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## Leaving Barrow



The Rev. Maurice Woodward, who has been Vicar of Barrow for nearly 13 years moves on this month to become vicar of Clare with Poslingford in Suffolk.

Mr. Woodward has worked in this area since his ordination in 1958, at Southwell. He became curate of Gedling, Nottingham after his ordination and in 1961 became Precentor of Leicester Cathedral and also taught at the Alderman Newton Schools. He was appointed vicar of Barrow in 1964.

The family - the vicar has 3 daughters and one son, will be living at Clare vicarage, a lovely old Tudor house with a large garden. The local town is delightful with a magnificent "Wool Church".

The family will be sorry to leave Barrow where they have many friends and have spent a very happy childhood.

Mr. Woodward's last Sunday at Barrow will be the 24th April and the family will move at the end of the month.

It is not yet known who will take over from Rev. Woodward - may we wish him and his family all the very best for the future.



Rawlins Big Band pictured above treated some 200 local people to the big band sound on Wednesday 19th March in Rawlins Hall.

They played many of the old favourites - Hustle, Falling Feathers, Mango Walk and Midnight Rift.

The band is eighteen strong - 14 youngsters and 4 staff, and they have been playing together for some 18 months. Mr. Ken Fox, an organiser and member of staff at Rawlins told SVN that the band would be appearing on BBC's Blue Peter on the evening of 4th April

## FINALISTS

The Sileby team have triumphed again! In the semi final of the BBC Radio Leicester Inter Village Quiz the Sileby team scored 160 against Skeffington's 140 and Eaton came last with only 75. The grand final will be held at Wreake Valley College on April 26th at 7.30. Tickets will be necessary and these may be obtained from Radio Leicester. The semi final will be broadcast on April 10th.

The team, as before, are Neil Jalland, Elizabeth Robinson, Mary Austin and Walter Sutton.



A feeling of spring in the air? Certainly spring has arrived as our daffodils and lambs testify. The profuse young shoots around the daffodils are identified and explained in the Nature Notes on page 7.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

BARROW

Apl.	2 Methodist Mini Mart 10-12 noon	
	5 Parish Council Meeting, Library, 7.30pm.	
11	- 16 SCOUTS JOB WEEK	
13	Women's Conservative Primrose Tea, 7.30, Assembly Rooms	
16	Church Room Restoration Fund Coffee Morning 10.45 am - 12 noon	
16	St. Albans R.C. Church Jumble Sale, 10.30 am, Methodist Rooms	
18	Community Association AGM, 7.30 pm, H.P.H.S.	
20	Barrow Scout Group AGM, 7.45 pm, for 8.00, Scout Hut.	Club, 7.30 pm.
28	Down the Earth - Broadcast for Radio Leicester, Joint WI & Chrysanthemum Soc., Bishop Bev.	
27	& 28 Barrow Ladies Singing Group, Sing-Along 77, Stanford Hall, 85p incl. bus from 3 Crowns.	
30	Women's Conservative Assoc. Nearly New & Rummage Sale, Assembly Rooms, 10.00 am.	
May	3 Parish Council Meeting, Library, 7.30 pm.	
	7 Methodist Mini Mart 10.00 am.	
	7 Hall Orchard P.T.A. May Fair 77, 2.15 pm, Hall Orchard School	

## MOUNTSORREL

Apl. 6 Mountsorrel Baptist Church, 7.30 pm., Mountsorrel Choral Society presentation,  
Collection for Roecliffe Manor. All welcome.  
14 Rolls Royce Music Appreciation Club present Verdi's RIGOLETTO, Yorkshire Chamber Opera Club  
22 Mountsorrel Jubilee Queen Dance, Rolls Royce Cafeteria, 8.00 - Midnight.  
May 1 1 Civic Youth Service; 10.30 am. Mountsorrel Methodist Church, led by Mr Paul Newman of  
Southlands College. Uniformed organisations of the village will take part & parade.

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Apr.	6	Guide & Scout Coffe Morning, 10.30 - 12 noon, Beetle Drive, 2.30 pm. Scout Hut.
	14	Friends of Markfield AGM, Scout Hut, 8.00 pm.
	19	Cricket Club Coffee Morning, Pavillion, 10.00 am - 12 noon.
	22	Whist Drive, Cancer Research, Church Rooms, 7.30 pm.
***	23	St. Bartholomew's Church Rooms, Spring Fair.
	23	Rawlins P.T.A. Dance, 8.00 pm. - 12 midnight
	24	Quorn/Mountsorrel Playscheme Sponsored Walk, Beacon Hill
	28 & 29	Sweeny Todd, Rawlins School Dramatic Society, School Hall, 7.30 pm.
	29	Cricket Club Start of Season Social Evening, Pavillion, 7.30 pm.
May	4	Douglas Young Lecture Recital, Rawlins 7.30 pm.
	5 & 6	T.W.I.G.S. Concert, Village Hall.
	12	Rawlins Design Faculty Open Evening, 7.00 pm.
	14	Scout & Guide Spring Fayre, 2.30 pm., H.Q., Meeting Street.

ROTHLEY

LIBRARY - Every Thursday, Rothley Primary School, 6.30 - 7.30 pm.

Apl. 5 Rothley Adult School, Village Hall, 7.30 pm., Coffee Evening for Jubilee Fund.

8 GOOD FRIDAY - Parish Church, Colour Film "Time to Run", 7.45 pm.

10 EASTER DAY Holy Communions, 7.00 am., 8.00 am., 11.45 am., & 7.30 pm. Family Worship 10.30am. Risen with Christ, 6.30 pm.

16 Junior Tennis Coaching begins, Rothley Ivanhoe Tennis Club, enquiries Jane Simpkin Rothley 2728

16 Coffee Morning Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, Loughborough Gen. Hospital, 10.00 am - 12

19 Adult School, Village Hall, 7.30, Speaker Mr Barnett, "Lesser Known Musical Treasures"

26 " " " " " " Mrs Brookman, "Visit to Tunisia"

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## SWIMMING

As from April 13th the pool at Humphrey Perkins High School will be open to the public at the following times:

Monday - Thursday 6.30-7.30 with additional sessions on Wednesday 5.00-6.00 and on Friday 8.00-9.00.

Mrs. Joy Perkins is interested in forming a Swimming Club for the 11-16's - anyone interested can phone Mrs Perkins on Quorn 42126.

The Quorn Swimming Pool is open to the public during term time from 4.30-8.00 Monday to Friday, during school holidays from 2.00-8.00, Monday to Friday. Saturday opening is from 2.00 to 5.30.

### SOAR VALLEY LIBERALS

At a social and supper held on Saturday 19th February in Rothley Village Hall the Soar Valley Liberals toasted Thomas Andrew Farrer, latest addition to the family of David Farrer - the Liberal prospective party candidate. The evening raised over £20 for the funds.

### SCOUT AUCTION

Sileby Scouts and Guides are still appealing for "anything worth selling" for their auction at the Scout HQ on Friday 22nd April at 7 pm.

Items can be handed in at HQ any Monday, Wednesday or Friday evening.

### FLOOD MEMORIES

As a result of our request in the last issue we have the following recollections from Mr Jack Winterton with a little help from Mrs Betty Cryer.

In 1870 a man known locally as "Top-Hat" Brown was drowned in the yard of the White Horse. This was caused by the gate in the wall of the Farnham property near the Cross collapsing when a wave of water, thus released swept across the road and into the yard of the inn.

In 1921 the big flood took place on August Bank Holiday. It did not deter a character named Tommy Scott, who despite the handicap of a wooden leg, rode through the torrent on a bike.

In July 1932 the water swept right through the windows of the White Horse; and near to what is now known as "Harry Halford's Lodge" near Barrow, a bus with many passengers broke down, leaving passengers trapped. They had the harrowing experience of watching waters rise around them, and probably feared that the bus would overturn in the torrent. Eventually a party of students from Quorn Hall donned swimming gear and towed the stricken vehicle to safety.

### DRAMATIC

Janet Foster (Rothley 3342) is interested in starting a drama group in Mountsorrel. Anyone interested contact Janet, or Avice Walker (Rothley 2740).

## RAWLINS C

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ALL CLASSES 6 WEEKS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED - STARTING 25th APRIL

### MONDAY

Yoga for All (8 weeks)	2.15	£2.80
Junior Tennis	5.30	30p per meeting
Dressmaking	7.15	£3.10
Old Tyme Dancing (St. Bart's.)	7.30	£2.80
Beginners Silversmithing	7.30	£3.10
Spanish for your Holidays	7.30	£2.10
Junior Judo (10 weeks from 18 April)	7.00	20p per week & 50p mem. fee

### TUESDAY

Pottery	7.15	£3.10
Silversmithing		
Sketching & Painting		
Woodwork		

### WEDNESDAY

Yoga (10 weeks)	7.30	£3.50
Shorthand (1 hour)	7.00	£2.10
Typing (1 hour)	8.15	£2.10
Yoga	7.30	£2.10
Ballroom Dancing (M'sorrel Infants)	7.30	£2.80

### THURSDAY

Junior Basketball	4.15	£1.05
Junior Judo (10 weeks from 21 April)	7.00	20p per week & 50p mem. fee
Senior Judo " " " " "	8.00	£3.50
Yoga (10 weeks)		£3.50

### FRIDAY

Junior Tennis (Green Shield Coaching) 5.30 £1.50

TENNIS - QUORN RAWLINS TENNIS CLUB - Please contact Bob Wrathall, 30 Buckingham Drive, Loughborough, 68441 for details of membership for individuals, family or visitors.

## Nature Notes



The effects of the long dry summer are still with us. The ways of nature are really fantastic! The moss in our lawns was one of the first to feel the effects of the drought, and virtually disappeared. One would have thought that this year we would have had moss-free lawns - and yet there is more moss than ever. One can only conclude that the spores or seeds ripened earlier than usual and lay dormant on the ground until the warm September rains started new growth.

The same condition applied to the polyanthus, a plant that hardly ever seeds itself, the parent plant disappeared and tiny seedlings started to grow.

But perhaps the most striking example is beneath the two sycamore trees in Barrow Churchyard, see front page. There among the crocus and daffodils, are thousand upon thousand of tiny sycamore plants, none of which will ever have the chance to grow into a tree.

PS A careful watch will be kept to see if any of the young swallows, ringed last year, return - any sightings, contact the editor please (Quorn 42347)

P.S. Anyone interested in cuckoo calling and butterfly spotting please contact the editor, Tel Quorn 42347

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MOUNTSORREL: Mr H Newman,  
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Mountsorrel (Rothley 2242)

ROTHLEY: Mrs E Kilty  
1 Cross Green, Rothley  
(Rothley 2573)

SILEBY: Mrs M Mason,  
Cavner's Fish Shop,  
22 King Street, Sileby  
(Sileby 2539)

BARROW: Mrs S Barker,  
3 South Street, Barrow  
(Quorn 42347)

DIARY: Mrs B Martin,  
206 Loughborough Road,  
Mountsorrel (Quorn 42186)

We positively welcome ALL sport church, charity group, and any other events' news and diary items from all our five villages. News items should be tightly constructed, diary items must include time, event, venue and sponsoring organisation - and a phone number please, in case we have a query.

News for next S.V.N. by May 2nd at the very latest please, also do contact us early if there is a possible photograph.

The next S.V.N. meeting will be Wednesday 13th April, at 7-30 pm in Rawlins Library, please come along if you are interested.

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## FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

On February 12th some 53 people from Rothley went to see Cinderella at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham. Nothing very interesting in that? Wrong! It was the thirty-first "Friends & Neighbours" outing organised by Mr & Mrs Page of 12 North St., Rothley.

It was in 1946 that Arthur and Daisy Page decided to provide some post-war cheer to North St. especially for the children who had missed out on seaside trips during the war. Two coaches were hired and 72 people aged 18 months to 80 years - all from North Street - went on the first trip to Cleethorpes.

Since then, friends and neighbours of the Pages have gone every year for a summer outing and to a pantomime in the winter. The names and faces have changed somewhat over the years, though there are still about a dozen who made that very first trip, and also included these days are children and grandchildren of the original party, and of course new friends and neighbours.

Already Mr Page is organising this summer's trip to Luton Hoo, and come August, he'll be booking up for another pantomime.

### COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 16th March, Miss Walker and Mrs. Hairs held a Coffee Morning in the Church Rooms Barrow to raise money to provide the housebound and elderly with a tea and Jubilee plate. £22 was raised.

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