st	Grand Opening of the Christmas Tree Festival; 19.30; Holy Trinity Church; tickets from Paper Shop Christmas Tree Festival concert; 19.30; Holy Trinity Church; tickets from Paper Shop Centre Stage event: Truth and Truffles: A Celebration of Chocolate; Humphrey Perkins Community Centre; 19.30; tickets from www.busca.org.uk or Paper Shop
Sat 2nd	Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00 - 11.00; all welcome Switching on of Christmas Lights and Street Market 14.30 - 17.30 in High STREET (note) Christmas Tree Festival open 11 - 19.00
Sun 3rd	Christingle Service 10.30; Holy Trinity Church Christmas Tree Festival open 11.30 - 17.00
Mon 4th	New Horizons; Methodist Coffee Lounge; 14.00; all welcome Charnwood Art; Bishop Beveridge Club; 19.00 - 21.00
Tues 5th	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.00; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.15
Wed 6th	Bishop Beveridge Club Bingo; 14.30 Gardening Club: Annual General Meeting (19.30 members only) and Party Night (20.00 All welcome); The GAP - behind Baptist Church
Fri 8th	Library Rhyme Time: 10.30
Sun 10th	Baptist Luncheon Club: Christmas Lunch and Service
Mon 11th	Bishop Beveridge coach trip to York Christmas Medieval Fair. details 01509 413212 Self Help Art Group; Bishop Bev; 12.30 - 14.30
Wed 13th	Knit and natter; Methodist Church; 14.00 - 16.00 WI: Christmas during WW11 by Felicity Austin; Cons Club Assembly Rooms; 19.30; all welcome Methodist Ladies Circle: Christmas Party and Secret Santa; 19.45 Clock Club Rummage sale in Aid of Rainbows; 10 - 11.30; Bishop Beveridge Club
Sat 16th	Bishop Beveridge Club Monday Movie; My Cousin Rachel; 14.00
Mon 18th	BUSCA Christmas Dance with C&J Sound; Humphrey Perkins Community Centre; 19.30 - 23.00; tickets from Paper Shop
Sat 23rd	Barrow Runners Handicap 6 mile race; contact Mick Ballard on 413586
Tues 26th	Beveridge Club: Boxing Day Open Coffee morning: free coffee and toasted tea cakes; 10.30 - 12.30; Open to all
Wed 3rd	Mother's Union, 15.30
Thurs 4th	Leicestershire Metal Detectorists; 19.15
Sat 6th	Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00 - 11.00; all welcome Crochet Club; Methodist Hall; 12.00
Mon 8th	New Horizons; Methodist Coffee lounge; 14.00; all welcome
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Wed 10th	Crafts; Methodist Church; 14.00 - 16.00 Barrow WI: Cons Club Assembly Rooms; 19.30 Gardening Club: The GAP-behind Baptist Church; 19.30
Mon 15th	Beveridge Club Film: "Dunkirk" 14.00
Wed 17th	Knit and natter; Methodist Church; 14.00 - 16.00 Fun Quiz at the Bishop Beveridge Club, open to all 14.45pm Gardening Club: "Favourite Midlands' Gardens" by Kate Ward; 19.30; The GAP-behind Baptist Church
Sat 20th	Bishop Beveridge Club Give a Book a Home; social afternoon at the Bishop Beveridge Club 14.30- 16.30pm. £1.00 tea and cake Charnwood Orchestra "Vienna and Beyond" concert; Humphrey Perkins Community Centre; 19.00; tickets from the Paper Shop
Wed 24th	Bingo at the Bishop Beveridge Club 14.30pm all welcome
Mon 29th	Barrow Book Club; 19.00; Hunting Lodge
Thurs 1st	Leicestershire Metal Detectorists; 19.15
Sat 3rd	Methodist Church Minimarket; 10.00 - 11.00; all welcome Crochet Club; Methodist Hall; 11.00
Mon 5th	New Horizons: Keep fit and healthy by Donna Maclean; Methodist Coffee Lounge; 14.00; all welcome
Tues 6th	Parish Council meeting; PC office; 19.00; everyone welcome; public participation at approx 19.15
Wed 7th	Crafts; Methodist Church; 14.00 - 16.00 Barrow WI: Skittles in Cons Club Assembly Rooms; 19.30
Fri 9th	Baptist Luncheon Club: 12.30 Fish and Chips followed by a dance
Sat 10th	BUSCA Valentine Dance with Just Us; Humphrey Perkins Community Centre; 19.30 - 23.00; tickets from Paper Shop
Mon 12th	Bishop Beveridge coach outing to Pennells Garden Centre, Lincolnshire, see posters for details.
Wed 14th	Beveridge Club Gardening Club; The GAP-behind Baptist Church; 19.30
Mon 19th	Beveridge Club Film: "Hampstead"; 14.00; £4 members, £ 4.50 visitors, inc tea and cake
Wed 21st	Knit and Natter at the Methodist Hall; 14.00 Beveridge Club Visit to Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Services at Birstall. Contact Joyce @ The Bishop Beveridge Club 01509 414519 for details. Gardening Club: "Diary of a One Acre Garden": Linda Robinson; 19.30; The GAP-behind Baptist Church
Mon 26th	Barrow Book Club; 19.00; Hunting Lodge
Wed 28th	Bingo at the Bishop Beveridge Club 2.30pm all welcome
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Wed 21st	Bingo at the Bishop Beveridge Club 2.30pm all welcome Gardening Club; "Bark, Berry and Leaf" by Steve Lovell; The GAP-behind Baptist Church; 19.30
Mon 26th	Barrow Book Club; 19.00; Hunting Lodge

Truth and Truffles

A Celebration of Chocolate
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1st December

Christmas Street Market

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2nd December

Christmas Dance

with C & J Sound

23rd December