



BARROW UPON TRENT PARISH NEWS

SPRING 2024

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ST WILFRID'S TRANSFORMATION

The beginning of this year sees the formal end of our project; the funded building work, and the many activities and events that have taken place since 2020.

Our grateful thanks go to all of the funders who have helped us to achieve what we envisaged way back in 2010.

Our thanks also go to all of the people who have helped with the project, and all those who have supported the activities.

But this is not the end. We now start again under our own banner, with our project team still in place, and our volunteers willingly helping with everything we have planned. We hope you won't notice any difference in what will happen this year compared with the last two years.

Alongside all of this, the church continues as a place of worship; we have weddings and baptisms, funerals, and regular Sunday services.

STILL TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON A NEW POLITICAL MAP FOR DERBYSHIRE

We're asking Derbyshire residents have their say on a new political map for the county, designed to ensure county councillors represent around the same number of people.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has published proposed changes to the county council's electoral divisions following a growth in population in some areas.



The LGBCE will make its final recommendations in July, following the latest public consultation. To take part visit www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/derbyshire/feedback

ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH AND VILLAGE 2024 ONWARDS

Although we have now said goodbye to Llynda Baugh, our Heritage Delivery Manager, who has so successfully steered us through the last two years of our St Wilfrid's activities, we will continue into 2024 and beyond, providing activities and events for everyone.

2023 was a very full and busy year of activities in and around the church and village; our George Turner exhibition, archaeological surveys, many talks on the heritage of the area, stone carving, visits from Elizabeth I and Anne Boleyn etc.

We now have another plan for 2024. In this Parish News you will find advertisements for our events, talks, film nights and workshops.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to book on to a workshop or attend any of the ticketed events via stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com.

Thursday Film Nights and Wednesday Heritage talks don't require booking; please just turn up and enjoy!

Of special interest may be the visits of Mary, Queen of Scots, and Katherine of Aragon. These performance evenings were very popular last year, and are enhanced this year by a visit from Charles II in October!

A unique event takes place on 3rd April; the village of Barrow upon Trent has been visualised as it would have been in the year 1300 using Computer Generated Imagery. The film will be shown as the first of our Wednesday talks, and will be presented by Duncan Hewitt and Rory MacLellan who will discuss the research and visualisation techniques used to produce this special film.

Come along and see if you can recognise the many features and buildings that are still with us today, over 700 years later.

Members of the volunteer team were given a preview of this film late last year; they were all amazed by what they saw and heard!

PARKING

We are aware that people in Barrow don't park in Church Lane when they visit the church events, but please be assured that we always ask people from outside the village to park, if possible, in the car park on Twyford Road when they visit from further afield.

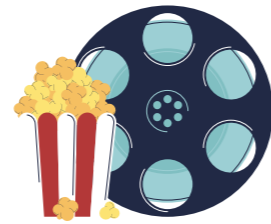
FILM NIGHTS IN ST WILFRID'S

The installation of our projector, large screen and super surround-sound system has proved a huge success over the last two years. Over the summer months we have enjoyed a wide-ranging programme including many old favourites, and some very new films.

Summer 2024 will include Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning, Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, and many others. Thursday nights are a chance to enjoy a good film, meet with friends, and share your drinks (including alcoholic!), popcorn and chocolate!

Our grateful thanks go to Simon and Helen for their weekly efforts in putting together and dismantling the equipment. If anyone would like to join the team of people trained to set up the equipment, please let us know.

If you have any favourite films you would like to see in the future, just give us a call.



THURSDAY NIGHT FILM NIGHT

JUNE

6th - Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny
13th - The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society
20th - Mission Impossible – Fall Out
27th - Downton Abbey – The Movie (King's visit)

JULY

4th - The Woman in Black
11th - Love Actually
18th - Pirates of the Caribbean – at world's end
25th - The Dirty Dozen

AUGUST

No film nights

SEPTEMBER

5th - Breakfast at Tiffanys
12th - Mission Impossible – Dead Reckoning 1
19th - Sister Act
26th - Mrs Miniver (1942 film)

Films will show at 7.30pm, and tickets cost £5 on the door.
Each ticket is a raffle ticket for a prize on the night.

Feel free to bring your own refreshments: popcorn, snacks, soft drinks, prosecco, gin and tonic, etc!

SAFER Neighbourhood NEWS

South Derbyshire

February 2024

Your SNT update

The new Neighbourhood Priority for this quarter has been set based on- local concerns raised, incidents & crimes reported and Derbyshire Talking survey results. Your SNT and Partners will be working together to find lasting solutions to issues identified. Outcomes will be fed back via social media, Derbyshire alert and the next round of neighbourhood forum meetings.

Targeting drug related crime and asb.

We will: -

1. Conduct regular patrols and engagements within identified hotspot areas to deter ASB/Crime and gather community intelligence/feedback.
2. Educate/Highlight consequences of drug related crime and asb to youths via school talks and via direct engagement.
3. Conduct stop searches on those suspected/identified as being involved in drug use or drug dealing.
4. Work with Partners to proactively target / educate / enforce those found committing drug related crime and asb.
5. Pro-actively target drug related criminality.
6. Address any vulnerabilities identified from exploitation or Cuckoo'ing.
7. Feedback actions taken to partners and the community via Derbyshire alert, newsletters and social media.

SNT news

Sign up to receive email messages from your team via www.derbyshirealert.co.uk

Use [Derbyshire Talking - Derbyshire Alert](#)

to record issues which affect you. We then use Derbyshire alert system to let you know what we have done about the issues raised.

To see local crime statistics visit www.police.uk/pu/your-area for local crime stats

You can contact your local team via: www.derbyshire.police.uk/area/your-area/local-policing-team-contact/contact-your-local-policing-team/

Follow your team on social media at: SwadlincoteSNT on Facebook @DerbySthPolice on X (twitter)

@DerbysPolice | derbyshireconstabulary

101 non-emergency, in an emergency always call 999

www.derbyshire.police.uk

Making Derbyshire Safer Together





Sale ♥ Davys Playgroup



For any enquiries, please call us on 07933 663599 or 01332 703300. Or email saleanddavysplaygroup@outlook.com

Sale and Davys playgroup is set in our beautiful village, welcoming children from ages 2 to 4 years old. Funding options available. 2 year-old funded and 30 hour funded places available.

Our Fees

We are open Monday 9am-1pm
Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm (during term time only).
£6.65 per hour
9am-12 pm - £19.95
9am-1pm - £26.60
9am-4pm £46.55

World Book Day!

Sale and Davys C.E. Primary School was a full of literary excitement earlier this month as pupils celebrated World Book Day with an array of colourful costumes and imaginative activities. World Book Day is a fantastic opportunity for our children to immerse themselves in the magic of storytelling and ignite their passion for reading. It was inspiring to see the enthusiasm and creativity on display from our young readers.



Immersive storytelling with We're going on a Bear Hunt!

The children have enjoyed a fun filled- albeit rainy first term, in the 12 weeks we have been back at playgroup in 2024 we have enjoyed pancakes, Dragon Dancing, making polar bears, getting to know all about families, the three bears cottage, exploring the moon, National book day and Easter celebrations.



Measuring the Giants footprints!

We are participating in making a sculpture for Swarkstone Nursery for their Annual Easter hunt. Instead of finding eggs, local schools, community groups and preschools are making an egg laying animal for children to seek in exchange for a prize. We have been asked to make a NEWT, and the children have worked incredibly well, learning about Newts, painting and sticking. We are proud of our entry so if you visit Swarkstone Nursery please look out for our entry and vote Sale and Davys Playgroup as your favourite!



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

We continue to work on behalf of the Parish, reporting potholes, fly tipping, broken streetlights and any other issues that arise. We welcome your comments and feedback and are willing to try and help where we can.

Please feel free to attend any of our meetings listed below. Christmas seems such a long time ago now, but once again the village looked lovely. Thank you to Harrison Flynn, Miles Burton & The Brookfield for helping with the lights. The light switch on event was a little damp but still very enjoyable.

A recent community litter pick was organised at the Arleston end of the Parish and over 50 bags of rubbish were collected by 10 litter pickers. Well done to them and thank you to South Derbyshire District Council who came and took it all away.

At our 9th April meeting starting at 7pm, Steffan Saunders, the head of planning along with Steve Mott who is the major sites manager at South Derbyshire District Council, are coming to the meeting to answer questions we have raised on the Infinity Garden Village Development and any other planning related questions, you have relating to planning. Please come along and hear what they have to say if you wish us to ask a question on your behalf then please let the Clerk know ASAP either by email or phone clerk@barrowupontrentparish.co.uk or 01332 700142 or 07825 702046.

We are looking to replace/upgrade and install some new signs around the village in the near future so please keep an eye out for them. The recent flooding in the village has left quite a muddy mess in places but hopefully the warmer weather will soon return. Kevin, our Parish Lengthsman continues to do a fabulous job keeping the Parish in good order and we are very grateful to him.

Grass mowing at the community park has now recommenced and we would like to remind all dog walkers/ owners to please pick up the dog mess to prevent the mowers spreading it.

Parking can we remind all drivers to think before they park. Please do not block the footpaths, not everyone is on foot and they may need more room. Please remember to leave space for wheelchairs and pushchairs to get along.

BARROW ON TRENT VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2024

All meetings start at 7.P.M. And are held in the village hall All parishioners are welcome to attend

- Wednesday April 17th
- Wednesday July 17th
- Wednesday October 16th (annual general meeting)

NEW YEAR LUNCH

This is being held on the 16th of May 2024 at the Brookfield. Please see the poster in this edition of the Parish News for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

- 9th April - Annual Meeting of the Parish | 6.30pm (With reports from all Parish Groups)
- 9th April - 7pm | Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
- 7th May - 7pm | Annual Parish Meeting
- 4th June - 7pm
- 16th July - 7pm

DOG WALKERS & OWNERS

Can we please request that you pick up after your dogs, we try and keep the village nice for everyone to enjoy and there are some very selfish owners/walkers out there who do not clear up after their Dogs. Can we remind you it is an offence, and you could face a £75 fine.

If you see anyone letting their dog foul and not clearing up, please report it to South Derbyshire District Council on 01283 595795 or go onto their web site.

Calendar for Tuesday collection
Please put your bins out for 6am

South Derbyshire District Council

October 2023	TUE 3	TUE 10	TUE 17	TUE 24	TUE 31
November 2023	TUE 7	TUE 14	TUE 21	TUE 28	
December 2023	TUE 5	TUE 12	TUE 19	SAT 30	
January 2024	TUE 2	TUE 9	TUE 16	TUE 23	TUE 30
February 2024	TUE 6	TUE 13	TUE 20	TUE 27	
March 2024	TUE 5	TUE 12	TUE 19	TUE 26	
April 2024	TUE 2	TUE 9	TUE 16	TUE 23	TUE 30
May 2024	TUE 7	TUE 14	TUE 21	TUE 28	
June 2024	TUE 4	TUE 11	TUE 18	TUE 25	
July 2024	TUE 2	TUE 9	TUE 16	TUE 23	TUE 30
August 2024	TUE 6	TUE 13	TUE 20	TUE 27	
September 2024	TUE 3	TUE 10	TUE 17	TUE 24	
October 2024	TUE 1	TUE 8	TUE 15	TUE 22	TUE 29

Key

GREEN WEEK
GREEN BIN BROWN BIN PODBACK BAGS

BLACK WEEK
BLACK BIN PODBACK BAGS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COLLECTION CHANGES
Normal Date: TUE DEC 26
New Date: SAT DEC 30
There are no other changes to bank holiday collections, all collections in 2024 will take place on the usual collection day.

Dates outlined in red indicate a collection day that is different from your usual one

More information on recycling, including our A-Z waste guide, can be found at www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/recycle

THE BARROW UPON TRENT "FLOOD SEASON"

From November 23 through to February 24 we have experienced exceptional rainfall, resulting in a very high water table level, which in turn, has contributed to considerable flooding across South Derbyshire, and of course our own village, Barrow on Trent.

From This....



To This....



Firstly, may I take this opportunity of thanking the team that assisted in the number of floods during 2024, so far:

David and Jenny Thomas

Nick Harpur

Kester Vaughan

Toni Kent-Chapman

Alison Hicklin

Kevin Atkin

Hill Farm Caravan & Camping Farm

SDDC Team

... and many thanks to a number of parishioners that also helped.

We are looking for volunteers to join the "Barrow upon Trent Flood Action Group"

There are several areas that we are always looking for assistance in:

Flood Prevention Activities.

Community Support

Managing Signage

Traffic Management

If you feel that you are able to assist your community and friends within the village, then please contact Toni toni.barrowparishcouncil@gmail.com



During the floods, we would also ask that you are all take care of both you and others.

We constantly ask parishioners, both adults and children, not to walk through the floods, this is for your own safety. The main reason for this is that the drain covers can come loose and lift off the drain holes, leaving an exposed large hole. There was an instance in the January 24 flood where a parishioner fell into a drain hole, where the lid had lifted, and injured themselves quite badly. Falling into one of

these flooded drains can cause serious harm, so please only walk through flood water if it is necessary and if you have a stick to feel your way along.

Another main reason is, that there maybe raw sewerage, animal effluent and potential farming chemicals in the flood water. But it must be mentioned that with the amount of flooding in Barrow, the contamination level reduces dramatically.

Also, please note that should you drive through flood water, your car may not be insured, and with this in mind, please think twice before trying to venture through deep water.

And may we respectfully ask that when you have to drive through flood water, can you consider the impact of the "water wash" that occurs, which in turn, can then cause local flooding inside residential properties. We ask that IF you have to drive through flood water, can you kindly drive at a maximum of 3 mph (i.e. walking speed).

Flood Road Closures; We know you may find this annoying, but we close the Brookfield end of Twyford Road, to save a number of residential properties that are prone to heavy flooding at the cross roads. So, can we kindly ask you not to ignore or move the closed signs, as you may not be aware of the damage that you may be causing to the local houses. Also, if you know of any vulnerable parishioners, please take a moment to look out for them.

We thank you for your kind consideration of others.



One of the situations that has become apparent during the recent floods, is that our lovely local postman is unable to get to parts of the village to deliver post.

The Brookfield has been kind enough to help, and they will accept post to be delivered to them, on behalf of parishioners that Mr Posty is unable to reach. Also, The Brookfield has kindly confirmed that they will take parcel deliveries as well, if needed e.g amazon deliveries.

We will be checking into the legalities of this, but hope that a simple system can be put in place to ensure that the recipient of the post is happy for their post or parcel deliveries to be delivered to The Brookfield.



really easy to download the app on your phone... you then just need to register your name and area, and then you can either take a picture of the pothole which submits it through the app, which immediately registers where the pot hole is, or you can simply report it on the app, without a picture – if it is not safe to take a photo.

A number of potholes, along with a badly damaged loose curb stone on Twyford Road have been reported using this App. So, please report anything that you may see via this app.

You can also use it to report Fly tipping, Street Issues, lighting issues, full bins plus many more things please have a look at the app its very useful.

The more reported issues that are reported through the app, the quicker the council will respond. They work in areas, so the more offending holes and damaged road areas that we report, then the more they will fix when they visit our area.

We are noticing more and more potholes appearing on the roads in the village and surrounding areas....mainly due to the recent floods.

This is the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council, who we work closely with.

The best way to report these holes, is through the LoveCleanStreets app (the app looks like above). It's

Word Search

“Flood Fun”

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- ROADCLOSURES
- BEAWARE
- EXCESSIVE
- QUICK
- DELUGES
- OVERFLOWS
- ASSISTANCE
- SANDBAGS
- BECAREFUL
- CHURCHLANE
- POTHOLES
- VOLUNTEERS
- FRIENDS
- NEIGHBOURS
- HELP
- ENGULFMENT
- FLOODED





St Wilfrid's is an Anglo-Saxon church situated on a knoll in the Trent Valley, Derbyshire. In 2017, we received a total of over £800,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and many other funding bodies, to transform the church into a community building, in addition to its religious function, and to deliver a heritage activity programme.



Tea and Chat

Please come and join in with our popular Tea and Chats in the church on alternate Wednesdays at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Bring your sewing, knitting or just yourself. Meet old friends and make new ones.

Room Hire

We are delighted to be able to offer our building for hire for family celebrations, seminars, talks, conferences and meetings. We have a kitchen area with dishwasher, fridge, microwave, and moveable preparation/serving areas. There is also a projector and screen, sound system and assistive listening system. Please visit our website for our hiring rates.

Schools

We welcome visits from schools, and we have a tour specifically designed for children that is fun and engaging. We are also happy to visit your school to tell our story.

Children

There will always be activities to keep children engaged when you visit the church.

Talks To Groups

Would you like us to come to your group and give a talk about the church and its 1000-year history? Please get in touch for information and cost.

Visiting The Church Andself-Guided Tours

We are happy to open the church by appointment where you can take a self-guided audio/visual tour using your smart phone. You are always welcome to come in if our open flag is outside. If someone is free, we will show you around.

Group Tours

If you would like to book a group tour, please get in touch. Our tour guides would love to share the stories of this 1000-year-old building with you. The tour takes around an hour and will include some areas outside if the weather is kind. Our church is fully accessible. Please contact stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com to book. Our tours cost £4 per person, plus an additional £3 for tea and cake.

Opening Times

The church is used for Sunday Worship twice a month, and is open for visitors every Wednesday and Saturday from April to September. Please see our website for details, or look for the flag that will fly in the churchyard when the church is open.

We are always happy to open up for you if you give us a call and would like to visit.

St Wilfrid's Church, Church Lane, Barrow upon Trent, Derbyshire DE73 7HB

Church Warden: Anne Heathcote
Tel: 07887 656 948 | Email: stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com
When visiting St Wilfrid's, please use the Village Car Park on Twyford Road, if possible.

HERITAGE EVENTS

All start at 7.30pm. £15 per ticket including a glass of prosecco and lovely chocolate. Please book at stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com

Mary, Queen of Scots - with Lesley Smith

Friday, 10th May

This performance gives you a chance to meet the tragic queen during her final imprisonment at Tutbury and share her hopes and fears as her dramatic tale approaches its bitter conclusion.

Katherine of Aragon - with Lesley Smith

Friday, 16th August

Katherine of Aragon was born into one of the most powerful and warlike families in Europe. Henry desperately wanted a male heir and after more than 20 years of marriage to Katherine, he divorced her to marry Anne Boleyn. Katherine died in isolation, near poverty and ill health when she was just 50 years old.

Charles II - with Gareth Williams

Friday, 4th October

After years of austerity, the "Merrie Monarch" was determined not just to restore stability, but to teach England to enjoy itself again, and he believed in leading by example! Come and see King Charles brought to life again - but lock up your daughters!

WORKSHOPS

Please book your place at stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com

Embroidering Beautiful Flowers

Saturday, 10th August 10:30am - 3:30pm.

Cost £50

Learn how to transfer a picture onto your cloth and enhance it with embroidery. Bring a magazine picture of your choice or choose from magazines provided. All kit provided. Drinks provided, please bring own lunch. Led by Jill Bishop.

Willow Weaving

Saturday, 31st August 10:30am - 4pm.

Cost £40

Come and make a bee or bird for your garden. Drinks and materials included. Please bring own lunch. Led by willow artist Nita Rao.



HERITAGE TALKS

All start at 7.00pm. £4 per head including tea and coffee. No need to book.

The CGI Recreation of Barrow in the Year 1300

Wednesday, 3rd April

A visualisation and narrative of the village, presented by the creators, Duncan Hewitt (Albino Igit) and Dr Rory MacLellan (Historic Royal Palaces).

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The Rutland Roman Villa

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Peter Liddle, former County Archaeologist for Leicestershire, will talk on this high-status Roman villa, discovered between Ketton and Luffenham, south of Rutland Water.

The Journey of a Brooch

Wednesday, 3rd July

How did an Italian cameo brooch make the journey from Rome to Barrow upon Trent in the 1800s? Presented by Anne Heathcote, one of the several former owners.

The Vikings

Wednesday, 7th August

Presented by Dr Gareth Williams, Curator at the British Museum.

Mediaeval History in England

Wednesday, 4th September

Carolyn Twomey is Assistant Professor in Mediaeval European History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA, where she specialises in the religious and material history of the Early Middle Ages. (This may be presented as a film or podcast)

The Crusades

Wednesday, 2nd October

Dr Nic Morton (Nottingham Trent University) returns to give another exciting talk, this time on the Crusades.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

The 10 Best Things we Have Discovered

Saturday, 14th September 10:30am - 4pm

Join our guided tour 'Our historic village' at 1pm

Sunday, 15th September 12noon - 4pm

Join our guided tour 'Our medieval grave yard' at 1pm
No booking required.

Contacts and Bookings: Email: stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com Tel: 07887 656948 Web: www.stwilfridsbarrow.org

St Wilfrid's Barrow FREE Parking available on the Parish Car Park, Twyford Rd (300m away)

Parish Council Luncheon

For the Senior Residents of the Parish (over 60s)

Thursday 16th May 2024

12.30 for 1pm

In The Brookfield

Homemade Pie of the Day served with either homemade chips or creamy mash potatoes, garden peas and gravy

or

Red Pepper and Mozzarella Parcel served with either homemade chips or creamy mash potatoes and garden peas.

Followed by

Strawberry Cheesecake served with cream.

or

Cheese and biscuits

Followed by

Tea or coffee served with mint chocolates.

To reserve your space please contact Alison on 01332 700142 or 07825 702046 or email clerk@barrowupontrentparish.co.uk by 7th May 2024

We will need to know if you require Chips or Mash and Cheesecake or Cheese at the time of ordering.

Please also advise of any dietary requirements.

Heritage Events at St Wilfrid's

An Anglo-Saxon church in Barrow upon Trent

Please use the FREE Parking available on the Parish Car Park, Twyford Rd, DE73 7HA - 300m away from the Church

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BARROW ON TRENT VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Committee hopes that we find everyone well and (at the time of writing) after a very wet few months – Spring will offer us dryer weather with a little sunshine.

The Hall remains in good order, ongoing maintenance work and upgrading continues. Regular 'deep cleaning' of the Hall takes place throughout the year.

We have our Solar Panels installed, awaiting connection – with a view to reducing our energy costs over the coming years. Our 'Hive' which is connected to the gas boiler will provide members of the Committee along with our Caretaker remote access to the heating system, which will alleviate the need for weekly programming – thus ensuring the heating is only used specifically as and when required.

The Committee have taken the decision to install Wi-Fi into the Village Hall, which hopefully will be connected at some point over the next few weeks. Many of our clients who use the Hall regularly have asked for access to Wi Fi, and the Committee felt it was an important feature which will enhance the Halls suitability for party and meeting hire. The Hall currently has a hearing loop. However, the system is quite dated and with the installation of Wi Fi the Committee are looking into modernising the current system, along with purchasing microphones for speakers to use which will be interactive. This should improve the experience for hearing aid users who attend functions within the Hall.

Our financial position remains stable, in part this is thanks to our regular users. We have a variety of weekly and ongoing monthly events, which include: Our village Playgroup – daily use in term time, exercise classes, choir practice, Parish Council meetings, yoga, Women's Institute meetings, Church Group meetings and pilates classes etc. The Hall also continues to be used for parties and events.

At the end of 2023 - Steph Shilton who has been an excellent caretaker and bookings clerk over the years left her role with the Village Hall. Steph and her husband will be missed, they have made a large contribution to gaining bookings for the hall via our Facebook page. As many of you will know Steph and her husband are a busy couple looking after their children, we wish them well for the future. The Committee thanked Steph for all her hard work providing vouchers and chocolates by way of a 'thank you'

We are delighted to confirm we have appointed a new Caretaker /Bookings Clerk – Jo (Joanne) Bloor. Many of you will already know Jo, who lives in the village with her family.

Jo took up this position on the 1st February 2024 her contact details are:
Mobile 07976 977208
Jo has set up an email link for anyone wishing to book the Hall on line: barrowontrent.villagehall@gmail.com

The Committee continues to strive to ensure the Hall is kept in good order for residents of the Village (along with users from further afield). We ensure that our activities respect the equality and diversity needs of our clients.

A reminder of our hire rates (which are extremely competitive) are listed below:
£6 per hour for local residents
£8 per hour for people living outside of Barrow On Trent
£10 per hour for business use

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We wish everyone a happy Easter.



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The Brookfield Freehouse
Barrow Upon Trent, Derby, DE73 7HG

Indian Elvis

Saturday 20th April
19:00 until late

Bollywood fancy dress encouraged with prizes for best male & female

On The menu

Starter: Samosa & Pakoras
Main Course: Chicken or Vegetarian Balti Curry Served with Rice, Chips & nan bread

Limited places available

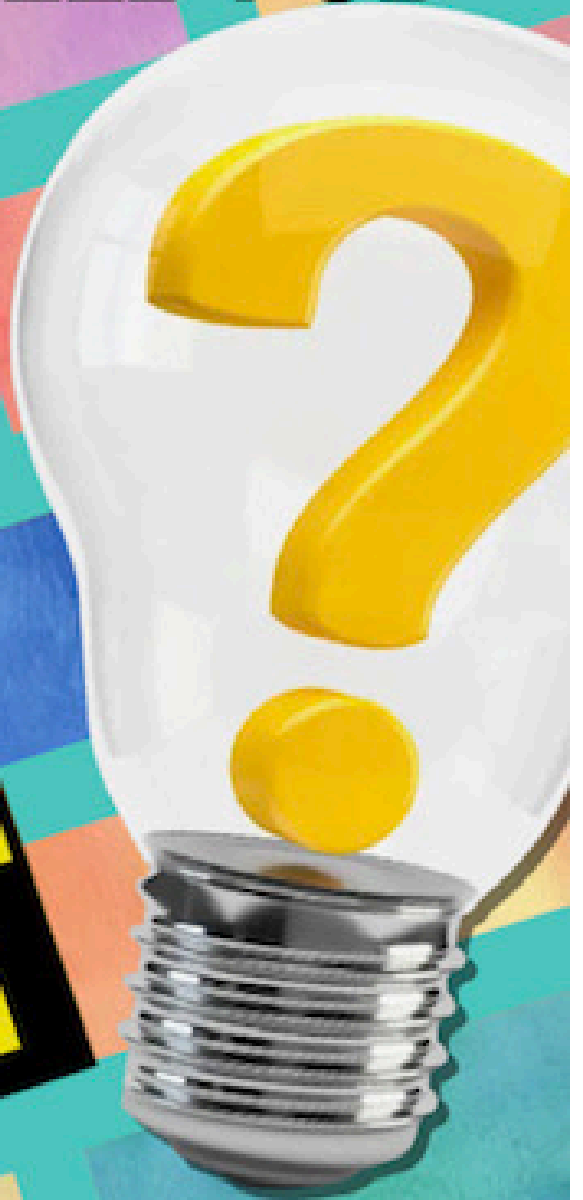
The Brookfield Freehouse

Curry Night

Every Wednesday 2 for £15

THE BROOKFIELD PUB

7.30PM
FOR 8PM
START



QUIZ NIGHT

LAST FRIDAY IN THE MONTH!

FISH & CHIPS SUPPER - £8 PP - £2 PP WITHOUT - PRIZES!
FULL MENU ALSO AVAILABLE