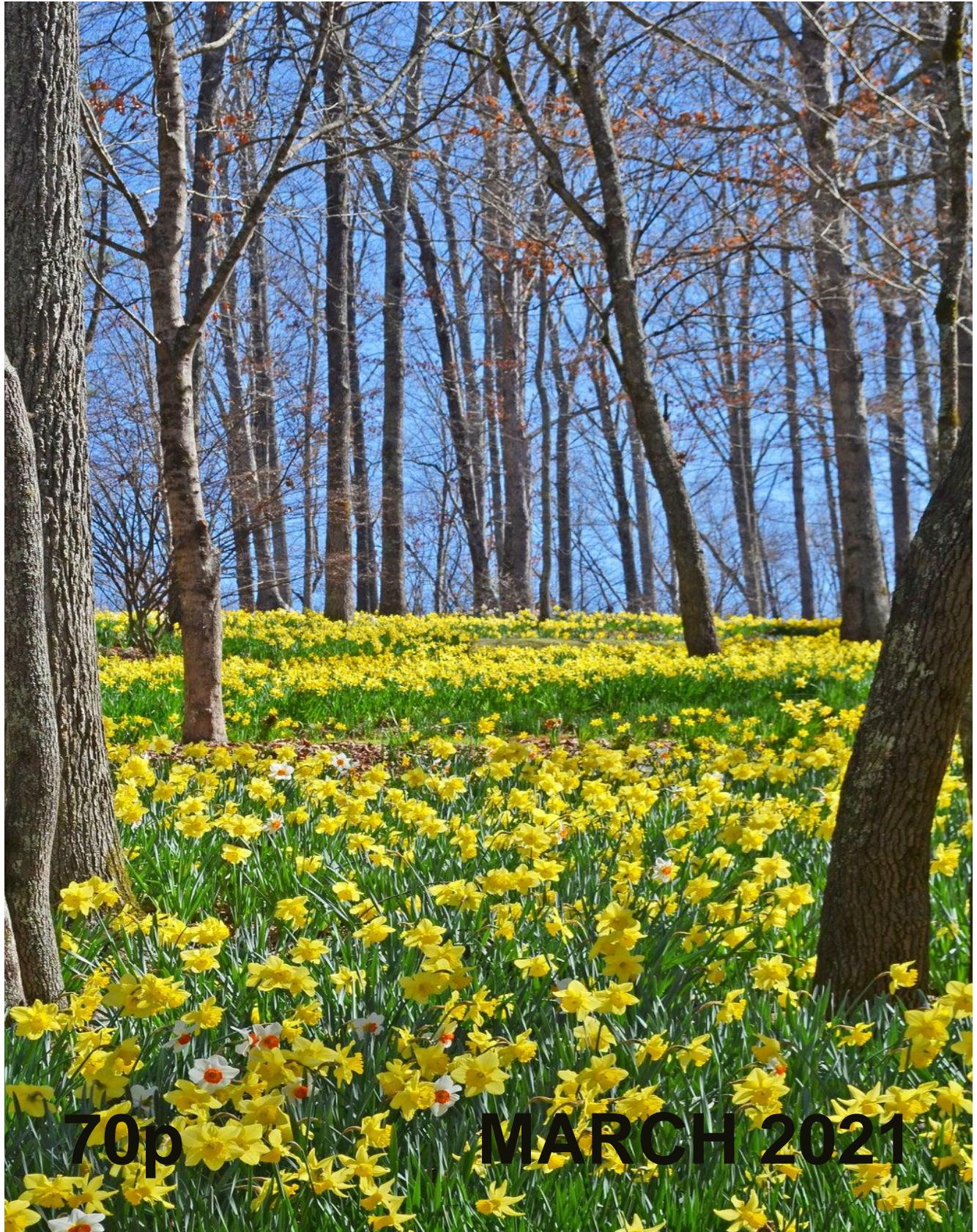


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Roger is a regular contributor to the Barlow History Group facebook pages. He grew up and lived in Barlow until 1979 and still loves walking with his dog in the local area. See 2 more of his photographs on the inside back cover and thanks to him for letting us use them.



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CHURCH ROTA

March / April 2021

Services	Sidesperson	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning Wednesdays
Sunday 7 th March 11am Mass	Church service suspended.			
Sunday 14 th March 11am Mass	Church service suspended.			
Sunday 21 st March 11am Mass	Church service suspended.			
Sunday 28 th March 11am Mass	N/A	M Barnes	J Banks	
Easter Sunday 4 th April 11am Mass	N/A	D Windle	Priest	
Sunday 11 th April 10.30 Mass Please note earlier time!	N/A	C Mitchell	J Windle	T Maley / T Woodhouse

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

Palm Sunday 28th March 2021 - Parish Mass at Barlow 11am
 Maundy Thursday 1st April 2021 - Joint service with Old Brampton at Barlow 7.30pm
 Good Friday 2nd April 2021 - Stations of the Cross at Barlow 2pm
 Easter Day Sunday 4th April 2021 - Parish Mass at Barlow 11am
 Sunday 11th April 2021 - Joint Parish Mass with Old Brampton at Barlow 10.30am

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

As regards community celebrations, March this year is a busy month with St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, the Vernal Equinox, Mothers' Day and Palm Sunday all featuring. Community celebrations are important for our lives together as they remind us about things in our lives we need to remember.

Mothers' Day in the UK is always observed with supermarkets stocking up well in advance with flowers and chocolates – whether this will be to the same extent this year, in our pandemic times, remains to be seen. St David's Day and St Patrick's Day remind those in Wales and Ireland that, although they are part of the UK, they have separate national dignities in their own rights. The Vernal Equinox is not so much a celebration – except for pagans – as an observation: day and night are equal and the season of Spring, growing nature and warmer days will soon be upon us.

Palm Sunday is, if you like, the 'odd man out', as it is part of Easter, which is a moveable feast dependent on the phases of the moon. It is our lead-in to the events, a few days later, of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Palm Sunday itself reminds us of the Jesus in his day - an itinerant religious teacher – hailed as a Son of David, the great Jewish king. His entry into Jerusalem that day, over 2,000 years ago, on a donkey, also symbolises for us humility. Not a king on a prancing war horse was Jesus, but a person demonstrating a spirit of compassion, understanding and a willingness to link with others in their difficulties, sorrows and trials - further demonstrated at Easter itself, of course, by a willingness to, literally, die for us and on our behalf.

Would it be unrealistic to suggest that our national and world leaders and the powerful corporations that run our world, today, could do with making this a model for their own leadership roles? Perhaps, if they took on the mantle of Jesus a little more, our world would then be a place of justice and real development for all and a secure hope for the future.

Blessings,

Rev'd Janet Quick – Associate Priest at St Lawrence' Church

From Church Registers

MARCH 2021

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Funerals

None



On Palm Sunday, Christian worshippers celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, an event that took place the week before the Lord's death and resurrection. Palm Sunday is a moveable feast, meaning the date changes every year based on the liturgical calendar. Palm Sunday always falls one week before Easter Sunday.

BARLOW CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

A number of our readers will remember “Watch with Mother” on the TV between 1950 and 1957, the stars of the show being Andy Pandy, Looby Loo and Teddy, but do you remember the TV signal breaking down quite often in those early days of TV? Today we lose the signal if the broadband is playing up, however, in the first ground breaking days of TV, it was a regular occurrence for the TV to suddenly show a blank screen, then a sign, “Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible”.

With the lockdown, we have had to use Google Meet and Zoom for our Sunday services and we thank everyone who has supported us and read Prayers and Bible readings, played hymns and given talks and we especially thank our young people, Elizabeth, Emily, Ellie and Amy for their valued and special contributions.

We now hope that “Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible” and our first ‘after lockdown’ church service will be on Palm Sunday 28th March 2021. We have had to anticipate that nothing to be announced by the government should prevent the re-opening as planned.

CHURCH RE-OPENING

Following the lockdown and the suspension of church services, we have kept everyone’s safety at the top of the agenda and arranged a deep clean of the church ready for the Palm Sunday opening and we have re-examined our risk assessment documents for safe opening and had them authorised by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

As most people now realise, we have - because of the need for social distancing - only a limited amount of space for seating in pews and so it is essential for seats to be booked in advance by phoning the Churchwardens on 07821985218 or 07749287834 to guarantee a place for every service.

There is a strict one-way system for entering and leaving the services and we are keeping a 2-metre social distance between pews and following a safe communion procedure.

Please follow guidance from the Churchwardens during services and when entering/leaving church and use the sanitisation stations and please wear your facemasks.

We are sorry that we are unable to hold the monthly 8am Said Mass at the moment and unfortunately cannot sing during Graeme's beautiful hymn playing, but we can hum our hymns enthusiastically.

We look forward to seeing you on Palm Sunday.

GRAVEYARD MATTERS

Our volunteers have still been busy during winter and cleared church gutters and carried out maintenance work inside the church, but also checked the safety of gravestones and re-aligned them where necessary; in addition, they will have to tidy away Christmas wreaths prior to resuming mowing.

FUTURE EVENTS

It is difficult to predict the fund-raising activities this year, we are already feeling short changed with the missing Lent breakfasts, sausage , bacon, eggs, tomato and mushrooms with a cup of tea and good company. As soon as we can hold events safely then we will and we will advise everyone, in the meantime, keep your gardens in good shape, not only for your own enjoyment, but in the hope that something might happen. Who would have thought that 15 million of us would have been vaccinated in just 10 weeks by 15th February and the programme goes full steam ahead.

Let's hope we will all soon be saying, "Do you remember when we had that lockdown?"

Stay safe, keep your distance and look after each other.

Julie, John & Pete.



YEARS MIND FOR MARCH

From the church registers

**Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

1ST ROY STEVENSON---1983
THOMAS HARDY---1989
2ND WILLIAM BRAMWELL---1990
DORIS HURT---2012
3RD MADGE CROOKES---1969
DORA SKINNER---2006
4TH EUNICE SHELDON---1964
PHILIP D. HARDY---1990
JENNIFER ALICE HANSON ---2008
5TH FREDERICK J. STEVENSON---
1987
IVY BOOKER---1987
MAUD M. TAYLOR---1990
ELLEN E. WATTS---2004
ETHEL SPRY---2005
6TH WILLIAM WALKER---1984
KATHLEEN BRADLEY---2007
7TH ALBERT C. DRAKE---?
DEREK RHODES---1993
8TH MARY L. BROUGHTON---1986
* HILDA BOWLER---1990
FRANCES B. HALLAM---2001
ERIC SHAW---2006
9TH * ANNIE MARPLES---1990
EMILY M. M. TAYLOR---1990
10TH MAY HASLAM---1985
* LILIAN SHAWCRIFF---2017
11TH JOHN BANKS---2001
GILLIAN DRURY---2019
12TH OLIVE HASLAM---1977
WILLIAM WILSON---1982
13TH ERNEST WARDLE---1968
HARRY HOLE---1986
JAMES WALKER---2003
* KATHLEEN BRADLEY---2007
14TH KATHLEEN M. WASS---2001
15TH PRISCILLA BINNS---1972
JOYCE HARDY---2003
JAMES SHEMWELL--2019

17TH FLORENCE HOLLIS---2001
SAMUEL SILCOCK---2003
BRIAN PATMAN---2007
IVAN LAYTON---2009
19TH ARCHIE PENDLETON---1971
BEATRIX WRIGHT---1972
MARY A. SIDDALL---1974
20TH JENNIFER VALENTINE---1993
MAY HOSKIN---1961
20TH JOHN PARKIN---2003
21ST HARRY BARGH---1966
ALICE HOLMES---1972
HANNAH WILSON---1991
COLIN G. PAYNE---2001
JAMES A. LAYTON---2005
22ND * STANLEY TEW---1992
ERIC BARDSLEY---2019
SUSAN M. RAINFORD---1995
ROBERT A SHAWCROFT---2010
TERRENCE NEEDHAM---2016
NORMAN HARRISON---2019
23RD DERRICK PREECE---2007
24TH JUDITH HASLAM---1993
REGGIE BLAIR---1993
NICOLA S. WASS---1999
25TH ARTHUR HOLLIS---2004
26TH FRANK NEEDHAM---1998
EDWIN KAY---2005
28TH CHRISTINA ARMSTRONG---1987
DORA JOLLEY---2000
*STANLEY HARDY---2012
29TH WILLIAM LAYTON---1984
30TH DOROTHY SMITH---1995
31ST ORIEL WILSON---2002

METHODIST CHURCH

(BARLOW & CUTTHORPE)

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Marriages and Baptisms by appointment

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Church Services

We are currently still unable to meet physically in Chapel while we are carrying on with our efforts to reduce infection rates for Covid -19.

There continues to be an online worship service each Sunday morning on Zoom at 11am to which all are welcome.

For log-in details for this and other services across the Derbyshire North East Methodist Circuit please check out our website

<https://www.dnemethodists.org.uk/worship-reflect-learn/worship-online.html>

Blessings

Tracey

Rev Tracey Harris
Barlow & Cutthorpe Methodist Church
Derbyshire North East Methodist Circuit

Tel: 01246 274481

Dear Friends,

As I write this in mid-February the sun is shining after a particularly tough cold spell. As someone with a preference for spring and summer my spirits slowly start to lift as I see signs of hope for the end of winter with snowdrops in flower. We certainly need hope in our lives in these days and as we hit the one-year anniversary since the first lockdown in the UK for Covid-19. For my part I am trying to concentrate on the things that are positive and doable rather than the negatives of this time. Positives include being able to worship online, have video calls with family and friends, have a roof over my head, food in the cupboards and so on; something I have referred to in a previous write-up as 'counting our blessings.' A verse from Habakkuk, one of the more obscure books in the Bible, springs to mind. Habakkuk, a prophet six centuries before Christ was born, was troubled and brought his concerns directly to God.

After receiving God's answers, he responded with this prayer/song of faith:

Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.
The Sovereign LORD is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights. (Habakkuk 3:17-19).

It is a challenge to rejoice and be joyful in God when circumstances are not good – when we have need, when we are not in good health, when our hope levels are seriously depleted. In spite of life's challenges let us keep on hoping for a day when things will improve. Whilst we are waiting, I encourage you to turn to God for his joy and strength.

Blessings, Rev. Tracey Harris



According to legend, the snowdrop became the symbol of hope when Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden. When Eve was about to give up hope that the cold winters would never end, an angel appeared. She transformed some of the snowflakes into snowdrop flowers, proving that the winters do eventually give way to the spring. (Not in the Bible but a nice thought! – Tracey)

Keep safe and stay hopeful,
Blessings

Rev. Tracey Harris
Barlow & Cutthorpe Methodist Church.

LOCKDOWN THANK-YOUS

The March winds are blowing hope after this awful year. I'd like to blow some thanks and good wishes to people who have helped make this winter bearable. There are teams of special individuals who have kept going, through these cold, dark days, in foul weather and on freezing mornings.

The milk delivery teams, (mine is Haslem) always there before I struggle downstairs to collect from the doorstep. What luxury - that cream with a coffee first thing in the morning! THANKYOU

Sally and Tony, Barlow newspapers. I dare not think what time they have to rise in order to sort us all out and deliver the latest news - no matter the road conditions might be like! THANKYOU

Our posties, especially Jackie, who knows where we all live, despite some peculiar addresses. Always a smile and a 'hello' with the letters and all those heavy catalogues (which we can't book anyway). The post comes in all weather, even on freezing days! THANKYOU

Thinking further, of the kindness of staff at Hackney House and Tickled Trout, who responded quickly to lockdown, changing their spaces so they could do takeaways, with patience and keeping to the new laws.

Our Carnival Committee, too, who organised the scarecrow competition, with Barlow decked out with cheerful bunting, some of which was made by individuals in the village.

The sewing ladies who made masks for people who needed them - both groups working away voluntarily.

The Church and the editorial team for keeping the parish magazine going.

The friends who send funny videos to make us laugh when we are finding lockdown difficult.

There are so many unsung heroes, quietly doing their jobs and helping us all, here in Barlow just the same as all over the country.

Whilst we are of course grateful to the NHS and all our key workers, let's not forget the good people in our own parish and say: THANKYOU

Carol Evans

NOTES FROM A VACCINATION

February 3rd. We have had a fair amount of snow overnight. The garden is covered in thick white snow and so is the road. The cars, too.

During breakfast my partner's mobile phone pings. A text message has been received. Together we check the screen. The message says "Please click the link below to book in for your COVID-19 vaccination."

This is exciting news, as we weren't expecting to be called until much later in the year. I am looking at my own phone, but I haven't had the message. Where is mine? I'm thinking, is this just another elaborate hoax, or even a scam (because there are some COVID-related scams around!)? There have been several suspicious texts on my phone recently. Where has the message come from? An organisation called 'Swiftqueue'. I google 'Swiftqueue', trying to ascertain if it is a bona fide company with a legitimate web presence. It seems to be okay, but as my partner starts typing information into the phone I am half expecting a trap to lure us into giving details away. Luckily, all it does is bring up a list of available vaccination appointments throughout the same day, at Stubley Medical Centre. This is a surprise; perhaps they've had lots of cancellations due to the snow? Now I'm envious: Why haven't I had the offer of a vaccination appointment? I check my own mobile and just as I look through my messages, a new one arrives with the customary ping. My invitation has arrived as well! After registering with Swiftqueue we are both able to book appointments for this afternoon, today, 5 minutes apart.

We set out in plenty of time, because we decide to take the long way round rather than getting stuck up on Barlow Lees Lane due to ice and snow. When we get to the Medical Centre there are lots of cars in the car park and all over the road. There is a small queue outside the entrance to the COVID vaccinations. I have never looked forward to a needle as much as today! A short wait of about 10 minutes and we're in, starting the process. Hand gel, questions, consent and explanations.

15 minutes to wait, after the (painless) injection, self-timed. All in all, the experience takes about 25 minutes. To be repeated in 11 weeks, follow-up appointment already booked automatically. Very efficient.

Please go for your vaccination as soon as you are given the chance!

(Barlow resident, name supplied)

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Barlow Parish Council has a full complement of members at present.

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Village Hall

Although we are all hoping that we will be in a position soon to give you better news, for the time being the Village Hall and the Book Exchange will remain closed.

Road Closure

The following two road closure notices have been received for Far Lane: April 28 – 30, “to facilitate safe access to BT structure.”

May 17 – 19, “to facilitate water apparatus renewal works.”

A diversion will be put in place.

Neighbourhood Watch Initiative

We are pleased to report that we have received notification from a Barlow resident who is willing to help organise a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in our village. This will involve close cooperation with PCSO Flower, but further volunteers will be needed to get it all set up. If you are willing to participate, please leave a message with the clerk.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch team will continue to carry out speed checks on an ad hoc basis, so please watch out and help keep residents safe.

Planning Applications / Decisions

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- NED/21/00019/FLH – Removal of existing roof and rear dormer, increase ridge and eaves height to create additional habitable space to the existing first floor and a single storey rear extension (revised scheme of 19/01059/FLH) at the Bungalow, Wilkin Hill, Barlow

RESOLVED The Council are concerned that this development may be overbearing in terms of height and significant size for the neighbours.

- NED/20/1271/FL – Demolition of existing outbuildings and rebuilding as ancillary accommodation for family members at Acorn House, Far Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED The Council are concerned this is a development within a greenbelt area.

- NED/20/01308/FLH – Erection of single storey side extension to form attached single integral garage at Peakley Cottage, Dobbin Lane, Peakley Hill

RESOLVED No comment

PLANNING DECISIONS

- NED/20/01092/FLH – Demolition of existing garage and erection of a new double garage with storage in roof space, erection of new stable block and widening of driveway at Oaks Cottage, Oaks Lane, Barlow

REFUSED – 22 January 2021

- NED/20/01129/FLH – Construction of single storey side and rear extension at 29 Valley Rise, Barlow

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED – 8 January 2021

RESOLVED To note



Please remember that a defibrillator is located at the Village Hall, just outside the main doors, in a locked box.

Emergency access can be gained by calling 999 and typing in the numerical code given.

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL

Hello again,

Another quiet half term at Pre-school due to the ongoing pandemic. However, with spring on its way and longer days things are starting to feel a little brighter. During the next half term, the children will be looking at the signs of spring and new life, they will be planting bulbs and watching them grow. The children will be celebrating Mother's Day, making cards and presents for the special people in their lives. They will also be learning about Easter and doing Easter crafts and hopefully doing an Easter egg hunt around the village. We would also like to say a huge 'thank you' to Paul and Claire Williams who own the beautiful woods we use for Forest School, they have generously donated a seating area and a bench for the children to sit on; they have provided hooks and tarp so the staff can quickly put up a shelter when it's raining. Paul and Claire really believe in the ethos of Forest School and have been so generous, we are very lucky to be part of such a lovely community in such lovely surroundings.

If you are interested in a place for your child for September, please email barlowps@yahoo.co.uk with your request.

Emma Bointon - Chair



BARLOW CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Latest News:

Courage is our value for this half term. The courage showed by our community over the past year is phenomenal. No matter what our personal situation is, it requires courage to keep going and a recognition that lockdown is tough on families struggling to balance the needs of everyone.

Remote Learning

Learning continues with our live English and Maths lessons for Y1-Y6 plus our daily check-ins for Reception. We are very proud of all the children's efforts. The children at home have been busy uploading work onto our platform Purple Mash. Everyone has been working hard and we are delighted to share some of their work with you.

Emerald class have been busy writing poems about the sun, using metaphors:

The sun is a glowing disco ball
Glittering, gleaming.
It dances in the blue sky
Reaches out to all of us
It lights the dark dancefloor
And makes us happy
It makes things bright.
Eleanor

The sun is a giant golf ball.
It shines bright in the blue skies.
As she glows looking down with
blazing heat towards earth,
The yellow daffodils nod their heads
And look up and smile at her.
She is a beautiful star, warm and
glowing.
People smile when they see her
warm arms
Wrap around the earth.
Isaac B

The sun is a happy bee
Whizzing through the sky
Sucking up the darkness
As if it was nectar
Flying through the atmosphere
On its endless mission
At a million miles an hour.
Rosa

The sun is a fiery blanket flickering
through the sky
The sun is a star that shines brightly in
the sky
It floats around the world
It is a bright, big bouncing ball of
happiness
It is another planet on fire
The sun is a heartbeat of friendship
It brings love to the world.
Sophia

The sun is a glowing disco ball
That's shimmering on the snow
To take over the cold, icy days
As it shines upon my face,
I feel alive.
Emilie

The sun is a shimmering light
Scorching in the hazy sky
Touching and feeling the blistering rays
Bouncing through the fluffy clouds
Sidestepping and skipping, I catch the rays.
Oh, I love you, shimmering sun.
Jake

The sun is a fire in the sky burning ferociously
lighting up the world.
Casting shadows from the children dancing in
its glow.
Children dance 'til the fire is put out by the
shadows of the moon.
Gracie

The sun is a ball of fire that hovers
around the sky
It shines down upon us, making us feel
warm and happy.
It opens up the flowers
And melts all the snow on the ground
Running her way over the earth
With her fingers twitching with
brightness and happiness.
Thomas S

The sun is a cheerful carrot
Dashing around the sky
Smiling upon the earth
Shining its happiness, laughter
and joy
It spreads its light around the
galaxy
Warming the land
With its orange glow.
Luca

The sun is a ray of happiness
That is moving across in space
That warms the whole world
The sun gives us daylight that
keeps towns bright
It is the biggest star we can see
that is the brightest.
Lilly

The sun is an eternal light.
A ball of fire
Travelling through the clouds.
It gives life to all
Spreading its rays
With its blazing, raging heat.
Wondrous star.
Thomas B

Meanwhile, Sapphire class have been busy writing stories linked to their class book 'The Eye of the Wolf'. Here is Amy's story – '**The Eye of the Cheetah**':

The cold damp drizzle seeps through my fur. Raindrops are hanging like tiny jewels from the wire fencing. Grey, filthy concrete under my soaking wet paws is extremely bumpy like untarmacked road. My mood is just as stormy as the weather. Little children pointing, gawping at me like I'm some circus freak. Their tiny little voices are like thousands of wrecking balls DESTROYING my brain! Now let me tell you my life story.

I was born in a litter of four cubs; I was neither the biggest and fastest, nor was I the smallest and weakest. We lived in the savannah, where there

were seas of grass and clusters of trees. Continuous heat and blazing sun created an ongoing drought. It was only relieved once a year by the rainy season. Mother taught us how to stalk, chase and kill. As the fastest of them all our speed can help us run faster than our prey. To practice we played a game called chase. We chased our tail around and around until we got bored.

That happy time with my mother and my siblings ended suddenly one fateful day. That day my life changed forever. It has burnt into my mind like a bullet and haunts me in my darkest nightmares. That day started out as normal until a cloud of dust in the distance racing towards us. A revving engine cut the silence like distant thunder. From the truck came a rifle shot it split the air like a lightning strike. My mother made an ear cracking sound. She was mortally wounded. I turned around and my brothers were no-where to be seen. The cowards! As I nuzzled my mother this giant, skeleton like hand and wrenched me by the scruff of my neck into the truck. So was my mother. We travelled for weeks on end until we stopped at the first town we saw. Mother was going to be sold for her fur. Me, I didn't know what was going to happen. I thought about my brothers being left there to die and rot. I cried; I cried for my mother, for my siblings, for my home.

I was kept in a small, cramped and tight-spaced iron barred cage. I hated it. The people who captured me were shouting loudly. I didn't know what they were saying but I bet it had something to do with me or mother. Mother was laid out on a table, not moving or breathing. I think she had died. A man came along and they argued about something until my mother was picked up by the man and was sold. I knew I would probably never see her again. People pushed and jostled each other. So many colours, sounds and smells. Fabrics wafted in the breeze like multi-coloured sails. The noise was deafening like a storm. I could smell the spices from the stall opposite. I sneezed and the traders suddenly noticed that I was still there. A man came over and started talking with the traders.

The man looked and pointed at me; he smiled in a calm, reassuring way. As the man handed over some money, I wondered what was going to happen. I was scared when he came back with a GUN... I suddenly felt dizzy and then... lights out. I slowly but cautiously opened my eyes. What

place was this? Where was I? What happened? The first thing I noticed was the floor bedded in soft, comfortable straw. The next thing I noticed was the ginormous, indoor enclosed cage with people looking at me from the electric wire fencing. Then I saw the man from the market. I was petrified. But he pushed some fresh meat from the bars which made me feel safe and cared for. In the next few days, or week, I'm not sure how long, I learnt that I was in a good place. The man came every day with meat. Soon I was allowed to leave the cage and explore the outside space. I had been able to hear people for some time. The sound of children, little voices, high pitched like birds pecking inside my head. Outside, the weather was so different from my old home in Yellow Africa. Instead of heat and sun there was cold and rain. My new home. I was sad, sad, because I wished to be back in Yellow Africa.

We hope that we will all be back together in school soon. In the meantime, please stay safe!

Mrs Watkin

and all the team at Barlow Church of England Primary School



POETRY CORNER

EYAM BALLAD by Carol Evans (1986)

The great plague came to Derbyshire
dressed in the finest cloth.

He who stitched and sweated
was first man marked for death.
Marked with a ring of roses;
marked for the greedy earth.

No chants or incantations,
no herbs to charm the sores,
no tincture, balm or ointment;
for plague there is no cure.

The Bradshaw family from the hall
fled in the early light.

Linen, silver, servant, dog,
abandoned in the flight.

Then Mompesson assembled all
to tell them of their plight.

No chants or incantations...

On that first week in September
in sixteen sixty-five
three hundred honest Christians
prayed to stay alive.

Of those who prayed in fear of plague
less than eighty would survive.

No chants or incantations...

Written as early as 1986, this long poem nonetheless has a powerful message for us all during this current pandemic...

From pulpit in every parish
the word was quickly spread:
“Stay away from Eyam!
They are already counting dead.
Ten miners and the carpenter
have caught the infected seed.”

No chants or incantations...

Giant stones were placed at boundaries,
at Cliffe and Cucklet Delp,
at Gebe mine and at Humphries barn,
and there the coins were left.
Coins steeped in bitter vinegar
to pay the price of bread.

No charms or incantations...

By Christmas time no children
Played in the yard at school.
Ten pupils and the teacher gone;
how could He be so cruel,
to steal the heart out of the village,
to watch infection rule?

No charms or incantations...

When mother Hancock saw the mark
on the neck of her small son,
she told Johas to dig seven graves.
She knew no help would come
to bless them with a remedy,
before they died alone.

No chants or incantations...

No marriage vows in spring that year,
no loved ones left to cherish.
No seed was sown, no crop was grown,
just one pride left to nourish:
“No matter what, we must not spread
this curse outside the village.”

No chants or incantations...

And so the Eyam legend grew.
Read on the parish page
the names of all those people
who kept their vow and stayed.
The village died, but Derbyshire
was never touched by plague.

No chants or incantations...

Be still and quiet in Cucklet Delp
and watch the drifting skies.
Perhaps you will catch the singing,
an echo still survives.
In our imagination
we can live their unfinished lives.

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The time is flying and we are already in the month of March. Our monthly WI meetings continue via Zoom for the members who are able to log into them. We very much look forward to the resumption of our normal live meetings, group gatherings and events. We are making a change to our meeting venue once the current lockdown period ends and we are relocating to The Loundsley Green Community Centre. The meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month commencing at 3pm and we are hoping that the move will help us attract some new members.

Most of our WI members have a keen interest in gardening and the outdoors and so, a few snippets taken from our WI My Life website.....March being the commencement of the gardening year, there are jobs to do.

- Top dress newly planted trees and shrubs
- Lift and divide Summer flowering perennials
- Plant new borders
- Prune roses
- Pollard shrubs and trees grown for Winter colour
- Protect new shoots from slugs
- Repot container plants
- Continue pruning hardy late Summer flowering shrubs

A spring focus on the magnificent Magnolia.

There are over two hundred evergreen and deciduous varieties of this beautiful tree or shrub. The latter lose their leaves in winter and are more common in the UK. They produce their flowers when they have few if any leaves, allowing beautiful goblet style flowers to shine. They are one of the oldest plant groups and some Magnolias date back over 95 million years, well before the evolution of bees, so pollination is encouraged by beetles.

The delicate, star-like quality of Magnolia Stellata brightens even the rainiest day and there is a later flowering one too, which offers a deep, moody, dusky pink colour. Magnolias prefer moist, well-drained neutral to acid soil and shelter from cold winds. They are great for architectural and courtyard gardens, wall-side borders and cottage or informal gardens. The gorgeous yellow stems of the Willow tree also appear in March and are a welcome sight following the winter months. Take care to put the right plant in the correct place when planting new borders, for example, Lavender plants do not like to be grown in clay, waterlogged soil and prefer dry, well-drained conditions to enable them to thrive.

Lastly..... not to forget ‘Denman at Home’ which provides access to ‘online’ talks and demonstrations that can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home via ‘Zoom’ and are available for both WI members and non-members. The courses mostly last for one hour and cost £5.00. They cover a wide range of subjects including Travel, Literature, Cooking, a whole range of Crafts, Yoga and exercise and a lots of interesting talks and also virtual tours of London complete with historical facts. Further information about these courses can be accessed via the following website: <https://www.denman.org.uk>

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CARNIVAL

Hello,

The Carnival Committee Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 15 February via Zoom where the committee met to start planning the Carnival for 2021.

Usually, the AGM is the start of the planning for the Carnival year ahead, the financial position is reported on and people are elected to the official positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Whilst we were successful in electing a Secretary and Treasurer, unfortunately, we were unable to elect a Chairperson. Without a Chairperson we will be unable to form a committee and without a committee there will be no Carnival!

With just 11 people at the meeting it has highlighted that we need more people to come forward to join the committee and to be part of the team that make it all happen. Existing members (with the wealth of knowledge and experience they have) are willing to remain on the committee and the committee remains in a healthy financial position. We just need a Chairperson to take an active role in leading the team and coordinating the Carnival.

In light of the desperate situation we now find ourselves in we are holding a further Zoom meeting on Monday 15 March at 7.30pm for interested people to come along. Hopefully we will be able to find a Chairperson. If we are unable to elect a Chairperson work will begin on dissolving the Committee along with the assets and finances and thus ending our Carnival tradition!

If you would like to know more about the position of Chairperson, find out how you can help, or are interested in joining the meeting in March then please email info@barlowcarnival.co.uk alternatively call James on 07895 760607 or Richard on 07568 084699

We appreciate that at this time Covid-19 restrictions may mean that Carnival cannot take place in its usual format this August but the planning starts many months before and regardless of Covid the future of Carnival is now looking doubtful.

Your Carnival needs you, perhaps now more than ever!

Richard Brougham.

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MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, 14th March



Mother's Day is celebrated all over the world at different times of the year. In the US, the annual celebration of "moms" takes place on the second Sunday of May, while in France the Fete des Meres falls on the last Sunday of May. In the UK, however, Mothering Sunday is held on the fourth Sunday of Lent – 14 March this year.

The first ever movement for the recognition of motherhood arose from the groups for women whose sons had fought in the American Civil War. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson decreed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. It spread to Europe in the aftermath of the First World War, when many women had lost their sons or husbands, leaving them to raise their children alone.

It was customary for people in Britain to cook their mothers a simnel cake – a type of light fruit cake with two layers of marzipan – on Mothering Sunday because it falls in the middle of Lent and so represents a relaxation of the fasting rules. For this reason, the day was also traditionally called Refreshment Sunday.

Let's just make sure we'll tell our mums how much we love them!

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Red Nose Day is back Friday **19th March** and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change. So whatever you can do, please join us.

LET'S FACE IT, WE ALL NEED A LAUGH RIGHT NOW...

There are loads of ways to get involved this Red Nose Day. From buying a Red Nose or exclusive Pixar T-shirt, to holding your own fundraiser, to turning on the telly to watch a night of one-off comedy specials, live music and money can't buy prizes.

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CENSUS DAY

The importance of the census in 2021

The census gives us information about households across England and Wales.

At the Office for National Statistics (ONS), we've used past census information to help us understand how the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has affected people in different ways.

Census 2021 will give us fresh information to improve our understanding of the pandemic. It will also help to make sure that the services you use meet the needs of our changing society. This could include hospitals, schools, universities and job centres.

Census Day is **Sunday 21 March 2021** and will continue to happen on that date.

Keeping the public and census staff safe

At the ONS, our main concern is the safety of the public and our staff. We want everyone to be safely counted during the census. To do this, we're making sure that our plans are always in line with the latest government safety guidelines.

Census 2021 is a digital-first census, which means that we will be encouraging people to respond online if they can. You will be able to complete the census using any device, including your mobile phone or tablet.

If you need help, we've got it covered. We will have an online help area on our website and offer help by phone, webchat, email, social media or text message.

We're also encouraging people to get help from friends and family to complete their census.

If it's safe and within government guidelines, we will also be opening Census Support Centres to help people fill in their online questionnaire.

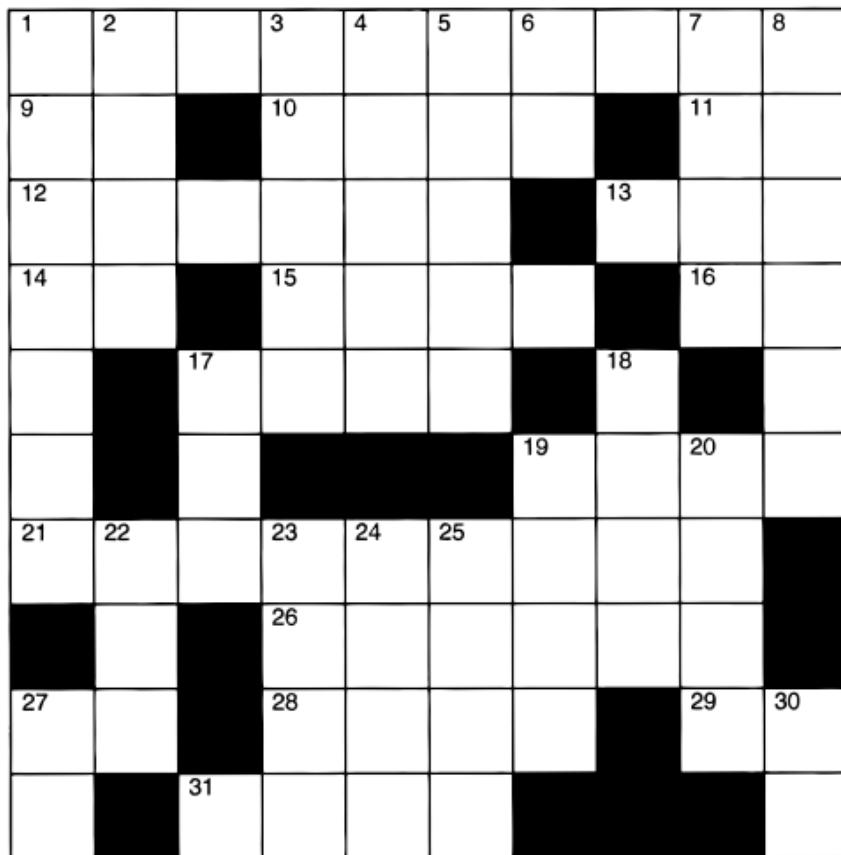
What to expect from our census field officers

After Census Day, at the end of March and into April, our census field officers will be visiting households from which we've not received a completed census form. They will encourage people to complete the census and help you to access further help if you need it. Our field officers will never need to enter your house.

Our field officers will be working in the same way as a postal or food delivery visit. They will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and working in line with government guidance. To find out more about how we will be making sure Census 2021 is completed safely during the coronavirus pandemic, please [visit the ONS website](#).

PUZZLE PAGE

The seven continents



Across

1. Coldest continent
9. Missouri (abbr.)
10. Brave; confident
11. Preposition
12. Continent
13. Organ of hearing
14. Registered nurse (abbr.)
15. Intensifier
16. Eleven (Roman numeral)
17. Table for writing or studying
19. Sodium bicarbonate; carbonated water; soft drink
21. Island continent
26. Without difficulty; with facility; in a smooth, free manner
27. 1st person pronoun
28. Dry; lacking moisture; parched by heat
29. Thus, in the same manner or way; to a great extent or degree
31. Region; extent of space or surface; scope

Down

1. Second word of two continents
2. Part of speech
3. Over; on top of; higher than
4. Heavy cords; twisted or braided strands of fiber
5. An office worker who keeps accounts and records; a salesperson in a store or shop
6. Touchdown (abbr.)
7. Persuade by kindness, patience, or flattery
8. Second largest continent
17. Negative prefix
18. Bubble up; reach the temperature where a liquid changes to gas
19. Past tense of *slide*
20. 24-hour periods
22. Employ, utilize
23. Pull apart or to pieces; damage by pulling sharply; drop of salty water coming from the eye
24. Unusual; uncommon; not often occurring
25. Largest continent
27. Possessive pronoun
30. Correlative of *either*; function word used to indicate an alternative

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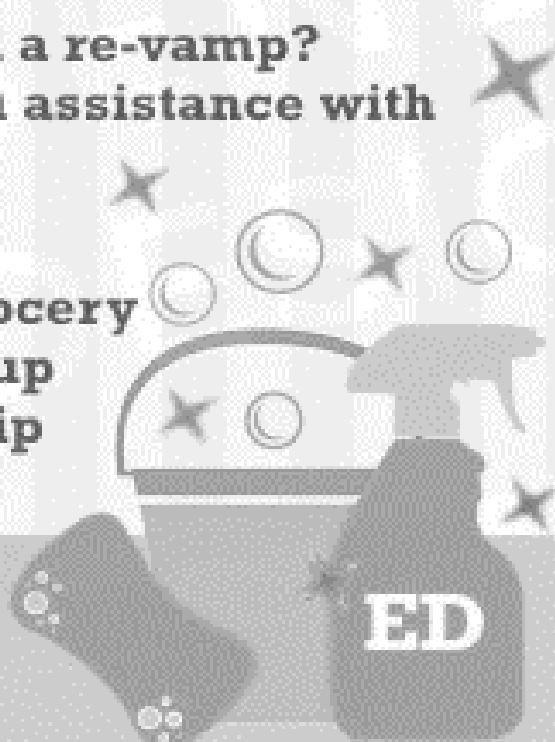


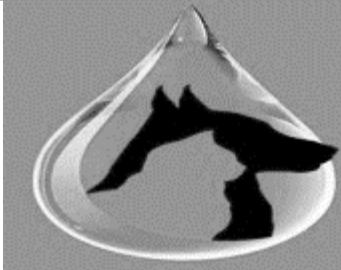
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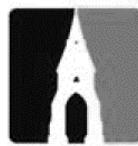
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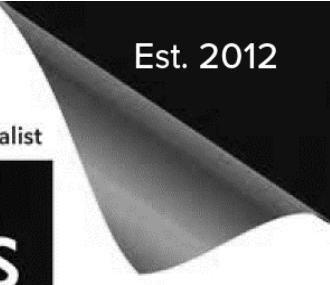
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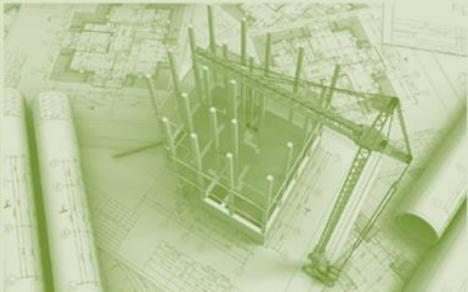
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