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NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Readers,

We have had a few positive responses from subscribers about one of our relatively new magazine features, 'Barlow People'. So far we have had short portraits of Chris Mapp and Alan Hobson, respectively. The series continues in this issue with Dave Simm (pages 22 - 24) and there will be further entries in the months to follow. It is amazing how many interesting people live in our small village. If you would like to nominate somebody for this, because you know they have had remarkable lives, please contact us by email. We will send our roving reporter Peter Baldry out to conduct a short interview and of course we will make sure that the person celebrated in this way is happy to appear in print.

All contributions for the DECEMBER/JANUARY double issue must be submitted by Friday, 22nd November 2024, 5pm

to ensure inclusion.

Please send your articles and interesting photographs of the local area to: ingoherrmann17@gmail.com

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YEAR'S MIND - NOVEMBER

From the church registers

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FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: NOVEMBER 2024

Baptisms

22nd Sept 2024—Effie June AGAR
29th Sept. 2024—Joseph Andrew MOSS
Funerals
8th October Dorothy Whittaker –Funeral service
Marriages
None

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

Remember, Remember...

November has come round once again and with it, Remembrance. Whilst the children's rhyme refers of course to Guy Fawkes/Bonfire Night, many people will wear poppies this month - and in the Church, Remembrance is more than any one day; it is a season, several weeks set aside for reflection and thanksgiving.

We begin by looking back to remember All Saints (1st November), those who have shared Christ's love and light with other people through countless generations and we celebrate the saints of today.

Who is a saint to/for you, I wonder?

Next we remember and mark All Souls' Day (2nd November) too and we will hold a service of thanksgiving and remembrance for loved ones who have died. This will be the following weekend, on Sunday 10th November at 3pm. You're welcome to join us for this special occasion when we light candles in memory of loved ones. (If you would like someone to be remembered aloud by name during the service then please do let us know in advance.)



Then, on the morning of the 10th November we will hold our Annual Act of



Remembrance prior to the Remembrance Sunday Mass - remembering those who have given their lives in the service for this country. It's always a moving occasion and wreaths are laid at the churchyard war memorial by representatives from different groups in the village.

Together, these events are all held within what is called 'Kingdom Season' which ends on the 24th November, the last Sunday of the Church year and known as Christ the King - a helpful reminder to Christians that ultimately everything, past present and future, is held within God's love and is Christ's domain.

And that's what matters - it's both the ground on which Christians walk and the hope in which we trust. We are called together to work for God's kingdom of justice and mercy, reconciliation and peace – with the 'food for the journey' if you like, the heart of our spiritual practice being another Act of Remembrance - the weekly Mass where we break bread and give thanks together - remembering Jesus' self-giving love and celebrating his risen presence with us. *

At the end of every service, before we leave, there are words of blessing. The following is often used in church at this time of year and, regardless of whether you attend church or not, perhaps you might hear them as meaningful words of encouragement too.

Go forth into the world in peace;
Be of good courage;
Hold fast that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil;
Strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak;
Help the afflicted;
Honour everyone;

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Revd Sarah



*If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith, or if you've never been baptised and/or confirmed and would like the chance to explore that further, or if you'd just like a chance to discuss with others, please get in touch, as we'll be running a short course during November and December. Please email me (priest@barlow-church.org.uk) for more details.

CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching another year's end, but with the weather getting colder and the mornings and evenings getting so dark, there is no doubt about it.

We would like to thank all the loyal readers, contributors and advertisers for supporting the Barlow Parish Magazine during 2024. Special thanks must go to Ingo for editing the magazine and producing an interesting, informative and attractive copy every month without fail; it is a huge time commitment and much appreciated.

As you will be aware from our upcoming events section there is still a lot to come for the remainder of the year, but first thank you to everyone who came along to join in the Harvest Supper and to everyone who helped to set up, serve and clear away. The pies were once again fantastic, Bowns never let us down and hopefully they will be repeating the service next year.

The Harvest Festival in Church, led by Reverends Sarah and Gill was a lovely service and the congregation made a significant donation to Chesterfield Foodbank. It was also an honour to host pre-school and school in Church for their harvest celebrations.

So, on to events still to come for 2024:

November Services

The Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 10th November. Please gather around the war memorial by 10.50am, to be ready for the silence at 11am. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Church.

The annual service of thanksgiving and remembrance is to be held on the same day, Sunday 10th November at 3pm. During this service we remember and give thanks for the lives of those who are no longer with us.

If you would like your loved one remembered, please let us know their name, even if you do not wish to attend the service. We are mindful that it can be painful for some people, but many find comfort in attending to hear their loved ones' names read out and to light a candle to their memory. There is a list at the back of Church if you would rather just write their name on there and Church is open on Mondays and Fridays; see below.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival will run from Saturday 16th until Saturday 23rd November. It was a huge success last year and we are very excited to do it again. On the 16th the Christmas fair at the village hall will also be running, so you can visit both events on one day.

We have many groups returning with their trees and lots of new groups too who we are very much looking forward to welcoming.

We will be open from 10am until 4pm daily with evening opening from 6pm until 8pm on Friday 22nd. On Sunday 17th November, due to the regular Church service, access to the Christmas trees will be restricted from 11am until midday.

A highlight last year was having the pre-school and primary school children visit to see the trees and we look forward to welcoming them again.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: SCROOGE

Those of you who visited the Christmas Tree Festival last year cannot have failed to notice the stunning painted backdrop of a Victorian street scene adorning the wall. This was a real talking point with people asking who painted it and why.

The answer is, the very talented Barlow resident Janice Chapman painted it for a performance of Scrooge in the Church in 2019; it took her an incredible two years to complete! The interest was such that Janice, who

also produced and directed the show, felt that she could be persuaded to reprise the experience one more time.

So, in a never to be repeated event, Scrooge will be performed in St Lawrence Church on the 27th and 28th November with a fabulous cast of performers and singers from Barlow Choir. Doors open at 7pm for a wonderful Christmassy Dickensian experience. If you would like to dress up for the occasion, you are very welcome, but it is only for fun and not required. Do not miss out on tickets; they will be for sale at the Christmas Tree Festival or you can call Churchwarden Julie.

Church Opening

Church will remain open throughout the winter this year on Mondays and Fridays from 10am until 2pm until further notice.

Upcoming Events

Remembrance Service: Sunday 10th November 2024 at 10.50am

Annual service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance:

Sunday 10th November 3pm

Christmas Tree Festival: 16th- 23rd November 2024

"Scrooge": 27th & 28th November 2024 in Church

"A Bit of a Christmas Do": Saturday 7th December 2024

Carol Concert: Tuesday 17th December 2024

Regular services

Sunday 3rd November: 11am service

Sunday 10th November: 8am Said Mass and 10.50 Remembrance service Sunday 10th November: 3pm service of thanksgiving and remembrance

Sunday 17th November: 11am family service

Sunday 24th November: 11am service

Even though it feels a bit early, we are really looking forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas events.

Pete & Julie



ST.LAWRENCE CHURCH, BARLOW



Refreshments available every day

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

16TH-23RD NOVEMBER 2024 10-4PM

22ND NOVEMBER 6-8 PM



Come and explore christmas trees decorated by local groups in Barlow

All proceeds go to St Lawrence Church

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Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

24/00539/LB – Application for Listed Building consent for instatement of residential use of the existing garage/store within the footprint of the hall (Listed Building) (Conservation Area) – previously approved 17/00360/LB at Woodseats Hall, Johnnygate Lane, Barlow **RESOLVED** no comments.

24/00644/FL – Change of use of existing barn for residential purposes (Private drainage system) at Spitewinter Farm, Spitewinter Lane, Barlow **RESOLVED** no comments.

PLANNING DECISIONS

24/00700/FLH – Side extension and raising roof to provide accommodation in roof at 18 Commonside Road, Barlow – Prior approval not required – 13 September 2024 RESOLVED noted

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

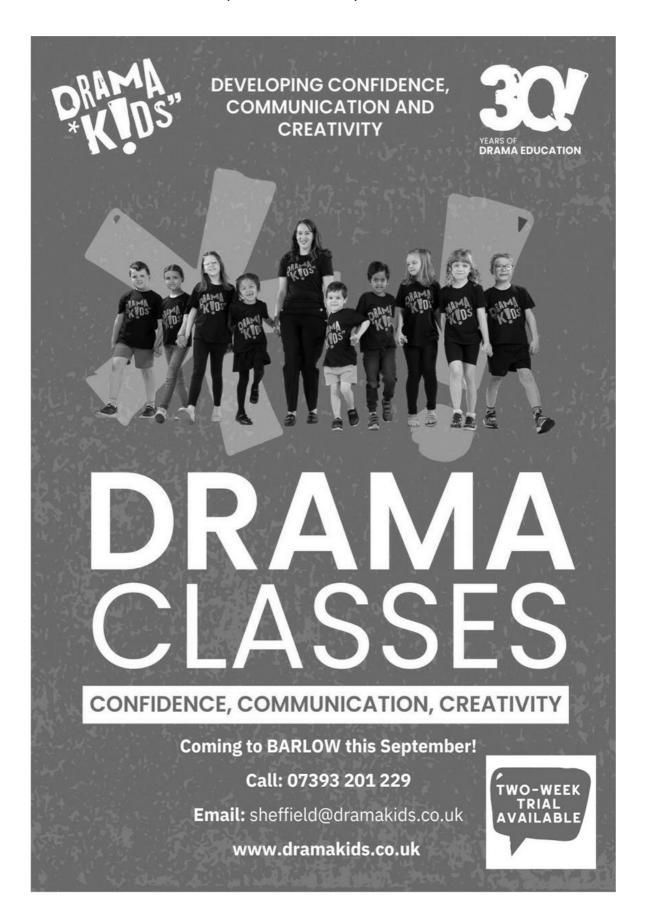
No other planning matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

No further planning applications received

Drama Kids

This class is now up and running in the Village Hall, but there are still places for more budding actors and performers. If you are interested please contact the teacher (details below).



BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

We are fully embracing autumn at Pre-School and have enjoyed lots of fun autumn activities involving leaves, conkers and pumpkins. There have been plenty of puddles to splash in at Forest School too, so thank you to the lovely wet weather! Our new children recently experienced their very first fire at Forest School. It was very exciting, especially toasting marshmallows to make S'mores!

Regarding Forest School, can we kindly ask if you have a horse or pony that you don't move our seating logs in the wood to make jumps please.

On Tuesday 15th October we went to Barlow St Lawrence Church for our harvest celebration. The children had been busy learning some harvest and autumn themed songs, which we sang to our grown-ups. Joel Botham from St Thomas's Church came to tell us a story about harvest. We all enjoyed some coffee and cake afterwards too, raising £75 towards our outdoor surface fund. Thank you to everyone who came and joined us and thank you to the church for letting us visit. We received lots of donations for the local food bank.



Our annual AGM saw some of the committee

leave and new parents join us. Sarah Wells is now our chair. They are excited to plan some lovely events for the coming year. It was unanimously voted for us to now become a CIO-charitable incorporated organisation. This means our trustees/committee have less financial responsibility for Pre-School but we will still remain a charity.

All staff now have a Pre-School uniform and look very smart! We are planning to also offer this to the children if parents wish them to have one. We have had lots of lovely comments about the uniform and thank 'The Embroidery Shed' for making them for us.

Jo

BARLOW SCHOOL



News from Barlow Church of England Primary School

We have had a very busy half term! All the children have settled in their new classes and built good relationships with their new classmates and teachers. Our value this half term has been generosity, so we have discussed different ways that we can be generous, especially with our time and showing kindness to other pupils. This also links in with our three school rules: Respect yourself, Respect others and Respect the environment.

Open Day

We have an open day on Tuesday 19th November for children who are considering joining us in September 2025. If you know a child who is born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, please invite them to contact school on 0114 289 0413 and book an appointment to look around. We take children from Barlow, Chesterfield and the surrounding areas. Parents need to apply for a place by 15th January 2025 through Derbyshire County Council Admissions site.

Reception

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception children to Ruby 1 class. They have enjoyed starting drawing club and getting to know our outside area. Every afternoon, a group of Year 1 children from the other part of Ruby class join the Reception children to ensure they still keep getting the experience of learning through play.

Phonics and Reading

Thank you to all the Reception parents who came to our phonics meeting. We are now in our second year (and first full year) of using our Little Wandle phonics scheme. The results for our Year 1 and 2 children are very encouraging and we are really pleased with the progress they are making. We are also using the programme to build fluency in Key Stage 2 children. Thank you to all those parents who practise sounds, blending and reading with their children. Support from parents as children begin their reading journey is invaluable in ensuring a flying start. It is also key as children get older to continue building in that time for reading with your child and discussing what they have read. Being a fluent, confident reader unlocks the whole curriculum for children.

Sports

Swimming started early in September for the children in Sapphire class. After half term, this will switch to Emerald Class for three weeks before we take a break whilst they refurbish the pool at Dronfield. Key Stage Two classes have both been on Dodgeball festivals where they have joined with other local primary schools to practise various ball skills and play mini-games. Our mini leaders in Sapphire class have received more training from the SHAPE sports partnership to help them run activities at lunchtime for the younger children. As well as this, they have put together an Active Playtime timetable with different activities and equipment to use every playtime including hoops, balls, skipping. Two of the most popular activities have been the parachute and the 'disco wagon' which regularly gets at least a third of the school dancing in the playground. Year 5 have just had their Bronze Young

Ambassadors conference at the English Institute for sport. This has given them the skills ready to lead sports events and activities with the younger children. They also had the opportunity to meet Sam Oldham, former Bronze medallist for Olympics at London 2012. As children



progress on to the next stage in their education at secondary school, they

will have the opportunity to become Silver Ambassadors and be part of the teams that run sports festivals for primary school.

Forest School



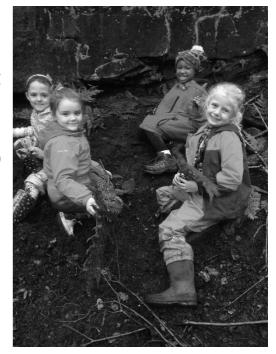
Forest School has been taking place for all the children as part of our termly cycle. So far, Emerald class and Ruby 2 have visited our forest school sites. The children love going to Forest School and all sorts of activities take place there. Emerald enjoyed the challenge of writing in invisible ink then using blackberries to reveal their messages. Meanwhile Ruby 2 have

been busy building Tudor style houses to recreate the style of houses from

the time of the Great Fire of London.

Harvest

We are excited to celebrate our harvest festival in church next week. Thank you to all the parents and friends who have donated food for Chesterfield food bank. We are also looking forward to the 'Soup Share' event. Thank you so much to all the parents who have volunteered to chop vegetables with the children and make the soup at church on Thursday.



Music

Emerald class have begun working with the Music partnership learning to play cornets and trumpets each week. A small group of children in Sapphire class also have a separate brass lesson afterwards.

Meanwhile, Sapphire class are very busy practising their singing ready for the spectacular Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena in January. We are eagerly anticipating the buzz of being part of a choir of over 5000 children performing to a huge audience as well as seeing singing alongside some very special guests.

Penny

FOBS

BARLOW: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Every year FOBS raise money which benefits the children at Barlow Primary School. We wanted to give you an update with the plans for FOBS this term, and our fundraising aims.

This term, FOBS is raising money towards plastering and decorating an upstairs room which is used for SEND and nurture groups as well as reading groups. Having this small, quieter space really benefits the children, but at the moment it is not a very welcoming space. We would love to raise enough funds to get this room made into a comfier, warmer space as soon as possible. We are also raising money towards 10 iPads which will be used in lessons with the children across the school.

Our longer term goal remains raising funds to pay for the playground to be resurfaced, however this is a substantial sum.

We are having a Christmas disco and a raffle, as well as a pop-up craft club but we would really like to invite the support of our wonderful village to help us raise much more than we are able to do so alone.

How can you help?

- Are you a plasterer or decorator or someone just very handy at DIY who might consider helping us out with the upgrade of the Nurture room?
- Do you run a local business who could provide a prize for our Christmas raffle?
- Could you or your company help us with sponsorship, either through match funding or a charitable donation?
- Do you have any fundraising experience and could help support us in ways to raise larger amounts of money towards our longer term goal?
- Or simply: could you purchase a ticket for our Christmas raffle?

Any help and support would be very gratefully received. Thank you!

Jo, Helen & the FOBS team

Contact 07899996241

CARNIVAL

Dates for your diary:

Christmas is coming – why not get ahead with your shopping at the Barlow Carnival Christmas Fayre!

Saturday 16th November: Christmas Fayre.

Head to the Barlow Village Hall to explore a range of local traders selling a variety of gifts! Handmade bags, skincare products, cards, wreaths, decorative ornaments, plants, wax melts, pet hampers, Christmas trees, Christmas cakes, knitted and crochet items... The list goes on! Join us at the Village Hall from 11.00 am where we will have festive market stalls, mince pies. mulled wine, a bar and Santa, who will be making an appearance to check on who's been naughty and who's been nice!



Friday 13th December, Christmas Lights and Tractor Parade.

On the Village Green, switching on the tree lights with carols, mulled wine and mince pies. Again, Santa will join us to give out a gift to the kids and back by popular demand will be the illuminated tractor parade through the village by the Young Farmers.

Your Carnival Committee.



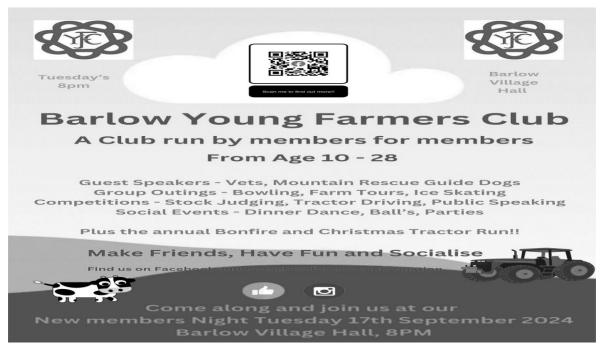
YOUNG FARMERS

Young farmers this month have carried on with the success of the new members night in September with a brilliant influx of new members. This month they have enjoyed meetings such as games nights, bingo and also a vet talk kindly attended by LLM Farm Vets. Still to come this month they will be going Pumpkin Picking at our local patch, huge thanks to Charlie and Frankie for putting the meeting on for us and also some spooky Halloween fun!!

Unfortunately this year, due to the incredibly wet weather, Young Farmers are unable to host their annual bonfire, as finding somewhere to host with enough space for the event and parking is very difficult. We will keep our fingers crossed for a drier Autumn next year and hopefully the event will be back with a bang!!

Young Farmers are all looking forward to taking part in the village activities for Autumn/Winter with us again taking part in the annual Christmas Tree Festival in Church and - new for Young Farmers this year - we will be taking part in the Christmas Fair at the Village Hall!! We will have a tractor on display there and some games for you to take part in!

Then, following on from the success of last year, we are again joining the Carnival Committee to be part of the annual Village Christmas light switch on with our annual festive tractor run on Friday 13th December. However, don't worry if you can't make it into the village to see the tractors pass by as they will once again be travelling down Cutthorpe, Newbold, Holme Hall and Old Brampton before returning to pass through the village and deliver Santa to the awaiting crowds!



BARLOW PEOPLE

Dave Simm

Perched up high on Commonside Road, it's entirely fitting that Dave and his wife, Denise, have panoramic views of a majestic herd of Alpacas in the fields opposite their lovely home. Born in Ranmoor, Sheffield in 1954, by the time the family moved to nearby Fulwood a few years later, Dave had developed a fascination with animals, familiar and exotic, which still flourishes to this day.

At Tapton Secondary Modern, as it was back in the 1960s, Dave's favourite subjects were Biology and Metalwork. Biology lessons allowed him to study in depth the mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects with which he already had a close affinity. And I do mean close. Around this time, Dave befriended a pet crow, Fred, who used to sit on his handlebars for cycle trips around Fulwood. And the Metalwork? Well, more of that later.

Window shopping at the Wicker Pet Shop, soon led to Dave setting up a mini-menagerie in the box room at home. Graduating from smaller reptiles, such as the humble, but beautiful Grass Snake, via the odd Iguana, Dave eventually became the proud custodian of Suzan, an 8ft long African Rock Python! But it didn't stop there. Having created what he describes as an 'indoor pond', Dave brought home Alfred, a South American Caiman, and Alf, a Mississipi Alligator. At eight inches long, Alf was roughly half the size of a standard school ruler. Alfred, a little shorter. But, being well cared for, like all Dave's animals, they were set to thrive and grow.

We're still in the early 1960s and things, of course, have moved on a lot since then. Nowadays, a special licence is required to keep what are classed as dangerous animals anywhere other than a zoo or wildlife park, which is probably just as well.

By 1965, the amphibious reptilian pair were indeed about to outgrow their Fulwood residence. Having hatched a relocation plan, Dave and his Mum set off in the family Triumph Herald. Alfred and Alf travelled on the back seat, cradled there safely by Dave, all the way to a very grateful Chester Zoo. For a good while after, their new keepers kept in touch to reassure that all was well. But, having done right by his beloved Alfred and Alf, Dave had to let go, and life moved on.

In July 1969, Dave started his first job at the Riber Fauna Reserve, as it was properly known, at Riber Castle in Matlock. Many readers will remember their magnificent Golden Eagle, named Crushy. If you visited

any time between '69 and '71, you would have met the young Dave, with Crushy on his arm, telling an excited group of visitors all about him. It was at this point, in 1971, that Dave's other main interest, in metalwork and manufacturing, came into resurgence. He began a long spell working at an engineering firm, based in Halfway, making portable lifting equipment. He met Denise, got married and eventually started his own business, ALPS, a specialised hire company.

His aim in ALPS, along with his business partner, Mike, was to devise solutions to access problems, allowing tradespeople and engineers to work on complex projects, often at height, in safety. One of his very first jobs was as Assisting Contractor to work on the roof of the in-construction Millenium Dome, supplying equipment, manpower and know-how. Industrial abseiling was at the core of the business, hence the company slogan, 'Safety Is Paramount'.

Work for Trinity House, including on the Royal Sovereign Lighthouse in Eastbourne followed, leading to bridge construction and maintenance projects on Scalpay, in the Outer Hebrides and on the Skye Road Bridge in the Scottish Highlands. The pinnacle, quite literally, of Dave's working life came in 2017, at the end of a long and successful career, when Dave's team provided the powered cradles used to build the 680ft high towers of The Queensferry Crossing, aka the New Forth Road Bridge. The justly famous Forth Rail Bridge, completed in 1890, seemed an impossible act to follow, but The Queensferry Crossing is, in its own way, just as spectacular, just as beautiful. It's amazing to think we have someone living in our midst who played such an important part in a world-class engineering project.

But for Dave today, it's a case of back to the animals. His garden and

surrounding land has provided safe nesting for many a garden bird, and for bats. Barn Owls have been thriving there for years now, with Tawny Owls nesting and breeding for the first time recently too. Dave has also made a comfy and spacious home for Bagot Goats, introduced to Britain, with a little help from Richard II, 600 years ago, making them the UK's oldest breed.



Breed is indeed the word - three became five when kids Lola and Layla

arrived in June this year. So, I think we can all agree, Barlow's own Dr Dolittle has actually done rather a lot!

But I almost forgot...

Almost three decades after that bittersweet trip in the Triumph Herald, Dave returned to Chester Zoo, this time with Denise and their children, Will and Lydia. Alligators routinely reach 70 years of age or more in captivity. Looking into their enclosure, Dave noticed a familiar look in the eye of the largest one in the pack. And was that a wink and the hint of a smile?

Peter Baldry

POETRY CORNER

The Problem of Writing Poems in the Shape of Deciduous Trees

a comm n pr ble whe writin p ems in the shape of decid o s trees is t at once t ere ar ives the fir t sti rings of he new aut mn breeze, he oems will begi to shake hemselves ge tly ntil their letters loos n like leaves, an they d start to float down then turntomushuponthegroun

Brian Bilston

'Concrete Poetry',

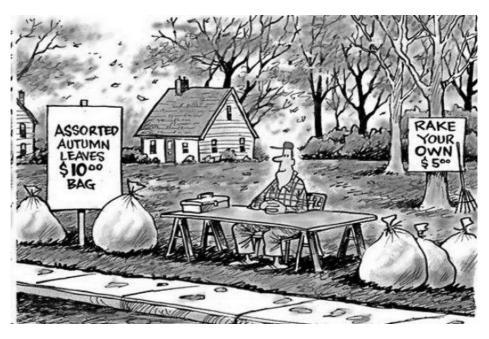
also sometimes known as visual poetry or shape poetry, is focused on the visual effect that linguistic elements have when they're arranged in a certain way.

E.g. In the realm of visual poetry, a *concrete poem* like Guillaume Apollinaire's '*Calligrammes*' creates a unique artistic experience, where words and typography are artfully arranged to visually represent the poem's subject.



Brian Bilston





BARLOW HISTORY

in pictures (from Barlow Forum and History group fb site)



Number 3 Crow Hole - now Damstead Early 1980's?



Barlow Carnival Queen – 1968?

PENNY FOR THE GUY

Penny for the Guy, a quaint British tradition which largely died out in the 1960s, involved making a 'guy' which closely resembled <u>Guy Fawkes</u>. These figures would be life-sized and often rags and old coats were stuffed full of straw, or old newspaper, whilst heads were more often than not formed from an old pair of tights. Once constructed, the guy would be sat in an old pushchair, wheelbarrow, or carried around the streets, whilst children called 'Penny for the Guy!'.



The form of begging, which was intended to raise funds for fireworks, is similar to how trick-or-treaters now seek candy on Halloween night.

In a bygone era fireworks were often lit in communal areas and as local households all gathered together on Bonfire Night money was happily given knowing that many of the purchases would be enjoyed by a large audience of curious neighbours.

Come the big day biscuit tins full of fireworks would one-by-one thrill the children who worked so hard to acquire them whilst 'guys' were placed upon large bonfires and burnt.

These days Penny for the Guy has largely slipped into obscurity and as firework safety increased the ability for children to buy fireworks was revoked. A growing number of parents decided not to continue the old tradition, believing that burning an effigy upon a bonfire could be seen as violent. Police officers began to inform children that they should not be seen begging and generally speaking families found greater wealth allowing them to purchase fireworks without the need for such traditions. Although it is quite sad that such an iconic pastime looks to have been lost, many fortunate enough to have experienced this old tradition will have very fond memories that will likely warm their hearts eternally.

From: PENNY FOR THE GUY - NOW A DISTANT MEMORY — Epic Fireworks

BONFIRE NIGHT

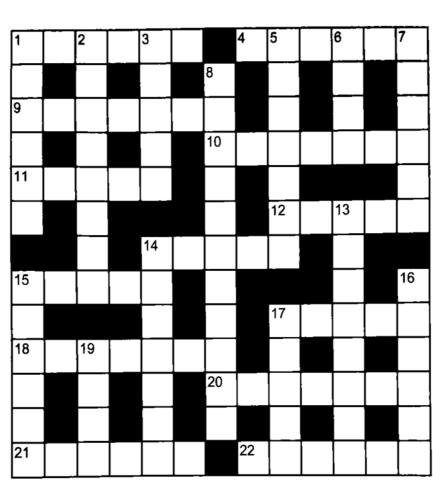
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PUZZLE PAGE



Across

- 1 Enumerates (6)
- 4 Heading on a document (6)
- 9 Country in NW Africa (7)
- 10 Becomes fully grown (7)
- 11 ___ Presley: US singer (5)
- 12 Became less intense (5)
- 14 Ashley ___ : actress (5)
- 15 Facial protuberances (5)
- 17 Cereal plant (5)
- 18 Pasta pockets (7)
- 20 Tenth month of the year (7)
- 21 Unrefined (6)
- 22 Silver (literary) (6)

Down

1 Force to do something (6)

CROSSWORL

- 2 Straightens out (8)
- 3 Small nails (5)
- 5 Indefinitely many (7)
- 6 Lion noise (4)
- 7 Opposite of open (6)
- 8 Eg a piece of music (11)
- 13 Capable of being satisfied (8)
- 14 Diffusion of molecules through a membrane (7)
- 15 Scandinavian (6)
- 16 Kept private; unknown by others (6)
- 17 A thing that measures (5)
- 19 Document allowing entry to a country (4)

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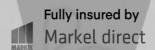
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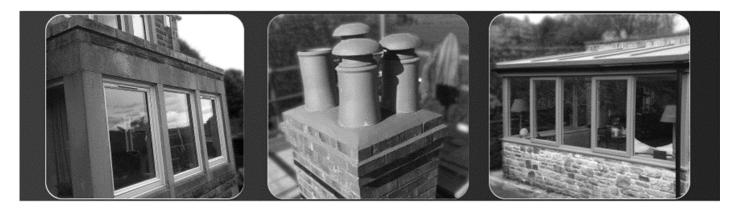
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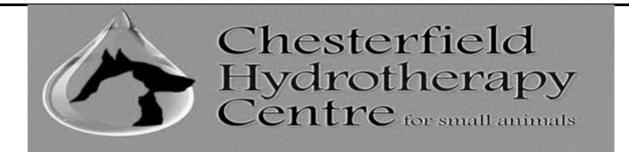
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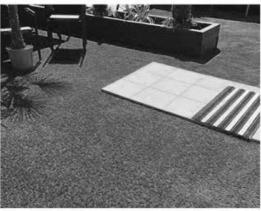






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