What's on in Church: Services	
Sunday March 3rd:	8.45am Holy Communion
	10.00am All Age Service
Sunday March 10th:	10.00am Mothering Sunday,
	Holy Communion
Sunday March 17th:	10.00am Sunday Worship
Sunday March 24th:	10.00am Palm Sunday, Holy Communion
Friday March 29th:	10.00am Good Friday All Age Service
and Prayer, accompanied b	d Friday from 2pm for Personal Reflection y sacred music and pictures of stations of the ay for as long or as short as you wish.
Sunday March 31st:	10.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Sunday April 7th: 10.00am All Age Service

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.

Lent Course Tuesday 27th March at 1.30 in the Millenium Rooms for 5 weeks. Video and discussion group on the subject of Prayer. All are welcome.

Coffee MorningWednesdays in the Millenium Rooms from 10.30.Do come for coffee, biscuits, conversation and escape from the rain!

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#### Dear Friends,

I was in school the other day, leading Collective Worship on the topic of Lent, for that is the church season that runs from Ash Wednesday to Easter. By tradition it is forty days long, reflecting the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tested and tempted, and over the years other traditions have grown up around it. As a bit of fun, I was asking the children some "Lent Trivia" questions, most of which they got absolutely right, leaving me very impressed indeed. I kept one harder question up my sleeve, "what word is traditionally not said during Lent in some churches?" Hands shot up and the first answer I received was "swear words", a brilliant answer, but not exactly the one I was looking for. Tradition in some churches results in the word "Hallelujah" being omitted from all liturgy until Easter Sunday when the service opens with the words "He is risen, Hallelujah, Hallelujah", and the people respond with "He is risen indeed, Hallelujah, Hallelujah". The word is one that defies translation, a sort of spontaneous out-pouring of joy.

Lent is a time of waiting, a time of reflecting upon our own shortcomings and our relationship with God. Some will give up something for Lent in order to stand alongside Jesus in the wilderness, resisting temptation and thereby feeling a little closer to Him. I have to confess that I am not that good at waiting or reflecting, so Lent is a good time for me to practice both! Signs of new life are all around us as the blossom bursts out and flowers become ever more colourful. It sometimes feels like nature itself is holding its breath until it can join with us to celebrate new life, new beginnings and new hope. For Christians, Easter Day is the ultimate celebration of new life, the time when death itself is defeated once and for all. Do join us. A warm welcome awaits as we can say "Hallelujah" together.

**Rev Julian** 

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...BREAKING NEWS... Congratulations to Old Buzzards Fergusson and Armstrong (twice) for completing half-marathons already in 2024, and Junior Buzzard Meg White who has qualified for the English Schools Cross Country Championships - all fantastic

achievements

- Bravo!!

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### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Donations to the Poppy Appeal for the 6 wreaths laid on Remembrance Sunday in 2023 plus the donations made on the day amounted to £493.10. On behalf of the British Legion I would like to thank the Church, the School, the Parish Council and the Women's Institute for their donations for wreaths and to the congregation present at the Service for their donations.

**Remembrance Sunday and Poppy Fortnight** are special occasions for donations. It is possible to make donations at any time during the year to support Service Veterans and/or their dependants in a wide variety of ways. Visit the British Legion web site. **Ken Lloyd** 

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#### BARROW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A small team of volunteers from **Barrow Parish** are writing a **Neighbourhood Plan.** This document can establish policies and actions that will reflect our community's needs and aspirations during the next 10-15 years. It will have to be looked at, and taken into account by **Chester Planning Department,** when planning applications are made that affect our village.

Although the **Neighbourhood Plan** primarily relates to planning matters, such as potential new development, this is an opportunity for you to tell us what important issues within the village affect you. From housing and design, to business opportunities and traffic, from our rural and historic environment to services & amenities, and any other matters which are important to you, we need to know so that we can design a document for the whole community.

There are clear government guidelines which we have to follow in order to create a Neighbourhood Plan. **This is your plan.** It is written by us, but we have to show through our consultation, that the contents reflect your needs. We aim to develop our Neighbourhood Plan through an **open and inclusive approach,** and we have arranged a number of consultation dates and times when you can attend and let us know what you think. We hope that as many of you as possible will come to one of the drop-in sessions which we have arranged. If you have any questions, we can answer them there. **At the Stamford Bridge Inn and at Barrow Community Social Club on Irons Lane**, we will put some money behind the bar, and the first few people to give us their feedback will receive a free drink. There will also be some alcohol served at the evening session of the Village hall, as well as tea and biscuits.

Later in the year, we will be sending out a survey to everyone in the village, based on what you have said in these drop- in sessions, so please make sure that your views are included by coming along.

If you would prefer to contact us in writing, please e mail us at **neighbourhoodplan@barrowpc.org** 

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#### **Barrow Ukulele Group**

We have taken a well-earned break in January but we will be back, at the White Horse, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, with lots of new songs to share with you all. We are only a small group but have bags of enthusiasm we're always open to new members. If you're interested in finding out more just give us a call. Contact Dave & Sarah Tel: 07471942747

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The Barrow Horticultural Society AGM

will be held in the Okell room,

**Barrow Village hall** 

on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 7pm.

Dates for your diary

The Rose Show will be held in the Village Hall

on Saturday 8 June 2024.

The Autumn Show will be held in the Village Hall

on Saturday 7 September 2024.

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#### Barrow Evergreen Circle

At our February meeting Roger Devonside (I misspelt his name previously) gave us a lively illustrated talk on his experiences as he was strapped on to a stand on top of a small plane which then performed aerobatics at air-shows. He needed complete faith in his very competent pilot, having no influence at all on what was happening below his feet. Over the years he raised a great deal of money for cancer charities.

On Monday 4th March David Hearn is coming to see how much we remember of the 1950s. Maybe a few memories of the 60s too as we were really good at that. 2.00 pm in Barrow Village Hall, Visitors always welcome. Ann Cavenett



A good attendance of Members at the February meeting enjoyed a talk by Roger Ellison titled 'The Upside of Lockdown '. We were taken on a journey, not far from home, with super photos of wildlife on the Wirral. These were taken during Lockdown, when paths and tracks were quiet and wildlife was making the most of the peace in their habitats. Hence there were photos of birds collecting nesting materials, the nests with young and then fledglings taking their first flights. We also saw aerial pictures of The Wirral, the River Dee and the North Wales coast.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th March at 2.00pm when we will hear, Francis Illing, a retired London Policeman, talking about 'Life in the

Vice Squad '. The competition is ' A Whistle '. If you are interested in joining Barrow WI or would simply like to know more about the WI, why not come along or contact



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Question 1	Royle, Grant, Bassett and Wise – characters played by
Ricky Tomlin	son
Question 2	2 hours and 33 minutes
Question 3	69 degrees and 30 degrees
Question 4	28 fights on Thursday and seven on Sunday
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**Barrow Babes and Tots** (BaTs) meet fortnightly on a Friday during term time from 10am until 11.30am. All pre-school aged children and babies



are very welcome with their parents or carers. Toys, books and fun! Snacks and tea/coffee available. Voluntary donation. For more information email <u>barrowbats@gmail.com</u> or call Katie on 07834042278 or Lou on 07825108638.

#### **Knit and Natter**

We will meet on 9th and 23rd March in the Millennium Rooms from 2pm - 4pm with a brew at 3pm.

Everyone is welcome to knit or natter or both! Further information from Anne Law 01829 and Viv Lewis

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BARROW PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Barrow Village Hall

**Present**: Cllr Paul Rossington (Chair)(PR) Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT) Cllr Janet Walsh (JW) Cllr John Okell (JO) Cllr Andy Porter (AP) Cllr David Cunningham (DC)

Clerk – Tracey Whitlow (TW)

Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Katie Jones (KJ)

#### Declarations of Members' Interests: None

Public Participation: None present.

**Approval of Minutes:** The circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 9 December 2023 were approved & signed by the Chair.

**Planning:** Barrowmore are to re-submit their planning application – they have invited the PC to view the new plans prior to submitting. AP to arrange a date for next week.

#### Accounts /Finance:

1. December cashbook & bank reconciliation approved & signed. Monies received:

- 2. Members budget for Christmas activities received £250
- 3. Members budget for flood assistance received £520

#### Payments ratified/approved & monies received:

- 4. December payroll ratified.
- 5. Refund clerk for water pump £302.67
- 6. Clerks expenses Nov-Dec £36.24
- 7. Village Hall room hire History group £54.00
- 8. Village Hall room hire PC meetings £72.00
- 9. Payroll company Q3 £54.58

#### 10. HMRC Q3

Policy Review: TW circulated a policy review schedule, all policies have been reviewed by the PC, some minor amendments to be made by TW and to recirculate. All policies reviews to be completed at the February meeting. Village Noticeboards: Following discussions and inspections of the village noticeboards, which showed H&S issues with some and the fact that they are not used it was resolved:

• To keep the noticeboard at the bus shelter for general PC information.

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• To remove the noticeboard from Stamford Bridge.

Removed noticeboards to be stored with the view to making repairs to one out of the three.

**Annual Insurance:** TW has received the quotes for the annual insurance. **Resolved** to accept the quote from the present broker of £840, as the other quote exceeded this.

**2024/25 Budget:** The 2024-25 budget was reviewed and **Resolved** to accept the budget of £27,220.

**2024/25 Precept:** Following agreement of the budget the precept for 2024-25 was discussed. **Resolved** to set the precept at £26,500, with the shortfall to budget being made up from reserves. This gives a band D property in Barrow an increase of £5.79 for the coming year – a total payable of £65.70.

TW to complete the precept paperwork and return to CWAC before 31.01.24.

Asset Maintenance and Register: Grass Verges: To be discussed at the April meeting. Normans Wood – TW to ask KJ to contact the new contractor who has approached the PC to discuss work required and costings.

#### Working Groups & Sub Committees – updates:

**Footpaths:** No meetings taken place; member of the footpath committee has contacted TW for her to follow up footpath issues with CWAC – council asked TW to pass this back to the footpath committee.

Flooding Working Group/Community Resilience Planning

Sandbags and water pump are now available to the parish.

Environmental Agency were removing debris from the village the day after the latest floodings. The sandbags were used, but fortunately no properties were flooded this time. The flood group are to contact landowners in outlying area's of the

parish with a view to clearing debris from streams.

BPPFF – update: No meeting since the last parish council meeting.

JO to get quotes for the lights.

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

JT to set up village information meetings.

JT & TW to have a meeting to complete grant application forms.

Clerks hours & pay scales: This was discussed as a confidential item. Resolved to increase the clerks pay scale from 01.01.24.

Date of next meeting – Monday 5th February 2024 at 7.30pm

Full minutes can be found on the Parish council website: www.barrowpc.org

#### **Barrow Brainteasers 11**



#### **Question 1**

A little "low-brow" maybe, this one. What links the surnames of: Joe, the Everton manager who won the 1995 FA Cup; Russell, a popular stargazer and "Strictly" shuffler; Bertie, a liquorice company's mascot; and Ernie, Eric's partner?

#### Question 2

The Mole had been working very hard all the morning, spring-cleaning his little home (under the Rectory garden). First with brooms, then with dusters; then on ladders and steps and chairs, with a brush and a pail of whitewash; till he had dust in his throat and eyes, and splashes of whitewash all over his black fur, and an aching back and weary arms. If he swept for 50 minutes, dusted for 70% of the time he swept and painted for four-ninths of the total time. For how long did the Mole work?

#### Question 3

How many degrees do the internal angles of a triangle add up to? If two angles in a triangle are 37 degrees and 74 degrees, what is the size of the third angle? If the three angles are n, 2n and 3n, what is the size of n?

#### **Question 4**

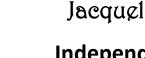
On Thursday evening, eight fencers (the ones with swords, not posts or panels) each fence one another (using sabres if you're interested) once. How many bouts in total? On Sunday afternoon, the same eight decide to play a cup style knockout tournament, with a standard round of guarterfinals, semi-finals and a final. How many bouts now?

#### **Ouestion 5**

I buy 15 Madbury's eggs and seven Motel Chocolate eggs for £14.70. I eat two of the Motel Chocolate eggs and decide I do not like them. So I go back to the shop and get a full refund on the remaining Motel Chocolate eggs, buying another five Madbury's at the same time. This costs me 50p. How much do each Madbury's and Motel Chocolate eggs cost?

Answers on page 23

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EVENTS: Sunday 10th Mothers Day Mother's Day – Sunday Roast, £14 per person.

St Patricks Day – Saturday 16th Ukueoke night Cunninghams & Co., Irish Stew and £4.20 Guinness. Sunday 17th St Patrick's Day, £4.20 Guinness

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