

BARLOW SKIES

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MARCH 2025

Dear Readers,

Thank you to those of you who have already renewed your subscription. We hope you agree that by not increasing the price of the magazine for another year you are getting a very good deal. If you haven't renewed yet, there is still time to do so. We could do with a few new subscribers as well, so if you could perhaps show an old copy of the magazine to one of your neighbours or friends who have not taken out a subscription before to show them what they're missing, we would be very grateful indeed. Let's spread the word and make sure that the publication of the parish magazine can be secured for the foreseeable future. Thank you kindly, in anticipation of your efforts, and happy reading!

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YEAR'S MIND - MARCH

From the church registers - * Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial

1 ST ROY STEVENSON1983	17 TH FLORENCE HOLLIS2001
THOMAS HARDY1989	SAMUEL SILCOCK2003
2ND WILLIAM BRAMWELL1990	BRIAN PATMAN2007
DORIS HURT2012	IVAN LAYTON2009
3RD MADGE CROOKES1969	19 TH ARCHIE PENDLETON1971
DORA SKINNER2006	BEATRIX WRIGHT1972
4 TH EUNICE SHELDON1964	MARY A. SIDDALL1974
PHILIP D. HARDY1990	20 TH JENNIFER VALENTINE1993
JENNIFER ALICE HANSON2008	MAY HOSKIN1961
5 TH FREDERICK J. STEVENSON	20 TH JOHN PARKIN2003
1987	
IVY BOOKER1987	21 ST HARRY BARGH1966
MAUD M. TAYLOR1990	ALICE HOLMES1972
ELLEN E. WATTS2004	HANNAH WILSON1991
ETHEL SPRY2005	COLIN G. PAYNE2001
6 TH WILLIAM WALKER1984	JAMES A. LAYTON2005
KATHLEEN BRADLEY2007	22 ND * STANLEY TEW1992
7 TH ALBERT C. DRAKE?	ERIC BARDSLEY2019
DEREK RHODES1993	SUSAN M. RAINFORD1995
8 TH MARY L. BROUGHTON1986	ROBERT A SHAWCROFT2010
* HILDA BOWLER1990	TERRENCE NEEDHAM2016
FRANCES B. HALLAM2001	NORMAN HARRISON2019
ERIC SHAW2006	23 RD DERRICK PREECE2007
9 TH * ANNIE MARPLES1990	24 TH JUDITH HASLAM1993
EMILY M. M. TAYLOR1990	REGGIE BLAIR1993
10 TH MAY HASLAM1985	NICOLA S. WASS1999
* LILIAN SHAWCRIFT2017	25 TH ARTHUR HOLLIS2004
PATRICIA A. SKELTON2021	DAVID HOUSELEY2023
11 TH JOHN BANKS2001	26 TH FRANK NEEDHAM1998
GILLIAN DRURY2019	EDWIN KAY2005
ADRIAN CLARKE2022	28 TH CHRISTINA ARMSTRONG
12 TH OLIVE HASLAM1977	1987
WILLIAM WILSON1982	DORA JOLLEY2000
13 TH ERNEST WARDLE1968	*STANLEY HARDY2012
HARRY HOLE1986	29 TH WILLIAM LAYTON1984
JAMES WALKER2003	JULIE M FERREDAY2021
* KATHLEEN BRADLEY2007	30 TH DOROTHY SMITH1995
14 TH KATHLEEN M. WASS2001	31 ST ORIEL WILSON2002
15 TH PRISCILLA BINNS1972	PAUL TURNER2022
JOYCE HARDY2003	
JAMES SHEMWELL2019	

FROM CHURCH REGISTERS: MARCH 2025

Baptisms

9th February 2025 ... Olivia Marie HAYES

Funerals

None

Marriages

None

BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

What does Lent mean to you, if anything? It is so easy to let it pass by unnoticed, save for the growing stacks of Easter eggs in the supermarket aisles and an expanding range of craft kits in Spring pastel hues. But keeping Lent as a season, a time apart before Easter - can it make any difference to our lives? Perhaps it can.

The traditions of either 'giving something up' for Lent (crisps for me) or the more positive reverse of 'taking something up' for Lent (a daily walk?) can be good in and of themselves as ways of improving our health, of course be that physical, mental or spiritual. But if we are going to be able to continue in those practices beyond Lent, our underlying motivation needs to be more than just the aim of ticking days off on a calendar: We need to have a greater

goal and to do that we need to start by having a good, honest - and kindly - look at ourselves.

This is what Christians call 'self-examination' and whilst it can be useful all year round, Lent is a particularly good time to hold ourselves to account and to remember what is truly important.

Our model for a good life is that of Jesus, of course, and his guidance and teaching. As Christians - Sunday by Sunday in Lent - listen to the stories of Jesus' last days on earth, we wonder about our own lives and behaviours and how power, politics and individual responsibility are playing out around us too. We can reflect on the times when we have, or have not, shown others love, compassion and care, and recommit ourselves to try to live as best we can.

As Lent begins, during the Ash Wednesday service on 5th March (to be held this year at Old Brampton at 7.30pm), we will all be invited to be marked with the sign of the cross in ash, as a sign of our desire to follow Christ. And in that profound moment, as words are spoken over each of us in turn, 'Dust you are and to dust you shall return: Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ', we know we are held in God's mercy and love, and reminded that we can always begin again.

Whilst Lent is but a few weeks long, such moments of grace can have an impact for a lifetime.

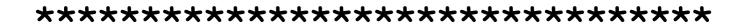
The Bright Field by R S Thomas

I have seen the sun break through to illuminate a small field for a while, and gone my way and forgotten it. But that was the pearl of great price, the one field that had treasure in it. I realise now that I must give all that I have to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

May you find time to reflect, and to know moments of illumination and hope this Lent.

Revd Sarah



CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

It is so nice to see the snowdrops and crocuses out and daffodils starting to peep, it feels like spring is finally on its way, even if it is still cold and grey outside.

We were pleased to welcome Emerald class into school in February for the first school service of the year and look forward to more visits from school and pre-school.

We have been doing some freshening up of the Church before this year's events, starting by having the kitchen extension decorated and it looks very fresh and clean. Thank you to Mark for his hard work painting and also to the members of the congregation for helping to remove and then replace everything that belongs in that part of the church.

Lent Breakfasts

Lent breakfasts start on the 5th March and we will be serving breakfasts on this and the following five Wednesdays from 9.30am, last orders at 11.30am; vegetarian option & takeaways also available.

This year we will be sharing the proceeds with Dementia UK. We do hope you will be able to join us.

Open Gardens

We would still love to hear from anyone who would like to take part in this year's event. If you have never opened your garden before but think you might like to, please feel free to get in touch for a chat to see what is involved. You can e-mail or telephone Churchwarden Julie West whose contact details are at the front of this magazine.

We are thinking of decorating the Church with woollen flowers this year as something a bit different. If you are a knitter or you crochet and have some odds and ends of coloured wool, we would be grateful for donations of your flower creations; the more we have, the more spectacular the display.

There is a knitting pattern at the end of this piece but if you have a crochet pattern you could let us have, that would be very welcome.

Flower Festival & Well Dressings

We are certain you all have Carnival Week in your diaries already as the real highlight of the Barlow calendar. The well dressings & flower festival will run alongside as usual from August 13th to 19th.

Church Opening

For the time being Church continues to be open on Mondays and Fridays 10am until 2pm, but look out for changes next month.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 23rd March after the morning service, at approximately 12 mid-day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Regular services for FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd March: 11am service

Sunday 9th March: 8am Mass & 11am Family Service

Sunday 16th March: 11am service.

Sunday 23rd March: 11am service followed by **APCM**

Sunday 30th March: 11am Mothering Sunday Family Service

Upcoming Events

Lent Breakfasts: March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th & April 2nd & 9th; 9.30-11.30am

Open Gardens: Sunday 6th July 2025

Flower Festival: August 13th - 19th 2025

Harvest Supper: Sunday 12th October 2025

We are looking forward to Spring, the start of our Lent breakfasts and

welcoming many of you into Church to join us.

With best wishes, Pete & Julie.

Easy Ribbed Flower Pattern

Colour A: any colour

Colour B: scrap of contrasting yarn or button for

centre

Body of flower

Using colour A, cast on 60 stitches.

Rows 1-10: K2 P2 across whole row (for slightly smaller flower, do 8 rows).

Row 11: Knit 2 stitches together across the row. 30 stitches.

Row 12: Slip 1 stitch. Knit 2 stitches together & pass slip stitch over. Repeat across whole row. 10 stitches.

Break off yarn with long tail, thread back through remaining stitches & pull tight. Join edges with mattress stitch.

Centre of flower

Using colour B cast on 16 stitches.

Cast off.

Coil into a tight spiral & sew base to the centre.

Or use a button & sew to centre of flower.

Baby Basics Appeal

On March 30th we celebrate Mothering Sunday in Church and again this year, we hope to have a Moses basket full of donations to Baby Basics, the charity supporting mothers who are unable to provide things for their newborn babies. We have always benefitted from support from many of you and that is always very much appreciated. If you have any nearly new items from the following list, or may feel you can buy something, or would prefer to give a cash donation, please get in touch with a member of the congregation, Julie West or Peter Gouldthorpe. The demands continue to grow for this charity helping mothers from all over Derbyshire who are referred by midwives or social workers. Please help us if you can. Your gift can bring so much joy.

We are looking for donations of newborn baby vests & socks, babygrows, knitted jackets, hats and bootees; disposable nappies, bathtime washing items, baby blankets, cot sheets, soft toys, bibs and towels. For the mother we like to provide a toilet bag, toothpaste, toothbrush and toiletries, a flannel and towel, shampoo and shower gel.

Last year we were thrilled with your response and the amount of gifts we were able to give to Baby Basics at a time when money is short. We would love to achieve the same again this year. We do hope you will be able to help us.

Jenny Windle



LENT BREAKFASTS ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, BARLOW

Every Wednesday in church during Lent!

The price is £6.50 for a cooked breakfast (bacon, sausage, egg, tomato and mushrooms, with choice of tea or coffee and served with toast or a bap).

Served between 9.30am & 11.30am on:

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
April 2nd & 9th

Come and bring your friends for a delicious start to your day.



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Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No planning applications had been received

PLANNING DECISIONS

NED 24/00644/FL – Change of use of existing barn for residential purposes (private drainage system) (Amended plans) at Spitewinter Lane, Barlow – **Refused 16 January 2025 RESOLVED** noted

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

No other planning matters received.

Cllr Hall stated there was no update on the appeal for Bluebell Cottage. **RESOLVED** noted

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

No further planning applications have been received

New Councillor

Unfortunately, due to time pressures, councillor Nick Ibbotson felt that he needed to tender his resignation from the council. We would like to thank him very much for the effort he put in during his time on the council. As soon as we announced that we were allowed to fill the vacancy through co-opting we were lucky to receive 2 applications and we are pleased to announce that Mr Dean Lindsay has now been appointed to the position of parish councillor. We would like to welcome him on board and look forward to working with him.

Quiz Night

Please see details about this planned event on page 15. We hope that you will feel able to support this new attempt at making things happen at our Village Hall.

Book Signing

Advance notice is hereby given of another date for your diary. Cllr Sheila Marshall has worked hard to organise a book signing afternoon with a successfully published author who has connections with Barlow. After Jon Cook and Bernie Clifton this will be the third book event to happen at the Village Hall. Details can be found on page 16.

Drama Club

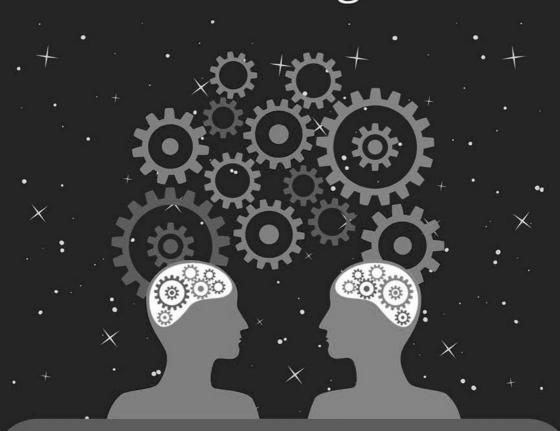
Unfortunately the Village Hall Drama Club on Saturdays will have to cease. The number of children signing up for it were too low to make it sustainable in the long term. We regret that this class can no longer be made available.

Community Catch-Up with the Police

Responding to residents' requests for an evening session the police are offering the following opportunity for you to have your say:

Barlow Village Hall - Community Catch Up Thursday 27th March 2025 – 6 - 7pm at Barlow Village Hall, Millcross Lane, Barlow S18 7TA. These community catch-ups give you a chance to voice concerns, share observations and provide feedback on policing in the area. The officers attending will provide crime prevention advice and ensure our policing strategies align with your community needs. If you have any concerns or worries that you wish to share but don't want to discuss with the group, there will be an opportunity to speak to the officers separately.

Barlow Village Hall



QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 5 March 2025 £1 per person - no need to book

PRIZES | BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night at Barlow Village Hall. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30PM QUIZ STARTS AT 8PM

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COME & JOIN US FOR

BOOK SIGNING EVENT

Sunday Times Best Selling Author

Beth Morrey

for Her New Released Title: Isabella's Not Dead

Saturday 21 June 2025 2pm at Barlow Village Hall

For admittance please email the Parish Clerk info@barlowvillage.co.uk to reserve your free place. Beth Morrey
Isabella's

A shattered friendship.
A quest for answers.



Can she put the pieces back together?

'Beth is a really clever, funny writer' Nina Stibbe



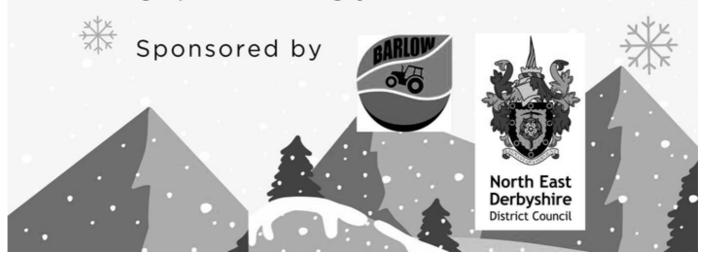
Family friendly meet up to learn about the nature on our doorstep.

Search Barlow Nature Club on facebook or Instagram for more information

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

Sessions are free but donations towards running costs encouraged.

No dogs please. Bring your own refreshments.









News Fifty-nine e-scooters seized in January

A further 59 e-scooters were seized in Derbyshire in January, as we continue to target their illegal use.

Over the past three months, 264 e-scooters have been seized in total since the Constabulary started a new approach of seizing on first offence from November 2024.

E-scooters can only be used on private land, those riding them on public roads, pavements or cycle paths are breaking the law.

In Abbey, officers stopped a rider on an e-scooter who also had a four-year-old riding as a passenger.

Superintendent James Thompson said: "This change in approach was in response to local community concerns, as we know many people have had negative experiences with e-scooters being used illegally and irresponsibly in the past.

"The risks that the illegal use of e-scooters pose to both the public and the rider, especially in incidents with such a young passenger as well, are serious and we will continue in being proactive to tackle this."

PCSOs in Derbyshire have also been granted the power to seize e-scooters, meaning they can take action whilst they're out on patrol too.

BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

Spring is just around the corner and at pre-school we are looking forward to getting outside more and enjoying some much-anticipated sunshine!

We have some very exciting news regarding the resurfacing of the outdoor play area. Thanks to a very generous donation by the parish council and some future fundraising plans well under way, we have been able to book in with the suppliers to have the area resurfaced over the Easter holidays. We are sooo excited to play in the new area and cannot wait for it to be completed. This means that work will be carried out during the school holidays, so please be mindful of this if you are visiting the play park.

We have loved having Miss Ellie, from Elevation dance, run some fantastic dance sessions for the children over the last ten weeks. They have been very popular.

As the weather improves we will be starting our mini kixx football sessions again, which are a great way to get the children moving!

We have lots of activities planned in March including Mother's Day, book week, which involves a sponsored read, dress-up day and parents coming in to share stories with the children. We also have Usborne books holding a book sale on 4th March at 3pm.



We love making and eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and are hoping to make our own on the fire at Forest School. This term we have made popcorn, which was



yummy. Other cooking activities have included porridge, valentine biscuits and flapjack.

We will be focussing on growing and planting and will be starting to develop our vegetable garden. Any donations of young plants or compost by any budding gardeners would be greatly appreciated.

BARLOW SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

Our value for this half term is courage. We recognise that we need to show courage in all aspects of our lives. It is not just being brave in the face of danger but having the courage to try new things and overcome difficulties in our lives.

Collective worship

Emerald class led us in a fantastic collective worship focussed on our value of friendship at the beginning of February. Everyone explained what friendship meant to them and the children retold the story from Mark's gospel where the disciples stopped people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus rebuked the disciples and said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Sports

Throughout the first half term, Charlotte Wilbourn has been working with Ruby 2 and Emerald class on Dancing. Ruby 2 have been focussed on the dance curriculum while Emerald class have been preparing a dance ready for the Dance platform performance at the Winding Wheel in March. Sapphire class and Emerald class have been working with Liz Richardson from the Shape Sports Partnership every Friday afternoon on their PE skills. Liz is a specialist PE teacher and not only have the children enjoyed the sessions with her but she has helped to upskill our teachers. Emerald class have also recently attended a Sporthall Athletics Event at Eckington School. The children took part in a range of track and field events alongside children from other local schools.

Nurture room

We have been making full use of our new nurture room. It is used for a variety of things. Children undertaking Positive Play sessions with Mrs Gale and Mrs Weston-Taylor enjoy the quiet space away from the rest of the school. Year 1 children use it daily as part of their focussed writing sessions. Key Stage Two children have used it for small group spelling and reading fluency interventions. It is such a pleasant welcoming environment and we will soon be adding further soft furnishings and sensory items through the generosity of donations from the Snaize family and the Johnson family. Thanks also go to Rachael Fordham and her fellow Zumba enthusiasts who held a dance together event to raise money too.

Staff Changes

Jill Meredith, who has worked as a Mid-Day Supervisor for many years has left us for a retail job. We will miss her patience and enthusiasm. Vicky Weston-Taylor, who joined us as a TA in January, has kindly agreed to step into the role on the four days she works. We are currently recruiting for a Mid-Day Supervisor for Wednesdays with the possibility of additional relief hours.

Admissions

Applications have now closed for Reception 2025. Places will be released in April. We do have places in some of the other year groups so if you know a child moving into the area, please encourage their family to call us on 0114 2890413 to arrange a personal tour.

Penny

FOBS Friends of Barlow School

Dear Friends,

Last month we were very excited to share the amazing work done to upgrade the Nurture Room at the school and since then we have had lots of lovely reports of the children enjoying their new space. We have also received two very generous donations from families of the children at the school which will be put towards furnishing the space and making it even more welcoming for the children. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to both the families.

We have some further good news to share in that FOBS has been able to provide the money to purchase 10 new iPads, an important learning resource for school.

We are also very grateful to Rachel Fordham and her fabulous Barlow Zumba ladies who raised £100 for FOBS in their charity Zumba dance session. Thank you so much to you all.

We continue to run pop-up craft clubs for each half term. A big thanks to Rachel Blake for leading these, they are proving very popular.

As we look forward to next term, we are still on the lookout for Easter raffle prizes, so if you are able to support us by donating a prize please do let us know.

Thank you, Helen & the FOBS team.





YOUNG FARMERS

March Update

Public Speaking Success!

Our Senior Team has won the Senior Public Speaking Competition, competing against other Derbyshire Young Farmers clubs.

Congratulations to Maddie, Emily and Grace for their outstanding performance and winning the North East Derbyshire round!

We came a very respectable third place for the senior member of the year so big 'well done' to Alice.

Claire did amazingly in the Situations Vacant competition and placed 2nd getting through to the next round to be held in Skegness!

A club brimming with talent, 'well done' from all your fellow members.

Juniors' Stock Judging Fun

While the seniors were competing, the juniors had a fantastic time practicing stock judging on cows, sheep, and pigs.

Hosted by Dawn DogLand, the session was enjoyed by all, with valuable insights gained from the experience.

Stockman of the Year

Harry and Chloe took part in the Stockman of the Year event and found it to be a very interesting and educational experience. We are certain with more practice next year we will walk away from the competition victorious!

Ice Skating Fun

A fun-filled ice-skating trip was enjoyed by everyone who attended, definitely an activity to do again!

Pizza Making & Valentine's Crafts – A creative and tasty session is planned!

Upcoming Events

- Ninja Warrior Challenge A fun fitness activity coming soon.
- Butcher's Talk Learn the skills and expertise of the trade.
- Rally May 2025

March Events:

- **NFU Talk** Informative session with the National Farmers' Union.
- Barlow Junior & Senior Team Final Competing in a selection of events in Skegness – best of luck!
- Forestry Talk March 18th Learn about woodland management and conservation from the experts at Chatsworth estate.
- Barlow Young Farmers Dinner & Dance March 21st All past and present members are welcome at the Fox & Goose. A night not to be missed! Tickets still available but selling fast!! Get yours now, call us!

Make sure to put these dates in your diary and join us for an exciting month ahead!

If you are interested in joining, please contact Claire on 07858579877





CARNIVAL

Chairman's Report AGM 2025

I would like to start with a huge thank you to all our volunteers: Those who have relentlessly worked on organising, those turning up on the day to put a shift in, the Parish Council and the regular unsung heroes who year after year support Carnival in the background... Without this support Carnival would not happen and wouldn't have been the great success it has.

Also thanks to our sponsors. As ever the continued support of The Peacock and Tickled Trout, Village Logs, Heathcote Plant Hire, CH Recycling and Drainage 2000.

At the AGM in 2024 all elected officials stood again and were elected in for another three-year term: Terry Allison – Chair / James Branson - Vice Chair / Andy Cutts - Treasurer / Jean Tasker – Secretary.

Visitor numbers were high again and revenue was up on the previous year, but it was also our most expensive Carnival to date.

Carnival weekend was very busy, with a full field on the Friday night to watch the outdoor cinema and a packed house on Thursday for the family bingo and quiz. Saturday's parade was one of the largest and the number of people lining the route reflected this and we certainly rocked out the Carnival on Saturday night. Sunday was also well attended with our Family Fun Day and is now becoming an event offering a more sedate day after a hectic Saturday.

In May, we worked with St Lawrence Church and Pre-School to host a Family Fun Day and musical event, with all proceeds going to support Barlow School. This is the second year we have done something in May and we believe this could now be a regular event in the Carnival calendar.

What didn't work was a drive-in cinema scheduled in May, the take-up was very low so we had to cancel the event.

The Fun Run in July had over 100 runners starting and finishing at the Village Hall, the event now becoming the Barlow Not Quite 10K Run. Again, a successful event organised by Sam Bellamy.

In November we hosted a Christmas Fair at the Village Hall which again was well attended and is becoming popular with stall holders and traders. In December we worked again with the Young Farmers to host a tractor

parade at the carol concert and Christmas lights switch-on. We provided the village with one of the biggest trees in recent times and Santa gave out over 140 presents to all kids present.

In 2024 Carnival donated over £4000 to local charities and organisations.

Looking ahead to 2025, we will try and build on the success of last year to bring more entertainment and events. However, we are also getting more scrutiny from the Regional Council when it comes to Health and Safety and environmental issues. This has meant more work to ensure we are compliant with relevant legislation and best practise. We have had to tighten up on our policies and procedures and in some cases introduce new ones but we are pleased to say that we had no reportable incidents and Carnival happened safely.

We will come back shortly with a schedule of events and dates for this year's activity but Carnival Saturday will be on the 16th August.

Terry



BARLOW PEOPLE

Bernie Clifton

Bernie is probably Barlow's most famous resident. The following account of his life, achievements and distinguished career is largely taken from his Wikipedia entry.

Bernie Clifton (born **Bernard M. Quinn**, 30 April 1936) is a British comedian and entertainer, known for his work with his orange ostrich puppet costume Oswald the Ostrich.

Bernie was born on 30 April 1936 in St Helens, Lancashire, where he also grew up. He left grammar school without any qualifications at 15 and became an apprentice plumber. Aged 21, he was called up for national service and became a radar mechanic at the Bomber Command Bombing School (BCBS) at RAF Lindholme. He has been based in South Yorkshire ever since

Clifton's first performing job was as a singer with a dance band, but he was fired after a month. His first television performance was on the light-entertainment show *The Good Old Days* in 1971, where he was inspired by Les Dawson.

He performed in the 1979 Royal Variety Performance. He subsequently

appeared on several further occasions, including the 2016 show.



Bernie made regular appearances on *Crackerjack!*. During the 1980s, he appeared on *The Keith Harris Show*, and in 1982, Bernie ran the London Marathon with Oswald the Ostrich.

In 2002, Bernie featured on the BBC Two documentary series *The Entertainers*, which followed 1970s and '80s entertainers who had dropped out of the limelight. In 2005, Bernie and Oswald appeared in Peter Kay's and Tony Christie's music video for the Comic Relief charity rerelease of "(Is This the Way to) Amarillo".

In 2005, Bernie appeared as himself in an episode of the David Renwick sitcom *Love Soup* having previously been mentioned by Renwick in an early episode of *One Foot in the Grave*.

He made his Edinburgh Festival Fringe debut in 2006 at the Udderbelly venue. Writing in *The Guardian*, Brian Logan gave it 3 out of 5 stars and called it an "exercise in retro comedy", but "also unrepentantly funny".

Bernie was a contestant on Series 5 of *The Voice UK*, applying under his birth name. He performed "The Impossible Dream (The Quest)" from *Man of La Mancha*, and did not advance past the blind auditions. Following his appearance on the show he released an album of covers called *The Impossible Dream*, which included "The Lady in Red" and "Wind Beneath My Wings". After a death metal band's song titles were printed on his album cover by mistake, Bernie presented an award at the *Kerrang!* Awards in June 2016.

In 2018, he starred in ITV's Last Laugh in Vegas, a documentary following eight "showbiz legends" as they prepared a show in Las Vegas.

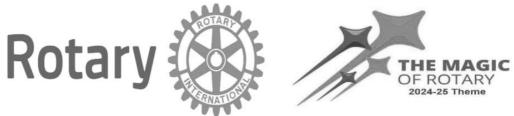
In January 2020, Clifton appeared as a guest on the first episode of the new series of *Crackerjack!* on CBBC. In February that year, he played himself in the first episode of *Meet The Richardsons* on Dave. Within the episode, he is a family friend of Jon Richardson and teaches him how to operate a monkey puppet similar to his ostrich.

Clifton has starred in several pantomimes, playing the father of Cinderella at the Hull New Theatre in 2018 and at Northampton's Royal & Derngate in 2019. He has also presented shows on BBC Radio Sheffield, and BBC Radio 4. In 2018, *Inside No. 9* titled an episode "Bernie Clifton's Dressing Room"; while Clifton himself didn't appear in the episode, he was mentioned as part of a key plot point occurring in the

titular room. On 10 March 2022, he made an unplanned telephone appearance on the Chris Moyles Show on Radio X.

Bernie lives in Barlow and on 14th December 2024 he made an appearance at Barlow Village Hall to promote his recently published autobiography 'Crackerjack to Vegas', which is still available. It is an entertaining read! ih







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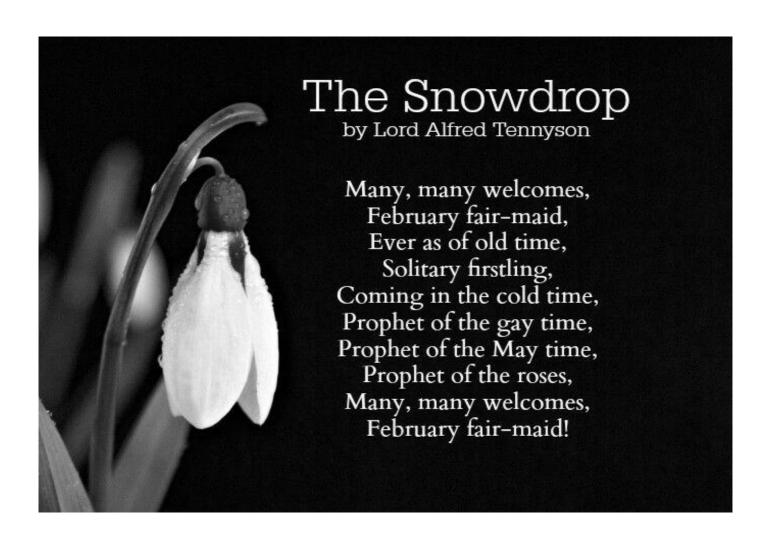
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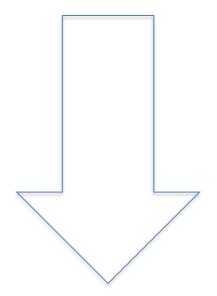
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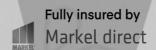
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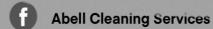
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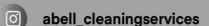
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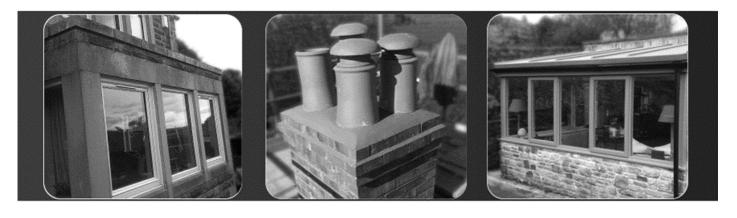
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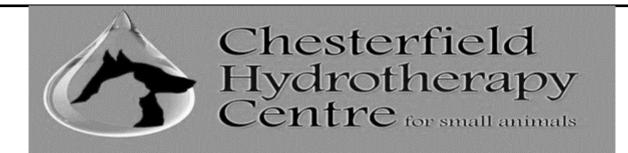


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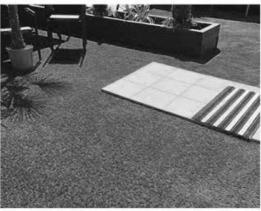






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