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Pithead building to get extra protection

BARNSELEY Main Colliery has been placed on a list of nationally-important buildings which will receive better protection due to their history. Save Britain's Heritage's list, set up in 1989, aims to draw attention to neglected and threatened historic buildings.

The well-preserved Oaks Lane structure is looked after by the Barnsley Main Heritage Group, who praised its inclusion.

A report from Save Britain's Heritage said: "Historical reports show that the first winding shaft and pumping shaft was developed in around 1824 and mining continued at Barnsley Main Colliery until 1991 when the site was closed.

"Its engine house and pithead winding structures were previously owned by private companies, then post-World War Two, coal mining was nationalised and managed by the National Coal Board, renamed as British Coal in 1987. "The community and heritage volunteers make good use of the site and have created a pop-up museum to provide more information to visitors."

Complaints made against councillors

FIFTEEN complaints have been made by members of the public about Barnsley's councillors over the last year.

A council report reveals three relate to the first quarter of the 2026/27 when Reform took control from Labour.

Seven were put down to councillors' social media posts, while three separate complaints were made by other councillors about their colleagues.

A report, which will be discussed by the council's standards regulatory board on Thursday, said: "The majority of complaints have been made by members of the public, and their complaints related to local councillors rather than parish councillors."



A HUGE fundraising mission which set out to transform Barnsley Hospital's breast care unit has been accomplished – after locals dug deep to raise more than £250,000 in less than a year. It has united a community of supporters with people donating, fundraising and taking on challenges of all kinds to help create a brighter future for patients and families who use the essential unit. Fundraising efforts have included last weekend's Barnsley 10K, golf days, the Great North Run, climbing challenges, walking events, skydiving and even wine walking. More than 7,000 patients are seen annually in

the unit with a variety of symptoms including breast lumps, nipple changes and lumps in the armpit. Jane Mills, charity development manager, said: "On behalf of Barnsley Hospital Charity, I would like to say a huge thank you to every person and organisation who has donated, fundraised, supported events or helped spread the word. "Your kindness and commitment have turned a vision into reality and will make a real difference to patients and families for years to come. "The success of the appeal is a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when Barnsley comes together."

Rapist dad set for early release

By Josh Timlin

A WOMAN repeatedly raped by her paedophile father has tearfully spoken out after learning he is set to be released early – despite serving less than a third of his sentence.

Elliott Appleyard was found guilty of raping and sexually assaulting Carol Higgins, from Penistone, following a two-week trial at Leeds Crown Court in January 2019 at the age of 71.

He had denied five counts of rape and ten counts of indecent assault which happened between April 1982 and April 1985 – when Carol was aged between 12 and 15 – but was found guilty by a jury and jailed for 20 years. She escaped her father's clutches aged 15 but West Yorkshire Police did not press charges against Appleyard, formerly of Gilthwaites Crescent, Denby Dale, when she first complained about her abuse in 1984.

Carol went back to the police again in 2005, 2012 and 2014 and, when she returned in 2015, officers decided to investigate when she wrote to Dee Collins – who was then the Chief

Constable of West Yorkshire Police – urging her to reopen the case following decades of mental struggles as a result of the abuse she endured.

The mother-of-two has since been in a civil court battle with the police having accused them of infringing her human rights, culminating in the police apologising for the 'trauma' they caused and paying compensation of £15,000, as well as the £90,000 which was accrued in years-long court costs.

Carol, who waived her right to anonymity afforded to all victims of sexual abuse upon Appleyard's conviction, told the Chronicle this week that she was disgusted with a letter she received from the Probation Service in relation to changes to the Sentencing Act.

The letter, sent by victim liaison officer Ruth Kerry, said: "As you may have seen reported in the news, the Sentencing Act will change how some prison sentences for adults are managed.

"These changes have been introduced following an independent review, with the aim of improving

the effectiveness of sentencing and better managing offenders in the community.

"I understand that receiving this information may be difficult and we recognise the lasting impact the offence may have had on you.

"You will receive a further letter about this by the end of August which will confirm if changes will or will not be made to the release date for an offender in your case."

A petition against the plan has been formed this week, with more than 5,000 signatures being gained in a matter of days.

Carol's urged people to continue signing it in a bid to force a debate – and a potential U-turn.

She added: "The terrifying abuse I suffered means I hide behind the mask I wear on a daily basis.

"This early release scheme should not be happening.

"It's like living in a nightmare daily and belittles the seriousness of the crimes my father committed against me.

"It's a sheer and utter insult to me.

"The man who spoke on television on behalf of the Probation Service basically telling us victims to suck it up should be put through the violent rape trials what we have had to endure and see if he would be saying the same.

"I am fuming, absolutely livid about the changes.

"I've been terrorised all my childhood by this man and he's going to be back out in society?"

"I was once told that paternal rape is like putting a nuclear bomb under the family and picking up the pieces is impossible.

"I didn't just lose my dad, I lost my whole family, along with my childhood, innocence and sense of self-worth.

"I was left with no choice but to live alone at 16 years old in a cold, rented house feeling frightened with no-one to turn to.

"My message to people is this: please sign and share the petition to end the government's early release plan for prisoners who rape and abuse children."

CAGED: Elliott Appleyard.



Picture: Seth Rose.

Runner wins race for his gran



KEEN runner Gary Briscoe beat off more than 2,000 competitors to triumph in his hometown Barnsley 10k race last weekend – and immediately dedicated the win to his grandma who passed away later that day.

The Barnsley AC runner was thinking of Ethel Bamforth on the course – which he completed in just over 33 minutes – after she was told she had just a few days to live ten days before Sunday's race.

Gary said: "She held on until the evening after the race and I went and showed her my medal.

"It was very emotional but I was really happy to win it for her."

■ Full story: page 20.

Row heats up over scrapping climate emergency

By Josh Timlin

BARNSELEY'S Green Party branch has condemned council leader William Brown's 'alarming' statement on ditching the town's climate emergency declaration.

Councillor Brown announced intentions to formally rescind the council's declaration of a climate emergency, amid a review of council spending.

It's been labelled a 'reckless decision' by the Greens, who said the Reform leader's comments were irresponsible.

The climate emergency declaration was first brought in by the former Labour-run council, which saw leaders commit to a raft of work to reduce emissions and improve air quality by 2040.

Kab Nepal, the acting deputy chair for the branch, told the Chronicle: "I can forgive Reform's

cost-saving measures but climate change is a scientific, human-driven issue and we're facing substantially warmer temperatures. I'm a doctor so see first-hand that heat-related admissions are on the rise, so it seems wildly inappropriate to rescind Barnsley's climate emergency declaration. "The south recently had its first-ever red weather warning, which means there's a threat to life, and it won't be long until that moves up north over the coming years. "This issue has become particularly topical in the last few weeks as dangerous, once-in-a-generation heatwaves have become increasingly frequent."

A Green Party spokesperson echoed Mr Nepal's thoughts and urged Reform to think twice about scrapping it.

"It is vital that we recognise the effects of climate change and

global warming on the overall health and wellbeing of Barnsley.

"Although we value any spending review which prioritises community-focused goals and ensures that local issues are prioritised, it is wrong to suggest that rescinding from the declaration will be in the best interests of our residents.

"This reckless decision is deeply troubling, signalling the administration's irresponsibly in addressing the climate crisis and how it directly impacts our community.

"Mitigating the effects of climate change is no less important in Barnsley as it is anywhere else in the world.

"Although we support the former Labour administration's declaration of a crisis, developments in climate science have highlighted that our aims to reduce emissions, maintain natural food sources and protect our residents

have to accelerate significantly.

"This catastrophe is affecting us now – we cannot afford to wait to pursue our climate goals."

Coun Brown added: "We recognise that climate and environmental issues are important.

"However, they are not the only issues facing our borough.

"A responsible council must balance its priorities and the review of the climate emergency declaration is therefore not an abandonment of environmental responsibility.

"It is an opportunity to ensure that Barnsley's policies are focused on achievable outcomes rather than symbolic labels.

"Our priority will always be delivering common sense policies that put Barnsley residents first." ■ U-turn branded 'ignorant denial' – More on page 11.

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Deaths



BAMFORTH, Ethel Mary

13th April 1937 – 28th June 2026
Passed away peacefully, aged 89 years.

A devoted wife to the late Deric, loving Mum, dear sister, treasured aunt, adored Nannan and Great-Nannan.

Ethel proudly served as manageress at Thornthons in Barnsley town centre for 28 years and was fondly known as “Mrs Toffee” and was known for her cheeky quotes on chocolate eggs, kindness, warmth and friendly smile. Loved beyond words and deeply missed by all her family and remembered with great affection by everyone.
Now at peace, reunited with those she loved and in God’s loving care. Requiescat in Pace.

BULLIVANT, Mary

Treasured Mother, sister, aunt and friend to many. Mary passed away peacefully on the 24th June 2026, aged 89.

Loved dearly, she will live on in our hearts and our many treasured memories. Her service is on the 17th July at 11am at Holyrood Church followed by Barnsley Crematorium, Ardsley at 12.10pm. For any flowers the funeral directors are Newsomes 01226 818998. Survived by sons Neill and Paul.



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CLARKE, Granville ‘Danny’



1940 - 2026
International renowned artist, performer, poet, songwriter and TV personality has sadly passed. A truly flamboyant and charismatic individual who will be sadly missed by all. A private service will be held in accordance with Danny’s wishes.

COTNEY, Terry (T-Bone) — Of all the special gifts in life, Of all the special gifts in life, However great or small, To have you as my husband, Was the greatest gift of all, Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words, And missed beyond measure. — *From your loving wife Betty xx*

COTNEY, Terry

You never failed to do your best, Your heart was true and tender, You gave so much to those you loved, And those you loved remember, All our lives we’ll miss you, As the years come and go, But in our hearts we’ll keep you, Because we loved you so. God bless.

Love Doug, Jenny and Darren xxx

Uncle Terry, “That man is a success, who has lived well, laughed often and loved much” Miss you, God bless.

Love Darren xx

COTNEY, Terry — We will miss our Saturday mornings with the laughter and jokes you told, Always a smile, Rest in peace. — *Love from sister-in-law Pat and family*
COTNEY, Terry (T-Bone) — Beautiful memories are silently kept, Of a cousin we loved and will never forget, Rest in peace. — *Love from Annette and Brian x*

DENTON, Michael ‘Mick’

Sadly passed away at Barnsley Hospital on 18th June, aged 84 years.

Mick will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The funeral service will be held at Barnsley Crematorium on Wednesday 15th July, 10.10am. Donations in lieu of flowers are appreciated with proceeds going to The British Heart Foundation, Enquiries to Hannah at Hammerton’s Funeral Service, 01226 283753.

GARSDIE, Leslie

Beloved husband, devoted dad and fantastic Grandad.



Gone from our sights, but never from our hearts. Your memory is a treasure that we will keep forever. From your wife Margaret and sons Stephen and Michael

GARSDIE, Leslie

Sadly passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on 23rd June, aged 86.



To my wonderful Dad, Sadly passed away you will be missed so much, I’ll always keep your lovely smile with me. Your loving daughter Christine

GARSDIE, Leslie

To the most amazing Grandad and Great-Grandad we could ever wish for.



Hope you know how much you were loved, Because we know how much you loved us. We will share your memories forever. Love always Kelly, Lexy, Lilly and Isla

GREAVES, Barrie — Passed away peacefully on June 26th 2026 aged 92 years. Dearly-loved and devoted husband to Christine. Barrie will be greatly missed. Funeral service and committal will be held at St Peter’s Church, Tankersley on Tuesday July 21st at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Co-op Funeralcare, Hoyland, tel. 01226 361493. Will family and friends please meet at St Peter’s Church.

JONES, Bryn

A beloved husband, Dad, Grandad and Great-Grandad passed away on June 28th.



A golden heart stopped beating, Hardworking hands now rest, God broke our hearts to prove he only takes the best, Your life was love and labour, Your love was family true, You did your best for all of us, We will always remember you.

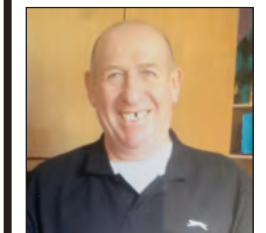
Love from your wife Christine and all of your family

Bryn’s life will be celebrated on July 10th 2.00pm at Gawder Road WMC, family and friends welcome.

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JONES, Bryn — Special memories of a dear brother-in-law and uncle. Remembering the good times we all spent together, the trips to Bury Market and the parties. Thank you for the newspapers and the lovely cups of tea with a good tot of whisky in. You will be greatly missed Bryn. All our love. — *From Laraine, Diane and Chris, Matthew and Angela, Brandon and Louise, Stephanie, Ross and Nat and David and all the kids xx*
MANN, Jeffrey — Late of Grimthorpe, sadly passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on 14th June 2026 aged 80 years. Funeral service will take place at St Luke’s Church, Grimthorpe on Friday 10th July at 10.30am followed by a burial in Grimthorpe Cemetery at 11.30am. Donations if desired in memory of Jeffrey would be much appreciated for Children In Need. Any enquiries please contact A&M Hadfield Funeral Directors on 01226 733444.

MARGISON, Donald



Sadly passed away 19th June 2026, aged 76.

Funeral service to be held on Monday 20th July at 12.10pm at Barnsley Crematorium.

Our hearts are aching with sadness, And secret tears still flow, For what it meant to lose you, No-one will ever know. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, To love, to cherish, and never forget. Sudden and sharp the parting blow, How much we miss you, words will never show. From your loving wife Betty, son Bryn, daughter Rachel and grandchildren Courtney, Archie, Charlie and Tom xxxxxxxx

MOORE, Leslie ‘Les’ — Sadly passed away at home on 23rd June, aged 68 years. A celebration of Les’ life will be held on Monday 13th July at Barnsley Crematorium, 10.10am. Donations in lieu of flowers are appreciated with proceeds going to the hard work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Enquiries to Hannah at Hammerton’s Funeral Service, 01226 283753.

PAPE, Joseph — It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joseph Pape who sadly left us on the 12th June aged 96. The funeral will take place at Barnsley Crematorium, Ardsley on the 6th July at 2.50pm. Afterwards we will be celebrating the life of Joseph at the Shipcroft Community Centre, Shipcroft Close, Wombwell. We would like to ask in lieu of flowers donations will be made to British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK.

RUSSELL, Linda — We cannot have the old days back, When we were all together, But secret tears and loving thoughts, Will be with us forever. — *From brothers Frank and Paul*

RUSSELL, Linda (née Bryant)

A dear sister-in-law and auntie. Sadly fell asleep at home 19th June 2026, aged 77.

Now at rest. We picture a beautiful garden, At the gate you stand, Where loved ones gone before, Are waiting to take your hand.

Love from Robina and family xx
Remembering your birthday July 7th x

SMITH, Mary

Sadly passed away on the 7th June 2026, aged 78 years.

Her funeral service is to take place at the Sacred Heart and Saint Helens’ Catholic Church, Hoyland on Thursday 16th July at 10.30am followed by committal at the North Chapel at Grenoside Crematorium at 12pm. The family warmly welcome guests to Tankersley Manor for refreshments after the service. Any further enquiries please contact Dawn at Wombwell Funeral Services on 01226 750053.

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TOWNSEND, Dorothy

Previously of Jones Avenue, Wombwell. Passed away peacefully on Tuesday the 16th June, aged 96 at Hoyland Hall Care Home surrounded by family, friends and those who had cared for her.

Resting in the care of Newsome’s Funeral Directors, Wombwell.



WORMALD, Stuart

Of Venetian Crescent, Darfield. Passed away peacefully at home on the 22nd June 2026, aged 69 years.

A loving husband, Dad and Grandad. The funeral will be held at Barnsley Crematorium on Thursday 9th July at 2.50pm. Any enquiries to Marc at Barnsley Municipal Funerals on 01226 496111.

YORK, Sheila — Sadly passed away on 22nd June aged 85. Wife of Barrie and Mam to Neil and Bev. We invite family and friends to celebrate Sheila’s life at the funeral service on Wednesday 15th July at 12 noon at Christ Church, Ardsley. Followed by burial at Ardsley Cemetery. Donations welcome in lieu of flowers. Please feel free to wear something blue, Mam’s favourite colour.

Memoriams

CROPPER, Martyn — 3rd July 2016, much-loved and much missed. Loved you then, Love you still, Always have, Always will. — *Love from Linda, Sarah, Daniel, Paul, Amanda, Jake, Hannah and Grace xx*

MANN, Phillip

Passed away 4th July 2009.

Our Phil, a special brother loved and missed forever. Gillian and David xxxxxxxx
A special smile, a special face, A special brother we cannot replace. Love and miss you. From Jean and John xxxxxxxx

Remembering a special Uncle Phil.

Love always, Mathew, Jayne, Megan, Finlay and Lottie xxxxxx

Remembering your 68th birthday 19th July.

Birthday Memoriams

CAWTHROW, David Peter — The 2nd of July would have been your birthday. It hurts so much that you’re not with us. We love and miss you, Our thoughts are always thinking of you. — *Love from Mam, Dad, Andrew and Angie xx*
COATES, Brian — Treasured birthday memories of our much-loved and missed Dad, Grandad and Great-Grandad on the 2nd July. We wish that you were here today. For even just a while, So we could say happy birthday. And see your loving smile, We’ll look at all your pictures, We’ll think of you with love, We hope you’re doing fine, In Heaven up above. — *Love from all of us xxx*

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DRANSFIELD, Maureen

Loving birthday memories for 4th July on your 91st birthday.

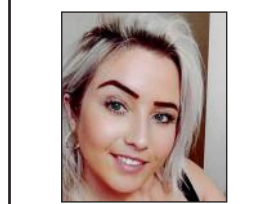


As I whisper happy birthday, My tears begin to flow, How much I love and miss you, No-one will ever know. But I want to tell you something, Of which there is no doubt, You’re so wonderful to think of, But so hard to live without.

With all our love, Howard, Stephen, Lewis and Caitlin, Eleanor and Luke, great-grandchildren Daphne and Nancy

EDGAR, Nicola

To our beautiful daughter who sadly passed away 17th February 2024 for her birthday 4th July.



A loving spray of memories, Sent to Heaven above, To wish you happy birthday, Sent with all our love. Lots of love. Mam and Brian xxxxx

NEWSOME, Marjorie (Madge) — Loving birthday memories of a dear sister and auntie. Memories of you are always dear, Because in my heart you are forever here, God bless, Love and miss you always. — *From your ever-loving sister Brenda and family xx*



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Collie chaos is added to calendar

By Charlotte Oldroyd

A PAW-SOME meet up with a twist is set to be bigger and better than ever – all to benefit a good cause.

Don’t be deceived by the name as ‘Collie Chaos’ is open to pooches of all shapes and sizes. Four-legged, furry companions are set to take over the grounds of Wath Hall on July 11. Collie Chaos benefits a worthy

cause, Hero Paws, which supports retired service dogs. Mayor of Rotherham Coun Haroon Rashid is set to be in attendance.

Sheila Yerrell, organiser and member of the Collie Rescue Rough and Smooth Charity, said: “Collies came into my life around eight years ago. “I joined the committee and the charity became part of my life. “Five years ago I took over

Collie Chaos, I’m so excited to host this year to bring collies and other breeds together to have some fun.

“It’s all about the dogs, my rough collie Bella was born in Romania, she came to me at seven months old as a terrified ball of fluff. “Now she’s smart, sassy, loving and loyal and finally enjoying the life she deserves.”

Fight to preserve the green space gifted to miners

By Josh Timlin

CAMPAIGNERS have vowed to protect an area’s ‘last remaining’ parcel of greenery having launched a petition which has already gained hundreds of signatures.

The sports ground known as Rockingham Cricket Ground was earmarked for business use in the future although given the area’s been the location of sprawling warehouses being built, locals have urged council bosses to leave the patch of land alone.

Local campaigner Jaz Holt, who has been working with the Hoyland Common Residents’ Group, started the petition and said the land must be protected given its history.

She said: “The land we have come to know as the Rockingham Cricket Ground was gifted to the miners of the Rockingham Colliery by the Earl of Fitzwilliam in the 1800s for recreational use.

“This was done as a thank you for the hard work they put into

bringing coal to the surface. “The Earl even went on to covenant the land, restricting its use for pleasure only.

“The miners paid a weekly fee from their wages to have the ground maintained and Rockingham Colliery Cricket Club was born.

“The miners and their families have used this land for decades upon decades and was set for life until the former Labour-run council purchased the land in the 1980s and has pursued the removal of the covenant to ensure the land is legal to develop.

“I am not sure how far this has gone but I cannot see that the covenant has been removed to date.

“It is my belief that a covenant can only be removed by the person, or trust holders, who put the covenant in place.”

Jaz’s petition – which has been signed by more than 300 people this week – has urged the new Reform-led council to safeguard

its future given the area’s already high level of development.

She added: “The council has a new governing body under Reform UK, who have been reached out to, to investigate the value for money of this transaction as it is not as straight forward as just moving the club and developing the land.

“For me, it does not make sense and appears on the face of it as false economy.

“I’m hoping people add their signatures to this petition to raise awareness to Reform UK that this is a historical monument to those miners who lost their lives making the Earl of Fitzwilliam prosperous.

“It is a landmark to the families of those miners and to the future generations.

“Everything the residents believe in in this area has been taken away.

“Once this has gone, the green space around our area will be no more.”

■ Visit the Chronicle’s website to sign the petition.

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Health on the High Street is exceeding expectations

By Josh Timlin

A REVOLUTIONARY project which has allowed patients to access healthcare in an easy-to-attend town centre environment has already improved outcomes just six months after opening, a report has revealed.

Health on the High Street, which has seen innumerable services transfer from Barnsley Hospital to the Alhambra, has posted positive results.

The first services to transfer to the health and wellbeing hub, in the former Wilko store on the upper floor of the centre, were ophthalmology, optometry and retinal screening.

These were followed by rheumatology, dermatology and orthotics as part of a phased opening of the modern, innovative hub, which has been developed by a range of health and wellbeing partners and is due to be fully operational by 2028.

The development, which has been hailed as the UK's largest relocation of hospital outpatient services outside a clinical setting, has delivered 220,000 diagnostic appointments already.

Meanwhile, medics have recorded a 22 per cent increase in attendance for mammograms, while missed appointments have fallen by 24 per cent.

A report, as part of a Freedom of Information request from Barnsley Council, said: "There's also been clinical delivery improvements – the median wait time has reduced to 9.6 weeks from the national average of 14 weeks.

"A total of 200 healthcare staff now work in the Alhambra and the NHS Community Diagnostics Centre (CDC).

"Patients report higher satisfaction due to convenience and environment, and staff feedback highlights improved working conditions.

"Each person spends approximately £15 when they attend, buying a coffee or visiting Barnsley Market.

"That's £5m more for our town centre traders.

"By relocating appropriate activity away from acute hospitals, the programme contrib-



utes to reduced pressure on higher-cost settings.

"Although full evaluation is ongoing, early evidence from Health on the High Street shows clear health and system benefits.

"Outcomes, not outputs, are the ultimate measure of success, aligning the programme with national priorities around prevention and system efficiency."

Receivers Avison Young were appointed at the Alhambra – on Cheapside in the heart of Barnsley town centre – in order to find a new buyer in 2021.

Having opened in August 1991 when it was known as The Mall, a £10.5m price tag

was slapped on it when news broke of its sale but a £4.5m sum was agreed upon.

The cash solely came from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA).

"Without the council's intervention the asset would have returned to the open market as a shopping centre, without any strategic plan for its long-term sustainability as a viable asset for the town centre.

"There was also a risk that any potential owner would look to convert the Alhambra for residential or other uses which were completely unsuited.

"The development of a health and wellbeing hub in the

Alhambra helped to future-proof its use for the long-term and secure the additional complementary retail uses in the centre.

"Its economic benefits already seen through delivery of the CDC in the Glass Works which has seen increased visitor numbers and associated visitor spend, as well as jobs retained and potentially created."

Dr Richard Jenkins, chief executive of Barnsley Hospital, praised the wider scheme.

Dr Richard Jenkins, Chief Executive of Barnsley Hospital, said: "We've been listening to what our patients, their families and our colleagues tell us and it's clear

that there is a real appetite for bringing more health services to a town centre location which is easy, convenient, modern and linked with other services and facilities.

"This means we could build on the success of the Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC), which has been incredibly well-received by the people of Barnsley.

"Expanding the range of health and wellbeing services in the heart of our town centre, alongside the CDC, delivers even more efficient and effective services, hugely enhancing people's experiences and ultimately improving the lives of residents."

Jill earns ambassadorial role with community foundation

By Josh Timlin

A GROUP of nine respected business leaders, philanthropists and community champions have been appointed as patrons of South Yorkshire's Community Foundation – including a Barnsley woman.

Entrepreneur and leadership expert, Jill White, will act as an ambassador for the foundation, helping to raise awareness of its work, champion local philanthropy and support efforts to strengthen communities across Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

She said: "I'm incredibly proud to become a patron of South Yorkshire's Community Foundation and keen to champion philanthropy, particularly in Barnsley, where my roots are firmly planted.

"My dad worked down the pit and my mum worked at the Co-op in Wombwell, so I know the importance of community and people supporting one another.

"Having built and grown businesses over 30 years alongside my husband, Andy, I have always believed in the principle of 'if I can, you can'.

"Throughout my career, I've always been passionate about helping people fulfil their potential.

"The foundation has an incredible

track record of creating opportunities and strengthening communities across South Yorkshire and I'm delighted to play a small part in helping that work reach even more people."

South Yorkshire's Community Foundation is the region's largest grant-giving charity.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, it's awarded more than £40m in grants to grassroots organisations across South Yorkshire over the past four decades.

Martin Singer, chief executive, added: "It is a privilege to welcome our new patrons and we're absolutely delighted to have them on board.

"This is an important step in our journey to build a strong network of ambassadors who can help us expand our reach across all four corners of South Yorkshire.

"We hope this is the beginning of a growing patron community that will support our mission going forward.

"They understand the challenges facing local communities and share our commitment to helping people and places thrive.

"We look forward to working together to inspire more philanthropy, strengthen community connections and create even greater opportunities for people across our region."

HISTORY WEEKEND:
Councillor Jake Lodge is pictured at Worsbrough Miners' Welfare, on Park Road, which will host a history weekend. Locals have been invited to attend and share their artefacts at the events, which run from 11am while 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. Picture: Seth Rose.



Animal abuse trial scheduled

By Josh Timlin

FIVE family members have been bailed having appeared at Barnsley Magistrates' Court for a raft of alleged animal abuse offences.

Jordan Drury and Jamie Lee Hodgson, both of Newcomen Way, Hoyland, and Teresa Drury, Richard

Drury and Rachel Drury, all of Tingle Bridge Lane, Hemingfield, appeared in court on Wednesday.

Charges included failing to provide water or parasite control to eight dogs, six rabbits, a hamster and a ferret. Jordan, 29, Jamie Lee, 31, Rachel, 31, Richard, 33 and Teresa, 53, will next appear at the court on July 13.



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NEWSLINES

Grim evidence is given in murder trial

A PATHOLOGIST who studied a man whose body was found in a barrel six years after he disappeared told a jury he had been beheaded. Dr Charles Wilson gave evidence at Sheffield Crown Court in a trial involving Christopher Wright, 73, who is accused of murdering Richard Dyson. Jurors heard the 55-year-old died from a fatal shotgun wound to the torso before his body was allegedly dismembered. The trial, which is expected to last for eight weeks, continues.

Consultancy fees exceed £3.4m

A TOTAL of £3.4m has been spent on external consultants by Barnsley Council over a three-year period. Data reveals the amount spent on consultants between 2022 and 2025. Accounts show £1.4m was spent in 2022/23, followed by £375,000 a year later. However, the figure climbed to £1.7m in 2024/25. SThree Partnership received the most at £341,072, followed by KPMG's £260,087.

Addiction scheme worker needed

A WORKER will be appointed to oversee an addiction recovery programme in an area of Barnsley. Villages including Cudworth, Grimethorpe, Royston and Monk Bretton will be targeted by the North East Area Council contract. The contract – awarded to Waythrough – will see the worker engage with drug and alcohol abusers.

Gritters kept busy

MORE than 30,000 kilometres of routes were gritted by Barnsley Council last winter. A Freedom of Information request reveals the amount of roads covered by the local authority's team. A total of 636 routes were completed, totalling 34,580km, which cost more than £730,000.

Landlords warned

ENFORCEMENT notices have been sent to negligent landlords whose properties are untidy. Section 215 notices – given by local authorities – instruct landlords to clean up gardens. A total of 24 addresses fell foul, according to a list obtained by the Chronicle.



POIGNANT DAY: Crowds flocked to the town centre on Saturday to mark Armed Forces Day. Pictures: Andrew Copley.



‘People now feel safer to say they hate us...’

Reform council slammed by LGBTQ+ campaigners over their dropping of the rainbow flag

By Josh Timlin

DOZENS of campaigners turned out to protest outside Barnsley Town Hall following the council's decision to axe flying the Pride flag. A big turnout of 40 people stood in the Glass Works on Saturday, showing Pride flags and placards calling for gay people to be accepted and celebrated rather than suppressed. The flag has for years been flown over the town hall to mark Pride Week and in the run-up to Barnsley Pride, which takes place on July 25. The demonstration, titled 'Standing for Visibility', was organised in response to concerns that Pride Month commemorations have not sufficiently highlighted the contributions, struggles and achievements of LGBTQ+ people throughout history. The group said the Reform-led council was 'taking Barnsley backwards'. A spokesperson from Barnsley Pride said: "We have been gaslit and ridiculed, slowly stripped of our acceptance, our literature removed and political parties pumping millions into the promotion of our demonisation and erasure. "Some people have always hated us and now

they feel safer to say it. "The refusal by Barnsley Council to raise the Pride flag during Pride Month is more than a disappointing decision – it is a painful rejection of a community that has spent generations fighting simply to be treated with equal dignity and respect. For LGBTQ+ people, the flag is not just a piece of fabric, it is a symbol of survival. "To refuse to fly that flag during Pride Month sends a message, whether intended or not, that those stories, those sacrifices and those people matter less. "Raising the Pride flag costs nothing, but its absence can speak volumes. "It can leave people feeling unseen, unsupported and excluded by the very institutions that are supposed to represent and serve them. "Many people in Barnsley will look at this decision and feel hurt. "They will wonder why a symbol of inclusion was considered too much to display. "They will question why, in 2026, recognising and supporting LGBTQ+ residents remains a point of hesitation rather than a point of pride." Organisers of Barnsley Pride recently

TOP TEAM: Thurnscoe Regeneration CIO members toast their windfall.



Wild idea brings in cash for project

By Josh Timlin

NATIONAL Lottery funding will make its way to Thurnscoe in order to provide more hands-on activities for green-fingered residents. Thurnscoe Regeneration CIO pocketed £18,700 to support 'Grow Wild in Thurnscoe' activities over the next two years. A number of special events such as eco-friendly markets, energy-efficiency sessions, community clean-ups and more

family 'Grow Wild' nature based activities can now go ahead. There are also plans to introduce a repair cafe to the village to reduce the number of items going to landfill and help build a stronger local economy. Green spaces in the village will also benefit from more ambitious planting of communal areas and the introduction of a small woodland area. Alison Vint, develop-

ment worker at Thurnscoe Regeneration, said: 'We're delighted that the National Lottery has recognised our work in this way. "Thanks to the National Lottery, we can now encourage more residents to engage with our Grow Wild-themed activities over the next two years promoting physical and emotional wellbeing and a greater understanding of environmental issues."



PROTEST: Pride campaigners gathered at the weekend. Photo: Peter Deakin.

announced that the event would be honouring Ollie Lee, a 14-year-old who took her own life in October 2024. An inquest into her death found that she had been the victim of repeated bullying at school, including physical and homophobic attacks. "Pride is more than a celebration," the spokesperson added. "It is also about remembering those who fought for equality and ensuring that their stories are

not forgotten." Council leader William Brown confirmed the Union Flag, St George's Cross and Barnsley Council's own would be in situ. "Barnsley Town Hall is an important civic building for everyone in Barnsley. "This approach to having three standard flags provides a consistent and recognisable display. "We will continue to support other events and campaigns in various ways throughout the year."



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NEWSLINES

Drainage work ends up going over budget

ESSENTIAL work to modernise the Victorian drainage system at Elsecar Heritage Centre has gone over budget. Last October marked the start of the scheme, which has been supported by public funding from Arts Council England's Cultural Development Fund. These works, according to Barnsley Council, were 'crucial to ensuring the site's longevity and functionality' but delays have been encountered, putting its anticipated finish date back to August.

However, ruling cabinet members are set to meet on July 15 to discuss the drainage and public realm works' 'overspend'.

A spokesperson from the venue said: "We expect the works to be completed by early August, with most of the public spaces finished by the school holidays.

"The drainage scheme has encountered some unexpected delays, including having to hand dig in certain areas to protect unearthed, significant industrial structures such as mine shafts, wells and other culverts related to the site's past.

"We've now protected these and re-covered them up. We did expect to find historical structures underground but not at the frequency and scale that we have. We've brought on more crews to help speed up the programme."

Kick-off times bring challenges for police

ENGLAND'S World Cup kick-off times have resulted in Barnsley's police officers' schedules changing in order to provide safety for football fans.

The country's progression to the last 16, rubber-stamped on Wednesday with their 2-1 win against DR Congo, saw a 5pm kick-off here but so far they've played at 9pm, 10pm and will face off against Mexico from 1am on Monday.

The hectic schedule has resulted in resources being shifted around.

Superintendent Mark James told the Chronicle: "From a policing point of view the abnormal kick-off times have resulted in some changes.

"Before the tournament, we planned that the group stages were highly likely to be a success.

"But, as they progress, tensions grow, more people come out and more alcohol is consumed, so more officers will be required."

Cudworth extension

A CUDWORTH property could be extended if permission is granted.

A planning application for the potential build, on Meadowland Rise, includes a first floor extension and a rear extension with a balcony.

It was submitted by applicant Craig Beckett and comments about the plan can be made on the council's website until July 20.

Author charts her inspiring story

A BRAVE local woman who founded a spiritual healing group has penned an emotional memoir that aims to 'bring purpose from pain'.

The 'Women's Unity' group provides spiritual and holistic therapy for local women and takes place at the Library @ the Lightbox.

Leanne Greaves, the founder of the group, is a qualified forensic psychologist and also a member of the British Psychological Society.

She created the group, which was inspired by her own deep, personal struggles, alongside friends, Tracey Atkinson and Emma Wroe.

Starting from a simple poem to her 17-year-old self, Leanne has transformed her life – marked by personal struggles and hardship –

into power by creating an emotional memoir.

'Brown Boxes and Breaking Free' delves into Leanne's powerful journey of survival and resilience against all odds.

With a date to be confirmed, Leanne will be greeting readers for the first time with a book signing at The Book Vault, on Market Street.

Leanne said: "I am a first-time author but this book is about far more than becoming a writer.

"It is about becoming the woman I fought so hard to be.

"I am proud not in the ordinary sense of the word, but proud in the way someone becomes after surviving what should have destroyed

them. I am proud of my resilience, my children, my education, and my refusal to let my past define my future.

"For more than 20 years, I endured domestic abuse, sexual violence, and coercive control.

"There were times I didn't believe I would survive and times I questioned whether I deserved to.

"Yet I walked away with my children – earned my university degree – and transformed my experiences into a mission to help others by founding Women's Unity.

"I want readers to know that healing is possible.

"It isn't easy or perfect, but it is possible."

SIGNING SESSION:
Leanne Greaves with her book.



Community praised for rallying to help Jack after he loses everything in blaze



GUTTED: The flames and smoke quickly swept through Jack's home.



SAFE: Jack in respite care.

Fire destroys man's home

By Jack Tolson

THE family of a disabled pensioner whose flat burned down with all his belongings inside have praised the 'breath-taking' support of the community who have rallied behind him since the harrowing ordeal.

Jack Wroe, 88, from Goldthorpe, was cooking food in his flat on Cherry Tree Court last Wednesday when a fire broke out – destroying the entire contents of his home and leaving him with nothing but the clothes on his back.

Jack, who is in an electric wheelchair, tried to extinguish the fire himself but to no avail.

He managed to escape the blaze when a neighbour saw the flames.

His granddaughter, Charlotte Williams, told the Chronicle: "Last Wednesday afternoon he unfortunately had an accident while he was cooking.

"We don't know exactly how the

fire has started but he was using a chip pan.

"The automatic response is to just put the extractor fan on when it's smoking isn't it?

"But what's happened is that it's managed to caught fire and the fan has pulled all the oxygen out and caused a blazing fire within minutes.

"He's in an electric wheelchair so he's tried to put the fire himself out but that meant he was unable to see to leave his flat because the smoke got so bad.

"Somebody was coming in to get him out and they rang the fire brigade.

"By the time they'd got there, the smoke had basically ruined everything throughout because it's a single-floor flat."

Thankfully Jack is safe and currently receiving respite care at a local care home.

Charlotte says the most important

thing is that her grandad managed to escape the blaze safely but all of his belongings – including memories of his wife who died a few years ago – have been ruined.

She added: "He's absolutely fine and so is everybody else in the accommodation.

"We're all just so relieved and pleased that he's fit and well and there's no injuries whatsoever.

"He's lost quite a lot of memories from the living room area.

"We're trying to liaise with the fire team to see what can be recovered from the bedroom, because obviously that was the room that was the furthest away.

"Everything that can absorb the smoke and the contamination has been ruined. There are some hard goods that we are able to clean.

"He lost his wife about three or four years ago and there were pictures and things from her that have gone.

"He really struggled with his mobility so it's really hard for him to transfer from his chair to his sofa.

"All his sofa and things like that have been made just for him to suit his needs.

"There's just so much damage to everything."

Local community officer Darryl Hand has been supporting the family since the blaze – asking for size clothes as all of Jack's have been ruined – while Charlotte has set up a fundraiser.

Charlotte said: "There's been so much support. I think the Dearne area have just pulled together and it's absolutely blown us all away.

"Everything that Darryl has done as well – he came to find us – has been amazing. It's breathtaking to be honest."

■ A link to the fundraiser can be found on the Barnsley Chronicle website.

MPs support scheme

BARNSELY MPs Stephanie Peacock and Dan Jarvis have shown their support for the government's scheme to bring down the cost of family activates across the summer.

The Great British Summer Savings campaign came into effect last week and will run through to September 16. The scheme sees the rate of VAT cut from 20 per cent to five per cent

on family attractions and children's meals.

Stephanie said: "I know that the cost-of-living is a number one concern for families in our area.

"This scheme will help families in Barnsley get out and about this summer to make memories.

Dan added: "Families are under real pressure right now but no child should miss out. That's why the Labour government has launched this."

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My Barnsley
With Ian McMillan

Found in the garden but lost in translation

AS the man-made climate crisis pummelled Barnsley and the rest of Europe last week I took to having a cool shower in the early evening and then sitting in the garden as the light slowly faded and the moon rose behind the trees.

I'd be reading a bit of translated poetry, marvelling at that space where English meets other languages and the translator tries to find points of contact, points of understanding.

As a younger man I always reckoned I'd try to translate poems from French or German into English but I've not found the time or the available space in my head, yet.

Mind you, I've recently been translating that great opera The Marriage of Figaro into Yorkshire Dialect, so maybe that counts. As I sat in the evening half-light, (or was it quarter-light by that time?) I started to hear a scrabbling and rustling noise by the hedge between our house and next door.

Mind you, at first I thought it was the sound of my brain wheezing and clanking as I tried to make sense of the translated Norwegian poem I was reading, but then I confirmed to myself that the noise was coming from outside my head.

The rustling got louder and louder. Something was approaching. I sat as still as I could. Then, wonderfully, a hedgehog appeared through the leaves and began to nose its way toward the little water dish that we put out for birds and any passing hedgehogs that might be ambling by.

The sight of the hedgehog, or to be more specific the sound of the hedgehog took me right back to a time many years ago when our children were small and we were camping in Brittany.

We were all fast asleep (I always think it should be slow asleep, by the way, because the fact of being asleep seems to be a slow thing rather than a fast thing, but that's maybe just because my brain is addled by heat and efforts at poetry translation) and then suddenly it sounded like there was an army marching across the tent floor.

Not any old army, though: a scratchy army, an army marching on pins and needles, an army with sharp metal feet. By now my wife and I were fully awake and the army sounded very loud indeed. It was this time of year and so the tent wasn't fully dark, indeed it wasn't even half-fully dark and so we could make out a huge hedgehog wandering across the tent. It was so big it looked like The King of All The Hedgehogs.

Maybe they just breed them big in France. I gazed at the hedgehog; it's safe to say no mutual understanding passed between us.

Two of the three children woke up. One slept through the whole event and has been ribbed about it ever since.

Readers of the Chronicle: I confess that I didn't know what to do. I didn't want to pick it up for obvious reasons.

I didn't want to shout GERRART ON'T TENT because I wasn't sure how good its knowledge of English regional dialects was. I shrugged my shoulders like I'd seen waiters do in cafes in Paris.

My wife suggested that I sweep it out of the tent with the brush that Canvas Holidays provided; what a great idea! It wouldn't hurt the hedgehog but it would evict it.

I picked up the brush and swept the hedgehog out. It didn't seem to mind; indeed it seemed to be enjoying the ride.

Was that a hint of a smile on its face? It was hard to tell in the gauzy light of the tent. I went back to bed. Well, I went back to sleeping bag. I nodded off, dreaming of giant brush-resistant hedgehogs.

A scratching sound invaded my dream. The hedgehog was back. I swept it out again. It returned. I swept it out again. This weird choreography seemed to go on all night.

The next morning I chatted about it to our German tent-neighbour, a lovely older man who wrote poetry. 'Egil', he said, smiling. 'Hedgehog' I replied. 'Egil' he said.

Of course I thought he was saying 'eagle' and of course 'egil' is German for hedgehog. Two words, one living creature. Two living words, one creature.

Back in my garden in 2026 the hedgehog shuffled away. 'Goodnight, Egil' I said. Ah, the power of translation!

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Story of my Bentley 'win' is greatly exaggerated

THERE is a book out on the market called 'Enshittification' by Cory Doctorow and it is a fascinating insight into the manipulations of online platforms and services such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Amazon.

Once they offered us so much, then, once we are hooked, they shift their emphasis onto pleasing the business customers.

They push advertising and sponsored products on us, and basically end up giving everyone a crap, heavily ad-driven, two-tiered experience (ooh they could work for Labour!).

It's entirely in line with the descent of customer service standards in this country. Didn't it all used to be so much better and more pleasant?

At present I'm waiting for a garage to ring me about a car I'm interested in. They've ignored three emails so far today and yesterday three promises that they'd ring back and I'm ready to tell them to stuff it.

Same with MAC cosmetics, who owe me a refund for goods I didn't receive. Parcel arrived empty.

They told me to take a photo of it. 'What the hell is that going to prove?' I said, as I could have just taken out the lippy and said it had never

arrived. They approved me a refund, then cancelled it. A month later, I'm still chasing it even though it was once again cleared.

Bought shoes for a pal's wedding. They arrived a totally different design to the ones I'd ordered 'because the ones I wanted were out of stock so they sent me the nearest'. WTF. I sent them back for a replacement. Same shoes came back. I ordered from another firm - the right design landed... in the wrong colour.

Try and complain and you have to talk to a 'chatbot' who can't understand your query. What happened to just being able to ring someone and get everything sorted?

However, talking of customer service, may I redress the balance and commend the young lady called IEva (excuse spelling) in Curry's down Harborough Hill, who we always seek out.

Pure efficiency. If Elon Musk wants to do something valuable for the world and save everyone's blood pressure, please forget the rockets, just clone this young lady a million times and put her in charge of every customer service point on the planet.

I was hacked online this week. Couldn't get into my Twitter account. I know how it hap-

pened. I had a private message from a blogger friend who asked me to vote for her in an award thing.

When I tried the link it wouldn't work. Days later I was locked out of my own profile. The hackers flooded all my contacts with the same 'vote for me' message.

Then posted a picture of 'me' standing beside 'my new Bentley'. I wouldn't have known but a pal emailed to congratulate me about how well I was doing and could she have a ride in it (ha! I wonder if she'll be as keen to ride in my two-people, second-hand Smart car if the garage ever ring back).

They'd used my head on the photo, but everything else was fake, including my much longer legs, all apparently to convince people I had earned my fortune with crypto.

Thank God I got my account back. But I will never press on another link and you all need to watch it.

And if you are in any doubt something is dodgy, change your passwords!

RIP magnificent Penelope Keith. Margo was the best thing about the Good Life. I always thought Tom and Barbara were insufferable!



Milly Johnson

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'Alarming' move on climate emergency

BARNSELY GREEN PARTY

BARNSELY Green Party is alarmed to hear that council leader William Brown (Reform UK) has announced intentions to formally rescind the council's declaration of a climate emergency, amid a review of council spending.

This reckless decision is deeply troubling, signalling the administration's irresponsibility in addressing the climate crisis and how it directly impacts our community.

Although we value any spending review which prioritises community-focused goals and ensures that local issues are prioritised, it is wrong to suggest that rescinding from the declaration will be in the best interests of our residents.

Mitigating the effects of climate change is no less important in Barnsley as it is anywhere else in the world.

The World Health Organisation has designated climate change as an international health emergency and the foremost threat to our clean air, drinking water and food supply.

We are not immune from this

crisis and it is not a distant problem.

The scientific consensus on worldwide climate change is unequivocal and the effects of global warming are equally apparent across Barnsley.

Rising temperatures have had an irreversible impact on the decline of our local environment, whilst heavier rainfall and increased flood risks along the Dearne and the Don directly threaten those residing near our natural spaces.

Combating climate change is not unproductive or anti-local.

We know the reverse is true: local adaptation strategies are feasible, practical and essential to safeguarding Barnsley's future.

Although we support the former Labour administration's declaration of a crisis, developments in climate science have highlighted that our aims to reduce emissions, maintain natural food sources and protect our residents have to accelerate significantly.

With around 1,300 excess deaths linked to high temperatures across Europe, the frequency of record-breaking heat directly

threatens our borough's vulnerable population.

Moreover, we have profound concerns regarding how rescinding from the declaration will impact Barnsley's clean energy policies on public transport, carbon-zero initiatives, active travel, road emissions and plans to ensure greater public health quality via improved green spaces.

Our energy security will never be secured by reliance on fossil fuels. Our infrastructure cannot be maintained without sustainable housing and investing in cleaner energy for warmer homes.

Addressing the need for a greener, fairer transition provides Barnsley with the opportunity to create equally greener and fairer jobs, safeguard our natural spaces and reduce energy costs for families across Barnsley.

This catastrophe is affecting us now. We cannot afford to wait to pursue our climate goals.

By rescinding Barnsley Council's commitment to acknowledging the climate emergency, we are not thinking about the welfare of our residents, we are ignoring it.

Disappointed at trendy new bar's strict dress code

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

I AM writing to express my disappointment with the decision to refuse entry to customers wearing work clothes during the afternoon.

We had been genuinely excited for Katie O'Brien's to open in our proud town.

Barnsley is known for its hard-working people, and we were looking forward to supporting a new local business. Sadly, what happened has left us extremely disappointed.

Barnsley is a proud town built on the efforts of tradespeople, builders, engineers and countless others who work long hours. The same people who made the establishment ready for its opening!

It seems unfair that the very people who help keep the town going are being turned away simply because they have come straight from work for a drink or something to eat. As an Irish tavern promoting warmth, community and hospitality, it seems contradictory to turn away hard-working local people in clean workwear during the afternoon.

Barnsley is a town built on the trades and industry and many of us simply want to enjoy a drink after work. It doesn't feel like the welcoming atmosphere your business advertises.

We are not asking to be admitted late at night when venues are busy. We are talking about the afternoon, when many other estab-

lishments in Barnsley, including The Botanist and Salt House, are happy to welcome customers in workwear. This policy gives the impression that hard-working people are not valued, which is disappointing.

It feels out of touch with the community that has supported businesses like yours.

I also found the attitude of the manager to be dismissive and arrogant, which only added to the frustration. I hope you will reconsider this policy and the way it is enforced - Barnsley has always supported businesses that support its people and I believe a more welcoming approach would be appreciated by many local customers.

good example in this area.

Maybe now is the time to look into other possibilities by establishing the cash value of the mayoral limo registration plate THE 1.

It may well be worth more cash than the plate actually cost - is it worth putting up for sale?

Or do covenants exist that restrict selling on? If so, maybe the time is right to investigate?

Is now, in these times of auster-

ity, the time to cash in and return the profit to the town's coffers?

Some will say we could be guilty of over-riding tradition to even consider this.

However, at the end of the day, times are not good financially.

I'm not losing sight of what my dear old mum used to say:

"If you watch the pennies, the pounds will look after themselves." There could be an element of truth in that.

Everyone went the extra mile to make 10k run such a success

KEVIN OSBORNE, Mary Street, Little Houghton

AFTER taking part in Sunday's Barnsley 10K, I feel it is my duty to report a matter of great public importance: thanks to the state-of-the-art timing system, I can now officially confirm that I am the slowest Osborne in Barnsley.

Not only that, and this takes real talent, I am also the slowest Kevin. Out of all the Kevins who ran, I came last. I didn't even know that was a category, but apparently Barnsley has spoken.

I ran "alongside" my daughters, Emily and Alice, though that word is doing some heavy lifting. They set off like gazelles, full of youthful enthusiasm and functioning knees.

On the other hand, adopted a pace best described as "steady disappointment." My daughters finished so far ahead that by the time I crossed the line, they'd had time to cool down, stretch, and probably discuss inheritance.

But what a day it was. Barnsley turned out in force, lining the streets with cheers, claps, cowbells, and encouragement that ranged from heartfelt to hilariously blunt. ("Keep going, love. You paid to do this!" was a personal favourite.)

Many runners were raising vital funds for local charities, and the atmosphere was nothing short of brilliant. The support along the whole route was so enthusiastic that at one point I won-

ly brilliant.

It was fantastic to experience such a positive vibe out on the course and I think every single person in, around and out of town, played their part in making the occasion such a success.

From the motivation of music, cheers on the route and the support of volunteers and townsfolk hurriedly handing out water, Haribos and Fruit Shoots... to getting doused with water guns, spray bottles and even a fire hose (excellent!). It all really energised you.

There were children wanting high fives from passing runners, home-made signs with statements such as 'tap here for a power up' (sorry guys, I found the effects of the sign lacking unfortunately) and residents on the outskirts

of town who had dragged their patio furniture out to the pavement in order to watch in comfort... all of this made me smile, cheers!

Some other noteworthy highlights of the morning included The Avengers carrying someone on a stretcher, a fireman dressed in full gear carrying an oxygen cylinder on his back... and Joe Beardsall in an orange tutu.

The commendations don't end there, the photos taken out on the course by Mick Hall. Incredible, can't praise and applaud everyone enough. Nice merch too for completing the race... a great t-shirt and commemorative medal.

Felt privileged to be a part of it and already looking forward to next year.

Cemetery seen through rose-tinted glasses

LESLEY TAYLOR, address supplied

I AM writing in regard of a letter in the Chronicle on June 26 from Steve Baker.

He clearly has not been in Darton Cemetery recently.

It's in an appalling state with grass and nettles waist-high while its paths

are badly overgrown.

We tend to three family graves there and it has been like this for at least ten years. The front of the church (which can be seen from the road) is very well looked after so it's a shame about the side.

STRAIGHT TALKING Ronnie Steele

It's almost 12 noon but I manage to catch the shop, before it closes for the afternoon, and buy a whole roast chicken from the rotisserie, plus French bread and ice-cold bottled water. In this desert-like rocky bay, under the shade of a gnarled tree, we eat, drink and rest. Our first day is hardly one to write home about and, thereafter, things get worse. What could go wrong, goes wrong. The riverboat is cancelled for six days because of 'high winds', so we're marooned on the sweltering campsite. My daughter has a brush with death as a speeding driver misses her by a hair's breadth. In addition, when we visit Monte Carlo for the day, I'm given the bum's rush by two massive suited apes at the casino.

"Pas de shorts, monsieur," says the broken-nosed giant.

I hang about until their backs are turned, then slip past them with a franc in my hand and lose it on the

first one-arm bandit I reach. Then, as I'm unceremoniously escorted (carried) from the casino, I burst into song: "I'm the man who spent a franc in Monte Carlo."

My wide-eyed family is not amused. Travelling home through France caps it all. My wife has her purse stolen, as we sleep, and the journey is delayed, meaning we miss our connection for the Channel crossing.

It will be deemed my fault and, therefore, I'll have to pay again - but I'm skint. Then, I discover my battery operated wrist-watch has mysteriously gained 50 minutes - probably because of the stress I'm under - so actually, we're on time. Phew! Never again will I be foolish enough to organise a complex family vacation, abroad. At least with package holidays, if things go wrong, it's the tour firm's responsibility - and, besides, package travel works out far cheaper, anyway.

No ‘harmless fun’ about car meet-ups, say police

By Josh Timlin

A ‘ZERO tolerance’ approach will be taken on boy racers who choose to continue attending illegal car meets in Barnsley over the summer following repeated warnings from the police.

Following large-scale meets in the town centre, Cudworth Parkway, Cortonwood and the Dearne Valley Parkway, officers involved in the crackdown have warned that motorists who gather at the locations are being tracked.

The police believe they have built up a database of known offenders thanks to vehicle registration plates caught attending meet-ups in the spring.

Sergeant Martyn Micklethwaite, from the roads policing team, leads the work around car meets.

He said: “We know there are people who meet with other car enthusiasts in a safe and controlled way to enjoy each other’s cars and company, and we will always extend our offer to work with organisers to fulfil this.

“But while we hear that meeting is not illegal, which is correct, the meets we see across South Yorkshire are not ‘harmless fun’.

“They are not always car enthusiasts, they are opportunists who want to show off in front of crowds in poorly-maintained vehicles.

“Officers across the force are working hard to bring offenders to justice, but we know we are stronger with our communities’ help and continue to urge you to report incidents to us.

“We care for our communities, we care for everyone’s safety, and we ask that everyone thinks before they attend meets to help us help you.”

Roads policing officers say they have seen the aftermath of when car



CALL FOR ACTION: Councillor James Higginbottom.
Picture: Seth Rose.

meets go wrong, with people nearly losing their lives, and one motorcyclist losing a limb after a collision.

In addition to the safety aspect of the meets, local residents are also blighted with noise from the vehicles and pollution.

Councillor James Higginbottom, who represents the Wombwell ward, backed the action having confirmed residents’ complaints have ramped

up due to the dangerous nature of the meets.

Coun Higginbottom told the Chronicle: “These car meets have been occurring periodically for some time and are a huge nuisance for local residents.

“I’ve been pushing for action on this for some time with South Yorkshire Police and it is reassuring that extra patrols and resources are

being directed into this area, especially during the summer months when these events become more frequent due to the weather.

“A public spaces protection order (PSPO) is something I back as it will enable swifter enforcement action to happen. The PSPOs have been shown to work in other areas and could make a big difference in tackling this problem.”

Golden couple left feeling let down by Royal Mail

By Charlotte Oldroyd

A GAWBER couple have been left ‘very upset’ by worsening postal problems that put a dampener on their golden wedding anniversary.

Ian Mathers, 75, and Lynn Mathers, 69, feel that Royal Mail failed to deliver on their promises – after the couple received their anniversary cards a week late, with one envelope opened and torn.

Lynn told the Chronicle: “The cards arriving so late and opened made me feel very upset.

“June 12 was our golden wedding anniversary and we were expecting four cards sent by post on June 5.

“They arrived on June 19 along with four other pieces of mail and one envelope was open and torn.

“It’s even more upsetting because that card was sent by an elderly uncle in Wombwell and it wasn’t even stamped.

“The problem has built up where we live, we get things later and later.

“It was quite important to us, when you use a service you expect them to deliver.

“I have reached out to Royal Mail – I took it down to the post office on Saturday and haven’t heard anything back.

“This hasn’t been the first time we’ve had a problem, it’s getting worse.

“I’m partially sighted and I get a paper bank statement because I can’t read it on the computer.

“It used to come on the same date every month religiously, but I can’t



UPSET: Ian and Lynn Mathers.

count on it now.

“I think there is something very wrong with our post service – you used to be able to rely on it but you can’t rely on it now.”

A Royal Mail spokesperson said: “We understand how important personal letters are, particularly for a special occasion such as a golden wedding anniversary.

“We would need further details from the customer, including the envelope, to establish what happened and would encourage them to contact us so we can look into this.”

New branch is set to open

By Josh Timlin

A NEW Post Office branch is to open.

Wombwell Convenience Store, on Pearson Crescent, will begin to serve the community from September 1.

Tajinder Khehra, Post Office retail change lead, said: “We want to make it as easy as possible for customers

to pay their bills, withdraw cash from their bank accounts, and send and collect their mail at a time and place that suits them best.

“We know how important our services are to customers, and we are confident that this new Post Office will ensure that people in this area will have easy access to our services.”



PULLING IN THE CROWDS: Cawthorne’s popular summer fete returned on Saturday as the sun shone on the fun-filled afternoon. Pictures: Andrew Copley.

Brassed On will kickstart town’s big weekend

BARNSLEY town centre is set to come alive this summer as the Big Weekend returns with an exciting programme of free entertainment for all ages.

Taking place over two action-packed days later this month, visitors can enjoy live performances and family-friendly experiences.

A highlight of the weekend is the return of the much-loved Brassed On! Festival on July 11.

Celebrating Barnsley’s rich

tradition of brass band music, audiences can look forward to a fantastic line-up of performances from talented bands including one of the UK’s finest female brass bands, Brazen Brass, and the world-renowned Grimethorpe Colliery Band.

On July 12, the focus shifts to health, wellbeing and fun with What’s Your Move Day, an energetic celebration of sport and activity.

Visitors of all ages and abilities can get involved

in a wide variety of activities, from hands-on sessions with RampUP, Barnsley FC Community Trust and Quest Taekwondo to a climbing wall, cycling and darts.

Matt O’Neill, executive director for place at Barnsley Council, said: “Barnsley’s Big Weekend is a fantastic celebration of everything that makes our town special.

“With live music, family activities and opportunities to get active, it’s a brilliant way

to bring people together and showcase our vibrant town centre.

“We’re proud to offer a packed programme of free events that everyone can enjoy, whether you’re visiting for the day or coming back to rediscover Barnsley.

“I’d encourage people from across the region to come along, get involved and experience the energy, creativity and warm welcome that Barnsley is known for.”

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NEWSLINES

Hopes community can track speeders

THE scourge of speeding could be tackled by local residents, according to South Yorkshire Police.

Community speed watches – which are already in place across Barnsley – are set to be increased under new plans outlined by bosses.

After a meeting last week, community groups and parish councils have been encouraged to come forward to help in the fight against antisocial drivers.

A police spokesperson said: “Community speed watch groups are co-ordinated by South Yorkshire Police but managed and run by unpaid volunteers in the community, allowing residents to play a part in making their communities safer while educating drivers.

“At approved locations, volunteers monitor the speed of passing vehicles with a hand-held speed detection device.

“Other volunteers will record any offending vehicle details and warning letters will be sent out to the owner of the vehicle by South Yorkshire Police.

“There must be a minimum of four people to take part as community speed watch volunteers – the more there are the easier it is to operate.”

Email csw@southyorkshire.police.uk for more information.

Contract awarded to heating firm

A CONTRACT worth £300,000 has been awarded to a firm who will oversee new heating installations in council-owned properties.

Home Utility Group successfully won the contract, which will see new boilers and associated work carried out at Berneslai Homes-run properties.

Michelle hoping for a sky high total

By Josh Timlin

THE author behind a book which documented a grieving mum’s harrowing story is set to take part in a skydive for a domestic abuse charity having been inspired to raise cash for the vital service.

Millhouse Green-based Michelle Rawlins teamed up with inspirational Claire Throssell for the book, named For My Boys.

It told Claire’s heartbreaking story and her subsequent tale of determination to seek justice for her sons – 12-year-old Jack and nine-year-old Paul – and give a voice to all children who are at risk at the hands of an abusive parent.

After she found the strength to leave her husband of 16 years, Darren Sykes, his ‘campaign of brutality’ didn’t end but the courts ignored her – and their sons’ – wishes and gave him unsupervised access despite Claire’s concerns of him harming them.

But Michelle, having been inspired by her friend’s bravery, is set to face her own fears by completing a skydive for IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service) on August 23.

She said: “It’s a charity that’s very close to my heart.

“Anyone who knows me will know I am well and truly stepping out of my comfort zone here.

“I can’t even go on a theme park ride without feeling hideously sick.

“But I am passionate about helping those affected by domestic abuse.

“I have interviewed survivors and written about what they have had to endure, including the truly remarkable Claire, who is an ambassador for IDAS.

“I have also worked with IDAS for several years to help survivors build a trusting and two-way relationship with journalists.

“IDAS support thousands of survivors every year to help them rebuild



SKYFALL: Michelle Rawlins. Picture: Seth Rose.

their lives, after suffering the most cruel of abuse.

“Support of every kind really can make a difference to those at the lowest ebbs of their lives.

“Claire’s a true inspiration and despite having endured the things she has, she’s dedicated to changing people’s lives for the better in Jack and Paul’s memory.

“As the largest specialist charity in Yorkshire, each year IDAS supports over 20,000 women, men and children affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence.

“They provide refuge support, access to a free, confidential out-of-hours helpline, outreach services and specialist support through the criminal justice system.

“No child should die at the hands of a parent and Claire is determined to never stop campaigning until the government takes meaningful action to ensure a brighter, safer, future for all victims of domestic abuse.

“Every penny I raise will help to support their life-saving services.”

Since the tragedy – which shocked the entire country – Claire’s cam-

paign to secure a law change.

Her ex-husband had a known history of domestic abuse, including making statements that he was capable of killing.

Claire paid tribute to her friend’s fundraising mission.

“Michelle’s become a true friend over the years and I’m delighted she’s doing this for IDAS, a charity which helped not only me but thousands of others,” she told the Chronicle.

“I’ve known her since I lost the boys and she basically turned up on my doorstep and simply offered friendship

and now we’re here, 11 years or so later.

“IDAS workers are a true lifeline, an emergency service for so many.

“The book was published for anybody who’s lost a child and it’s also for anybody who’s going through domestic abuse or has been through domestic abuse.

“It may help some people change their lives or validate their own situations.

“Michelle’s fundraising for what is a brilliant cause and I’m proud that she’s chosen the charity.”



SHOW-STOPPER: Dearne Playhouse played host to the performance of ‘Dancing Around the World’ by EDA on Saturday.

Sad loss of ‘force of nature’ historian

TRIBUTES have been paid to a popular historian who died at the age of 69 last week.

Jane Ainsworth was born in Hoyland but spent most of her life living elsewhere until she and husband, Paul, decided to return to Barnsley for their early retirement.

She was brought up in Chorley, Lancashire, then went to York University where she obtained a BA degree in English and related literature.

Her passionate interest in family history research developed, with a growing fascination for local history and the First World War.

When Jane decided to research

Holgate Grammar School’s war memorial for the centenary, she had no idea how difficult it would be to identify then research the lives of 76 strangers.

However, she was determined to pay tribute to the brave young men by finding out as much as possible about them all.

Although she has written a number of published articles on various subjects, the Memorial Book was Jane’s first book and was the result of more than two years’ research.

She died last Friday, Paul – who was married to her for 48 years – told the Chronicle.

He added: “She had been in hos-

pital for five months with various problems before sepsis set in.

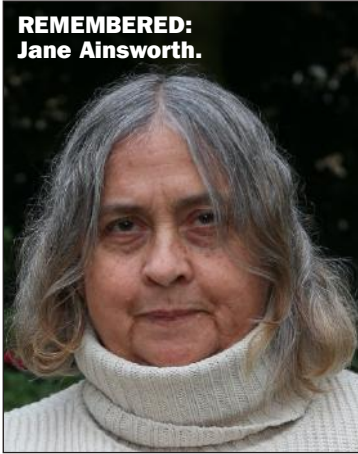
“Jane was insistent that she didn’t want a funeral service but I am hoping to organise a celebration of her life.

“She was utterly amazing, a real force of nature, who was very intelligent, loved her research and was extremely good at it.

“It was painful to see her diminish – she one of a kind and it was a privilege to have known and loved her.”

Friend Dave Cherry said: “Jane was a lovely lass originally from Hoyland who spoke with an East Lancashire accent.

“Her ancestry and research work



REMEMBERED: Jane Ainsworth.

was out of the top drawer.

“She could dig stuff out that no-one else could and it’s another great loss for our town.”

“I feel very secure and thoroughly and utterly spoilt.”

Mary, care home resident

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‘They’re trained to a very high level’

Mary moved into a Care UK care home after experiencing a life-changing fall. She recalls being met with tender care and concern. “I feel safe with the care team and other colleagues. I trust them implicitly,” she says. “They set very high standards of honesty, and I also feel that they’re trained to a very high level.”

Care UK’s approach to quality care is marked by some of the highest quality ratings of the UK’s larger care providers, and its status as the most awarded care home group. In Mary’s experience, high-quality care has been the standard from day one. “It’s wonderful having a team around me to know that if I’m in trouble they will come.” But beyond this, a warm, family feeling is what makes it feel like home. “The team become friends, which is wonderful because you leave your home, and life is totally different,” Mary says. “They’re all so friendly and caring.”

‘A wonderful, safe feeling’

At 88, Mary lives with COPD and has difficulty walking, but she manages well because of the dedicated team’s round-the-clock support. “It’s a wonderful, safe

feeling. At home, there wouldn’t be anyone around because I was alone. Here, I get a wonderful feeling of security.”

Mary’s family feel she is in good hands too. Her two children who live abroad don’t have to worry about her living alone anymore, and her daughter who lives nearby is also kept up-to-date and enjoys popping into the home frequently. “Everybody is incredibly happy that I’m here.”

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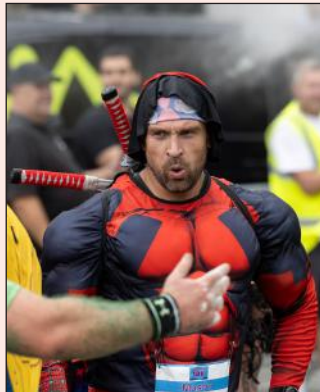
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George turns up the heat in 10k

A HEROIC fireman took on the Barnsley 10k race in full gear in support of vulnerable youngsters. George Georgeson spends his days at Penistone Fire Station, but last Sunday committed to breaking a



sweat for a good cause. Kitted out in his fire uniform and wearing an oxygen tank, the 20-year-old took his efforts to blazing new heights to raise vital funds and awareness. Equipt Therapy Services CIO is a newly-formed local charity that helps children who have undergone trauma access qualified therapists. Sandra Georgeson, George's mum, is the charity's trustee – and it's safe to say that helping others is a family affair. She said: "I'm super proud of George, he cares about children and the charity work that I do. "I was nervous for him

because of the weather, I've tried on the oxygen tank he wore before and it's really heavy. "I think he's raised awareness for the cause."

■ More than 2,000 runners took to the town's streets on Sunday for the annual Barnsley 10k event. The race route passed through Barnsley town centre, Wilthorpe and Redbrook, before looping back around at the Claycliffe Road area. The men's race was won by Gary Briscoe while the women's race was won by Ruby Sunman.

Full story: page 20.



A DAY TO REMEMBER: George Georgeson crosses the line. Pictures: Seth Rose.



NEWSLINES

Rallying cry put out for volunteers

GREEN-FINGERED volunteers are being sought to spruce up an unloved space.

Barnsley Council's North Area Team are on the lookout for residents who want to get involved with planned work on Stoney Royd, Athersley.

A spokesperson said: "People have worked hard to transform the travel route on Stoney Royd and it's now a great greenspace with raised beds.

"We hope to have home-grown veg and wildflowers for people to enjoy.

"As with any garden, it's not a one-time thing and it needs maintenance and TLC."

Contact 07951 018183 for more information or email northteam@barnsley.gov.uk to get involved.

Enforcement threat looms over firm

A WOMBWELL business which was charged with failing to keep its employees safe has until mid-July to show enforcement officers that improvements have been made.

Manufacturing firm LNS Turbo UK, based on Valley Way, was the subject of a probe carried out by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Two charges relating to workers being exposed to hazardous substances – namely wood dust, metal working fluid and isocyanates – were issued.

According to the HSE, the company has until July 15 to address the issues.

Inspection calls for service to improve

By Josh Timlin

ONE of Barnsley Council's most costly services which looks after the town's most vulnerable residents has been told to implement changes following an inspection.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) conducted a review into Barnsley Council's adult social care provision following reforms as to how gradings are given.

Although carried out last September, the report's findings were only released this week.

Inspectors looked at how the service worked with partners, promoted wellbeing and independence, and support people's experiences of adult social care in the town.

The service was deemed to 'require improvement', inspectors concluded, although the local authority confirmed to the Chronicle that changes have already been made following the CQC's ruling.

Bosses are now 'confident' the work is moving them in the right direction.

Katy Calvin-Thomas, executive director for adult social



OPPORTUNITY: Coun Stan Bryan.

care and integrated health, said: "Although this rating is not where we want to be, the CQC's findings highlight many areas of positive practice across our services.

"The report also provides valuable insights into where we need to accelerate improvements to best support our communities.

"Demand for adult social care continues to grow locally and nationally, with more people living for longer with more complex needs and conditions.

"Despite these pressures, we remain committed to making sure people receive timely, quality, person-centred care and support when they need it.

"Our teams are committed, skilled and compassionate, and with clear plans in place, I'm confident we will make the changes needed to deliver the best possible outcomes for Barnsley people, helping people to live well for longer, feel listened to and achieve what matters most to them."

According to the council, the CQC's findings offer a 'valuable, independent view' of how well they are supporting people in Barnsley and where they must go further.

The report found they are performing well in several areas, including local area councils and ward alliances funding community projects and activities that improve wellbeing and reduce the need for formal care, and more people are also being supported to stay at home safely thanks to increased home care provision and practical support such as track-

ing devices for people with dementia.

It was found that the council has robust systems in place to monitor care providers and there is enough care provision in Barnsley to meet people's needs, including home care and residential care.

The CQC recognised improvements already made in relation to financial assessments, with finance bosses expecting the improvements to continue in what's been an overbudget provision.

Higher costs for supported living arrangements was cited as a key driver for the service being £1m in the red.

Councillor Stan Bryan, cabinet spokesperson for adult social care and integrated health, added: "We're proud of our workforce's dedication to do right by our residents and this assessment gives us a valuable opportunity to strengthen support for local people.

"We're clear that people in Barnsley deserve the very best care and support and we will use this outcome to keep improving our services."

Support needs to help 'committed workforce'

THE Care Quality Commission praised 'committed' staff following its inspection – but confirmed some aspects of the council's service did need to be improved.

Chris Badger, CQC's chief inspector of adult social care, said: "When we inspected Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, we found committed staff and strong foundations in some areas, particularly around partnership working and supporting people to live healthier, more independent lives.

"However, we also found areas where people weren't consistently getting the support they needed, which is where leaders still have work to do to address this.

"For example, some people told us they didn't always know whether they'd receive support or where it would come from, and the referral pathways weren't always easy to navigate.

"Unpaid carers had mixed experiences, as some weren't routinely offered their own assessment when the person they cared for was being assessed, meaning they could reach crisis point before receiving help.

"Partners involved in people's care have raised concerns about inconsistent communication

and unclear processes within the local authority.

"Some said updates about individuals' care journeys, such as hospital admissions, varied depending on the staff member involved, making it harder to plan effectively and ensure people's safety.

"Others reported uncertainty around key procedures, including when funding for care placements stops following a hospital admission.

"Overall, partners felt that better alignment of safety actions and clearer communication are needed to support continuity of care and keep people safe.

"The authority was also delivering a strong, person-centred safeguarding service that puts people's wishes, safety and wellbeing first.

"People who need additional support are helped by advocates, family members or friends, enabling them to understand their rights and make informed choices about their lives.

"Leaders were aware of these challenges and had plans in place to address them.

"We look forward to returning to see the progress they've made for people in Barnsley."

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NEWSLINES

Road rage assault results in fines

TWO Barnsley restaurateurs have been sentenced following a serious assault.

Appearing at Bradford Magistrates' Court, the court heard father and son Ahmed Ali and Ali Ashfaq – who run Mumbai Lounge in Darfield – attacked a motorist having dragged him out of his car last January.

The court was told the road rage took place when the victim, 57, did not give Ashfaq priority at a junction. Ashfaq, with Ali his passenger, blocked the victim before dragging him out of his car.

They were ordered to pay costs of £650 between them.

Ashfaq was told to carry out 160 hours of unpaid work and Ali was ordered to complete 120 hours.

Public can set the police's agenda

THE public have been invited to two police meetings in order to help shape local officers' priorities.

Dates were set this week for Hoyland, Wombwell and Darfield's meetings with the Barnsley South Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Residents in Hoyland have been encouraged to attend the library at 5.30pm on August 10, while Wombwell and Darfield's combined meeting will take place at Darfield Community Centre at 10.30am on August 11.

Daily patrols have been increased

DAILY patrols are being carried out by police officers due to a spike in drug-related activity.

Streets in Kingstone are being visited by officers from the Barnsley West Neighbourhood Policing Team after residents urged action to be taken.

A spokesperson said: "There's an ongoing issue with drug use and dealing around Kingstone.

"Daily patrols by PCs and PCSOs continue."

Former station sale

PENISTONE'S police station is set to be sold due to it no longer being 'fit for purpose', it has been confirmed.

Officers have moved to the nearby library as a base after it was repurposed into a community hub.

The former police station was not open to the public and has not had a front desk facility for a number of years.



By Jack Tolson

TEACHERS from across Barnsley came together last Friday to celebrate the success of a professional development programme aimed at raising standards in primary writing.

Organised by the Barnsley Schools' Alliance, this year's programme, Enabling Greater Depth in Writing Through Effective Planning, has supported upper key stage two teachers to plan high-quality writing opportunities that enable pupils to achieve greater depth by the end of year six.

A spokesperson for the Tykes Teaching Alliance said: "Across five sessions, teachers have worked collaboratively to design and deliver writing units based on shared texts.

"They have reflected on classroom practice, strengthening their understanding of the

Teacher Assessment Framework and building confidence in preparing for both internal and external moderation.

"This work builds on a series of professional development programmes offered to all Barnsley primary schools over recent academic years, led by Georgina Fletcher, headteacher at Laithes Primary School

"These earlier programmes focused on strengthening teachers' subject knowledge in writing, reaching over 200 teachers and leaders across the borough, and laying strong foundations for improving outcomes in English.

"This programme reflects Barnsley Schools' Alliance's continued commitment to collaboration and professional learning, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to develop as a confident and capable writer."



MP puts dental problems to the health minister

By Josh Timlin

DENTAL patients who say they're having to make hour-long journeys to secure an appointment have had their views put to the Health Secretary by a Barnsley MP.

A public meeting was held for residents in Silkstone and Silkstone Common recently, which heard the toil faced by locals who are having to travel far and wide due to a lack of local places.

Their views led to Marie Tidball – MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge – securing a meeting with Health Minister Stephen Kinnock last week.

The public meeting with residents – dubbed 'Pride of Place' – saw residents turn out in force to complain about the state of dentistry locally and a lack of practices given the constituency's villages are often rural-based.

"It was great to meet with the Health Minister in Parliament to raise the urgent need for better access to NHS dentistry in our communities," Marie said.

"During the Pride in Place meetings I hold right across the constituency, I listen to people tell me time again how difficult it is to get an NHS dentistry place, leaving people having to travel far away, resorting



to expensive private treatment or not have access to the care they need at all.

"Following my Silkstone and Silkstone Common meeting, I raised the lack of access for NHS dentistry particularly in our rural areas in Parliament, especially in High Green, Dodworth, Pilley and Tankersley

"It was good to hear from the minister about the work the government is doing to roll out urgent appointments, introducing supervised toothbrushing for children in deprived areas, and modernising

dental contracts to improve training and staffing.

"I know there's lots more to do, so I'll be writing to South Yorkshire ICB and the Health Secretary to raise these campaigns further."

New figures reveal that the government is on track to deliver millions more dental appointments this year, with 1.8 million additional treatments already delivered.

The government pledged to deliver 700,000 extra urgent dental appointments and integrated care boards (ICBs) have commissioned nearly one million appointments in line

with this commitment.

However, the amount of dentists available to see patients has dropped by 21 per cent since the pandemic struck in March 2020, when practices stopped all non-urgent treatment, leading to a growing backlog.

Marie added: "Some constituents are having to travel 20 miles, taking up to an hour-and-a-half, to get to an NHS dentist appointment.

"This issue affects people right across my constituency, with many being forced to go private, pay additional transport costs or go without an appointment until they need urgent hospital treatment all pushing up their cost of living.

"My top priority is delivering on the changes that will make life better in our communities.

"It was clear from our meeting that difficulties getting NHS dentistry appointments in local communities like Silkstone and Silkstone Common is creating huge barriers to good dental care and driving up the cost of living.

"I'll also holding more events across our communities to make sure I can raise key local concerns, like NHS dentistry, in Parliament directly."

MEETING: Marie with Health Secretary Stephen Kinnock.

Woman lived in fear of flooding

By Jack Tolson

A HOYLAND woman has slammed Berneslai Homes after a failed repair job left her petrified her home would be flooded during last week's storm.

Amy Ackroyd has been in contact with the housing organisation for the last few months, calling for something to be done about the drainage in her back garden.

When it rained, the garden flooded but after months of complaining work was finally completed a few weeks ago.

However, during last Friday's flash storm, the drainage did not work properly and her garden flooded incredibly quickly.

She has called for more to be done to support her amid fears her home could itself flood.

She told the Chronicle: "If the rain hadn't stopped when it did then my home would have been completely flooded as well.

"It's absolutely horrendous.

"I like to keep my home nice, I've bought garden furniture and it's all ruined.

"They came out to do some drainage work but it hasn't done anything.

"It's so frustrating."

Russell Thompson, interim executive director of property services, said: "When drainage issues occur, we work closely with specialist contractors to identify the most effective solution and respond promptly, particularly where problems may be exacerbated by changing weather conditions.

"We continue to closely monitor these cases by arranging visits from our maintenance surveyor, who can assess each situation, determine the root cause, and work with tenants to put in place any immediate measures while longer-term solutions are progressed."

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Campaigners say emergency u-turn is ‘ignorant denial’

By Josh Timlin

BARNSLEY Council’s leader’s stance on potentially ditching the borough’s so-called climate emergency has been blasted by campaigners.

In 2019, the council pledged to act quicker in response to the changing climate by introducing targets to rapidly reduce council emissions by 2040.

Documents say the authority’s current trajectory means it may not meet targets set in a ‘net zero’ pledge made in 2019.

The aim was for the council to become carbon neutral by 2040 and the entire town five years later.

While progress had been made, the council said it had met challenges ‘in the absence of clear policy, legislation and funding’.

Leader William Brown last week announced plans to abandon Barnsley’s climate emergency policy, labelling it as ‘costly’.

However, the decision has been condemned by climate change campaigners in the town - and Barnsley’s Green Party branch - who have urged the Reform-led council to alter its stance.

George Arthur, from Barnsley Trades Union Council, said: “The recent high temperatures are not a ‘one off’ all ten of the warm-

est years in the UK since records began in 1884 have occurred since 2002.

“This is due to the increase in greenhouse gases.

“Barnsley Council rightly decided in 2019 to pass a climate emergency motion in order to help reduce this crisis.

“Following the spiteful refusal by Reform to fly the Pride flag, this climate ignorance flies in the face of decency and common sense.

“The climate chaos that we are experiencing more and more often requires policies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, not an ignorant denial of scientific reality. For many years tobacco companies argued that smoking did not cause cancer and millions died around the world.

“Now fossil fuel companies are using the same tactics as the future of our planet is imperilled.

“It is important to realise that the main result of Earth warming so much is greater chaos in weather patterns.

“This leads to worse flooding and storms in the UK and higher temperatures in the summer.

“Heating does not lead to a pleasant improvement in our climate when extreme it causes deaths particularly among the elderly.

“In 2023, more than 3,700 people

over the age of 75 died from a heat-wave in France.

“In 2022, there were 2,803 excess deaths among people aged 65 and over during heatwaves in England.

“As the Earth’s temperature increases these figures will become much worse.

“Reform cannot be allowed to drag us backwards this is a call to reject climate denial and I invite all who oppose Reform’s dangerous policy to come along and be part of campaigning to save our planet for future generations.”

Councillor Brown said he believes the council should withdraw the declaration but confirmed the local authority’s undertaking a spending review.

He added: “The Green Party’s response is entirely predictable but it fundamentally misunderstands what this discussion is about. Nobody is suggesting that Barnsley should stop caring about its environment, its natural spaces or the health and wellbeing of its residents.

“What we are questioning is whether maintaining a symbolic ‘climate emergency’ declaration actually delivers anything meaningful for local people.

“Barnsley residents expect their council to focus on practical results, not political gestures.”

Nursery plans have edged a step closer

OFFICIAL plans to create a new nursery at a Barnsley primary school have been submitted following a successful bid for government funding.

Earlier this year, the government announced that it was expanding childcare to more than 300 schools in 2026.

Brierley Church of England Primary School has been named as the only one in Barnsley to receive the funding.

The government says that school-based nurseries are already providing a lifeline for families. Combined with the government’s 30 hours of funded childcare, they are cutting childcare costs in half for working families, making the school run simpler with fewer drop offs dur-

ing busy mornings, and helping parents return to work.

The Brierley school will receive a share of £45m in funding to create the nursery, which will be based on site.

Plans were officially submitted to Barnsley Council this week to erect a Portakabin on the school grounds – and there are shops it will be up and running by September.

A report states: “The school has recently received a new uptake of nursery-aged pupils, expected in September 2026 and requires a new enclosed facility to house them.

“The building is therefore required to ensure the continued availability of essential teaching space, supporting both pupil

capacity and the day-to-day operation of the school.

“Brierley C of E Primary require the specifically fitted out building so that they can continue to serve the local area and residents. Upon termination of the hire, the building can easily be removed from site with little impact.”

A total of 15 neighbouring properties have been made aware of the plans with no appeals to date.

Public consultation ends on July 9.

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DJ Tommy is thankful to still be on the mic

By Charlotte Oldroyd

A BELOVED DJ is back in the game after suffering a mini-stroke – which he admits he is lucky to have recovered from.

Tommy Taylor, 76, was born in Northern Ireland but found his home in Cudworth where he has lived and worked for the last 55 years.

The veteran DJ is well-known for working as a former We Are Barnsley radio host, wedding DJ and is a mainstay at quiz events.

Tommy is so dedicated to his craft that despite being struck down by a mini-stroke four weeks ago, he has already returned to work.

He admitted that DJing at the Full House pub in Monk Bretton has been one of his career highlights – and while he is semi-retired and has given up mobile work, he isn’t looking to stop playing there anytime soon.

He told the Chronicle: “When you get a warning sign like that it’s best to back off a bit.

“I actually had my mini-stroke whilst I was working at the quiz night.

“The team of occupational therapists at Kendray Hospital have been brilliant.

“They come out to me on a regular basis and they are very patient and understanding and have put me at ease.

“I’m lucky that I haven’t suffered long-term problems from the stroke.

“I’m semi-retired now, I’ve stopped mobile work, but the quiz is something I’ll definitely carry on with.”



Karl is going to walk a mile... a thousand times

By Jack Tolson



A FORMER drug addict who is wanting to show others they too can turn their lives around with the right support camped out in Barnsley this week as part of his training for a 1,000-mile walk later this year.

Karl Harrison, from St Helen’s, is currently training to walk from Czech Republic back to England in a bid to raise funds for MindMatters and drug awareness.

Ahead of that challenge, he is currently walking coast-to-coast to train and he stopped off in Barnsley this week – a place dear to his heart because of the film Kes.

He managed to see the statue and even went to the Kes chippy in Hoyland Common.

He told the Chronicle: “I was a crack cocaine addict myself and I realised that there’s more to life than drugs and sitting around being a waste of space.

“I just want to try and make children aware of what the consequences are of taking substances, and the effects that it has on not just themselves, but everyone else – the families, the friends.

“Even if I can help change one person’s life then I’ve done my best in my life.

“I’m willing to walk to show people that no matter where you come from you can achieve things in life.”

As part of the coast-to-coast he slept in a tent in former councillor Sherry Hollings’ garden and managed to see some of the landmarks that reminded him of his youth.

“I do like wild camping,” he said.

“When I was younger my dad made me watch Kes and I love the accents and the people.

“I’ve never actually been to Barnsley but when I saw the statue of Kes I was like a kid in a sweet shop.

“I was so overwhelmed.”



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PROUD OF BARNSLEY 2026: Nominations are now **OPEN:** You can email yours to proudofbarnsley@barnsley-chronicle.co.uk

Your chance to tell us about the town’s real unsung heroes

By **Charlotte Oldroyd**

THE search to find the town’s unsung heroes has officially begun, with Proud of Barnsley nominations opening for 2026.

Since the awards’ inaugural ceremony 15 years ago, Proud of Barnsley has highlighted exceptional people around the borough – whose stories otherwise may have gone untold.

- You can nominate someone you think is worthy of some special recognition for a Proud of Barnsley award.
- The glittering presentation night will, once again, be at the Barnsley Metrodome Arena on Friday, November 20. This year we have a variety of awards categories returning:
- Young Superstar
 - School of the Year
 - Children’s Champion
 - Sporting Achievement
 - Exceptional Achievement
 - Community Hero
 - Love Where You Live
 - Green Hero
 - Volunteer
 - Charity Group

- Triumph Over Adversity
 - Hospital Hero
 - Community Group
 - Carer of the Year
 - Fundraising team
- You can nominate someone you know by emailing brief details to: proudofbarnsley@barnsley-chronicle.co.uk.
- Make sure to include contact details for yourself and the person you have nominated – we also ask that your nominee is aware that they have been put forward.
- The Barnsley Chronicle’s editor, Andrew Harrod, said: “Proud of Barnsley continues to grow bigger and better each year. Every year, we think we have reached the pinnacle in terms of the number and calibre of nominations.
- “Then once the nominations start coming in, we always end up being astounded that there are so many people still out there whose hard work would probably slip under the radar were it not for the Proud of Barnsley Awards.
- “From dedicated fundraisers to selfless carers and so many more, Proud of Barnsley always showcases some of the town’s best and brightest.

“Proud of Barnsley is all about shining a light on this good work and making sure their efforts do get noticed and appreciated.”

Chronicle readers will, once again, have the power to play a part in choosing the winners thanks to an online public vote.

The results merged with the verdicts of a panel of judges who will assemble just a few days before the awards night to select the winners.

Barnsley North MP, Dan Jarvis says Proud of Barnsley has become one of the town’s most important events in the 15 years since its launch which continues to grow every year.

He added: “These awards provide us with a precious opportunity to pause, reflect, and acknowledge the outstanding contributions of exceptional people in our town.

“As a local MP, it is a privilege to attend local events and witness the incredible stories of selflessness, dedication, and determination that Proud of Barnsley nominees display first-hand. The very best of our community is showcased at these awards.”

Jasmin gives the gift of hair – and hope

A MULTI-TIME donor to the Little Princess Trust has fundraised her way to a Proud of Barnsley nomination.

Jasmin Sanders, eight, has raised nearly £1,500 for the charity.

The charity gives ‘hair and hope’, providing youngsters who have lost their hair through cancer treatment with free, real hair wigs.

Despite Jasmin’s young age, which makes her selfless attitude all the more admirable, her charitable journey started at age five.

Sharing her plans with her grandma, Kerry, Jasmin set out to raise £500 to cover the costs of wig making.

Alongside her sister Anya, who shares Jasmin’s caring nature, the girls exceeded their goal raising over £600 – through a combination of bracelet making, bake sales and a dedication to growing their Just Giving page.

The Royston youngster first had her hair cut for the charity in March 2023, becoming a two-time donor just



three years later.

To usher in her latest haircut, Jasmin hosted a ‘summer fair’ in May, at the Pack Horse pub, in Royston, with a tombola, cake stall and more.

Jasmin even sold some of her second-hand toys to raise money for the fundraiser, as well as asking local businesses to get involved.

The fundraiser reached £530, as well as £90 from a mini-fundraiser at the Barnsley Bowl.

Jasmin braved the chop for the second time at the Pack Horse, alongside a raffle and another collection for the charity.

It’s clear that Jasmin is showing no signs of slowing down with her fundraising efforts – with her hosting a car-boot sale on Sunday and already brainstorming new ways to support

the Little Princess Trust.

Jasmin’s grandma, Kerry, said: “Jasmin makes all of her family so proud every day, she is such a thoughtful girl.

“She’s had her hair cut for the charity twice now, once at five and once at eight.

“She asked the hairdresser whilst her hair was getting cut if she could book in another appointment for when she turns 11.

“Jasmin is constantly thinking about fundraising. I’ve never known a child to be so passionate about it.

“She’s so kind and caring.

“To me, for a five-year-old to come up with the idea for fundraising out of the blue, it’s amazing.

“She’s always talking about what she can do next to support the Little Princess Trust.”

‘NHS is Britain’s proudest creation’ – Barnsley South MP Stephanie Peacock

THIS month marks the 78th birthday of the NHS.

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never beaten.

It had been broken by a decade of underinvestment, bloated bureaucracy and by ditching the reforms made by the last Labour government.

We know that unless the NHS changes, the argument that it is unsustainable will grow ever more compelling. It really is change or bust.

That’s why one of our first acts in government was to develop a ten-year plan for health.

This plan sets out how we will rebuild our NHS to protect in this century what Attlee’s government built for the last – that the provision

of high-quality healthcare is determined by need, not according to wealth.

The plan focuses on the big three shifts our NHS needs.

We need to move from analogue to digital and embrace the efficiencies that technology will bring, we need to be forward thinking by shifting away from merely treating ill health to preventing it and crucially we need to bring health closer to home by transitioning from hospital to the community.

Here in Barnsley, we are seeing the benefit of the new way of delivering care where people need it.



OPENING GAMBIT: Connor Brookes.

Chess fan Connor made the first moves to bring people together

By **Charlotte Oldroyd**

A REVOLUTIONARY chess club that acts as a lifeline for struggling men has been nominated for a Proud of Barnsley award.

From a trailblazing idea six months ago to becoming a veritable movement throughout the borough, ‘Check Mates Barnsley’ has grown exponentially and hopes to use chess as a tool to unite locals.

Having worked in adult social care for the last decade, Connor Brookes has extensive experience working with anyone from vulnerable men and women to people with learning difficulties.

Connor created the group to create a real difference to men who are struggling with their mental health and has big plans for the future.

From championing an app that allows locals to find safe places to play

a game of chess, ‘Checkmate IRL’ – to using the power of the game to unite youngsters who attend Base 71 – Connor has admitted that he wants to make the group his legacy and doesn’t plan to stop any time soon.

Open to men aged 18-plus, the informal drop-in sessions are every Wednesday, at 6.30pm and accommodating of all abilities, with equipment supplied.

Located centrally at Billy’s Coffee Bar, on Doncaster Road, Check Mates has steadily been growing a supportive community – encouraging vulnerable men to come out of their shells one game at a time.

The club aims to tackle isolation, mental health challenges, relationship breakdowns and a loss of identity in the community.

Connor explained that the game has the potential to forge strong bonds between men and open the door to

important conversations.

Unlike other games like darts or pool, chess sits players directly across from each other.

Additionally, the game has the power to re-ignite key childhood memories.

The group’s relaxed environment only has one rule – to finish every game.

Connor said: “Each week we’ve had people consistently turning up, which tells me that Check Mates is needed.

“One of the difficulties is people having to catch buses from different parts of the borough, so we want to have as many hubs as possible.

“It still blows my mind that so many people have tapped into it this way and I’ve had a lot of international players and organisations reach out.

“I want to bring chess culture to Barnsley to eventually help as many people as possible.”

... And ‘appy days ahead as group goes online too

A PIONEERING ‘social media app for chess’ hopes to connect locals with chess hotspots throughout the borough.

Connor Brookes’ ‘Check Mates’ has transformed an ambitious idea into a real social movement with the help of Craig Aubrey, community development officer at Central Ward Alliance.

Using chess as a tool to connect vulnerable men, Check Mates has a devoted group of regulars that flock to Billy’s Coffee Bar every Wednesday.

Now, Connor is ready to launch a game-changing app created by a developer, Lucas Schaubel, that hopes to bring chess culture to Barnsley.

‘Checkmate IRL’ is a revolutionary app that hopes to connect chess players with local cafes.

Through the app, locals can find venues across the borough where they can pull up a chair and play a game.

Connor said: “What I’ve found with Check Mates is that people from across the borough were having to catch buses to get there.

“This app changes the game because it brings the game to them.

“The app’s developer, who is from Berlin, actually reached out to me and did it completely for free.

“We find venues that are suitable for a game of chess and give them a board and register them on our app.

“People can then find somewhere



SUPPORT: Connor Brookes with Craig Aubrey.

close to them to play a game.

“The app is ready to go and I’m excited to make chess accessible in Barnsley.”

Craig added: “I first got involved with Check Mates when I heard about Connor’s idea and less than 24 hours later he turned up at our door.

“Normally, when we get people





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FED UP: Councillors Phillip Wright and Ian Guest assess the state of Kingstone's fly-tipped backings. Picture: Seth Rose.



‘Fly-tippers need to face consequences...’

By Josh Timlin

PROMISES to clean up Barnsley's worst-hit ward for fly-tipping have failed to come to fruition – sparking a fresh call from a fed-up councillor who has urged immediate action to be taken due to yet more incidents.

Kingstone is officially the town's worst area for recorded waste with Blenheim Road, St George's Road, Castle Street and Day Street all appearing in the top ten list of Barnsley's blackspots.

Councillor Steve Bulcock, having undertaken his ward inspection last weekend, identified more than 20 incidents – a number which 'is not unusual', he said.

One area, Keir Street, had the worst fly-tipping Coun Bulcock had seen in seven years of reporting matters to the council.

"That's a bold statement but it gives you a feel as to how bad it's got in Kingstone," he added. "I urge the new council leadership to look for sustainable improvements – clearing it up is one thing but without investigations and subsequent conse-

quences felt by the offenders, it will just keep coming back.

"We've vermin in our streets' backings, our properties are being devalued, it's costing a fortune to remove and it's simply to the detriment of our town.

"The perpetrators of these environmental crimes know full well what they are doing is unacceptable – residents across Barnsley have had enough and they want action.

"Barnsley Council can and will fine, prosecute and even seize vehicles if they've got sufficient evidence but the conviction rates aren't high enough.

"The 'Everybody Think' campaign was well-intentioned and the 'Love Where You Live' initiative is great but the bottom line is the problem continues with no sign of slowing down.

"If you live near Keir Street and saw or heard anything, even a van type or time, please do report it.

"The council's investigating officers are keen to follow up confidentially when leads are provided.

"We simply cannot continue as we are – if we are going to

stop the systematic destruction of our communities, we need information and a determination from all to get involved in outing the perpetrators."

Coun Bulcock has been campaigning for tougher fines for those found responsible after just 32 people were handed fixed penalty notices last year, despite almost 6,000 reports of fly-tipping being logged.

According to data from Barnsley Council, a total of 5,932 reports were logged in 2024/25 – higher than the previous year's 5,220 and more than any annual total since 2015/16.

The cost of collecting and disposing of illegally-dumped waste rose sharply to £429,397 during the same period, an increase of more than £130,000 on the previous year.

In contrast, the council recorded its lowest fly-tipping spend of the past decade in 2022/23, when £276,045 was spent dealing with 4,597 reports.

Coun Bulcock said: "Our council and the judiciary have also responded favourably by investigating and imposing large fines against identified perpetrators in a serious

attempt to win this battle and make our town cleaner and more desirable for residents and visitors alike.

"This is welcomed – we have heard stories of vehicles involved in fly-tipping being crushed.

"But what is being done about Mr X, who decides to walk out of his front door and fly-tips a bag of domestic waste in the nearest backings?

"No point in crushing his car he didn't use one, he simply walked out of the front door.

"For example, we in Kingstone do not suffer with fly-tipped waste from a new bathroom or building project.

"It is the worst kind of fly-tipping: bags of toxic, rotting food waste, the type that feeds and attracts vermin.

"Looking at the council's own statistics, the number of incidents are certainly not coming down.

"For example, in Kingstone alone the numbers are travelling in the opposite direction and are sadly increasing.

"Our council needs to establish why fly-tipping continues to flourish."

Hospice hike is hitting the heights

A FUNDRAISING hike for Barnsley Hospice has raised almost £20,000 to support its work.

The 'Hospice Hike' began and ended at the hospice in Gawber, and offered eight, 12 or 20-mile routes to complete.

Supporters wore orange and experienced stunning views of the town while travelling through areas such as Bretton, Cawthorne, Hoyland and stretches of the Trans Pennine Trail.

Over 100 hikers joined on the day, consisting of hospice staff and volunteers, groups from local businesses and supporters raising money in memory of loved ones.

A huge total of £18,982.60 to support the hospice's specialist palliative and end of life care was raised through the event.

Julia Radwell, events fundraiser at Barnsley Hospice, said: "Our walks have seen great uptake in the past, but we were



HOSPICE HEROES: Almost £20,000 was raised from the event.

blown away by the support of this year's hike.

"Seeing so many orange t-shirts around Barnsley, people stopping to give us donations and families walking it in memory of loved ones means so much. The weather on the day wasn't the best, but we cannot thank our hikers enough for powering through to make a difference. You are all Hospice Heroes and should be so proud.

"We'd also like to thank the volunteers who supported us on the day and the local businesses who donated refreshments to help keep us going."



WHAT do Bob Marley, Luciano Pavarotti and John Wesley have in common? They all got on the podium at the annual scarecrow competition at last week's Green Fest.

The theme this year was 'icons' with the founder of the Methodist movement, Wesley, based at Green Moor Church, getting top spot following votes from members of the public.



Bob Marley, created by James Ball, and his family finished second with the famous Italian tenor taking third place.

It was a busy weekend arranged by the Hunshef Events and Activities Team.

As well as the scarecrow trail, there was live music, a tug of war competition and a dog show.



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How Sarah proved to be a real lifesaver...

By Jack Tolson

A ROUTINE shopping referral led to a lifesaving intervention after concerns for an Age UK Barnsley client prompted a welfare check that helped ensure she received urgent medical attention for a stroke. Shopper service officer Sarah Toone was reacting to a referral to provide shopping support to a local resident and, after she spoke with her by phone, arranged for a grocery delivery to be made. When the delivery could not be completed because there was no answer at the door, Sarah became concerned. Attempts to contact the client were unsuccessful, and an emergency contact had not heard from her and was unable to visit the property.

Determined to ensure the client was safe, Sarah travelled to the client's home to carry out a welfare check. After receiving no response despite repeated attempts to make contact, and after neighbours reported they had not seen signs of activity at the property for several days, Sarah contacted the police. Emergency services gained access to the property and discovered the client had suffered a stroke and had been lying on the floor for an extended period of time. Thankfully, she was conscious when found and was taken to hospital for treatment. Sarah said: "Something didn't feel right. "I knew I had to check on her. "I didn't hesitate to visit her

house because I knew that if something was wrong, acting quickly could make a difference. "It was a huge relief to know she was alive and receiving the help she needed." The client was subsequently treated in hospital and, although she was left with weakness and paralysis on her left side, she has since started to regain movement and continues to make progress through rehabilitation. Sarah remained in contact with the hospital to check on the client's wellbeing and has since visited her during her recovery. She is urging the community to look out for their neighbours and to always act quickly when similar situations occur. "People should keep an eye

on their neighbours," she said. "If you notice something out of the ordinary, don't ignore it. "Don't be afraid to offer help. "You never know what difference it could make to someone's life. "If sharing this story encourages even one person to check on a neighbour, then it's worth telling." A spokesperson for Age UK added: "The experience has reinforced the importance of community awareness and looking out for neighbours, particularly those who may live alone or have limited support networks. "Age UK Barnsley hopes the story serves as a reminder of the vital role communities can play in supporting one another and recognising when someone may need help."



NEWSLINES

Tractor collision leads to fatality

A MOTORCYCLIST died following a collision with a tractor. Emergency services were called to Copster Lane, Thurgoland, at about 7.15pm last Wednesday. The 44-year-old rider was treated by ambulance crews but died at the scene, South Yorkshire Police said. Anyone with information or footage in the run-up to the collision have been urged to contact the police.

Demolition plans

PLANNING permission is being sought to demolish a garage in Millhouse Green and replace it with another. If approved, work will take place on Birks Lane. Four neighbouring properties have been made aware of the plans with no appeals to date. Barnsley Council's planning board has set a target decision date of August 10. Plans to demolish a conservatory in Billingley and replace it with a sunroom extension have been approved by the council. An application for work to take place on Chapel Lane was submitted to the council in April.

George store making its way to Cortonwood

Advertiser's announcement

GROCERY retailer Asda has announced that Barnsley will be the latest location to welcome its new stand-alone George concept store, as the retailer continues the transformation of its Asda Living portfolio across the UK. Launching on Thursday July 9, the Cortonwood store will become the newest addition to the growing George estate, following the success of previous openings which have seen customers respond positively to the enhanced shopping experience, expanded product ranges and modern store environment. Designed to make shopping easier and more inspiring, the new-format store will feature a dedicated character shop for families, upgraded fitting rooms, additional self-service tills and a streamlined parcel collection service. George vice president Karl Doyle said: "We're

excited to bring our latest stand-alone George store concept to South Yorkshire and give local customers an even better way to shop our fashion and home collections. "This investment in Barnsley reflects our commitment to continuing to grow the George brand and enhancing the experience we offer customers. "We've created a modern shopping destination that brings together our best fashion and home ranges in one place, and we look forward to welcoming shoppers through the doors in July." To celebrate the launch, the first 500 customers who spend £5 or more in-store from 9am on opening day will receive a golden ticket, offering the chance to win between £5 and £500 to spend in-store. The event will also feature a live DJ and a special appearance from award winning Barnsley-born radio personality Stephanie Hirst.

Second spot is going to be treasured by Florin



By Isaac Hall

A BARNSLEY artist's dream came true after picking up second place at a tattoo convention. Florin Apreutesei, of Ink 77 Tattoo Studios on Shambles Street, took silver in the small black and grey category at the Big Ink Bash tattoo convention in Rotherham. The tattooist saw the convention as an opportunity for people to see how much he has put into his work. Florin said: "There is a lot of hard work behind the scenes – people don't know how much you sacrifice and how much stress goes into it. "If you see people admiring your work, or when you're booked months in advance, it means a lot. When they said I won second place in my category it was amazing but I was so nervous that I didn't know where to look. "It was just more proof that I am doing good and that the hard work is paying off." Florin's partner at the studio, Jake Shepherd, also competed after being convinced and getting advice from the second-placed winner. Mr Shepherd added: "He's helped me immensely. "I'm now the busiest I've ever been and I owe a lot to him for giving me the chance to work with him." Although he did not pick up any awards, Jake still took a lot away from the event, and saw the tattoo community come together. He said: "The main thing I noticed immediately is that even though there was an insane amount of talent at the convention, nobody seemed to be driven by ego or acted like they were better than anyone else. "In my experience that's rare for tattoo artists."

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Darfield

Thornhill House

They are holding a party in the car park to remember loved ones lost in 2025/2026 and will celebrate all together in one big party. The event will have Irish dancers and live music and they are offering free stalls to anyone, to book a stall please contact Nola on 751703.

Darts

Players through to the Individuals Best of 501 Finals Night of the Darfield and District Friday Night Charity Darts League to be played at the Barley Sheaf tonight are: D Miller, D Lacey, C Bell, S Wilson, J Morris, G Bright, M Laver and J Potts. On Friday July 10 there is the Geoff Hill Memorial Trophy (Blind Pairs) competition at Station Lane Club, Double In Double Out (Trebles Board). Results of last Friday's Individuals Round the Board Finals Night, held at the Barley Sheaf, were as follows: Winners: P Crossland beat N Ikin, G Bright beat R Perry; Semi-finals: S Smith beat J Morris and J Potts beat R Perry; Semi-finals: S Smith beat G Bright, P Crossland beat J Potts and in the Final S Smith beat P Crossland.

Museum

Open Mic, hosted by Ian McMillan, will be held in the Maurice Dobson Darfield Museum tonight from 7pm. Poets and musicians are welcome to bring a poem or song and acoustic instruments only. Bacon tickets will be available tomorrow from 10am to 2pm. Artist displaying his work in the cafe gallery of the Maurice Dobson Darfield Museum for the month of July is Stephen Linstead of Conisbrough. Every Wednesday during July a variety of homemade pies with cup of tea or coffee will be available in the cafe from 1-4pm for £4.50. On Friday July 10 and 24 there is a Greek night with three-course meal for just £20, tickets are available from the museum. The museum is hoping to produce a Darfield calendar to raise much-needed funds for repairs to the building. It is hoped people will send their photographs of the Darfield area showcasing the great place Darfield is and can be historic buildings, scenery or even wildlife but it must be of the Darfield area. All ages are welcome and any pictures selected will feature in the calendar. Closing date is Monday August 17 and you can send your entries to info@darfieldmuseum.co.uk. Opening times for the museum are Wednesdays 1-4pm and Saturdays 10am to 2pm.

Darby and Joan Club

Ten members and one visitor attended the club held last Tuesday in the Community Centre, Illsley Road. Raffle winners were Christine Baker, Carole West, Margaret Barlow, Joan Lazenby and John Taylor. The club meets every Tuesday in the Community Centre, Illsley Road, from 4-5.30pm, new members welcome.

Parish Church

Rev Roger Evans conducted the 10.45am service of Holy Communion on Sunday at All Saints Parish Church. Lesson reader was Olive Shaw, intercessions Chris Walton, welcome to J Darlington and organist was Aubrey Venables. Yesterday warm space was held in Church from 9.30-11.30am. Forthcoming notice: on Saturday July 11 from 10.30am to 12.30pm is the annual teddy bear parachute jump from the Church Tower. Registration is from 10.30am and the jump starts at 11am. There will be a hydration station and snack table. This coming Sunday the 10.45am service of morning prayer will be led by John McMillan.

Community Shop

Community Shop on the Go, bringing high quality food for people who may be struggling to access fresh produce will be in All Saints Parish Church car park this coming Thursday from 9.30-11.30am. A small bag of five items is £3 and a large bag of 12 items is £5. All Saints Parish Church will be open from 9.30-11.30am for light refreshments.

Community Centre

The one-man party band 'Roger and The No Ones' will be performing live music in the lounge at the Community Centre, Illsley Road, on Friday July 10. The bar will be open from 5pm and live music is from 7.30pm. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/darfield-community-centre.

Wesley Methodist Church

Rev Lynn Gregg led the 10.30am Sacrament service on Sunday. Steward was William Platts assisted by Margaret Prescott and pianist was Beryl Platts.

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Houghton

Sale

A good as new sale will be held tomorrow in the Methu Church. Doors will be open at 1.30pm and light refreshments will be available.

St Michael's Church

On Tuesday the knit and natter group met from 1-3pm in St Michael's and All Angels Church. Yesterday, Thursday Thoughtfulness was from 11am to noon. The next 9am service of Holy Communion is this coming Sunday.

TARA

At Great and Little Houghton TARA Bingo session held last Friday in the Welfare Hall. Winner of the 10.15pm, winning £70, was June Richardson. Winner of the raffle, winning £10, was Pauline Burke and winner of the football card was Mark Haywood, with West Bromwich Albion FC, winning £15. The meat raffle was won by Joan Myntett. Bingo session is held every Friday in the Welfare Hall with doors open at 5pm. This year's annual outing is to Scarborough on August 5 and there are a few seats available, it's £11 for members, £17 for non-members and anyone wishing to go please call in at the bingo on Friday in the Welfare Hall between 5-7.30pm.

Cricke

Houghton Main's fixtures are: tomorrow the first team are at home to Parkhead starting at noon; Houghton second team are away to Bradford Village Fellowship starting at 1pm; in the under-nines tournament at Wombwell Main they play Darfield at 9am, Wombwell Main at 9.45am and Higham Hawks at 10.30am; on Monday the under-11s team are at home to Darton Sikas team starting at 6pm; Cricket results: on Saturday the first team were away to Cawthorne Yorks second team and lost by 20 runs.

Shafton

Shafton WMC

Tonight's entertainment is Oliver Paige and on Saturday it's 50s Replay, Tuesday quiz winner was Sheila's Scooters, card was won by Peter, play your cards was Pat and stand-up bingo was Janice, raffle was Pat, Wednesday night bingo winners were Steve, Monica, Madge and Carole. Thursday's quiz was won by Village Green Preservation Society, who donated winnings to charity. Bonus ball number was 24, winner was Deano.

Shaftonbury Festival

This will be held in the park behind Shafton WMC on Sunday July 12, there will be live music, food stalls, crafts, cake stalls and loads more, it starts at

Wath

Wath CC fixtures

Fixtures for Saturday July 11 are: the first XI are away against West Bretton n the Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League - division one at noon; the second XI are at home against Higham, Yorks first XI in division three, at 12.30pm the third XI are at home against Dearne first XI in the division nine north, 1pm.

Dearne Valley rambles

On Sunday July 5, there will be a circular seven-mile guided walk from Conisbrough to Kearsley Lane and on to Firsby Reservoir, then Hill Top before returning via Old Road. The walk will start at 10.15am and will finish around 12.45pm. The meeting place will be Conisbrough Library car park. Visit https://www.dearnevalleyramblers.org.uk/ for more details and for more information. Contact 07935 947 619 to

On Monday Barnsley Youth Swing Band and music lessons was from 4pm. A coffee morning, almost new sale and food bank were held on Tuesday from 9.30am followed by the Brownies at 5pm, Guides at 7pm and Dearne Valley Singers at 7pm. The Childminders' group met on Wednesday from 9.15am followed by the Keep Fit class at 5.15pm. Yesterday Barnsley Youth Jazz Orchestra and music lessons met from 4pm followed by the Dearne Big Band and Singers at 7.30pm. Today the Hungry Caterpillars group meet at 9.15am. The tabletop sale held last Sunday was a great success and thanks are expressed to all who helped and supported the event. This coming Sunday the 10.30am service will be led by Linda Stammers. Assistant steward is Judith Macfarlane.

Fellowship

Valley Fellowship group will hold their next meeting this coming Sunday at 10.30am in the Rectory Cottage of All Saints Parish Church.

Cricket Club

Darfield Cricket Club's forthcoming cricket fixtures are: tomorrow the first team are away to Upton Haugh second team starting at 12.30pm and the second team are at home to Adwick Le Street first team starting at 1pm; in the under-nines tournament held at Wombwell Main they play Houghton Main at 9am, Higham Hawks at 9.45am and Worsbrough Bridge at 10.30am; on Sunday the under-13s eight-a-side team are at home to Wath starting at 9.30am; the women's softball team are away to Ackworth starting at 10am and the Sunday team are away to The Chronicles England Barnsley team starting at 1pm; on Monday the under-11s team are away to Sprotbrough Knights starting at 6pm; on Tuesday the under-13s eight-a-side team are away to Elsecar starting at 6pm; on Thursday the under-15s team are away to Penistone Cricket and Sports Club starting at 6pm and the women's softball team are at home to Brodsworth Main starting at 6.15pm. Cricket results: last Tuesday the under-13s eight-a-side team were at home to Monk Bretton and won by 73 runs; on Wednesday the under-11s team were at home to Warmworth and won by 27 runs and the under-17s team were away to Penistone Cricket and Sports Club and won by four wickets; on Thursday the under-11s team were away to Elsecar and won by 58 runs; on Friday the Twenty/20 team were at home to Thurgoland and won by 128 runs. Batting first Darfield scored 252 runs for the loss of six wickets and in reply Thurgoland scored 124 for the loss of nine wickets; the under-13s team eight-a-side team were away to Wombwell Main and the match was tied; on Saturday the first team were at home to Wath second team and won by 197 runs. Darfield scored 294 for the loss of eight wickets and in reply Wath were all out for 97; Darfield second team were away to Wombwell Main and lost by six wickets. Batting first Darfield were all out for 127 runs and in reply Wombwell scored 128 runs for the loss of four wickets; in the under-nines tournament at Darfield they played Higham Hurricanes and won by 43 runs; on Sunday the Sunday team were away Elsecar Sunday team and lost by five wickets. Batting first Darfield were all out for 115 runs and in reply Elsecar scored 116 runs for the loss of five wickets; Darfield second team were at home to Monk Bretton and won by eight wickets. Batting first Monk Bretton were all out for 107 runs and in reply Darfield scored 111 runs for the loss of two wickets; the women's softball team were away to Wombwell Main and won by 66 runs; on Monday the under-11s team were away to Upper Haugh and lost by 91 runs. The darts team on Monday were away to the Flying Dutchman in the Wombwell and District Monday Night Men's 701 Charity Darts League and lost 6-0. Warm space is held every Wednesday and Thursday at the club from 10am-2pm.

Women's Institute

Darfield WI will hold their next meeting on Tuesday July 14 at 6pm in Darfield Library. Guest speaker is Michelle Rawlins and her topic is 'Women of Steel'.

Slimming World

Slimming World Group sessions are held on Mondays at 5pm and 6.30pm in All Saints Parish Church. New and old members welcome and for more information you can contact Natalie on 07714 274 042.

Thurnscoe

Choir

On Friday July 10, Thurnscoe Harmonic Male Voice Choir will be performing at St John and St Mary Magdalene Church in Goldthorpe at 7pm.

Readers' Group

The group will meet on Tuesday at Thurnscoe Library at 10am, where they will have a choice of books to discuss that have been chosen by the library staff. The group needs more people to join in on the first Tuesday of the month.

Thurnscoe Library

On a Monday, there is a homeschool meet up from 10am-1pm and a story and rhyme session from 2-2.45pm and a ladies who craft sewing group from 10am-12pm. On a Tuesday, there is children's crafts from 3.30-4.30pm. On a Thursday, there is a ladies who craft sewing group from 10am-12pm and from 3.30-4.30pm it's kids' board games. On a Saturday, there is a Lego and colouring club from 10am-11.30am.

Drama

Thurnscoe's Amateur Dramatic Society will be presenting 'Jack and his long thick stalk, size really does matter', which is by Karl Ridsdale, on July 23, 24, 25, 26, and 30 at 6.30pm. The play also runs on August 1 and 2 at 6.30pm. This is for the over-18s only. A bar will open until 10.30pm. Tickets are £12 and concessions are £10.

Councillor's Surgery

On Friday July 10 there will be a councillor's surgery at Thurnscoe Library from 11-12pm, where you can seek advice, support and guidance from a local councillor. No appointment is needed.

Goldthorpe

Bounce into Summer

This event will take place on Wednesday, August 12, from 12-4pm at the Dearne Cricket Grounds in Goldthorpe. Entry fee is £5 per child for a wristband for unlimited bouncy castles, with an ASN quiet hour for those with sensory or additional needs creating a calmer environment, from 11am to 12pm. There will be multiple bouncy castles, inflatable slides, and interactive fun, face painting, treats, and local food stalls. No dogs are allowed on the grounds.

Dearne Playhouse

From July 16-18 there will be a performance of 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie', on Thursday July 16 it will be on at 7pm, on Friday July 17 at 7pm and on Saturday July 18, it will be on at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are now on sale.

Summer Fun

On Wednesday July 22 the Dearne Churches Together will be having some fun at both the Goldthorpe Railway Embankment (which is opposite the Texaco garage) and at The Salvation Army from 11am-1pm, where you can join them for outdoor activities, trails, games, crafts and much more. Entry is free, and there will be food available. To book a place, contact Julie Turner on 07729 421 405 or email julie@gpcchurch.co.uk.

Bolton-upon-Dearne

Furlong Road Methodist Church

Sunday worship is at 10.30am, with a dedicated children's program running alongside the service. There is also a Little Boat Club, which is a baby and toddler group for children aged up to five, which features crafts, songs and Bible stories. It runs during term time every Tuesday from 10am-11.30am.

Yoga class

There is a session held on a Tuesday from 7-8.30pm at The Renaissance Centre, which is £8.50 per session. This is led by Claire Sat Nadar who can be contacted on 07707 160 271. On a Wednesday from 1.30pm-2.30pm there is QiGong at £8 per session. No need to book, just go along. This class can be done whilst sitting down.

Wombwell

Wellers Bar and Clubhouse

Wombwell Town Football Club is holding a 'Legless Bingo' evening with non-stop party anthems at the Clubhouse, recreation ground, Station Lane, tonight, from 7-11pm and tickets are £20. There will be hilarious challenges, dance-offs, comedy compere, a sing-along, prizes and much more, why not come along for an entertaining evening of fun?

Coffee

A coffee morning will be held tomorrow in Summer Lane Methodist Church from 10am all welcome.

Wombwell Live

The event is featuring live music across two main venues the Squires Bar and the Old Town Hall will be held tomorrow from 3pm raising money for Barnsley Hospice. Squires Bar music starts at 3pm with Jake EB Music, 4.15pm is Shades of Q, 5.45pm is Frank Grimes and the Disasters, 7.15pm is Slither and from 8.45pm to 10pm is Lamphshade. The Old Town Hall music starts at 3.30pm with Drunk Enough to Dance, 5pm is Volume 3, 6.30pm To Deep and 8pm is Hell Yeah Brothers and 9.30pm is Soul Attitude.

Darts Competition

The Darts Club 15 Hough Lane Wombwell are holding the second instalment of the Barnsley Grand Slam tomorrow and on Sunday. The juniors' under-18s competition is tomorrow with doors open at 9am, entry fee is £10 with registration from 9.15am and toe-to-oe is at 10am. On Sunday is the open event for adults with doors open at 11am, registration is from 11.30am and toe-to-oe is at 1pm, entry fee is £10 for the main event and £2 for first and second round losers' competition.

Line Dancing

The Darts Club, at 13A Hough Lane, are holding a free event as part of their Summer Activity Passport 'Line Dancing', it's tonight from 6-7pm and 7-8pm. The event is for all abilities whether you're a regular line dancer or want to try it out for the first time, grab a friend and join us. The 6-7pm session is full but there are still places for the 7-8pm session. To book a place contact: https://theactiveclub.co.uk/book-a-session/ola/services/line-dancing.

Parish Church

Rev John Armstrong will conduct the 10am service of Holy Communion this coming Sunday at St Mary's Parish Church. On Monday the community cafe, warm space, food bank and a short reflection at the end for those who want to stay is from 9.30-11.30am. The Little Wrigglers meet on Monday from 9.30-11.30am followed by the JAM Club for four to 11 years old at 3.30pm. Bible study meeting is this coming Tuesday at 1.30pm at the home of Mary Keightley and the subject is 'Gifts of The Holy Spirit'. The Youth Club 'Dare 2 Be' is this coming Tuesday July 7 from 5.30pm. On Thursday the 9.30am service of Holy Communion will be led by Rev John Armstrong.

Pool

Players and venues for the fifth round of the Individuals Best of Three Games competition of the Wombwell and District Pool League to be played this coming Wednesday July 8 are as follows: Queen Vic: N Himsforth (Wellington A) v T Walker (Wombwell Town); Station Lane Club: B Davies (Deansesman) v D Chipchase (Wellington A); Darfield Conservative Club: R Dolby (Flying Dutchman) v C Roberts (Little George B); Deansesman: S Boothroyd (Wellington B) v J Duggan (Darfield Conservative Club). Results of last Wednesday's league games are: Wellington A 5-2 Little George B, Station Lane Club B 1-6 Wellington B, Townhall A 6-1 Jump Club B, Little George A 4-3 Prince of Wales B, Jump Club A 3-4 Woodman, Prince of Wales A 3-4 Squires, Darfield Conservative Club 2-5 Wombwell Town and Townhall X received a bye. The next delegates' meeting is on Sunday July 12 at Jump Club. Players through to the Pairs Finals Night to be played on Monday July 13 at the Wellington, deadline 8pm, are: R Craft and R Evans (Squires), M Armer and A Whittaker (Wellington A), R Cookson and N Himsforth (Wellington A) and T Chipchase and C Conson (Wellington A). The draw will be made on the night for semi-finals best of three and finals best of five.

Agewell

At the meeting of Wombwell Agewell group held last Wednesday in the Parish Hall of St Michael's and All Angels RC Church members enjoyed a meal of beef sandwiches followed by a sweet prepared by Andy Lloyd, who also provided the entertainment. A vote of thanks to Andy was given by Frank Smith. This coming Wednesday members are going on a coach outing to Beverley and Bridlington and the bus leaves

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Dodworth

Dodworth Methodist Church/Chapel

Tomorrow (Saturday), We shall be having our annual garden party from 3-5pm in the beautiful Gardens of The Grove, High Street. Please come along and enjoy the singing of the Keresforth Road Primary School Choir and the refreshments and stalls. There are also games for all the family, including the Coconut Shy and the wonderful grounds to enjoy. We are so grateful to be able to share this opportunity. Not to be missed. On Sunday July 5, our worship will be led by Mr Ray Taylor. Please join us for that. On Tuesday July 7, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30, led by the vicar of St. John's, Rev Keith Farrow. On Wednesday and Thursday, our carers and toddlers will meet from 9.30-11.30am and on Thursday at 2pm, our Fellowship will meet in the vestry. All are welcome. And on Sunday July 12 our worship will be led by the worship group.

Worsbrough

Our Lady and St James Church

Mass will take place on Saturday at 6pm. Mass is also on Sunday at Holy Road, Barnsley at 9.30am and also at 11am. For times of other masses throughout the week or other services and activities please check the information on our Parish Bulletin on the website www.catholicbarnsley.co.uk

outside the Church on Park Street at 10am.

Darts

Wombwell and District Monday Night Men's 701 Charity Darts League results played on Monday are: Corner Tap A 2-4 Wombwell Conservative Club A, Barley Sheaf B 4-2 Prince of Wales B, Union Jack Club 3-3 Little George B, Wombwell Main Club 5-1 Barley Sheaf A, Bolton Legion Club A 2-4 Old Bank, Wombwell Conservative Club B 2-4 Butchers B, Flying Dutchman 6-0 Darfield Cricket Club, Butchers A 3-3 Station Lane Club and Junction had no game.

Methodist Church

Summer Lane Methodist Church's 10.30am service this coming Sunday will be led by Ellie Peet. On Tuesday the USA choir will meet at 2.45pm. On Wednesday the Rainbows and 25th Brownies will meet. This coming Thursday the coffee and devotional service is from 10am followed in the evening with the 18th Brownies and Guides. Tomorrow is the monthly coffee morning from 10am, all welcome.

Cricket

Forthcoming fixtures for Wombwell Main are: tomorrow the first team are at home to Silkstone United, starting at 12.30pm and the second team are away to Mexborough Athletic first team starting at 1pm; in the under-nines tournament hosted by Wombwell they play Higham Hawks at 9am, Worsbrough Bridgeat 9.45am and Higham CC Hurricanes at 10.30am; on Sunday the under-13s eight-a-side team are away to Cawthorne Yorks under starting at 9.30am; the women's softball team are away to Warmworth first team starting at 10am; on Monday the under-11s team are at home to Higham Hawks starting at 6pm; on Wednesday the Midweek team are at home to Thorpe Hesley and High Green starting at 6.15pm; Cricket results: last Tuesday the women's softball team were at home to Brodsworth Main and lost by 78 runs; last Wednesday the Midweek team were away to Outbridge and lost by 7 wickets. Batting first Wombwell scored 143 runs for the loss of eight wickets off their allotted overs and in reply Outbridge scored 147 runs for the loss of three wickets; on Thursday the under-13s eight-a-side team should have played Wath but Wath conceded; on Friday the under-13s eight-a-side team were at home to Darfield and the match was tied; on Saturday the first team were away to Waverley Yorks and lost by 95 runs. Batting first Waverley were all out for 183 runs and in reply Wombwell were all out for 88 runs; Wombwell second team on Saturday were at home to Darfield and won by six wickets. Batting first Darfield were all out for 127 runs and in reply Wombwell scored 128 runs for the loss of four wickets; in the under-nines team tournament held at Darfield CC they beat Higham Hurricanes by 83 runs and Houghton Main conceded; on Sunday the women's softball team were at home to Darfield and lost by 66 runs; the second team were away to Frickley Colliery and won by nine runs. Batting first Wombwell were all out for 187 runs and in reply Frickley scored 178 runs for the loss of seven wickets off their allotted overs; on Monday the under-11s team were at home to Elsecar and won by 69 runs.

Slimming World

Slimmers of the week at the group session held in the Community Hall Church Street last Thursday were Tracy Moore losing 4.5lbs and Emma Whittingham losing 2lbs. A one and a half stones award was presented to Joan Blavins, a two and a half stones award to Ellie Haywood, a three stones award to Barbara Whittingham and Dawn Phillips, a Club Ten award to Jack Sager and Interim award and Personal Achievement Target to Joan Blavins who is now a free life member. Slimmer for the month of June were Mandy Smith losing 9lbs and Barbara Whittingham losing 6lbs. At the Friday group session slimmers of the week were Debbie Cooper losing 2lbs and Tracy Corbett and Karen Gee. Slimmer for the month of June was Sharon Thornton-Hurd. A stone award and Interim award was presented to Kerrie Allott. At the Saturday group session slimmer of the week was Kayleigh Birley losing 4.5lbs and Lindsey Clarke and Andrea Priestley. Slimmer for the month of June was Kayleigh Birley losing 11lbs and Alison Holmes and Marie Bowman. A half a stone award was presented to Claire Sykes and Joanne Goodridge, a one and a half stones award to Elizabeth Lockey and Personal Achievement Target to Lindsey Clarke. New and old members welcome and for more information you can contact Lisa on 07708 451 794.

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Athersley/New Lodge

St Helen's Church

On Sunday the parish mass was at 11am, celebrated by Fr Nigel Hawley. John Kenyon played the organ and the altar servers were Paul Cunningham, Joanna Aedrian, Jemima Aedrian and Trevor Kitching. On sides duty was Sue Burton and Bettie Dunning. The Sunday school met in the Romero Centre, led by Michela Poulton and Pat Poulton. The first Bible reading was given by Bettie Dunning, the Responsorial Psalm was sung by the choir and the second reading was given by Sue Burton. The gospel and address were given by Fr Nigel. The intercessional prayers were led by Rachael Britten. The Chalice was administered by Diane Lumb and Paul Cunningham. The children then showed Fr Nigel and the congregation what they had made. The refreshments were served in the Romero Centre by Colleen Studd and Val Leigh. Sue Burton took communion to the sick and housebound. Mass on Wednesday at 10am, was celebrated by Fr Jonathan McGillivray. Paul Cunningham was altar server and administer the Chalice. Val Leigh gave the Bible readings. On Thursday at 6pm there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary, with quiet prayer. There will be no mass on Friday or Saturday. The parish office will be tomorrow from 10.30am to 11am in the Romero Centre at the back of the church. On Sunday the mass will be at 11am. If you need to contact the church, please ring church wardens Pat Paddgett 07984 182 801 or Sue Burton 07806 638 413

Company Club

We will meet on Tuesday from 2-3pm (every other Tuesday), at Roundhouse Library, on Laithes Crescent. It's a friendly place to sit and chat with company and play classic card games and simple table games. No need to book just turn up.

Best Start Family Hub North

The weekly sessions in Athersley are: Monday 1.2.30pm, 'New You New Us', for babies zero to 12 months, there'll be lots of fun activities to support your baby's development, it is essential to book this session. On Tuesday 'Play and Learn', for children zero to five, is from 9.30-11am, where you will pick up tips that make learning fun at home. Then, 'Little Talkers' is from 1.2.30pm, where the staff will share simple tips to make story time and singing part of your home routine. On Wednesday is SENDSory Explorers group meets from 12.30pm, go along and meet other SEND families, join in with fun activities, games and crafts. Thursday from 9.30-11am the session is for youngsters zero to five years and it's 'Stay and Play', you will have fun together with songs, stories and activities. On Friday it's 'Pop in and Play' from 9-11am. All sessions are held term-time only. Go along and make new friends, boost your child's confidence and development. Enjoy fun, relaxed activities together, and get support and advice from the friendly staff. You can also just pop in anytime for help and information. Ring 08000 345 340 or email infoFIS@barnsley.gov.uk

Friends of St Helens

We need your help to make crocheted or knitted poppies for this year's poppy display in the St Helen's Ward. Every poppy made with care honours their sacrifice. All skill levels welcome. Together we will remember them. If you can help, please contact 07799 224 985.

Grassroots Sports Academy

Parent and toddlers' activity sessions are held each Tuesday from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Roundhouse Library. It's free to attend. Go along and join in the fun activities. Also, on Tuesday from 1pm, they are bringing inclusive fitness to Athersley – are you ready to join their fitness training programme? It's a boot camp that's completely free, go along to the library and work on your physical and mental wellbeing in a safe space that's judgement free. For more information contact admin@grassrootssportacademy.co.uk.

Brownies

Do you have or know of a little girl who enjoys making new friends, trying new challenges and having fun? Brownies could be for them. Girls aged seven to ten have non-stop fun and learn lots of new skills and make lifelong friendships. They meet in the hall at the back of St Helen's church on Thursdays from 5.30-7pm. If you would like more information please email barnsley5thbrownies@gmail.com or sign your child up by going to www.girl-guiding.org.uk/joinus, or pop in on Thursday evening.

Better Health Walk

These are on Fridays from 10am to 12pm

at Roundhouse Library. If you would like a health check including blood pressure, weight management, PAR Q and a mental health wellbeing questionnaire. Free warm drink afterwards too. Fun activities from balance exercise to bowling, walks on scenic routes, with friendly support from Sue and Jack. Then get in touch if you feel this would benefit you or someone you may know. Join the programme email susan.williams@bpl.org.uk or jackcadman@barnsley.gov.uk or phone 07535 575 193

Blessed Sacrament

Today, there will be mass at 9.30am, which is followed by refreshments. On Sunday, mass will be at 11.30am. Then in the afternoon at 2pm there will be a summer garden party to officially welcome Fr Dominic to the parishes, at St Mary Magdalene's, Cudworth, at 2pm. There with be a BBQ, refreshments, raffle, tombola and quiz. Everyone is welcome.

St Helen's Church Hall

If you are looking for a place to meet or hold an event then this could be the place for you. There is a large, well-kept hall, kitchen, accessible toilets and a good-sized car park. It's available for hire for groups, agencies etc. and for parties, weekly, monthly slots available as well as one off, there are daytime and evening slots available. Good hourly rate. Please contact Pat Paddgett on 321018 for more information.

Roundhouse Library

Offers regular fun activities for children and babies, from story time for toddlers to craft sessions for all ages. Adults can join a range of sessions too from IT sessions to help you get online, to friendly social groups where you can pop in for a coffee and a chat. Weekly groups include the Lego club (Lego provided), there's also board games and colouring every Monday from 3-4.30pm, all ages welcome. On Tuesday from 2-3pm will be 'Make and Mingle', this is a craft and chat session that is free, go along and try something new and make new friends every other week. The under-fives sensory play sessions offer little ones the chance to learn through touch, sound, movement and imagination in a cosy community space. Held every other Wednesday from 12-2pm, our next session is on Wednesday. It's free. All resources are provided. Go along and let curiosity lead the way. On Thursdays at 10am there is story and rhyme time, aimed at young children and toddlers aged zero to four years and it usually lasts 30 to 40 minutes. It's a free, relaxing space for meeting like-minded parents, grandparents, childminders and other carers. All sessions are supported by the library's helpful, friendly staff.

Fall Management Exercise (FAME)

Are you looking to build your strength and improve your balance? If so, this could be the ideal group for you. Exercise classes are each Thursday 1.2.30pm or 2.30-3.30pm in St Helen's Church Hall with Lesley Featherstone, postural stability instructor. First six sessions are free and it's £3 per session thereafter. Sessions are aimed at over 50s. Booking is essential, to book call Lesley on 07713 510 910.

Guides

On Thursdays, the Guides decorated t-shirts, tote bags, gift boxes and pebbles to give to a friend as part of their skills builder badge. They meet in St Helen's Church Hall and are looking for adult volunteers who would like to support the running of the local groups of Brownies and Guides who meet on Thursday evening. Girlguiding opens up a world of opportunities to girls aged four to 18, one where they can do anything. It's flexible, you can help as much or as little as you want. Join us for non-stop fun, learning and adventures. Full training is given, DBS checks are needed. For more information contact admin@girlguidingsouthyorkshire.org.uk or ring Pat on 07948 182 801 for more information.

Caterpillar Club Playgroup

New members are very welcome to this brilliant, happy toddlers' group. They meet every Wednesday in St Helen's Church Hall from 9.15-11.15am. They cater for children from zero to four years and sessions are £2.50. It's a great opportunity for you and your child to interact with others and explore a wide range of educational activities and toys, take part in arts and crafts, story time, singing and dancing, which will support your child's development needs in a safe and fun atmosphere. Drinks and snacks are provided for the children and tea and coffee for adults, just pop in and try them, everyone is

welcome.

Cuppa and Company

Lottie's Cafe has teamed up with Age Concern to create a safe place and help less people feel lonely and give the community a safe place to go and have some company, everyone is welcome. The meetings will be held between 3-4pm every Tuesday. Join them for a relaxed cuppa, a friendly chat and an afternoon in a safe and welcoming space.

Company Shop

The shop is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.15pm and Saturday from 8.30am to 3.15pm. On Monday from 9.15-11.30am the toddlers' stay and play meet. The gardening club is from 1.30-3pm. On Tuesday from 9.30am there's a coffee morning with mindful colouring and craft time. Then from 12.30-2.30pm the 'Food4Fellas Men's Social Group', with Age UK, go along and enjoy good company, grow their own veg and dig into a tasting lunch at just £2 per person. Today is games morning from 10-11.30am, bring and share your board games, cards, dominoes etc., all are welcome. The Community Kitchen's Cafe is a great place to grab a decent meal and chat with old friends and to make new friends. Breakfast and dinners are available please see weekly timetable.

Romero Communities

This is open Monday to Wednesday mornings, 9am to 12.30pm, in the Roundhouse Library building on Laithes Crescent. They aim to provide a range of opportunities and support for the local community. Romero Communities is the only place in Barnsley where anyone can go for help and be sure of a warm welcome and a friendly worker to listen and guide. Romero Communities deals with issues including benefits, housing, debt, relationship problems, health issues, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and problems associated with isolation and social exclusion. It's a drop-in but if an appointment is needed, please telephone 07716 415 648/07541 365 495. They also offer a variety of volunteering opportunities and are always on the lookout for people who can help with fund-raising and leadership. They are especially keen that future board members should be local people who work with them as volunteers in their day-to-day activities.

Dooler's Dance Academy

This dance academy is inclusive, fun and affordable for everyone – there's no competitions or exams, it's purely for fun. New members are welcome to each of the dance groups on Monday from 5-6pm – for ages five to eight – and 6-6.45pm for young people aged nine-plus years. The dance classes cost £3 per class or both for £5, with qualified instructors. Just go along in comfy clothes and take a water bottle.

New Lodge Community Centre

The weekly women's wellbeing group meets on Monday from 1-3pm, this is a social group supporting mental and physical health and wellbeing. The after-school club is from 3.30-5pm, open to all families and children five-plus, but all children eight years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

On Tuesdays from 9.30am-11.30am there's the Tinkly Play pre-school session offering learning through play and social interaction, go along, sing, play and make new friends. Mind and dance group for young people eight to 13 is on Tuesday from 5.30-6.45pm. It's a relaxed, welcoming dance session, a chance to socialise with others, build friendships and confidence. No experience needed. On Wednesday the junior youth club is from 5.30-7pm for young people eight to 12, followed by the senior club from 7-8.30pm for three plus. On Thursday the coffee morning with different support agencies in attendance is from 10am till noon, with different themed guests, on the fourth Thursday of each month is housing with Bernesla Homes staff available to give information and advice.

Drop in

This is at the Roundhouse Library on Laithes Crescent from 10am to 1pm on Fridays. Do you need advice or help with debt, money worries, benefits, housing, employment, relationships, consumer or energy issues? Then go along, no appointment needed, just pop in. Please note that this service is only available to people who live or work in Darton East/ West, Old Town, or St Helen's ward areas. If you do not live in these wards, they will not be able to assist you at this drop-in session. This is supported by North Area Council, Citizens' Advice and DIAL.

Glancing back... Jack Tolson digs into the Chronicle archives

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ENNIS SEEKS TO PRESERVE YORKSHIRE DIALECT

ARE tha lekkin' togger darn rec?

If you understand that you must have grown up near Penistone but if you grew up near town you're more likely to have said 'Are tha lakin' football toneet?'

Either way it's the kind of dialect MP Jeff Ennis wants to preserve – and he has laid down an Early Day Motion in Parliament commending fellow politicians to protect regional accents.

He said research has been carried out showing colloquialisms are dying out as globalisation gathers pace.

"I come from Grimethorpe and I'm proud of my Yorkshire accent and I think we should preserve it because it has taken centuries to develop the dialects," he said.

"It goes back to Viking days and it is something we need to look at preserving.

"There are good things to come from the growth of the 'global village'.

"The downside of that is that we are seeing the growth of estuary English where every-

body speaks the same.

"We need to protect regional accents."

LIFE'S A BEACH FOR T4 HEADLINERS

BARNSLY band The Headliners have made it to the last five in the T4 On The Beach competition.

Winners get the chance to perform in front of 30,000 people.

Drummer Oliver Yonchev, 18, from Wombwell, said: "It's great because it gives you the

opportunity to get yourself out there.

"We're celebrities in Wombwell.

"I don't think I've ever bought a drink – it's great."

Band members write their own material sand turned down a single release last month to concentrate on building up their catalogue.

But they did find time to play Glastonbury two weeks ago where they were the penultimate act to The Rips on the BBC Introduces stage.

"It was very muddy – and different," Oliver said.

"We're used to playing live but this was just so different.

"Home gigs are always good – you just have such a laugh.

"We always enjoy The Arches and The Leadmill is always good."

LITTER'S JUST RUBBISH, SAY KIDS

CLEANING up litter from

schools costs taxpayers £30,000 per year.

Now the council is turning to the children to find a solution.

Its environment scrutiny commission asked pupils from nine schools to come to a meeting after agreeing the problem around schools was appalling.

"They came up with a number of suggestions including designing their own waste bins, competitions, events and more education, particularly about recycling.

Coun Margaret Bruff said: "It's a sad reflection on society that we're having to spend money on cleaning up after young people when it could be used for something that benefits them.

"It's enlightening to know that kids were asking about things like landfill sites and percentages of recycled waste and they asked what we did as a council."



Monk Bretton

St Paul's Church

There is no Faith Explorers meeting this Sunday, the next meeting will be on Sunday August 2 at 10.30am during the normal Sunday mass. The anniversary celebrations begin on Sunday with a musical recital at 2pm featuring a vocal group and instrumentalists. Admission to the recital is free although there will be a retiring collection. The afternoon tea is now fully booked. Sunday evening at 6pm there will be a Choral Evensong from the book of common prayer. Come and experience Evensong exactly as the first worshippers at St Paul's did in the 1870s. The following Sunday July 12 at 6pm there will be a

special songs of praise with music by the Cawthorne Brass Band. This is a free admission although there will be a retiring collection. For more information, please see our website www.stpaulsmonkbretton.com or contact the church. A couple of dates for the diary. Cawthorne Brass Band are coming to play a concert with a pie and pea supper. Times and prices to be confirmed. On Friday November 27 the Brass Ensemble of the Band of the RAF College are returning to St Paul's. This was a sell out the past two years so look out for ticket information.

Cawthorne

Summer fete

A huge thank you to Robert and David Nicholson who had the honour of opening Cawthorne Village Fete and what an amazing job they did. Thank you to everyone who donated, attended and enjoyed the day. All raffle prize winners have been notified. We hope all the stallholders managed to make money for their groups and held onto their gazebos to stop them blowing away. See you all next year.

Books, plants and cake stalls

Thank you to everyone who donated to the stalls, all the monies raised go towards the next fete in 2027. The raffle raised over £1,000 thank you to everyone who bought a ticket before and at the event. Well done.

Mothers' Union

Today at 11am the Mothers' Union will be hosting midday prayers in the Parish Room, they will be joined by Darton and St Mary's branches. Everyone welcome to come and join us. On Tuesdays the Mothers' Union will be meeting at 10.30am for their prayer meeting in the Parish Room.

Cawthorne Victoria Jubilee Museum

The museum is open tomorrow and Sunday from 2.5pm. There is a brand new exhibition all about the life of a local artist Abel Hold. Go along and have a read and discover some of his beautiful paintings in the museum.

All Saints' Church

On Sunday the service will be at 11am and will be conducted by Canon Keith Farrow. For any enquiries regarding baptisms, marriages or funerals please contact Loraine Wills on beneficewestbarnsley@hotmail.com

Methodist Church

On Sunday the video service will be at 10.30am and conducted by Rev Dr Philip Bee. The Thursday coffee morning will be in the schoolroom from 10-11.30am, everyone welcome.

Over sixty club

The next meeting in July will be on Monday at 2pm

Darton

All Saints'

Tomorrow from 10am the church will be open for quiet prayer or to look around and then why not stay for refreshments and in the Parish Hall, the Mothers' Union will be holding their monthly coffee morning with 100 Club Draw, all proceeds to The Samaritans. On Sunday, mass will take place at 10.30am, followed by refreshments. On Tuesday, a said mass will be held at 7pm. On Thursday at 9am, morning prayer will be held followed by a said mass at 9.30am, followed by refreshments. If you would like to book a baptism or wedding please contact Fr Paul by email, paul.mellars@leeds.anglican.org. We are supporting the Trussell Trust as part of our giving to those in need, when the church is open there will be a trolley for your donations. As part of our ongoing support

for Centrepoint, suitcases and other luggage items in decent condition for residents' use are also being collected, food and toiletries will also be collected as part of our campaign to this worthy cause.

Music and events at All Saints'

On July 17, the Barnsley Ilesha Ladies Choir are returning to All Saints for a summer concert. Tickets are £8 and are to include refreshments from church members or pay on the door. On July 19 at 4pm, Elizabeth Charlesworth, a soprano and Hugh Finnigan, a pianist, present 'Out of My Dreams', a collection of songs from stage and screen. This is a free event to include refreshments.

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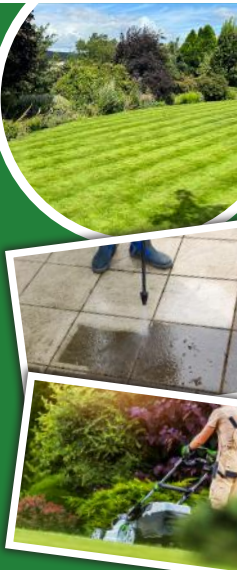


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Amelia's creativity celebrated at competition



EXPERIENCE: Amelia Jones-Osborne.

A CATERING and hospitality student at Barnsley College impressed judges at the grand finals of the prestigious Nestlé Toque d'Or.

Amelia Jones-Osborne was one of just six competitors from across the country in the Front of House (FOH) category, after success in the national heats earlier this year.

Mentored by renowned chef Sally Abé and hospitality expert Andy Downton, Amelia competed against other students in four days of immersive challenges. She worked alongside her peers to create and serve sustainably sourced menus, craft signature cocktails and mocktails, and demonstrate knowledge of wine pairings and sustainability in fine dining settings.

While she did not win the award, judges handed her the Social Media Award. She said: "Throughout our week at the finals, we had to post on social media everything we did using different methods to engage with others. It was all about how important social media is for attracting customers in the modern day."

"I was celebrated on my creativity in my posts and ability to meet modern day social media needs with attracting customers."

"It's been a fantastic experience and I am so grateful not just to Nestlé but to my tutors, friends and family who have got me to where I am today."

"The competition has taught me so much about myself and I really feel like I've grown not just my skills and knowledge but as a person, and I am so excited to see where my future takes me."



Resident joker Gary Rowley – author of *That's Terrible! A Cringeworthy Collection of 1,001 Really Bad Jokes* – tries to brighten your day with a selection of gags...

Our Jud started work as a pram tester but packed it in after a week. He said he was fed up of being made to push people around.

Blake turns up at a Swedish, self-assembly furniture shop in waterproofs and muddy walking boots with a rucksack strapped to his back. He said, what do

you mean, I can't come in? I thought that was the whole idea...hike here?

I phoned the chemist; I said, I think you've got my tablets wrong. He said, are you sure, sir? I said, I should hope so... you've sent me an iPad Air and two Samsung Galaxy Ultras.

Don't believe these stories

about me booking a holiday in the Indian Ocean...they're nothing but Mauritius rumours.

I went to the doctors, thinking I was Red Rum. He said, yes? And? Why the long face...?

Apparently the chap who invented petrol pumps has died. I filled up when I got the news...



TEST YOUR BRAINPOWER

No. 5623

Quiz Challenge

- In February 1985, which British TV soap opera was first broadcast?
- Which country is the world's largest oil producer?
- What are vox humana and vox angelica, and where can they be found together?
- Muscat is the capital city of which country in the Middle East?
- Robert Aramayo won the 2026 Best Actor Bafta for which film about a campaigner for Tourette's syndrome?
- What noise is created when an aircraft flies faster than Mach 1?
- British athlete Matt Weston won two gold medals at the 2026 Winter Olympics in which discipline?
- Which is the only part of Europe to have colonies of wild apes?
- Which US state is known for Creole and Cajun cuisine?
- Finish the title of this Rod Stewart song – Have I Told You Lately That... what?

FIVE ALIVE

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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

EQUALISER

6	8
3	4
4	3
10	2
2	1

Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same.

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

CROSS CODE

1		20	21	5	22	14	26	7		4	
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ABCDEF GHIJ KLMNOPQRST UVWXYZ

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N E B

Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Reportedly good runner in India (3)
- Cleaner part of tap? (6)
- One ridiculing others had coffee, we hear (6)
- Consumed food angrily, being unrestrained (11)
- Encourage, before the end of the day, to be lively and merry (6)
- The main way to separate Turkey and Greece (6)
- Bounded round ring and moved in circles (6)
- There's nothing in a kiln cooking clay (6)
- Jumping-off place (11)
- Use bike, say, to sell door-to-door (6)
- Good man by cape saw flashing beam (6)
- Note the backward brick carrier (3)

DOWN

- Spots Diana in the plant (6)
- Morosely irritable dwarf (6)
- Simple creature, I love Latin and English graduate (6)
- Could it give one Dutch courage in Switzerland? (6)
- Easily angered hero tempted to alter (3-8)
- Different environment obtained when the ventilation is working (6,2,3)
- Pass drink that hasn't been finished (3)
- One of the sisters of the Annunciation (3)
- Roy set out for shellfish (6)
- Refused to turn in during the act (6)
- Nonsense, nothing has been removed from his book anyway (6)
- Conference between popular lawyer and graduate (6)

QUICK CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Civil (6)
- Anxiety disorder (6)
- Riposte (6)
- Hypnotic state (6)
- Indian monetary unit (5)
- Cricket team (6)
- Be present (6)
- Ceremony (4)
- Highway (4)
- Unwell (4)
- Affirm (4)
- Elementary particle (6)
- Halve (6)
- Social outcast (5)
- Plant protuberance (6)
- List of rates (6)
- Vocation (6)
- Stroke (6)

DOWN

- Pack age (6)
- Rubbish (6)
- Small tower (6)
- Until this time (6)
- Knocked (6)
- Meeting schedule (6)
- Melody (4)
- Rid (4)
- Climb on (5)
- Stories (5)
- Medical centre (6)
- Arachnid (6)
- Breed of dog (6)
- Leg joint (4)
- Assist (4)
- Aggressive woman (6)
- Minder (anag.) (6)
- Smother (6)

NONAGRAM

C	I	D
L	E	E
G	I	N

How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:

- 25 Good; 29 Very Good; 34 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

QUICK CROSSWORD:

Across: 1. Pledge; 2. Gossip; 3. Gossip; 4. Gossip; 5. Gossip; 6. Gossip; 7. Gossip; 8. Gossip; 9. Gossip; 10. Gossip; 11. Gossip; 12. Gossip; 13. Gossip; 14. Gossip; 15. Gossip; 16. Gossip; 17. Gossip; 18. Gossip; 19. Gossip; 20. Gossip; 21. Gossip; 22. Gossip; 23. Gossip; 24. Gossip; 25. Gossip; 26. Gossip; 27. Gossip; 28. Gossip; 29. Gossip; 30. Gossip; 31. Gossip; 32. Gossip.

Down: 1. Gossip; 2. Gossip; 3. Gossip; 4. Gossip; 5. Gossip; 6. Gossip; 7. Gossip; 8. Gossip; 9. Gossip; 10. Gossip; 11. Gossip; 12. Gossip; 13. Gossip; 14. Gossip; 15. Gossip; 16. Gossip; 17. Gossip; 18. Gossip; 19. Gossip; 20. Gossip; 21. Gossip; 22. Gossip; 23. Gossip; 24. Gossip; 25. Gossip; 26. Gossip; 27. Gossip; 28. Gossip; 29. Gossip; 30. Gossip; 31. Gossip; 32. Gossip.

NONAGRAM:

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Campaign to give domestic abuse red card

A DOMESTIC abuse charity in Barnsley has launched an awareness raising campaign to coincide with the World Cup.

Independent Domestic Abuse Services (IDAS) is a charity which supports victims in the town.

Lauren Hirst, the local area manager at IDAS in Barnsley, said: “Last year we received 3,884 referrals and responded to 5,116 helpline calls – that clearly demonstrates a high local need for our service. “I think we can get between 30 to 70 calls a day across Barnsley.”

The charity has launched its ‘Show Domestic Abuse the Red Card’ campaign to spread awareness about women being especially vulnerable during sporting events like the ongoing World Cup.

Research by Lancaster University shows domestic abuse incidents increase by 26 per cent when England win or draw, and 38 per cent if they lose.

“The main message with that campaign is about using visibility and community spirit of football to increase awareness of domestic abuse, encouraging people in our community to recognise signs and give confidence to support victims and survivors,” Lauren added.

“We want to highlight that domestic abuse is not a private issue, it’s a community issue.”

IDAS are using this campaign to educate people on abusive warning signs to watch out for.

“The vast majority of fans enjoy football responsibility, but major tournaments provide opportunities to have more important conversations,” Lauren said.

“Football can be a force for positive change, and that’s what we’re trying to grasp.

“Clubs and community organisations have a powerful platform to promote respect, healthy relationships and safety.

“We encourage them to do that.”

Despite not seeing a local rise in approaches to the charity since the World Cup began, Lauren said help is always ready for those who need it.

“Some people are not ready for support straight away, but then we give the opportunity to have that conversation to say that the door is always open.”

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or sexual abuse, you can contact IDAS in Barnsley by calling 03000 110 110, or visiting their website.

An end to flooding problems are in sight

By Josh Timlin

A MAIN road will be closed in order to finally put right major sewer issues which has led to flooding on multiple occasions.

Cemetery Road in Wombwell will close for a distance of 20 metres from its junction with Summer Lane later this month, with an alternative route of High Street, Church Street and Summer Lane being provided.

Yorkshire Water engineers anticipate the work – which has been forced following multiple floods – will take 24 hours to complete.

The work has been welcomed by Councillor James Higginbottom, who said: “I very much welcome the upcoming works to the mains sewer on Cemetery Road that will be carried out by Yorkshire Water.

“This is something I have been calling for to help address the long-running issue of surface water flooding affecting homes and cellars on Cemetery Road.

“In addition to the ditching works at Littlefield Lane that took place earlier this year, this should help to provide a lasting solution and relief to residents affected during heavy downpours, such as we experienced last winter.”



PROBLEM SOLVED: Coun James Higginbottom.



WINNER: Dr Deb Shorthouse.

Family literacy project is given financial backing

By Charlotte Oldroyd

A BARNSLEY-BORN teacher has won a national competition for her innovative approach to educating disadvantaged youngsters.

Dr Deb Shorthouse became one of eight winners of this year’s Let Teachers SHINE Awards.

The competition, run by UK education charity SHINE, rewards teachers who have innovative ideas to help disadvantaged children and young people.

Deb was awarded £16,000 to develop

the ‘family literacy project’.

The scheme works with parents to address low literacy attainment for disadvantaged children, which could be gearing up to roll out across the country.

The project is part of SELLF (Supporting Early Literacy Learning in Families), a community interest company that Deb has established.

The project focuses on children who may face barriers to learning, often identified through the pupil premium.

By using nursery staff who already have a trusted relationship with the

families, Deb hopes to overcome common hurdles in parental engagement.

Deb said: “The project is about supporting families with literacy by working alongside them to support parents with developing their children’s emergent literacy skills and school readiness.

“The pilot project represents a crucial step in the work that I’m doing to build an evidence base for embedding a future family literacy model.

“Ultimately, I’m driven to want to improve literacy outcomes for disadvantaged children.

“That’s what drives me, that’s what gets me up in the morning.

“The most important thing about this project is what happens in between, what the parents do with the children with the training they’ve had.

“I was absolutely thrilled to receive news that I’d got the funding to run the pilot project.

“Long term, my hope is that something like this would become national policy – where all families are supported to help their children succeed before they start formal schooling.”

New bar is for the ‘everyman’

Advertiser’s announcement

AN iconic Irish tavern became the newest addition to the Glass Works last week with a grand opening ceremony.

Katie O’Brien’s welcomed locals through its doors last Friday, bringing an authentic taste of Ireland to the heart of the town.

In preparation for the opening weekend, bar staff were hard at work perfecting the craft of pouring pints of Guinness and Murphy’s.

The opening weekend was packed with live music and a line-up of 13 acts – including traditional Irish performers.

The location also boasts a terrace, which promises to be perfect for pints in the sun with friends and family.

From the warm welcome to the unforgettable Irish atmosphere, Katie O’Brien’s is set to become a mainstay in the town’s pub scene.

Karl Whitley, area manager, said: “We are very much an everyman bar and we open our doors to everybody and give them a good time.

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

LINDALE GARDENS, GOLDTHORPE - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order has been made to close Lindale Gardens from Risedale Road to its termination, from 6 July 2026 for approximately one week. Access maintained for residents. Reason: New gas service. PROMOTER: Cadent Gas, telephone: 0800 015 9057

BELGRAVE ROAD, BARNSLEY - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order will be made to close Belgrave Road from Thirlmere Road to Grove Street, from 13 July 2026 for approximately one week. An alternative route is available via: Thirlmere Road/Grasmere Road/Grove Street. Reason: Install new water supply. PROMOTER: Yorkshire Water, telephone 0344 902 2982

LONG CAUSEWAY, MONK BRETTON - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order will be made to close Long Causeway from Rotherham Road Service Road to Byland Way, from 14 July 2026 for approximately four days. An alternative route is available via: Rotherham Road/Burton Road/Bishops Way. Reason: New electric connection. PROMOTER: OCU Group, telephone: 0333 200 0011

PORTER AVENUE, BARNSLEY - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order has been made to close Porter Avenue from outside house numbers 10 to 18, from 6 July 2026 for approximately two weeks. Reason: install new electric service connection. PROMOTER: OCU Group, telephone: 0333 200 0011

HERMIT HILL LANE, WORTLEY - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order has been made to close Hermit Hill Lane from Halifax Road to Wellhouse Lane, from 8 July 2025 for approximately four days. An alternative route is available via: Halifax Road/Howbrook Lane/Carr Head Road/Storrs Lane/Westwood Lane/Carr Lane/Pilley Green/Chapel Road/Hermit Hill. Reason: Telecoms works. PROMOTER: Rapid Response Telecoms, telephone: 07934 804732

HARBOROUGH HILL ROAD/KENDRAY STREET/QUEENS ROAD/WINDERMERE ROAD, BARNSLEY - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES
An order has been made to close the following streets: (1) Harborough Hill Road – full length of the northbound on-slip road. An alternative route is available via Harborough Hill Road (southbound)/Alhambra Roundabout/Harborough Hill Road (2) Harborough Hill Road – full length of the northbound off-slip road. An alternative route is available via Harborough Hill Road/Harborough Hill Road-Old Mill Lane gyratory/Harborough Hill Road (3) Harborough Hill Road – full length of the southbound off-slip road. An alternative route is available via Harborough Hill Road /Alhambra Roundabout/Harborough Hill Road (4) Harborough Hill Road – full length of the southbound on-slip road. An alternative route is available via Harborough Hill Road (northbound)/ Harborough Hill Road-Old Mill Lane gyratory/ Harborough Hill Road (5) Queens Road – between Harborough Hill Road southbound off-slip road and Windermere Road. An alternative route will be available via Harborough Hill Road southbound off-slip road/ Pontefract Road/ Bala Street/Windermere Road. The one-way restriction on Windermere Road will be revoked whilst the closure is in place (6) Windermere Road – between Belgrave Road and Queens Road. An alternative route is available via Queens Road/Harborough Hill Road Southbound off-slip road/Pontefract Road/Bala Street. The one-way restriction on Windermere Road will be revoked whilst the closure is in place (7) Kendray Street – full closure between Pontefract Road and Schwabisch Gmund Way. An alternative is available via Harborough Hill Road/Old Mill Lane/Eldon Street North/Schwabisch Gmund Way (8), Kendray Street – one way closure eastbound only between Pontefract Road and Schwabisch Gmund Way. An alternative is available via Harborough Hill Road/Old Mill Lane/Eldon Street North/Schwabisch Gmund Way (9) Kendray Street – one way closure westbound only between Pontefract Road and Schwabisch Gmund Way. An alternative is available via Schwabisch Gmund Way/Eldon Street North/Old Mill Lane/ Harborough Hill Road. Restrictions will be in place from 5 July 2026 for approximately 6 months. Restrictions will be implemented on a phased basis as required and may be intermittent. Not all restrictions will be in place at the same time. Reason: Junction reconstruction. PROMOTER: Barnsley Council, telephone: 01226 773555.

CLIFF ROAD, DARFIELD - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order has been made to close Cliff Road for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Yorkshire Water Pumping Station, from 9 July 2026 for approximately one day, from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Reason: clearance of silt/debris from water pumping station. PROMOTER: Yorkshire Water, telephone: 0345 124 2424

SHAFTESBURY DRIVE, HOYLAND - TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE
An order has been made to close Shaftesbury Drive on the footpath from outside house numbers 32 to 64, from 6 July 2026 for approximately two weeks. Reason: works to gas service. PROMOTER: Network Plus Services Ltd, telephone: 0800 398 8000

CROSS LANE, SNOWDEN HILL/LONG LANE, PENISTONE - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order has been made to close the following from 10 July 2026 for approximately one day: Cross Lane from Long Lane to outside Tanyard Farm. Diversion via Long Lane/Park Lane; Long Lane for a distance of 50 metres north-west of Cross Lane. Diversion via Oxspring Road/Mortimer Road/Green Road. Reason: telecoms work. PROMOTER: Rapid Response Telecoms Ltd, telephone: 07312 618038

UNDERBANK LANE, STOCKSBRIDGE - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order has been made to close Underbank Lane from Manchester Road to Tofts Lane, from 6th July 2026 for approximately 5 days. An alternative route is available via Manchester Road, A616, Manchester Road, Hartcliffe Road, Hartcliffe Hill Road, Mossley Road, Cranberry Road, Salter Hill Lane. Reason: New connection. PROMOTER: Yorkshire Water, telephone: 03449 022982.

BENTS ROAD, HAZLEHEAD; BROOK HILL LANE, CARLECOTES; FLINT LANE, HEPWORTH; LEE LANE, MILLHOUSE GREEN; WHAMS ROAD, CARLECOTES/HAZLEHEAD - TEMPORARY 40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION
An order has been made to introduce a 40mph speed restriction for the following on a phased basis under rolling temporary traffic signals, from 6 July 2026 for approximately four days: Bents Road from Whams Road to Brook Hill Lane; Brook Hill Lane from Bents Road to outside house number one; Flint Lane for a distance of 30 metres north-west of Bents Road; Lee Lane for a distance of 20 metres north-east of Whams Road; Whams Road, Crow Edge from Bents Road to Thurlstone Moors; Whams Road, Hazlehead for a distance of 50 metres south-east of Bents Road. Reason: telecoms work. PROMOTER: Rapid Response Telecoms Ltd, telephone: 07394 804732.

ALBERT STREET, WELLINGTON STREET, BARNSLEY- TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES
An order has been made to close the following roads, for one day only on Sunday 5th July 2026. Only one road will be closed at any one time: Albert Street – from New Street for the full length; Wellington Street – from Istanbul Kitchen and Bar to New Street. An alternative route is available Wellington Street/West Way/New Street. Reason: Replacement of street lighting columns PROMOTER: BMBC Highways and Engineering, telephone: 01226 773555.

DON DRIVE, KENDRAY - TEMPORARY FOOTPATH AND ROAD CLOSURE
A notice has been made to close Don Drive as follows: the road from Sheaf Court to Calder Crescent, from 29 June 2026 for approximately five days. Diversion route: Birch Road/Ash Grove/Neville Avenue, and the footpath linking Don Drive to Calder Crescent, from 6 July 2026 for approximately five days. Reason: resurfacing works. PROMOTER: Barnsley MBC Environment and Transport, telephone: 01226 773555

COUNTY WAY, BARNSLEY - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
An order will be made to close County Way from the Digital Media Centre to Barnsley Electronic Exchange, from 13 July 2026 for approximately one day. An alternative route is available via: Regent Street/Eldon Street North/Old Mill Lane/Harborough Hill Road/Old Mill Lane. Reason: replace street lighting column. PROMOTER: Barnsley MBC Environment and Transport, telephone: 01226 773555

WESLEY STREET, BARNSLEY - TEMPORARY ONE-WAY RESTRICTION
An order will be made to introduce a one-way restriction on Wesley Street allowing traffic to travel from Alhambra Roundabout towards Lambra Road only, from 12 July 2026 for approximately one day. An alternative route is available via: Harborough Hill Road/Pontefract Road/Lambra Road. Reason: replace street lighting column PROMOTER: Barnsley MBC Environment and Transport, telephone: 01226 773555

Andrew Tatt
Interim Head of Highways, Engineering & Transportation Place
PO Box 609
Barnsley
S70 9FH
Friday 3 July 2026

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July 5th 2026

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Nanna, Grandad
and all your family
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Happy 12th birthday.
5 July 2014.

Have a lovely birthday

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Big sister Chloe xx
Little brother Kaiden xx
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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BARNSLEY
(BARNLSLEY SOUTH EAST AREA) (TRAFFIC
REGULATION COORDINATION)
ORDER 2018 (AMENDMENT NO. -) ORDER 202-**

It is proposed to prohibit waiting at any time on the south east side of Wath Road, Elsecar in a south westerly direction from its junction with Cobcar Lane and on two sections on the north west side of Wath Road.

Documents about the proposal are available to view on the council's web site and at the Library @ the Lightbox, 1 The Glass Works, Barnsley, and Hoyland Library, High Croft, Hoyland, Barnsley, S74 9AF during normal opening hours.

Any objection or representation should be made in writing stating the grounds and sent by e-mail to TROfeedback@barnsley.gov.uk or by post to the Head of Transport & Highways (Traffic Management), PO Box 601, Barnsley S70 9FA no later than 24 July 2026.

A Perriman
Monitoring Officer
Service Director, Law, Democratic and Member
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Barnsley
S70 9GG

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION
AREAS) ACT, 1990**

The Council has received the following applications affecting the character or appearance of a Conservation Area and/or the setting of a Listed Building. Representations should be made to the address below within **21 DAYS** of the date of this notice.

61 Longman Road, Barnsley, S70 2LD 2025/1075
Change of use from a 6-person HMO (Class C4) to a 9-person HMO (Sui Generis) (Amended Plans and Description).
Conservation Area – Barnsley, Victoria Road

Copies of the above applications can be accessed on our website at barnsley.gov.uk/planningexplorer
Anyone who wishes to make representations about an application can do so via Planning Explorer which is found at the above address. Alternatively, you can e-mail us representations whilst quoting the application reference to developmentmanagement@barnsley.gov.uk
Or write to us at the address below:

**Barnsley MBC
Development Management
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
Friday 3rd July 2026**

Writing group started to help its members

By Charlotte Oldroyd

A MONK Bretton man has created a new haven for wordsmiths that aims to ‘alleviate social isolation’.

Mac McKechnie is perhaps best known for bringing walking cricket and ‘new age kurling’ to Barnsley.

After mobility issues forced him to give up his beloved sports, Mac, who is also a published author and poet, decided to parlay into the arts.

The 76-year-old decided to create a new group for Barnsley creatives, ‘Barnsley Word Circle’ to meet, listen and share their work.

Gearing up for their inaugural open mic event on July 10, Mac is encouraging poets and writers to get in touch via the group’s Facebook page.

Mac said: “Barnsley Word Circle grew from a simple idea.

“There are so many talented people in our area writing poems, stories and memories.

“And yet, many never have the opportunity to share them.

“After many years involved in community activities, I wanted to create something welcoming and relaxed.

“It’s open to everyone whether they’re experienced writers or simply curious enough to have a go.

“There is no pressure, no competition and no membership requirement.

“It’s just an evening where people can read a poem, tell a short story, or simply come along to listen, one evening a month.

“I’m delighted that established local writers – including our first guest, poet Paul Brookes – have agreed to support the venture and to appear free of charge to make this work.

“Writing has given me so much enjoyment and friendship over the years.

“If Barnsley Word Circle helps even a few people discover a love of writing, gain confidence or make new friends – and in a small way help to alleviate social isolation then it will have achieved exactly what I hoped.”

Fixtures
Saturday
SOUTH YORKSHIRE LEAGUE (Premier Division)
Cawthorne v Whiston Parish Church
(Championship)
Doncaster Town 2nd XI v Elsecar
Rockingham Colliery v Upper Haugh
Sheffield Collegiate 2nd XI v Barnsley Woolley Miners
(Division One)
Conisbrough v West Bretton
Houghton Main v Parkhead
Monk Bretton v Frickley Colliery
Treeton v Cawthorne 2nd XI
Warmsworth v Wath
(Division Two)
Barnsley Woolley Miners 2nd XI v Norton Woodseats
Elsecar 2nd XI v Norton Oakes
Penistone v Sheffield Collegiate 3rd XI
(Division Three)
Higham v Sprotbrough 2nd XI
Upper Haugh 2nd XI v Darfield
Wath 2nd XI v Coal Aston 2nd XI
Worsbrough Bridge v Rockingham Colliery 2nd XI
(Division Four)
Barnsley Woolley Miners 3rd XI v Stocksbridge
Kexborough v Sheffield University Staff
(Division Five)
Wombwell Main v Silkstone United
Barnby Dun v Penistone 2nd XI
(Division Six)
Green Moor v Fishlake
(Division Seven North)
Bradfield 2nd XI v Houghton Main 2nd XI
Darfield 2nd XI v Adwick-le-Street
Mexborough Athletic v Wombwell Main 2nd XI
Stocksbridge 2nd XI v Higham 2nd XI
(Division Eight North)
Pledwick 2nd XI v Worsbrough Bridge 2nd XI
West Bretton 2nd XI v Monk Bretton 2nd XI
(Division Nine North)
Deame v Sprotbrough 4th XI
Higham 3rd XI v Mexborough Athletic 2nd XI
Sheffield University Staff 2nd XI v Wath 3rd XI
Silkstone United 2nd XI v Kexborough 2nd XI
HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE (Premier Division)
Armitage Bridge v Hoylandswaine
(Conference)
Hoylandswaine 2nd XI v Armitage Bridge 2nd XI
PONTEFRACCT LEAGUE (Championship)
Stainborough v Darton
Notton Challengers v Thurnscoe Institute
(Division Two)
Bentley Colliery v Notton
Ryhill and Havercroft v Old Sharlston 2nd XI
(Division Two)
Darton 2nd XI v South Kirkby 3rd XI
Sunday
YORKSHIRE LEAGUES KNOCK-OUT
Cawthorne v Sheriff Hutton Bridge
WHITWORTH CUP
Barnsley Woolley Miners v Ackworth
Elsecar v Upper Haugh
SYKES CUP
Hoylandswaine v Golcar
PADDOCK SHIELD
Moorlands 2nd XI v Hoylandswaine 2nd XI
SOUTH YORKSHIRE LEAGUE (Division Eight South)
Elsecar 3rd XI v De La Salle
SOUTH YORKSHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE (Premier Division)
Higham v Parkhead
Rockingham v Green Moor
(Super Eights)
Hatfield Town v Worsbrough Bridge
(First Division)
Stainborough v Sheffield Transport
(Second Division)
Elsecar v Whiston
(Third Division East)
Ackworth v Darfield
Warmsworth v Wombwell Main
(Third Division West)
Hoylandswaine v Caribbean Sports
BARNSELY SUNDAY LEAGUE (Division One)
Ackworth v West Bretton
(Division Two)
Barnsley Woolley Miners v Monk Bretton
Brodsworth Main v Elsecar
The Chronicles England v Darfield
Worsbrough Bridge v Upper Haugh
(Division Three North)
Bullcroft Main v Darton
Old Sharlston v Cawthorne
Penistone v Pledwick
South Kirkby v Higham
(Division Three South)
Thurgoland v Bradfield
Monday
SOUTH YORKSHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE (First Division)
Aston Hall v Higham
Tuesday
SOUTH YORKSHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE (First Division)
Worsbrough Bridge v Tickhill
(Third Division West)
Thorncliffe and Wentworth v Worsbrough Bridge 2nd XI
Wednesday
BARNSELY LEAGUE TWENTY20
Higham v Barnsley Woolley
Monk Bretton v Worsbrough Bridge
Thurgoland v Scholes and Harley
Thursday
SOUTH YORKSHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE (First Division)
Stainborough v Tickhill
(Division Three East)
Darfield v Brodsworth Main

ATHLETICS RESULTS

PENISTONE results from the Barnsley 10k: 18, Sean Pitt 36-02; 24, Richard Heppenstall 36-44; 53, Martin Ball 39-06; 60, Alex Harris 39-26; 95, Jade Crosby 41-19; 98, Daniel Rushforth 41-27; 108, Alex Crosby 42-01; 124, Ian Neville 42-41; 165, Rachael Mayston 44-06; 168, Suzanne McGill 44-22; 260, Shaun Swallow 47-08; 268, Nick Pepper 47-18; 310, Chris Baldwin 48-25; 316, Dan Cooper 48-30; 348, Robin Clough 48-17; 368, Ian McNulty 49-28; 415, Rory O'Sullivan 48-53; 455, Gemma Nuttson 51-08; 675, Shelley Gill 54-30; 690, Callum Page 55-17; 691, Sarah Bradley 55-18; 706, Jill Scrivens 52-49; 733, Lucy Clough 55-20; 807, Andrew Taylor 57-01; 816, Amelia Cottam 56-21; 820, Bill Phillips 57-38; 834, Sara Wolstenholme 56-46; 864, Amanda Field 57-11; 869, Olivia Clough 57-55; 873, Carl Matthewman 58-07; 925, Andrea Lee 58-52; 954, Tracy Woodward 59-27; 1031, Sue Hall 58-19; 1237, Kate Rushforth 1-01-54; 1297, Joanne Sammon 1-03-17; 1299, Angie Rollinson 1-03-08; 1404, Barbara Haigh 1-07-29; 1444, Myfanwy Cross 1-07-06; 1496, Paul Sammon 1-07-04; 1504, Hannah Sammon 1-07-11; 1615, Sarah Clough 1-11-16; 1697, Steve Dommett 1-13-34; 1717, Denise Pozorski 1-13-32; 1757, Adele Stenton 1-15-08.

Other Barnsley AC times from the Barnsley 10k: Michael Grain 36-18; Adam Lavelle 37-46; Scott Atkinson 38-46; Jack Quigley 39-19; James Roberts 39-47; Mark Wood 41-17; Kuba Obst 41-31; Nikki Ellis 42-07; Shaun Pickersgill 44-56; Lee Mitchell 54-39; Zoe Mitchell 54-40; Dave Allemby 64-39.

Barnsley's Ali reaches 1,100 runs by end of June

SYL CHAMPIONSHIP

BARNSELY Woolley Miners' openers shared a stand of 213 in their home win over Doncaster Town 2nd XI with Ali Zaryab reaching 1,100 runs by the end of June.

Stand-in skipper Will Chapman made 101 off 96 balls and Zaryab scored 169 from 154 with 19 fours and four sixes.

Zaryab has already reached 1,118 runs for the season by the end of June after Saturday's ton took him into four figures.

The Pakistani opener is averaging 93 and has scored four centuries with six half-centuries in 16 innings.

His tally of 878 Championship runs is nearly double the second highest scorer who is Tickhill's Hernus Marais on 457.

Chapman said: "Ali is unbelievable. "As long as he bats time, he will score a lot of runs.

"He's really good to bat with and makes everything really straightforward.

"He talks to you a lot."

Chapman was standing in as captain for Boeta Beukes. The 20-year-old has been at his hometown club since he was five. He said: "It's been a fairly successful year for myself. I have two hundreds and a 50 but I could be doing a lot better.

"It was a privilege to captain the club and get a win."

Barnsley posted 363 for four then bowled their visitors out for 157 with Max Heseltine taking five wickets.

The win left Barnsley ten points clear in the second promotion place and four



Barnsley openers: Ali Zaryab and Will Chapman. Pictures: Andrew Copley.

behind leaders Ackworth.

They have won eight of ten completed games in the first half of the season, with one called off.

"We got off to a good start with me and Ali both scoring hundreds.

"Then the players who came in after did what I asked of them. We started off a bit shaky with the ball but pulled it back.

"Max Heseltine bowled really well and took his first five-for of the year which

we were all really happy with.

"We're happy with the first half of the season, with the aim to get promoted. We just want to keep going as we are and take each game as it comes."

Barnsley lost in the Twenty20 Plate semi-final at Ackworth. The Shaw Laners made 106 but lost by eight wickets.

Chapman said: "It was a very disappointing result. We just weren't on our game. We were very lackadaisical and

not there.

"We play them again in another cup on Sunday so hopefully we get a better result."

Elsecar stay third after a 15-run win at home to Aston Hall.

Arsalan Mir made 65 in Elsecar's 168 then Joe Denby took four wickets.

Last-placed Rockingham lost by six wickets at leaders Ackworth, after posting 134.

Bat is Potter's magic wand then Khursheed takes 6 in Darfield win

- Another van Dyk century in two-wicket victory for Wath
- Javed hits 12 sixes in 121 and Kitching carries bat with ton

SOUTH YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

ASHLEY Potter hit 110 off 98 balls with 14 fours and four sixes in **Darfield's** home win over **Wath 2nd XI** in **Division Three**.

Josh Barrick added 69 in Darfield's 294 then Saman Khursheed took six wickets and Nathan Kitchen three to remove the visitors for 97. Jonathan Plater made 50 for Wath.

Worsbrough Bridge won by 86 runs at Shiregreen 2nd XI.

Callum Bentley (78) and Richard Taylor (59) led Bridge to 230 then Ryan Mann took five wickets and Liam Levitt four.

Higham's 160 was not enough in a three-wicket loss at Sheffield United.

Ryan Howarth and Gareth Kilburn took three wickets.

Rockingham 2nd XI won by 101 runs at home to Upper Haugh 2nd XI.

Ekambir Singh (93) and James Armitage (81) took to 254.

Wath opener Jason van Dyk made a second century in as many games as they chased 256 to beat Treeton by two wickets in **Division One**. Van Dyk made 103 while sharing a stand of 188 with Imran Shah who scored 98 not out.

Houghton Main fell 20 runs short chasing 241 at **Cawthorne 2nd XI**, despite Asim Javed hitting 121 off 109 balls with 12 sixes.

Cawthorne's Spencer Wiles made 54 and Charlie Parkin 72 then Ryan Gibson took five wickets.

Teriq Worrrell struck three times for Houghton then Akash Rawal made 51.

West Bretton fell 180 runs short chasing 335 at home to Warmsworth.

Callum Bailey took five wickets.

Monk Bretton were skittled for 61 replying to Whitley Hall 2nd XI's 261. Joshua Van Oudtshoorn took three wickets.

Penistone lost by three wickets at Aston Hall 2nd XI in **Division Two** after posting 212. Charlie Armitage took three wickets.

Joseph Kemp made 93 as **Elsecar 2nd XI** fell five runs short chasing 231 at Sheffield Collegiate 3rd XI.

Barnsley Woolley Miners 2nd XI were out for 167 chasing 224 at Norton Oakes.

Lewis Wilkinson took four wickets then Harrison Hayes scored 50 and Mark Wilkinson 56.

Kexborough chased 114 for a seven-wicket win at Bradfield in **Division Four**. Matty Bowering and Rob Mynett took three wickets.

Wombwell Main were removed for 88 chasing 183 at Waverley in **Division Five**. Mark Mustill-Hope took four wickets for Main who remain top, six points ahead of Silkstone United who moved up to



Second place: Silkstone United against Barnby Dun.

second with a home win over Barnby Dun. Joe Atkinson made 67 in Silkstone's 207 then Finlay Allen took five for eight off seven overs to dismiss the visitors for 80.

Penistone 2nd XI chased 152 for a six-wicket win at home to Sheffield Collegiate 4th XI with Jack Durkan scoring 74.

Green Moor were out for 175 chasing 234 at Wadworth in **Division Six**.

Manoj Jayasekara took four wickets.

Dearne won by a wicket at Eden Madras Parklands 2nd XI in **Division Nine North**.

Fred Baker took four wickets then Ben Whitehouse scored 63.

Silkstone United 2nd XI won by 73 runs at **Wath 3rd XI**. Josh Dunning scored 50 in Silkstone's 145 with Stuart Abbs

taking four wickets for Wath who were bowled out for 72.

Kye Kitching carried his bat with 103 not out off 99 balls as **Houghton Main 2nd XI** won by 99 runs at home to **Rockingham 3rd XI** in **Division Seven North**. Houghton made 251 then Gulagha Sadiq took four wickets.

Wombwell Main 2nd XI removed **Darfield 2nd XI** for 127 in a six-wicket win. Billy Smith took four wickets.

Wombwell then won by nine runs at Frickley 2nd XI in the **Billy Oates Memorial Trophy** having posted 187.

Darfield 2nd XI beat **Monk Bretton 2nd XI** by eight wickets. Ethan Gornall took five wickets then Warren Bird made 52.

Elsecar 3rd XI chased 78 for a ten-wicket win at Sheffield Transport.

Elliott Evans took four wickets.

Yameen business with 69 then 8 wickets

PONTEFRACCT LEAGUE

NOTTON Challengers won by 22 runs at home to Rothwell in the **Championship**.

Faisal Yameen made 69 in Norton's 166 then claimed eight for 23.

The Challengers then chased 118 for an eight-wicket win at Rossington in the **Beaumont Trophy** quarter-final.

Stainborough tied at home to Glasshoughton with both sides making 153. George Tyas top-scored then Josh Abson took five wickets including the last one to secure the tie.

Darton won by four wickets at St Chad's Broomfield. Will Turner took six wickets to bowl the hosts out for 143.

Thurnscoe Institute were out for 73 chasing 114 at Horbury Bridge.

Ashley Newton took four wickets and Bradley Newton three.



Tie: Stainborough batters against Glasshoughton.

Ryhill and Havercroft bowled Nostell St Oswald out for 86 defending 173 in **Division Two**.

Joe Corbet made 73 then Jack Vale

took four wickets.

Notton were out for 100 chasing 207 at Rothwell 2nd XI. Joe Ashley and Selwyn Barnsley took three wickets each.

Four wicket hauls for Darton's Butterfield-Thornton and Barnsley's Burke

JUNIOR CRICKET

JOSH Butterfield-Thornton took four wickets as **Darton** under 11s won at **Higham**.

Ellis Gough made 33 off 16 balls then Noah Saunders and Callum Byrne struck twice. Higham's Thomas Smith took three wickets.

Wombwell Main under 11s won at **Elsecar**. Riley Newton, Rishi Thushanth and Isaac Lally took three wickets each

Penistone results from the Midsummer Mad Dash: 12, Flynn Rogers 37-08; 30, Hannah Shaw 40-41; 41, Robin Clough 42-51; 61, Rory O'Sullivan 48-13; 62, Jill Scrivens 48-39; 79, Amelia Cottam 52-14; 82, Sara Wolstenholme 52-50; 83, Mandy Mallinder 53-03; 88, Olivia Clough 55-06; 89, Jen Holley 55-09; 100, Luke McGuinness 58-22; 106, Barbara Haigh 1-00-19; 113, Myfanwy Cross 1-01-41; 122, Raymond Brown 1-05-35; 127, Steve Dommett 1-07-48.

Penistone results from the Trunce Race: 1, Richard Cottam 26-49; 21, Oliver France 32-16; 25, Daniel Rushforth 32-43; 34, Ash Howlett 33-23; 39, Steve Sanders 33-48; 43, Hannah Shaw 34-19; 44, Josie Smith 34-22; 46, Jon Hallam 34-28; 48, Phil Hinchiffie 34-51; 73, Shaun Swallow 37-46; 81, Chloe Hinchiffie 38-18; 102, Martyn Goodwin 40-16; 103, Rebecca Timms 40-20; 105, Paul Fryers 40-31; 111, Ben Thorogood 41-06; 127, Stan Halstead 42-51; 131, Jill Scrivens 43-05; 149, Dawn Godley 45-48; 150, Stuart Woodhead 45-50; 167, Mandy Mallinder 48-04; 182, Harriet Drouin 49-45; 185, Kim Rogers 50-14; 198, Heath Ramsden 51-40; 199, Heather Lindley 51-42; 202, Robin Clough 52-16; 203, Olivia Clough 52-16; 215, Barbara Haigh 53-59; 229, Becky Parr 55-36; 237, Myfanwy Cross 57-11; 239, Jo Sammon 57-50; 243, Hannah Sammon 58-24; 247, Tracy Woodward 59-37; 253, Ray Brown 1-00-44; 257, Steve Dommett 1-02-17.

Penistone results from the Round Sheffield Run: 10, Flynn Rogers 13-49; 422, Gareth Irvine 1-41-30; 848, Russell Lynam 1-52-32; 942, Dan Thurgood 1-54-45; 1902, Harriet Drouin 2-12-27; 2434, Kirsty

then Albie MacFarlane top-scored.

Jack Caswell struck twice for Wombwell.

Barnsley Woolley Miners under 11s won at home to **Penistone**.

Freddie Foster made their best score then George Burke took four for eight off three overs and Frankie Fletcher struck twice.

Silkstone United under 11s won at home to **Cawthorne**.

George Shearer top-scored for Silkstone then Isaac Senior struck twice.

Cawthorne's Joshua McNeilly took two wickets then George Kerry made their best score.

Elsecar under 17s won at **Monk Bretton**.

Elsecar's Alexander Kemp took four wickets, Joseph Kemp three and William Reavill two.

Joseph Kemp top-scored.

Mohammad Shirzad hit 24 off ten balls with two sixes for the Monks.

In the eight-a-side league, **Darton** under 13s beat **Higham**.

Alexander Jones took two wickets then Robert Wynn hit 41 off 20 balls with ten fours.

Silkstone United under 13s won at **Kexborough** as Daniel Shaw took three wickets and top-scored.

Kexborough's Jake Eden struck twice

52-15; 122, L Shaw 53-30; 123, J Gough 54-11; 124, J Evans 57-31; 125, A Radley 57-46; 126, G Russell 59-03; 127, P Wheatley 59-19; 128, L Bennett 59-20; 129, S Smith 59-20; 130, C Prew 1-03-27; 131, S Manwaring 1-03-31; 132, Z Goddard 1-03-32; 133, R Jones 1-03-35; 134, L Walton 1-03-37.

Barnsley Harriers results from the **Barnsley 10k:** 23, Charlie Holt, 36-42; 28, Adam Chambers, 37-23; 62, David Hanks, 39-31; 75, Gus Thomson, 40-43; 81, Johnny Hewitt, 40-50; 92, Chris Plotts, 41-41; 95, Fiona Davies, 41-16; 103, Phil Tyas, 41-37; 120, Jay West, 42-28 (PB); 146, Chris Fall, 43-32; 172, Tom Green, 44-22; 180, Joshua Jordan-Clough, 44-35; 195, Jon Barker, 44-57; 191, Stewart Holt, 44-53; 225, Adrian Bywater, 45-55; 252, Shaun Curtis, 46-40; 270, Lauren Williams, 46-59; 339, Shane Hall, 48-28; 357, Olivia Plotts, 48-52; 397, Alan Bowers, 49-29; 407, James Morgan, 49-40(PB); 489, Ryan Senior, 51-08; 512, Catherine Stone, 51-30; 520, Leah Needham, 51-48; 538, John Galloway, 51-56; 540, Jess Manley, 51-57; 588, Daniel Galloway, 52-46; 590, Rachel Jardine, 52-46; 599, Lee Pepper, 52-52; 618, Amy Walker, 53-24; 652, Stephen Burnley, 53-53; 670, Mike Schofield, 54-10; 718, Amanda Lewis, 54-59; 753, Paula Mills, 55-32; 821, Jason Shepherd, 56-45; 864, Jessica Gadsby, 57-19; 933, Paul Broadbent, 58-24; 975, Tanya Gains, 58-56; 1014, Ricky Curtis, 59-36; 1041, Louise Broadhurst, 59-57; 1045, Nic Wilkinson, 60-03; 1077, David Arthur, 60-30; 1112, Luke Huddleston, 61-02; 1138, Mia Platts, 61-18; 1174, Anita Bailey, 61-54; 1209, Clare Day, 62-40; 1240, Steve

Upton, Siraj and Bamforth all make centuries

BARNSELY SUNDAY LEAGUE

LEWIS Upton carried his bat with 101 not out off 103 balls as Rockingham chased 212 for a six-wicket win at Crofton Phoenix in Division One.

Manvir Singh Kang took three wickets then Upton hit 14 fours and William King added 56.

Hoylandswaine chased 189 for a seven-wicket win at Sprotbrough.

Muhammad Siraj scored 109 not out off 65 balls with 13 fours and seven sixes. Harry Pears added 56 not out off 21 balls.

Ethan Winstanley carried his bat with 53 not out as Elsecar chased 115 for a five-wicket win over Darfield in Division Two.

Jack Tinker, Joshua Goulding and Campbell Wroe took three wickets.

Cawthorne won by 35 runs at home to Darton in Division Three North.

Harry Butterworth made 61 in Cawthorne's 209 then Hollie Gordon took three wickets.

Darton's Nick Hunter scored 95 after James Micklethwaite took three wickets.

Penistone fell 78 runs short chasing 262 at Denby.

Noah Shalet took three wickets then Matthew Tomlinson made 65.

Dan Bamforth made 109 not out but Higham lost by 74 runs chasing 372 against Bullcroft Main.

Bamforth hit five sixes and 14 fours while Cameron Parker added 71 off 41 balls.

Matty Woods scored 88 off 61 balls but Thurgoland fell 55 runs short chasing 253 at Rotherham Valley in Division Three South.

Leah stars with bat and ball in Higham victory

WOMEN'S CRICKET

HIGHAM captain Leah Burkinshaw starred as they won at home to Eckington in the First Division.

She took four for four then smashed 60 runs off 21 balls with ten fours and two sixes.

Worsbrough Bridge won at Stainborough last Thursday.

Megan Kilner took three wickets and Anna Fisher two.

Stainborough's Kaitlan Findlay struck three times with two each for Sophie Crossley and Charlotte Plant.

Penistone beat Barnby Dun in the Second Division.

Millie Tyas, Amy-Rose Hoyland and Samantha Shaw took two wickets.

Darfield won at Wombwell Main in the Third Division East.

Phillipa Winstanley top-scored and took two wickets for one run.

Wombwell's Sarah Newton struck twice then Emma Owen top-scored.

Worsbrough Bridge won at Stocksbridge in the Super Eights.

Sarah Gilmour top-scored then Laura Dainty took two wickets.

Bridges ton in Swaine win

HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE

HOYLANDSWAINE won by four runs at Skelmanthorpe in a high-scoring Premiership game.

Luke Bridges made 101 off 89 balls with 12 fours and four sixes in Swaine's 318, with Samit Patel adding 56.

The hosts made 314 with Max Morley

taking three wickets.

Swaine have won all ten completed games at the halfway point of the season and are 12 points clear at the top.

Hoylandswaine 2nd XI chased 212 for a six-wicket win over Skelmanthorpe in the Conference. Callum Honeyman made 81 after taking four wickets.

Wiles' 102 keeps Cawthorne 3rd

YORKSHIRE PREMIER XI SOUTH

LIAM Wiles scored a century as Cawthorne chased 228 for a three-wicket win at Wickersley to stay third in the ECB Yorkshire Premier South.

Mustafa Shinwari took five wickets then Wiles made 102 off 92 balls with

14 fours and three sixes.

At the halfway point of the season, Cawthorne have won six and lost three of their nine completed games, leaving them 20 points off top.

Cawthorne are the highest-placed Barnsley team in the South Yorkshire Leagues structure.

Gary keeps promise to win hometown race for grandmother on her final day

ATHLETICS

GARY Briscoe won his hometown race the **Barnsley 10k** having promised to do so for his grandmother who passed away that evening.

The Barnsley AC runner finished first in a field of more than 2,000 in the event on Sunday and was thinking of his grandma Ethel Bamforth.

Gary told the Chronicle: “She was given five days to live about ten days before the race and I promised her I would win it for her and share the prize money with her.

“She held on until the evening after the race and I went and showed her my medal. She was asleep but I talked to her and told her I had won.

“It was very emotional but I was really happy to win it for her.”

Ethel was formerly the manager of the old Thornton’s chocolate shop in Barnsley town centre which Gary could see as he approached the finish line, beating his club-mate Scott Hinchcliffe – a former winner of the race – by just five seconds. Gary’s time was 33:19.

Penistone man Gary, 39, said: “She was the manageress of that shop for 30 years. She’s been in the Chronicle before because she used to write rude messages on Easter eggs.

“I could see it as I crossed the line which was a nice moment. If Scott wouldn’t have been seconds behind me, I would have lost it emotionally.

“Scott and I are good friends and we train together. I’ve never beaten him before but no one was beating me in that race. I told him before the race ‘it’s for my nannan and you’re never going to beat me.’

“Me and Scott must have known 1,000 people in the crowd – some saying ‘come on Gary’, some ‘come on Scott’. I am thinking: ‘don’t say come on Scott’.

“I am a marathon runner and his strength is speed. My plan was to run him out hard and drop him on the hill.

“I told him before what I would do.

“It went to plan but he was a bit closer than I had hoped so I had to really dig deep.”

The women’s winner was Ruby Sunman, who competes for Holmfirth Harriers but is a ‘second claim’ runner for Barnsley AC.

She said: “My aim was to get on the podium so to win it is amazing.

“Especially in Barnsley because, although I am not from Barnsley, I have

lived in Barnsley for a few years and I do most of my training there.

“The support out on the course is something I would compare to a huge race in one of the big cities like Manchester or Leeds.

“I would like to thank all the organisers because they have created an amazing event in the last few years and it seems to get better every year.

“It’s a difficult course but we like a few hills and I really enjoyed it. It was nice weather but not as hot as a few days earlier. If it had been 30-odd degrees, I would have been on the start line thinking: what on Earth am I doing?”

Ruby was joined on the women’s podium by Barnsley AC’s Lydia Race-Tighe who was second in a course PB of 40:28 and Gemma Thickett who was third with a course PB of 40:36.

Vicky Shaw was fourth woman overall and first over40 with a ten-second course PB in a time of 40:40.

Naomi Drakeford completed a clean sweep of the top five women in 41:07.

Barnsley AC’s Chris Gillott was fifth overall in 33:59 and Wayne Singleton sixth with a course PB of 34:12 while Ashley Abrahams was ninth and third over45 with a PB of 34:57.

Tristan Davies-Bennett was first under 20 and 16th overall in 35:44.

Chris McNicholas 39:24 was second over60 man with 39:24.

Karrie-Anne Nowell set a PB of 49:37 was third in her age group while Riley Turton completed his first ever 10k in 53:21. Lee Yoxall bagged a course PB in 39:35.

There were 44 Penistone Footpath Runners at the event with Sean Pitt leading the club home in 18th place with 36:02. Richard Heppenstall followed in 24th place with 36:44, taking second place in the men’s over50 category.

Jade Crosby was seventh woman over all in 41:19 with a course personal best. Ian Neville was fifth in the men’s over60 category. Rachael Mayston and Suzanne McGill took second and third respectively in the women’s over50 category.

Nick Pepper recorded a personal best, Alex Crosby set a 58-second course best, Dan Cooper recorded his fastest time on the course and Ian McNulty broke 50 minutes again. Sara Wolstenholme improved by more than ten minutes on last year’s time, while Sue Hall won the women’s over65 category and Barbara Haigh won the women’s over75 category.

Barnsley Harrier Adele Selwood ran



Winner: Gary Briscoe crosses the line. Also shown are the women’s top three with winner Ruby Sunman and her son Theo. Pictures: Seth Rose.

the race alongside her father Stuart to raise money for Immunodeficiency UK in memory of her brother David Howes who was a long-standing member of the club.

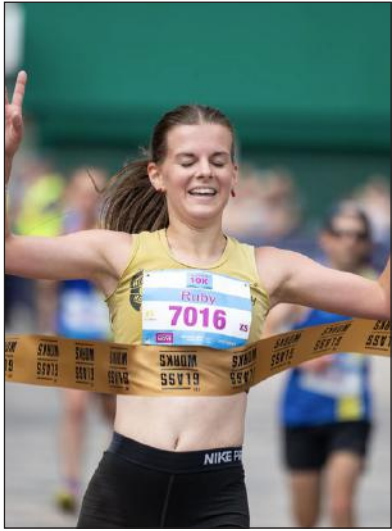
Daniel Galloway ran his first 10k and was the youngest participant at the race, raising money for Barnsley Hospital Charity.

Charlie Holt led home the Harriers as second under 18 boy, only nine seconds away from his best time.

Fiona Davies was first over50, Paula Mills second over60 woman, Vikki Skipper over70 woman and John Hewitt second over80 man.

There were PBs for David Arthur, Jay West, Mia Platts, Lauren Williams and James Morgan.

Jon Barker, Amy Hewitt, Nicola Hepwoth, Helen Valentine, Liz Beecroft, Sam Holt and Emma Wright were all running the distance for the first time.



Barnsley AC’s u16 Riley wins bronze medal over 200m at Northern Championships

ATHLETICS EXTRA

RILEY Hall of Barnsley AC took bronze in the under 16s boys’ 200m in the **North of England Championships** in Leigh.

He finished in 23.29, despite a strong headwind, and set a PB over 300m of 35.92 to finish fourth.

Thomas Clark set PBs of 12.29 in the 100m and 24.8 in the 200m.

At the **Round Sheffield Run**, the popular multi-stage trail event linking the city’s parks and green spaces, Penistone Footpath Runner Flynn Rogers came tenth overall in 1:13:49, seven minutes quicker than last year.

Flynn capped an excellent week by winning the 2025/26 South Yorkshire Schools Orienteering League in the year 12/13 boys’ category.

Barnsley Harriers Laura Mills and

Helen Jones-Croft completed the Round Sheffield Run in 3:04:58.

Penistone were strongly represented at the **Midsummer Mad Dash**, where Flynn Rogers led the club home with an excellent 12th place overall in 37:08 – placing fifth in the senior men’s category.

Hannah Shaw was first Penistone woman and fourth woman overall, clocking 40:41.

Robin Clough finished 41st in 42:51 and was fifth in the men’s over55 category.

There was further age-category success through Jill Scrivens, who was second in the women’s over55 category, Sara Wolstenholme, who was third in the women’s over50 category plus Amelia Cottam and Mandy Mallinder, who were both fourth in their age categories.

Barbara Haigh claimed victory in the

women’s over75 category in 1:00:19, while Raymond Brown won the men’s over85 age group in 1:05:35.

Barnsley Harrier David Hanks finished in fourth place and was first over45 man.

Kelly Ford was first over45 woman, with John Hewitt first over80 man.

Paul Wheatley was third over70 man and Rachel Jardine third over55 woman while Paula Mills was second over60 woman and Julie Riding third over60 woman.

Chris Plotts was 11th with sister Olivia first female Harrier home and fifth senior woman.

Penistone’s Richard Cottam won the latest **Oxspring Trunce** in 26:49.

Oliver France was next back for the club in 21st place in 32:16, followed by Daniel Rushforth, who ran 32:43 for a personal best.

Steve Sanders also recorded a PB in 33:48.

Hannah Shaw was third woman overall in 34:19, just ahead of club-mate Josie Smith in 34:22.

Kim Rogers recorded a personal best, finishing in 50:14.

Harrison Fordham was first Barnsley Harrier back in 33:16, with Jo Taylor and Kelly Ford the only female Harriers taking part, both finishing in just over 50 minutes.

Penistone’s Damian Kilpin and Steve Sanders represented Penistone at **Tom’s Bransdale Fell Race** in the North York Moors, held under the Esk Valley Fell Club and Let’s Run banner.

The race covered eight hard miles in hot conditions, with Kilpin finishing 19th overall in 1:09:13 and second in the men’s over45 category.

Sanders followed in 27th place in 1:13:03, taking third in the men’s over50 category.

Penistone’s Chris Hodgson tackled the **Blencathra Fell Race** in the Lake District, a demanding 13km English Championship race with 825m of climb. Hodgson completed the tough course in 1:39:32, finishing 271st overall and 69th in the men’s over50 category.

At ParkRun, 50 Penistone seniors ran across 15 venues. Ashley Firth led the way with first place at **Penistone** in 18:45, where Oliver France completed a Penistone one-two in 19:21 and Suzanne McGill was second female in 22:03 on her 150th ParkRun.

Joanne Sammon also marked a milestone at Penistone, completing her 100th ParkRun, while Andrew Taylor volunteered for the 50th time.

Richard Cottam was first at **Rotherham** in 16:56, with Martin Ball also first in the men’s over50 category.

Dawn Godley was second female at Barnsley, while there were away category wins for John Broom and Dawn Broom at **Birchall Playing Fields**, Keith Gordon at **Brueton**, Julia Johnson at **Huddersfield**, James Fryers at **The Pastures**, Kelvin Bowskill at **Waverley Lakes** and Matthew Coldwell at **Middleton Woods**.

The weekend’s leading age-graded performances came from Julia Johnson (83.78 per cent), Richard Cottam (82.48 per cent), Dawn Broom (81.22 per cent), Dawn Godley (76.80 per cent) and Suzanne McGill (76.04 per cent).

Barnsley AC’s Lesley Pickersgill was second woman in the **Frickley ParkRun** and first over60 woman.



Back in China: Oliver Rowland. Picture: Nissan.

Defending champion Rowland set for another race in China

MOTORSPORT

OLIVER Rowland is due to race in China for the second time in a fortnight as the Formula E season heads towards a conclusion.

The Penistone man is set to compete in two races in Shanghai over the weekend, two weeks after crashing out in Sanya having led.

Defending champion Rowland, 32, is currently 19 points behind the lead in second after 11 of the 17 races.

Rowland said: “We’ve learnt from what went wrong in Sanya, where we didn’t

have the pace in qualifying or the race.

“Shanghai is a very different layout.

“I haven’t stood on the podium there before so I’m hoping to put that right this weekend.

“There’s plenty of overtaking spots on the circuit so qualifying won’t be as important as at other venues. I’m taking it one race at a time in the championship fight, so we’ll give it everything to leave China with strong results.”

After the two races in China, the season is due to finish with double-headers in Tokyo on July 25 and 26 then London on August 15 and 16.

Josh corners Mexicans in Belfast then Bordeaux on consecutive nights



Busy weekend: Josh Wale in Bordeaux.

BOXING

FROM Belfast to Bordeaux in 24 hours with two Mexicans...

It sounds like a wild idea for a comedy movie but it is actually what boxing trainer and manager Josh Wale went through last weekend.

The former British champion, from Brampton, manages a big stable of boxers and did not hesitate when asked if he wanted to take on the double-header.

On Friday night he was with Lakshmy Zaragoza Contreras at Waterfront Hall in Belfast as he lost 60-54 against Donagh Kearny.

And just a night later he cornered Erick Omar Lopez as he scrapped to a unanimous decision loss against

Abderrahmane Cherragi at Salle Eva in south-western France.

“I’m lucky that there are direct flights from Belfast to Bordeaux,” laughed the 38-year-old.

“To be honest, Belfast is my favourite city to go to.

“I’ve been there at least ten times with fighters and everytime I learn something new about the city.

“This weekend was the busiest one yet. I had a mad one going to Saudi Arabia with visa problems but this was hectic.

“I flew to Belfast on Thursday with Lakshmy for the weigh-in then the fight was Friday.

“I then flew on to Bordeaux, Lakshmy went back to Britain and then I met

Erick in France on the Saturday.

“My passport has definitely had some hammer.

“I’ve had a good two years with international fighters now and a lot goes into it with booking flights and sorting visas out.”

Wale has a stable of ten fighters with Lopez in particular in high demand.

He is one of the toughest and most capable journeymen around and has three more fights lined up against top talent. Wale will be taking him and Contreras to Ballybofey, Republic of Ireland, to fight the unbeaten Rhys Owens and Danny Duffy this weekend.

It’s a chaotic life for the father-of-three but one he would not swap.

“I really enjoy it – I wouldn’t do it if I didn’t,” he said.

“Erick’s part of the furniture and has been one of my dad’s (trainer Mick) favourites as he’s happy-go-lucky and really, really tough.

“He has been here the longest of the Mexicans and can fight anything from super-bantamweight to super-featherweight. He is a high-end European journeyman who could easily go in with British champions.”

So where next for Wale?

“I would like to do something over in Mexico,” he added.

“We have good connections over there with an agent and that is something I am looking towards.”



Silver medal: Imogen Wolff at the British Road Championships. Picture: SW Pix.

Barnsley cyclist Imogen takes silver medal at British Road Championships in Wales

CYCLING

IMOGEN Wolff took a silver medal at the British National Road Championships.

The 20-year-old from Silkstone Common was second under 23 and sixth woman overall at the event in Wales on Sunday. Earlier in the month, Imogen was involved in a ‘scary’ collision with a car while training which left her with a concussion.

Imogen is in her second year racing with Team Visma Lease-A-Bike and regularly competes in road races across Europe.

Last year she competed in the Tour de France which is due to be held again from August 1-9.

Elsewhere, Damien Clayton from Cawthorne won the E123 race at Darley Moor over the weekend.

Meanwhile, Birdwell Wheelers held their sixth five-mile trial on Tuesday in Thurgoland despite rain. Thomas Lee of Team Bottrill Nopinz, fresh from finishing third in the recent National 50-mile Time Trial Championships, broke the course record in a time of 10:23 despite being held up at the turn. Dean Bowmer of Barnsley RC was the other rider and finished in 13:31. The next event is on Tuesday from 7pm.



Selected: Gabrielle Idle-Beavers.

Gabrielle in GB squad for European champs

SWIMMING

A TEENAGER from Barnsley is set to start a big summer of international competitions by representing Great Britain at the European Junior Championships next week.

Gabrielle Idle-Beavers is in the GB squad for the event in Munich, Germany which begins on Tuesday.

The 18-year-old, who specialises in breaststroke, won two medals at the British Championships in April.

She has also been selected for the England team at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow later this month.

Gabrielle is originally from Darton and began swimming at Borough of Barnsley Swimming Club.

She now attends Mount Kelly College in Devon and has been signed to compete and study at the University of Kentucky.

Reds begin to build their squad

A close look at the players who have joined the Reds this week

CAMERON MCGEEHAN
Six years after leaving the Reds, the midfielder returned this week as the first signing announced this summer.
He signed a one-year deal with a club option for a further year.
Now 31, McGeehan is approaching 400 career appearances and is currently the oldest in a very young squad following the exits of David McGoldrick, Tom Bradshaw and Marc Roberts.
He will join a midfield group including last season's captain Luca Connell, McGeehan's fellow Northern Ireland international Patrick Kelly, Kelechi Nwakali plus academy duo Jono Bland and Vimal Yoganathan.
McGeehan played against the Reds in the penultimate game of last season for relegated Northampton Town where he spent the previous two seasons.
James Heneghan, who covers the Cobblers for the Northampton Chronicle, said: "McGeehan was one of the most important players during his two years at Northampton.
"He was top-scorer in his first season with ten goals and only just missed out on winning the club's Player of the Season award. His goals were crucial in keeping the team in League One.
"His second campaign was disrupted by injury and overshadowed by the team's collapse but he still managed eight goals in a very low-scoring side.
"His form tailed off in the second half of the season and, while his work ethic and pressing out of possession were excellent, he did have a habit of going missing at times.
"He mostly operated in an attacking midfield position, sometimes dropping back into a two and more of a box-to-box role."
McGeehan played for the Reds from 2017 to 2020, making 64 appearances and scoring nine goals.
Having signed from Luton, he was loaned out to Scunthorpe when the Reds were relegated from the Championship.
But, under Stendel in the 2018/19 season, he formed a midfield partnership with Alex Mowatt which helped the Reds to promotion. After Stendel was sacked the following October, he was loaned to Portsmouth then joined Reds' then sister club Oostende.
He spent three years in Belgium before a stint at League Two Colchester then a move to Northampton in 2024.
McGeehan scored 17 goals in 73 League One games for the Cobblers who finished bottom last season then he turned down the offer of a new deal.



CLAYTON TAYLOR
Barnsley were last night set to announce the deal for the Australian winger.
Taylor, 22, scored nine goals as the Newcastle Jets won the Australian title for the first time ever in the 2025/26 season which finished in May then his contract expired.
Barnsley's recruitment team have kept an eye on the Australian leagues for years, monitoring goalkeeper Joe Gauci well before his move to Aston Villa and loan to Oakwell.
James Gardiner has covered the Jets for the Newcastle Herald for more than 20 years.
He said: "Clayton is in the top couple of attackers in the A-League in terms of dribbling at defenders and out of tight spaces.
"He has scored some runaway goals where you go: 'how did he score that?'
"Technically he is strong and he has a high work-rate. He had groin surgery last off season and didn't return until round five.
"His return to match fitness coincided with the Jets' unbeaten run which was the catalyst for their premiership.
"He is right-footed but played mainly on the left and was lethal cutting back inside onto preferred foot.
"I was surprised that he wasn't in the Socceroos' extended squad in lead-up to the World Cup. He offered a point of difference."



ISAAC SMITH
The centre-back was announced on a permanent deal after a youth loan last season from Manchester City who released him.
Smith, who will turn 21 before the season starts, played regularly for the Reds' under 21s.
He played for England under 17s with Nico O'Reilly and Kobbie Mainoo who are currently with England's senior team at the World Cup.
He spent ten years in the Manchester City academy but has been hindered by injuries in recent years.
When Smith signed on loan for the Reds, academy manager Bobby Hassell told the Chronicle: "I think he's got a real chance.
"You'd probably say he's a bit old school in the way he defends.
"He's really aggressive. He's obviously good in possession, which you'd expect coming from Man City."
Smith is thought to have been signed as part of the first team squad but may also play for the under 21s team.
He has signed a two-year contract with a one-year option in the club's favour.



CALUM HUDSON
The 19-year-old centre-back's move to the Reds from Scarborough Athletic for an undisclosed fee was confirmed this week.
The former England Schoolboys player, who worked as a labourer after leaving school at 16, spent part of last season on loan at Northern Premier League club Guiseley.
The Lions are managed by Barnsley man Ian Richards, the former Penistone Church and Stocksbridge Park Steels boss.
Richards said: "We had a shortage at centre-back and we'd heard about Calum really doing well at Tadcaster Albion on loan from Scarborough. We took a chance on him.
"He'd already been on trial at Barnsley and they kept an eye on him.
"Like any young lad, he had a little bit of fluctuation in form but, for an 18-year-old, he was so aggressive. He's strong and quick, loves to defend, he puts his head where other players wouldn't put their feet. He's a throw-back as a centre-back. He's not the tallest but has a really athletic leap on him. He is brave in possession and will receive the ball under pressure. He's a right-footer but he will play the ball on his left or right.
"I think Barnsley see a player with all the raw materials who is only going to get better



A look at Barnsley's friendlies during the summer of 2026 which begin this weekend

MATLOCK TOWN, A, TOMORROW
Barnsley are due to start their pre-season matches at the Northern Premier League club in Derbyshire.
The match was a late addition to the schedule and will come at the end of the first full week of training at Oakwell.
Daniel Stendel is expected to be in the dugout but the team is likely to be made up of under 21 players plus potentially a few first teamers.
The Gladiators finished second in Division One East, the eighth tier of English football, last season then lost to Bradford Park Avenue in the play-offs.
They are managed by Ryan Cresswell, who was dismissed after a temporary stint at the end of last season then rehired in the summer although a recent statement said he had joined an EFL club as coach and Matlock would assess the viability of him continuing in his job with them.
Former Barnsley youngster Ricky Ravenhill has been the assistant coach while they have Northern Ireland international Conor Washington.

YORK CITY, A, JULY 11
Stendel oversaw a 7-1 win over the Minstermen in a friendly at their former ground on July 10, 2018.
Nine of the players involved that day would be regular starters in the team which won automatic promotion the following season.
The Reds' squad is likely to be far less complete when they give their first team their first proper



Familiar opponents: Barnsley celebrate beating York in the FA Cup last season and, right, Scarborough manager Jonathan Greening when a Reds player.

run-out of Stendel's second spell in charge.
It should be a decent test against a side who have just been promoted back into the EFL in the most dramatic circumstances, netting a 113th-minute winner on the final day at title rivals Rochdale whose fans had stormed the pitch minutes earlier to celebrate what they thought was the winner.
Jon Flatman, now Barnsley chief executive, played a role in the construction of the York Community Stadium which opened in 2021, when at York City Knights rugby league club.
The Reds visited last pre-season and drew 2-2 then the clubs were drawn together at Oakwell in the FA Cup first round in November with

Barnsley winning 3-2.

SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC, A, JULY 25
A fortnight after the trip to York, during which time they may play a behind-closed-doors friendly, the Reds are back in North Yorkshire to take on the Seadogs
The original Scarborough – who reached the Football League but only played Barnsley in a two-legged League Cup tie in the 1998/99 season – folded in 2007 and a new club started in the tenth tier.
They have since gained four promotions and came close to a fifth last season when they lost in the National League North play-offs to Buxton.



They return to their renovated Flamingo Land Stadium this summer after period ground-sharing in Bridlington.
Scarborough's manager is Jonathan Greening who played six times for Barnsley on loan from Nottingham Forest in the 2012/13 season.
The Reds have signed teenage Calum Hudson defender from Scarborough, with this friendly thought to be part of the deal.
LINCOLN CITY, H, AUGUST 1
The Reds' final friendly of the season will see them welcome the Championship Imps for a 7pm kick-off.
The match is in the evening because Lincoln

play nearby at Doncaster Rovers from 3pm with a different team competing in both matches.
It will be the first time Oakwell has hosted a friendly for two years because, last summer, the pitch had been relaid later than usual due to Callum Simpson's boxing match.
Lincoln are a club Barnsley are attempting to emulate after they won the League One title with a budget not thought to be anywhere near one of the biggest in the division.
Their manager Michael Skubala has since moved to Bristol City with coaches Chris Cohen and Tom Shaw promoted to joint managers.
Barnsley will then have a week before hosting Wigan Athletic in the EFL Cup.

Several derbies as non-league clubs return for pre-season

BARNSLEY'S top non-league teams have returned to friendly action this week with several clashes between town teams scheduled in pre-season.
The Northern Counties East League season is due to start on July 25.
Worsbrough Bridge and Dearne and District have both been promoted to the Premier Division to join Penistone Church while Wombwell Town were relegated to Division One and will be alongside Athersley Rec.
Worsbrough are due to host Penistone on Wednesday from 7.30pm in the Charlie Wyatt Memorial Cup.
Athersley Rec are set to face Wombwell Town on Saturday from 1pm then Dearne and District on Tuesday at 7.30pm – with both matches taking place at Frickley Athletic.
Dearne are due to visit AFC Mansfield on Saturday.
Wombwell Town host Cudworth-based club Elite AFC on Tuesday from 7pm.

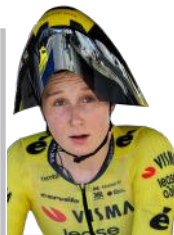
Penistone pair play for Yorkshire girls at Shaw Lane



YORKSHIRE CCC women's under 18s teams have been playing at Shaw Lane this week including two who also play for Penistone CC.
The Yorkshire Academy side won by 45 runs after posting 321 in a 50-over game with Warwickshire on Tuesday.
Penistone's Maiya Charlesworth, 16, was among the home batters.
The previous day, the Emerging Player Programme – the team just below the academy side – also played at Shaw Lane.
They won by 107 runs against Warwickshire with Penistone wicketkeeper Emily Shaw, 13, claiming a stumping.
Home win: Yorkshire Academy against Warwickshire on Tuesday. Picture: Shaun Colborn.



Barnsley batter Ali passes 1,100 runs by end of June as Shaw Laners stay second – Page 19



Cyclist Imogen Wolff, from Silkstone Common, takes silver medal at the British Road Championships – Page 20

PAGE 21 – A CLOSER LOOK AT BARNSLEY’S NEW SIGNINGS AND A PREVIEW OF THEIR PRE-SEASON GAMES



BACK: This has been the first full week of Barnsley’s pre-season. Daniel Stendel is pictured with Jack Shepherd and Vimal Yoganathan with Cameron McGeehan also shown, right. Pictures: Barnsley FC.



Busy week at Oakwell but plenty more to do with strikers priority

- Connell returns to training to join sought-after Cleary
- Reds look to add forwards, goalkeeper and defender

By Doug O’Kane

BARNSLEY began their summer business with several signings this week but know there is plenty more work to do – especially with new strikers. This week, the third of the transfer window, has seen the Reds announce the signings of their former player Cameron McGeehan on a free transfer-plus young defenders Isaac Smith and Calum Hudson. Australian winger Clayton Taylor was expected to be announced last night. They are thought to be paying a compensation fee to Newcastle Jets for the out-of-contract 22-year-old Taylor. It is understood the Reds want two strikers – an area in which they are

particularly light – another centre-back and a goalkeeper for the first 11 then to strengthen other areas such as full-back. They will also look to replace anyone who leaves – with star winger Reyes Cleary and captain Luca Connell thought to be of interest to other clubs along with Northern Ireland international Patrick Kelly. Connell returned to pre-season training yesterday having agreed with the club to come back at this time. Barnsley have been linked with the purchase of right-back Tyrese Noslin, who played in the World Cup for Curacao and is with Dutch club Telstar but no deal was thought imminent as of Thursday. The new season is due to start in just

over a month on the weekend of August 8 while the Reds, who have been back in training for just over a week, play their first pre-season game at Matlock Town on Saturday. Championship clubs such as Millwall and Derby County are reportedly interested in Cleary, 22, who netted seven goals and added 15 assists in his first EFL season after joining from West Bromwich Albion. The Reds have rejected multiple approaches all year but would be willing to sell if a club meets their valuation which is thought to be a substantial seven-figure fee that might make him one of their highest ever sales. The Baggies are thought to have a sell-on clause in the contract of Cleary, who has been training at Oakwell this week. The Reds sold star midfielder Adam Phillips to Bradford City and goalkeeper Jackson Smith to Port Vale earlier in the summer window. The signing of McGeehan leaves the



New signing: Isaac Smith. Reds well-stocked with central midfielders as he joins Connell and Kelly plus academy products Jono Bland and Vimal Yoganathan. Some of those players could potentially be used in attacking midfield or on the

wings in Stendel’s usual 4-4-2 or 4-2-3-1 formations. Their natural wingers are Cleary, Taylor, plus 20-year-olds, Fabio Jalo and Charlie Lennon while their only current striker is Leo Farrell who is yet to make his full debut after coming through the youth system. Isaac Smith, who is expected to play for the under 21s but add depth to the first team options, joins a centre-back department that includes Josh Earl – who can also play left-back – Mael de Gevigny and Jack Shepherd. Connor Barratt and Kacper Lopata are also on the books following loans away from the club last season. Hudson, 18, is expected to start in the under 21s squad. The Reds are expected to sign a goalkeeper this summer with the current stoppers being academy products Kieren Flavell and Rogan Ravenhill. Corey O’Keeffe is the only senior right-back with Earl and Georgie Gent options on the left.

Some of the above players are likely to be loaned out or sold later in the summer if deemed surplus to requirements by Stendel. McGeehan, 31, is now the oldest player in a very young squad. The Reds had the fifth youngest squad in the division last season with an average age of 25 but that could come down significantly depending on their remaining signings. The next oldest are O’Keeffe and Kelechi Nwakali, both 28, with the latter’s future unclear after barely playing last year, followed by Earl, 27, and de Gevigny, 26. They also have 25-year-olds Connell, Shepherd and Lopata. They have four 22-year-olds in Taylor, Reyes Cleary, Gent, Barratt and Flavell plus Patrick Kelly who is 21. Bland, Yoganathan, Farrell, Jalo and Ravenhill were all in the same academy team and are now 20, while Smith is also that age.

McGeehan has ‘unfinished business’ after rejoining Stendel at Barnsley

CAMERON McGeehan says he has ‘unfinished business’ at Barnsley and is delighted to return for a second spell under Daniel Stendel. The 31-year-old, who was part of Stendel’s 2019 promotion team, signed a one-year deal with a further year’s option in the club’s favour. McGeehan said he hopes to be a leader and help get messages about Stendel’s style across to his teammates. The midfielder said Stendel was a ‘big factor’ in his return. He told the club’s website: “I had a lot of conversations with him over the summer. “I have kept in contact with him loosely over the last years, checking what we’ve both been up to. “He was really keen to use my experience and my past time at Barnsley.” Stendel is known for his high-pressing style. McGeehan said: ‘It’s all about intensity. Sometimes it can look crazy but that’s kind of how we want it, a bit manic – everyone pressing and all together. “He talks about everyone being together on the pitch and off the pitch with the fans. “He’s a really intense guy and a winner and he wants to do well here again. “It suits me really well as we saw last time I was here.” He added: “That was a great part of my career. “It was still up and down. “I wasn’t in the team at the start then



Re-signed: Cameron McGeehan. got in the team and did really well. “It probably ended a bit sooner than I thought it would in the Championship so maybe there’s a bit of unfinished business. “But I just want to build the club back up to where it should be.” McGeehan admits it was a big decision to relocate his family up north. “I have got two young kids and a wife. “We live in London so coming up here is obviously a big decision. “But the size of the club, and the manager who was here when I was here, and the fans, that’s why I want to

come back. “I am hungry and feel I maybe haven’t fulfilled my potential. “Of all the offers this was the one that gave me the best feeling by far.” This will be McGeehan’s third pre-season under Stendel. He said: “It’s a different pre-season to what you would traditionally have in England. “There are a lot of days in and not so many days off. “Everything is about pressing and intensity. You won’t do long slow runs, it is all tailored towards how we want to play every single day.”

BARNSLEY are unlikely to add a new assistant manager to Daniel Stendel’s backroom staff in the near future, the Chronicle understands. The Reds considered adding another assistant when they brought back the German as head coach last month. It is not impossible that they will still make alterations to the coaching set-up but the current line-up is expected to lead the squad in pre-season. The Reds are understood to be bringing in an analyst who Stendel knows from earlier in his career but they have not been officially confirmed. First team coach Tom Harban, who is from Barnsley, came through the Reds’ academy but never played a first team game and, after a spell a youth worker, has been coaching at Oakwell for 14 years. The 40-year-old coached at various levels in the academy including the under 18s and under 21s but was promoted to assistant first team coach last summer by Conor Hourihane who has now been replaced by Stendel. Harban and Stendel know each other from the German’s first spell at the club in 2018 and 2019. Scott Flinders remains as goalkeeper coach – having also been brought back last summer by Hourihane almost 20 years after leaving the club as a player. Stendel, in his first spell, promoted Barnsley man Dale Tonge to the first team coaching set-up then took him to next club Hearts. Tonge this week joined Huddersfield Town as a coach.



Different set-up: Daniel Stendel with Dale Tonge. Right: Tom Harban.



The Reds have usually had either two assistant coaches or one and a first team coach but currently have just Stendel and Harban. Last season’s head coach Hourihane and assistant Richard Keogh were confirmed by League One Leicester City and League Two Walsall respectively as number twos this week. Meanwhile, centre-back Eoghan O’Connell joined Stockport County this week having turned down a new deal offered by Barnsley. The Irishman, 31, played 26 games for the Reds after joining as a free agent in the January transfer window. After David McGoldrick – last season’s top-scorer – also rejected a new deal, neither senior players offered a contract this summer have taken it.

Stones makes late cameo in England victory

JOHN Stones gained his 91st England cap in a late substitute appearance against DR Congo in the World Cup on Wednesday – reportedly becoming the first man to play for them at a major tournament while not having a club side. The 32-year-old from Thurlstone played the final minutes of the 2-1 win, after fellow England stalwart Harry Kane’s brace had helped them avoid what would have been one of the biggest shock losses in their history. Former Barnsley player Stones is currently without a club after

leaving Manchester City this summer. The nervy victory in Atlanta means England will now play in the last 16 against Mexico in Mexico City from 1am on Monday UK time. There have been some calls for Stones to start in that match, following an unconvincing defensive display, potentially with him coming in at centre-back and Ezri Konsa moving to the right. Stones was an unused substitute as England beat Panama 2-0 in New Jersey on Saturday which meant they topped

their group. Ex-Red Ivan Toney has not yet played for England in the tournament. Goalkeeper Owen Goodmam, who spent the second half of last season on loan to Barnsley from Crystal Palace, has not played yet but is part of the squad for host nation Canada who have reached the last 16. Ex-Reds Chris Wood, the New Zealand striker, and Dean Gorre, assistant manager of Curacao, were knocked out of the tournament in the group stage.

Barnsley coach blasts Serena Centre Court return

BARNSLEY tennis coach Calvin Betton branded the decision to put Serena Williams on Centre Court at Wimbledon this week a ‘disgrace’. The 23-time Grand Slam winner, 44, returned as a wildcard, in her first singles match for four years, and lost in the first round.

Betton, from New Lodge, is a Grand Slam-winning doubles coach whose charges Henry Patten and Harri Heliövaara are number one seeds at Wimbledon this year. Speaking on his podcast Tennis Unfiltered, Betton said Wimbledon ‘can’t be taken seriously’ and said: ‘Isn’t it a gateway drug to getting people like Jake

Paul in there?’ He added: “I suspect this return will just be for Wimbledon, the US Open and a couple of the Masters events, that’s it. “And that’s where I have a problem because this is not a serious tennis professional and we’re giving them wildcards into the Wimbledon draw.”

SPECIAL MOMENT: When Gary Briscoe rounded the corner into the home straight of the Barnsley 10k in the town centre on Sunday, he could see the former Thornton’s chocolate shop where his grandmother Ethel Bamforth had worked for 30 years. The Barnsley AC runner won the race and then visited his unwell grandma who had been given days to live earlier that week. Gary said: “She held on until the evening after the race and I went and showed her my medal. I promised her I would win it for her.” More on page 20.

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