

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday 3rd December 4pm**

Christingle Service

**Thursday 7th December 6.30pm**

Christmas Lights Switch on Carols by the Pump, Refreshments in The Village Hall

**Sunday 10th December 10am**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 17th December:-**

10am Morning Worship, including Jellies Nativity

6pm Carol Service (with the Community Christmas Choir, directed by Margaret Corlett), Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

**Sunday 24th December**

10am Holy Communion

4pm Crib Service

8pm Carols in The White Horse

**Monday 25th December 10am**

Christmas Day Service

*Come & Join the Christmas Community Choir in church with Margaret Corlett. Rehearsals: 7pm on Wednesday 29th November, Friday 8th December, Wednesday 13th December*

**And to start the New Year, services are:**

**Sunday 7th January** 8.45am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Family Service

**Sunday 14th January** 10.00 am Holy Communion

Jellies, our group for children 0-11 years with a parent meet in the Millennium Rooms at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday and at 9.30am for Jellies Breakfast on the 3rd Sunday during Term Time. On the 1st Sunday of the month, Jellies meet in church for the All Age Service.

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# Barrow News

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**Merry Christmas to you all**

**and a special thankyou**

**to the team of volunteers**

**behind the Barrow News production and  
distribution**



**Dear Friends,**

You can tell that Christmas is just around the corner. Not because TV adverts are dominated by supermarkets and perfume brands, competing for the biggest tear-jerker or the most incomprehensible respectively. No, the dead giveaway that Christmas is just around the corner is the start of another series of "I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here", on the same weekend as "Strictly" visiting Blackpool.

This year's launch of I'm a Celebrity was apparently watched by some two million fewer viewers than last year, possibly because Nigel Farage has already gone public over some historic injuries that will prevent him from undertaking the more arduous Bush Tucker Trials! Yet again I am showing my age by not knowing most of the celebrities and talking of age, Angela Ripon left Strictly with huge dignity at Blackpool, saying "I have to tell you that the last nine weeks have probably been the most terrifying, the most fantastic, the most glorious, the most joyful that I have spent for a very long time in my profession." I say that because I have just completed my first year as your Rector at St Bartholomew's, and I could echo her words by saying "the last twelve months have probably been the most terrifying, the most fantastic, the most glorious, the most joyful that I have spent for a very long time." My year of firsts is now complete. St Bartholomew's is my first incumbency and officiating at the whole range of Christenings, Weddings and Funerals has been an absolute privilege. So have been all the Sunday services, major festivals, assemblies and social gatherings, as well as home visits.

There is a lot going on this Christmas season, including the Community Choir, Carols around the Pump and Christmas services, details of which are all in the magazine. I am extending a personal invitation to you to come and see what all the fuss is about, to hear why the Nativity is the "Greatest Story Ever Told" and why it has any relevance to our lives today. We are privileged to live in such a wonderful, generous community, and it would be great to see you coming to ensure the future presence of the parish church at the heart of our community.

Merry Christmas everyone

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## St Bartholomew's Church KidsBank Charity Concert update

We held our fundraising concert for KidsBank with Vale Royal Choir on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and it was a great night with around 70 attendees as well as the choir. (We have to admit that we lost count a bit at the end!) Dee Denton from KidsBank came along to give a background to the reason why we are supporting this charity this year. The music was excellent, the refreshments seemed to hit the spot and the craft and produce stalls sold very well. The mood in church was buzzing and everyone had a great night. Our total revenue from the event was an unexpectedly magnificent £1,023.47, which will all be going to KidsBank.

All this was only possible because of the very hard work of a lot of people, Anne Law, Hilary Fergusson, Carolyn Osborne, Fiona and Martin Buck, Neil Fergusson, Pauline Rudd and Hilary's sister Gill, Stephen Bell for services to photography, as well as everyone who baked cakes, knitted goods and made preserves and grew plants for us to sell. Thank you all so much. Oh, and not forgetting Revd Julian for his excellent job as Master of Ceremonies and Raffle supremo!

After the event we received these lovely words from Dee at KidsBank; *I just wanted to send a HUGE thank you to everyone involved in Friday's concert. It was wonderful and such a joyful event.*

*Please pass on our thanks for all of the donations too; these will really help the families we support.*

Kath Tatton

**From the Registers:**

**Funeral: David Wilson**

**Burial of Ashes: Rev'd John Ruscoe**

**Lillian Challenor**



## Bygone Barrow

Bygone Barrow is a brand-new Facebook group, where the past comes alive through the memories and stories of our vibrant community.

Do you have a passion for discovering and sharing the tales of Barrow and its surrounding areas? Perhaps you hold cherished memories close to your heart, woven into the fabric of village life. Bygone Barrow is the perfect platform for you to share those experiences, from the excitement of the first days at school to the bittersweet moments of the last days of the harvest.

Our community thrives on the collective spirit of its residents, and Bygone Barrow is here to be the repository of our shared history. Together, with the support of the Barrow History Group, we aim to create a tapestry of memories that reflects the essence of Barrow and its evolution over time. So, let's embark on this journey down memory lane, as we look forward to sharing and recording the unique stories that shape our community.

Together, we can ensure that our history becomes an integral part of our future.

Join us in preserving the legacy of Barrow at Bygone Barrow, where every memory is precious.

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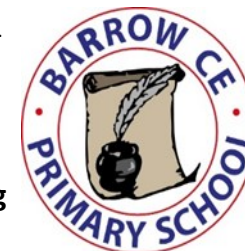
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Copies also available at The White Horse

**Our thanks to all the sponsors and members of the Barrow Community who have supported us in creating the calendar.**



## 1st Barrow Rainbows

This term the Rainbows have focussed on the Theme Award of 'Know Myself'. This has included finding out all about their family and creating a Family Tree. We've done lots of fun activities whilst learning about themselves and others including games to compare eye and hair colour, favourite hobbies, values and beliefs and what's important to them. This term saw many new starters too and one really fun evening was making their Promise Potions - bottles full of water, drops of oil, food colouring and lots of #sparkles! The Rainbows were also introduced to some old Guiding traditions and learned some campfire songs around an indoor campfire which was great fun. Thank you to Rachel Melhuish-Jones for the help at this session. The Rainbows also learned about giving to charity and created clothes donation bins and decorated hangers for school uniform and Rainbow uniform to be recycled and re-used. Many thanks go to Dee Denton for coming along and talking to the girls about Kidsbank and for all her help at these sessions. At the end of this term we say goodbye to Flo Keen who has completed her Rainbow journey with us and jumps over the rainbow to the Pot of Gold. Flo has achieved her Gold Award and beyond, we will miss her valuable input and caring approach to the younger Rainbows but wish her well. Finally, many thanks go to our brilliant volunteers, Hilary Fergusson, Helen Hockley, Wendy Rae, Katharine Runciman, Steph Heard and young leader Emma Nevett, we couldn't manage without you especially in Juliet's absence whom we all miss very much and send best wishes to for a speedy return. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from **1st Barrow Rainbows** **Ann Taylor**

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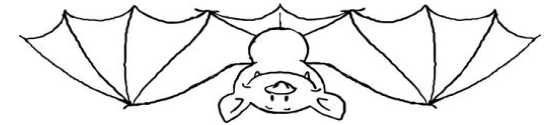
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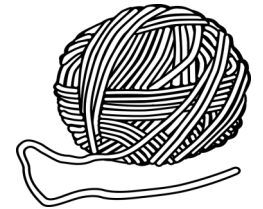
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We have two meetings planned for December. These are on 2nd and 16th. December in the Millennium Rooms from 2pm to 4pm. Come and join us for some friendly chat with or without knitting!! We have a brew around 3pm.

Further information from Anne Law 01829741972 or Viv Lewis 01829741212



### Wednesday Morning Coffee

Our regular coffee morning continues every week  
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### **Barrow Ukulele Group**

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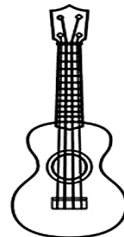
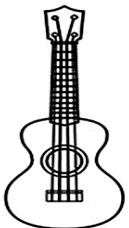
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Many of you will have seen us soaring through the lanes and across the fields of our wonderful parish. We meet at 10am

every Saturday morning and the breakaway "Forest Buzzards" are also well established on their Thursday morning runs in Delamere Forest and the odd ramble in the hills.

Why not join us for our famous **SANTA DASH**

### Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am on the Playing Field?

Reindeer, elves, little helpers and of course Santas & Mrs Santas are especially welcome.

We will be having our regular 5k off-road and on-road runs after a lap of the field, or if you prefer you can simply do a shorter jog, walk or sprint.

Everyone meets up back at the Blue Rocking Horse from 10.40am for Christmas cake, mince pies, mulled wine, teas and coffees, special Buzzard carols and lots of festive cheer.

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### Barrow Evergreen Circle

At our November meeting we played our Christmas bingo with appropriate seasonal prizes. Names were taken for the Christmas Lunch which will be held at The White Horse on Monday 11th December at 12 noon for 12.30. We look forward to seeing members there and please will anyone who needs help with a lift contact me on 740242. We send all good wishes for Christmas and New Year to our members and friends. Ann Cavenett



At the November meeting we held our AGM. All present members of the committee were re-elected. We then had a short talk and demonstration of wreath making by Alice Taylor from Delamere Flowers. During the enjoyable afternoon, all members made stunning contemporary wreaths using the wide variety of dried flowers that Alice had brought from her cutting garden at Norley. You may see a few as you walk around the village. The next meeting is our Christmas Party meeting on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm. We are looking forward to be entertained by members of our own Village Ukulele Group and having a festive afternoon tea. Please don't forget to bring a Christmas Table Decoration to brighten up the tables and to enter into the competition. If you are interested in joining Barrow WI or would simply like to know more about the WI, why not come along or contact Sally Clarke on 07501176212.



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### ANSWERS from page 17

Question 1 They are Santa's reindeer. Blitzen and (if you count him) Rudolph are missing

Question 2 178 legs in the final verse and 778 in the song

Question 3 Four

Question 4 Santa is 175 and Frosty is 85

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## Barrow Brainteasers 9



### Question 1

Consider the following: the son of Venus and Mars, the German word for thunder, an agitator for cream, a ballerina, a person with an ostentatious walk, a female fox, and an electrical store that went into administration in 2012.

What do these have in common? Who is missing?

### Question 2

“On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me: twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ..., FIVE GOLD RINGS, ... , and a partridge in a pear tree.”

Including the cows being milked, how many legs are there in the last verse of this song? How many legs in the whole song?

### Question 3

Under my Christmas tree are three red, four blue and four purple presents. Red presents each have three decorative bows on them, blue presents each have two

decorative bows and purple presents each have  $n$  decorative bows. The average (mean) number of decorative bows on each present is three. What is the value of  $n$ ?

### Question 4

Frosty the elf is Santa’s main helper, directly line managing all of the other elves in the workshop. Santa is eighty years younger than three times Frosty’s age. If you add twice Santa’s age to three times Frosty’s age, the total is six hundred and five.

How old is Santa? How old is Frosty?

### Question 5

All the words in the Snowfolk language (spoken by snowpeople) consist of exactly eight letters formed from joining the letters {sn, ow, fo, lk} arranged in some order where the paired letters cannot be separated. For example “foowlksn”, “snfosnlk” and “owowowow” are words in the language but “snofowlk” is not. How many words are there in the Snowfolk language? Simplified Snowfolk, an easier version spoken by snowgirls and snowboys in snowschools, does not allow repeated double letters; “snfosnlk” is prohibited, for example. How many of these words are there?

**Answers on page 27**

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**We have had a wonderful term so far at school with lots of exciting events and developments.** Pupil numbers have increased and so have the variety of after school activities we have on offer.

On the sporting front, the children have taken part in a hockey tournament at the Deeside Hockey Club in Tiverton where they competed against 10 other schools and came a very respectable fourth place. Also, over half the school have taken part in cross country events at Tarporley High school for children from years 1 to 6.

As well as sporting activities we have also been creating decorations for our Christmas tree which will be part of the display in Chester Cathedral. I would encourage you to visit when the event opens from 23rd November.

It was a great experience again this year to attend the fireworks display in the village and our thanks to everyone who supported the event and made it happen, the children loved it.

We have been fundraising for Children In Need and are also having a sponsored 'reindeer run' in aid of the Hospice. If you would like to add to our donations then please feel free to pop into the office at school.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 1st December in the village hall, please come along and celebrate with us. Our carol service in church will take place before the Christmas lights are turned on again this year. Please feel free to join us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from the community who have supported the school so well, offering help, gardening, hearing readers and taking care of the building. Our special thanks go to the Allwood family who have lovingly restored the office front door to it's former glory. I appreciate all their time, care and expertise.

We have also been successful in raising over £1000 through the Co-op in Tarvin which will go towards our continued development of the pond and wildlife area in the school.

Finally, on behalf of the whole Barrow School family I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Kind Regards*

*Mr P Hudson*

*Headteacher*



## Our Barrow Village Calendar for 2024 is NOW AVAILABLE !

Featuring lovely views of our village taken by its residents.  
The calendar is £7 to buy and all the money goes to Barrow School PTFA to fund resources for the children of Barrow CofE Primary School.  
We **really appreciate** everyone who supports us by buying a calendar.  
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### Contacts below to order a calendar:

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**Our thanks to all the sponsors and members of the Barrow Community who have supported us in creating the calendar.**



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**Thursday 7th December 6.30pm**

**At The Pump.**

**followed by mulled wine**

**Mince pies in the Village Hall.**

**Organised by The Parish Council  
and St.Bartholomews.**

**All are welcome**

**At the time of print the winner hadn't been chosen  
so all will be revealed on the 7th December  
and winner highlighted in the January Barrow News .**

**A huge thankyou to all of you who made the most  
beautiful Christmas Cards**



## **A VERY BIG THANKYOU**

Barrow School would like to say a huge thank you to the amazing Allwood family members Nick, Chris, Matt, and Robin, who have done a fantastic job of restoring the school's original front door, back to its full beauty.

The Victorian era door was really showing its years from weathering, but with tender love and care from the above people and the support and expertise of Brownlow's Furniture it's been totally transformed. After the door was carefully removed, stripped, refurbished and re-painted and the decorative black ironwork stripped back; it's now back in situ to greet all old and new Barrow School visitors, friends, and families to our beautiful rural school.

Many thanks and appreciation from all the Barrow Staff and Governors



**BARROW PARISH COUNCIL**

**ABRIDGED Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Barrow Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Paul Rossington (Chair)(PR) Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT) Cllr John Okell (JO) Cllr Andy Porter (AP) Cllr Katie Jones (KJ) Cllr David Cunningham (DC) Clerk – Tracey Whitlow (TW)

**Apologies for Absence were received from:** Cllr Janet Walsh (JW)

**Declarations of Members' Interests** – none

**Public Participation** – no members of the public present

**Approval of Minutes** The circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were approved & signed by the Chair

**Matters Arising – If not covered by agenda**

**Freedom of Information-** TW confirmed she has received further communication regarding the recent FOI request for details of flooding over the past 5 years in the village, asking for information on why names had been redacted from the communication sent. PR & AP to forward a response to TW

**Correspondence – Unless covered as an agenda item.**

1 Email received from unmetered supplies for electricity, requesting information on the type/amount of Christmas lights to be used this year. AP supplied TW with the information for a response. TW to respond.

2 Email received from Zero-hour re: climate & ecology bill. Only 168 out of approx. 10,000 parish councils have shown support for this it was **Resolved** not to participate in Planning-

1 23/02933/FUL The Rectory Mill Lane Barrow Chester CH3 7JF Proposal: 1x sycamore - request to fell. Resolved No objections.

2 23/02815/FUL 2 Heath Lane Barrow Chester CH3 7LL Proposal: Replacement new dwelling

Resolved to comment that as the main sewer runs through the garden, the council would wish that appropriate risk assessments have taken place, and measures are in place to ensure no damage is caused to the sewers that serve the village. TW to send.

DC noted that Guilden Sutton Parish Council have received a LDC (Lawful Development Certificate) planning application for Tile Farm, Guilden and are actively working with planning and Environmental Agency – re noise abatement regarding the quad bikes at Tile Farm.**Accounts**

1 September cashbook & bank reconciliation approved.

**Payments ratified/approved & monies received.** 2 Clerks expenses July & August £28.79 ratified 3 September payroll approved. 4 PKF – external Audit - £252 ratified

5 Footpath booklets printing – Deva Print £490 ratified. 6 Fireworks invoice £1260.80

Ratified 7 KDE – Pavilion electrical work £1725.37 approved



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**Audit** – External auditors have approved the accounts & records for year ending 31.03.23.

**Highways-** JT has reported potholes to CWAC

**Budget-** TW had supplied a 1st draft budget, this was discussed. The noticeboards were discussed, PR is to contact the pub re the noticeboard on the property and follow up next meeting. Further discussion to take place on the budget between November and January. Budget need agreeing by January meeting to allow for the precept to be set.

Asset Maintenance and Register

Grass Verges: CR Law to cut verges at Normans Wood KJ to arrange.

Working Groups & Sub Committees – updates

Footpaths: Promenade footpath is overgrown KJ to follow up

AP requested the use of the OS maps TW to send details to AP

Flooding Working Group/Community Resilience Planning – AP has received an email from CWT who are submitting a funding bid to the newly announced natural flood management (NFM) funding that the Environment Agency (EA) are providing.

Pavilion & Playing Field –

Entrance works: TW noted that the lottery grant can take up to 16 weeks before any notification.

The pavilion lighting/electrical work -JO is happy for the contractors invoice of £1725.37 to be paid.

Fire Safety – Air conditioning service was discussed previously- TW confirmed there is no legal requirement to have this checked.

Fireworks- these have been organised.

Use of the Pavilion – Coffee mornings were not working.

Footballers are using the pavilion when there is a game on.

Employee is involved in the maintenance work – this is covering the contracted hours for the grant. JO has received a request from MOP as to why the trim trail equipment is not being used. Advised as playground is run by the BPPFF the PC have no comments.

Neighbourhood development Plan – This is moving ahead. JT has organised a Village Consultation Meeting, to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th October.

Barrowmore: There appears to be a lack of interest from the community for a community orchard, this will be put on hold.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 13th November at 7.30pm**

# THE WHITE HORSE INN



Hey all!

A massive thankyou to all those who supported the Murder Mystery night, it really was a night to remember! I don't think we can go without sending a shoutout to Sarah, Dave, Gemma and Marty. We couldn't have pulled this off without you and we appreciate your support.

## OPENING TIMES:

**Monday and Tuesday – 4:00 to 11:00 (drinks only)**

**Wednesday – Sunday – 2:00 to 11:00 (drinks and food).**

## EVENTS:

The monthly quiz nights will continue on the first Wednesday of the month. Please come and join in with the fun to raise money for Barrow School! £2 entry per person and all proceeds go towards the wonderful Barrow Primary School. Octobers Quiz Night will be changed to an alternative date - keep updated for confirmed new date for this!

We are also continuing to run a weekly *Bonus Ball's*. Lucky winner will be announced at 9:00pm each Saturday. £1 for a go with £50 being for the prize pot and £9 going towards a donation to the PTFA. Just ask at the bar if you would like a go 🎱.

Uke'o'oke Night with the Cunninghams & Co. continues on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Come along and join the fun.

## CHRISTMAS:

We will update you all with our Christmas opening times on our social media or via WhatsApp group.

There will be Christmas carols this year as traditional. Please keep upto date with further details on this.

We will also be starting our Christmas menu from 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## NEW YEARS EVE:

Cunningham & Co Uke'e'oke at the White Horse Inn. Come and join us for live entertainment and music. MORE TO BE CONFIRMED.

## CONTACT DETAILS:

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