# Barrow News

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Lots of information in your Barrow News this month Have a good look through so you don't miss anything

#### **Dear Friends**

One Sunday last month I was listening to the radio whilst eating my bowl of Fruit and Fibre when a fascinating account of some youngsters on a pilgrimage from Salford to Rome came on. It was affirming to hear the various

reasons that they wanted to embark on such a pilgrimage, but the common theme was built around some words from the Old Testament which read "seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul", a thought that Jesus later echoed when He said "And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you".

The Pilgrimage that they were on linked into the Roman Catholic year of Jubilee being celebrated this year, and the Vatican will open five Holy Doors, four of which are famous Basilicas and one a prison. The symbolism is very clear, physically representing Jesus opening the door to salvation and reconciliation with God by going through an open door. The late Pope Francis emphasized the importance of these doors as a sign of hope and renewal, particularly for prisoners. The programme went on to say that the Jubilee Year is an opportunity for the faithful to engage in acts of mercy and penance, encouraging participation in this moment of grace through various spiritual activities and pilgrimages.

It struck a resounding chord with me, for that morning I was due to speak about an organisation called Open Doors International that records and publicises ordinary Christian people who are persecuted around the world for their faith. The numbers are huge (635,000 in 2024), and increasing, being about 1 in every 7 believers. I can only imagine how difficult it must be to be a practicing Christian when doing so could result in punishment, prison or worse. To them, an open door as a symbol of hope, renewal and salvation must be enormous and like those who's sacrifice we remembered recently on VJ Day, we must continue to keep doors open.

#### Rev'd Julian

"Barrow News seeks to inform, to affirm and to encourage all that is good in this community and to help people develop their Christian faith"

#### **COFFEE MORNING**



Every Wednesday 10.00am – Midday



In the Millennium Rooms, located at the back of the churchyard.

This is open to all, and dogs on leads are also welcome. Come for Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and a chat.

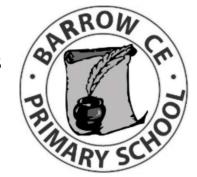
There is no charge, but a small donation is welcome to cover costs.

We would be delighted to see you in our warm and comfortable surroundings, with excellent access.

Barrow CE School are delighted to be able to offer the Village and wider community the use of an onsite Electric Car Charging point, conveniently located here in Barrow school staff car park. This newly Installed Dual Project EV twin fast charger of 22kw is supported by the Tapper App which can easily be downloaded.

This charger will be available after the school day from 4pm Monday to

Friday and will be available 24/7 over weekends and all holiday periods when the school is closed.



#### **MONTHLY QUIZ NIGHT** At THE WHITE HORSE INN WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Usually every 1st Wednesday of the month

8pm start

£3 entry fee per person, pay on the night

**Raising money for Barrow CE Primary School PTFA** 



#### **BARROW DEFIBRILLATORS x 3**

Well done to The Social Club for fundraising for another Defib in Great **Barrow Well Done!** 

There are 3 Defibrillators available to Barrow Village.

One located in the old telephone box at the Foxcote, on the B5132, CH3 7RJ adjacent to the junction with Broomhill Lane, Barrow, the other Located on the wall of Barrow Primary School, Barrow Lane,

**CH3 7HW**.

Barrow Community Social Club irons Lane, Great Barrow. CH3 7LD

#### The mobile Library

visits on a TUESDAY 3.25-4pm and will be parked near the Village Pump on the 9th\30th September {every 3 weeks] Come and visit the mobile Library and have a look at the Selection! You can set up a new library card Renew and hold books and even collect books from here .Come and have a look at their new electric Library bus! For any more information please call Ellesmere Port 0151 3374684/5



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2026

The annual charity calendar raises money for the primary school and we rely upon the community for your photos.

Please email the original files to Stephenellisbell@gmail.com

Knit and Natter Come and join us for a chat and a brew with the option of doing your knitting!!We only have one date planned for September (the Autumn Show is on 6th) and that is Saturday September 20th. Millenium Rooms

from 2 - 4pm.

Brew time is around 3pm. Everyone is welcome. More information from Anne Law 01829741972 or Viv Lewis 01829741212

#### **TARVIN FLOWER CLUB**

Sept 10th Clare Downing "The Gift of Flowers"

October 8th Kate Russell "A touch of the Exquisite"

November 12th Debbie Davies "Charismata"

We meet in the Edna Rose room at Tarvin community centre and the demonstrations start at 7-30pm.

If anyone wants more details they can contact me by email or phone 07929757066 Thank you, Margaret Dixon

After a short summer break, WI meetings start again on Wednesday 10th September at 7:30pm in the Okell Room, Village Hall. Sally is giving a talk on one of her favourite topics, handbags!

Future dates for your diaries. Wednesday 8th October at 2:00 pm

Wednesday 12th November at 2:00 pm Wednesday 10th December at 2:00 pm



# St. Bartholomew's Church, Barrow presents

# Celebrating Sir John

## Vale Royal Singers

In honour of John Rutter's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, a wonderful selection of his work including anthems, folk songs, and jazz delights!

7:00 p.m

Friday 10 October 2025

Director: Margaret Corlett

Accompanist: Brian Heald

Tea, Coffee and Cakes available
Craft and Produce stalls (cash only)

Free entry

Donations to charity

## BARROW COMMUNITY HISTORY FOUNDATION THE ARCHIVE GROUP

#### **Re-arranged Railway Outing**

It will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Barrow Railway Station this year. We want to commemorate this occasion by organising a train journey from Mouldsworth to Chester, where we will have a talk on the history of Barrow for Tarvin station and Chester Station. We will then return to Mouldsworth by train, and if there is enough support we may arrange for refreshments at The Goshawk where we can show a film.

We will also be producing a booklet on the history of Barrow for Tarvin Railway to coincide with this event.

Please let us know if you are interested in this trip. The costs will be the train fare from Mouldsworth to Chester and back, and possibly refreshments.

This event will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Please let us know of your interest by contacting us at <a href="mailto:barr">barr</a> <a href="mailto:owcom munityhistorygroup@gmail.com">owcom munityhistorygroup@gmail.com</a> or you can phone or text Julia Tillotson on 07968 237469.

Further details will be sent to those interested in attending

#### DO YOU REMEMBER john Steel of Mill Lane?

I've had a lovely request for more information regarding former school friends of KEITH NIELDS from his daughter Helen Alderwick

If you have any information about his old school friends

John Steel and Tony Clark, Geraint Roberts and Bernard Rowland

would you give me a call at Barrow News 07824345783 or email barrownews@gmail.com

#### **Barrow Brainteasers 28**

#### **Question 1**

In the top four men's football divisions in either England or Scotland, seven clubs have names which end with "Athletic". Name them! I could have gone for clubs ending with "Albion". How many of them are there? You will have to name them yourself.

#### **Question 2**

Oh dear, Grandpa has forgotten his four-digit PIN again! But do not fear... we can work it out for him! I remembered that each set of two consecutive digits in his PIN is a square number. I also know that his PIN is not the highest this could possibly be, nor is it the lowest. What is Grandpa's PIN?

#### **Question 3**

If a standard bottle of champagne is 75cl, how many standard bottles make up a Magnum plus a Jeroboam plus a Methuselah plus a Nebuchadnezzar?

#### **Question 4**

The following sentences all describe verbs which have something in common: to carry something; to repeat something mindlessly; to work hard; to baffle or deceive; to selfishly keep to oneself; to move with a twisting motion; to talk or chat at length about trivial stuff; and to aim to score runs in cricket.

What are the verbs?

#### **Question 5**

As the village prepares for the beloved Autumn Show, young Barney the Barrovian (after ensuring no disruption from any water company) has taken on the task of arranging apples along the path to the village hall. On the first day, he places 3 apples. On the second day, he adds 6 more. On the third day, he adds 11 more. By the fourth day, there are 18 new apples, and on the fifth, 27 new apples. So as to ensure there is clarity (after all, this isn't *Only Connect!*) Barney confirms that he is indeed following a quadratic sequence.

The Show happens on the tenth day of Barney's sequence of apples. (a) How many did he place on the tenth day? (b) How many apples are there in total?

See page 31 for answers

# YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS Your assistance

Do you fancy getting involved in a village activity which will only take a few hours a month of your time?

Barrow Village Hall has vacancies for new committee members including the secretary role, to help keep everything



behind the scenes running smoothly, no experience is necessary. If you're interested and want more details, please call Sally Rossington on 07501 176212 or email sallycaz@hotmail.co.uk

Wine Tasting at Barrow Village Hall
On Friday 12th September at 7:30pm



Our next wine tasting is Portugal themed;

it's an informal fun evening,

with a chance to try a variety of grape varieties

Come along with your partner, friends or on your own

Tickets £17.50 to include a selection of wines plus nibbles

Limited places available

Please contact Sally on 07501 176212

or sallycaz@hotmail.co.uk to book your place

## 80<sup>th</sup> Autumn Show Saturday 6th September 2025



Barrow Village Hall 2.30pm

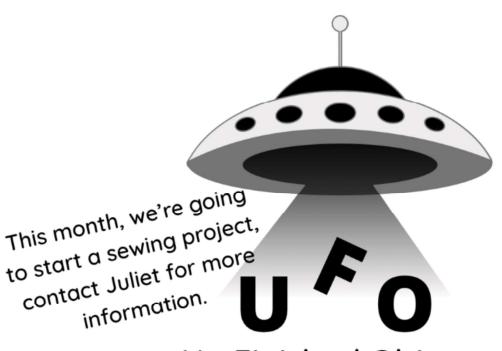
Presentation of Trophies at 4.00pm followed by Raffle

Refreshments available

New class – Tallest Growing Sunflower

The subjects for the Photography Classes are "Winter" and "Summer"

Schedule / Entry Form available from mid-August:
The White Horse, Bluebell Cafe, Village Hall, Little Barrow Telephone Box, and Sally Rossington, The Nook, Mill Lane
07501176212/01829 741762 sallycaz@hotmail.co.uk



#### **Un Finished Objects**

(Definition : A craft project that has been started and not yet completed.)

Do you have an unfinished craft project collecting dust at home? Need a quiet place to get some creative work done? Hoping that being around others will help you get motivated?

Bring your unfinished art/craft object on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September to our UFO Evening at the Acorn Hub, 7 until 9pm, and settle in for an evening of creativity.

Projects can include knitting, cross stitch, embroidery, painting, sewing, creative writing—you name it!

Please just be mindful of the space you need for your work.

£2 entry which includes hot drinks.

Any questions contact Sarah (07471 942747)

or Juliet (07825 161932)

## Great Barrow

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, 11-5 ACORN HUB

SORRY TO MENTION THE 'C' WORD BUT . . .

ARE YOU (OR DO YOU KNOW) A LOCAL ARTISAN OR CRAFTSPERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AT OUR FIRST ACORN HUB ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR?

ENTRY FEES ARE ONLY £10
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ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TO
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Don't worry if you're not crafty, save the date, 23rd November, come along and support our talented locals and get a festive jumpstart!

There will be arts & crafts, refreshments and activities for little ones.

Any questions contact Sarah (07471 942747) or Juliet (07825 161932)

#### **BARROW ARCHIVE GROUP**

## Barrow Community History Group has changed its name to "Barrow Archive Group".

We are an arm of, and supported

financially, by Barrow Community History Foundation.

Our new name reflects what we actually do, which is to hold an archive of documents, photos and memorabilia about Barrow; carry out our own independent research, if we want to; hold

exhibitions and occasionally put on other events.

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall and anyone is welcome to join us, as we talk about Barrow history, file new documents and discuss our research or forthcoming events. Our next meeting will be on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

If you are interested in learning more, or if you have photos documents or other items for our archive, please contact Julia Tillotson

on 01829 741994

#### **Barrow Allotment Association**







Barrow Allotment Association maintains and manages the village allotments on behalf of Barrow Parish Council. Over recent years, allotment plots have been in great demand, and the Association has kept a waiting list for those wishing to lease a plot to grow vegetables, fruit or flowers.

Everyone currently on the waiting list has now been offered a plot.

If any Barrow parish resident would like to join the waiting list, or would perhaps like to know more about the allotments and the many advantages of tending a plot, please contact BAA chair Steven Andrews at

#### steve andrews1@msn.com

This year we are planning an Autumn "Apple Press" weekend for anyone with an apple surplus in the village. Date for weekend is

September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Start time 11.00am Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. Finish late afternoon.

Start time 11.00am Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. BBQ starting 2.00pm.

Please bring your own food, drink and chairs

Could anyone intending to press apples please contact Steven Andrews

by email to give an idea of numbers

#### The Autumn Show

An edible necklace made out of sweets
A miniature garden most fine
Pumpkins, cucumbers, tomatoes and leeks
Hydrangea blooms tied up with twine

Entries completed on time and with care
Vases selected for show;
I'll stand this one here, if you put yours there
It looks quite dramatic you know -

That Victoria sponge stands out on the table
Alongside the gingerbread cake
I'd have entered my pie
But the crust was unstable
I just don't have the patience to bake

Your roses look good, did you grow them yourself?

Mine bloomed a week early again

I made ginger jam, it's good for your health

And makes a nice change now and then

My dahlia stems were mostly in bud
So I entered my chutney instead
I'd embroider a view of the Bluebell wood
But I'm hopeless with needle and thread

I always enjoy the unusual veg
It brings out my innermost farmer
For good taste, that carrot is right on the edge
And that spud has a look of Keir Starmer

Now the leaves are turning gold
And fruit tree boughs hang low
Autumn calls as young and old
Bask in September's fading glow
Every village resident
Is welcome at the Hall
There's a trophy from the President
So bring your entries one and all
From handicrafts to marrow
Veg and flowers of all sizes
In the fruitful heart of Barrow
Grow smiles, certificates - and prizes.

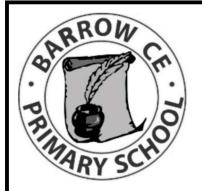
{the recently published poet Andy Poerter}

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Barrow Village Hall 2.30pm

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#### **GREAT GARDEN CLEAR UP**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2025

Barrow CE Primary School

2.00pm to 4.00pm

It is the start of a new term, and our school grounds need a tidy up. We are inviting anyone who can help to come along with some gardening tools – a trowel and gloves would be useful, and your community spirit and energy.

Coffee and cake provided

We will provide the plants, and a list of what needs doing.

If you have any queries please phone Julia Tillotson on

07968 237469 or contact the school.

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#### **BARROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025-26**

May – Monday 19th APM, AMPC & ordinary PC meeting

June - Monday 9th

July – Monday 14th

August - No meeting

September – Monday 8th

October Monday 13th

November- Monday 10th

December – Monday 8th

January 2026 - Monday 12th

February- Monday 9th

March - Monday 9th

www.barrowpc.org

## The Barrow Parish Council Footpaths Committee are seeking new members!

We are a group of keen walkers, who monitor and report on the condition of local footpaths. We meet every six to 10 weeks (usually in the Village Hall) and are in need of new members including a Chair.

The role of the Chair includes chairing meetings and liaising with the Parish Council, CWaC Footpaths Officer and the Chumpers, to ensure maintenance and repair work is carried out. Members are asked to walk a small number of footpaths and report back to the committee if there are any issues that need to be resolved.

If you would like to find out more, including the date of our next meeting, then please contact footpaths@barrowpc.org, and join us in keeping Barrow's footpaths Great!'



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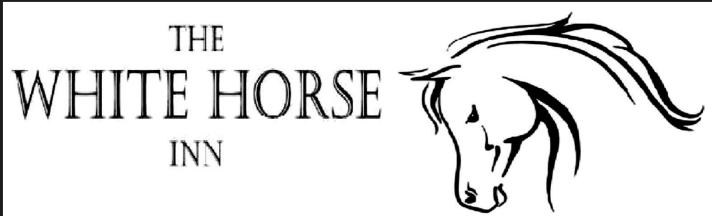
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Question 2	3649
Question 3	34 standard bottles
Question 4	Bear, parrot, beaver, fox, hog, worm/snake, rabbit/yak, and bat (all animals)
Question 5	I02 (b) 405 – what a harvest!

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Email: barrowsocialclub@yahoo.co.uk

**Facebook: Barrow Community Social Club** 

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(by appt.)

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Mon - Fri 8.30 - 10.30am; 4.00 - 6.00pm (by appt.)

Tarvin. Wednesday 2.00pm

## Drs. Adey, Dancy ,Argent-Belcher and Called - Tarporley 732401

Tarporley: Monday - Friday 9.30 - 11.30 am; 3.00 - 6.00 pm (by appointment)

Kelsall: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00 - 10.20 am

(wheelchair friendly)

Ashton: Tuesday and Thursday 9.00 – 10.20 am (wheelchair

friendly)

#### **Services**

Sunday September 7th: 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday September 14th: 10.00am Holy Communion Sunday September 21st: 10.00am Sunday Worship Sunday September 28th: 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday October 5th: 10.00 Harvest Festival

Friday October 10th: Free Concert in Church (See Poster)

#### **Jellies**

Jellies are enjoying their Summer break

#### **Bible Study Group**

Every Tuesday at 1.45 for 90 minutes or so in the Millenium Rooms, a group get together to talk about a particular book in the Bible. It is very informal and led by a small team from the congregation.

#### Coffee Morning

Wednesdays in the Millenium Rooms from 10.30am. Do come for coffee, biscuits and conversation

#### **Knit and Natter**

Meet in the Millenium Rooms each first and third Saturday, 2pm

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