



## Parish Plan Open Day.

21<sup>st</sup> June 2008

Held in the Village Hall.

As part of the consultation progress for the Barrow upon Trent Parish Plan the steering group organised an open day to promote the idea, show what responses had been received from the distribution of flyers and to obtain comments and ideas for the future of the village.

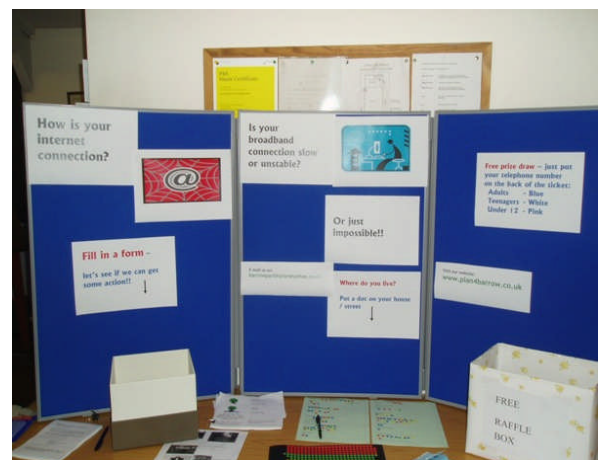
The open day was held in the Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> June from 10am until 2pm with some excellent displays, representatives from various associations within the village, refreshments, competitions for the children and a free prize draw for every entrant.



A marquee was erected at the entrance to the Hall to welcome visitors.

All visitors were signed in and had to place a sticker on a chart to record what part of the Parish was being represented. All entrants were entered into a free prize draw. A pictorial quiz was also available of various landmarks around the village. The under 21,s winner was Jonathon Chambers. The over 21,s winner was S Dixon

Well Done!



Over 130 people were in attendance from around the Parish plus the 20 or so Steering Group volunteers manning the displays and providing the refreshments. What a fantastic turnout with nearly half of the properties in the Parish represented in some way.

Lots of very useful and interesting feedback was received from Parishioners which will be added to the information received from the first flyers and from the questionnaires that will be sent out shortly.



2 residents from Hall Park discuss the Parish Plan with Keith Slater.

By 10.30am there were several groups of people looking at the displays and adding comments to the “comments boards”.

Refreshments were served by Norma Sharpe and Hazel Wilcox, note the fantastic table display which was designed around the Plan logo



Anne Heathcote is kept busy at the reception area.

Suzanne Hewitt from Merrybower cottages had a large map of the Parish and was asking Parishioners to mark areas of the Parish that were of concern and problems that were encountered.

“Consideration for others” presented by Liz Peck from Arleston, on many occasions overlooked as part of the Parish. The involvement by so many villagers with the Parish Plan will help to cement the connections and acquaintances made.

The young children in the foreground are busy creating the next art masterpiece.



Catherine Blackmore organised a display entitled “Village Comforts” which aims to find out what Villagers like and dislike about the Village and Parish and what would they like to see improved.

By 11.30am the hall was very busy with a good cross section of the community in attendance and all providing positive feedback.



Very high up on the Parish Plan is consideration for the younger generation in the parish. Helen Atkin is very much in touch with the School and Youth Group and organised this display to attract comments from this important sector. “After all, they are the future”.

Since the setting up of the Steering Group flyers have been sent out to all homes asking several basic questions about village life. This display itemises all of the responses to date and will be included in the final consultation document.



A continuous loop of images from around the village and past events were played to visitors.

Jill Scarfe with the "Parish Amenities" display which was busy for large parts of the day and shows that many Parishioners are very keen on improving local amenities and problem areas in the locality.



Have you heard the one about!!!!!!

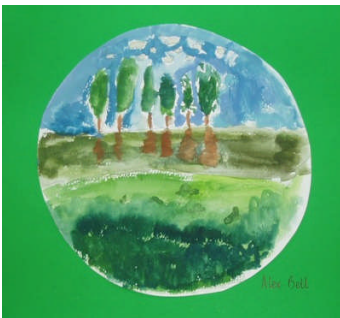
The local constabulary were in attendance to provide reassurance to Parishioners worried about crime and anti social behaviour.



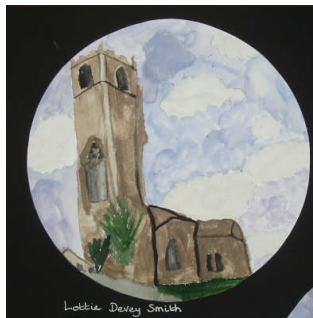
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## **The School painting and photography competition results.**

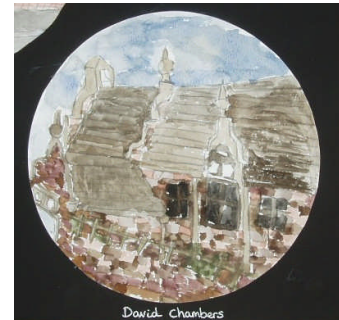
The standard was very high and judging very difficult, but the following were picked.



Alex Bell



Lottie Devey Smith



David Chambers

The paper plate competition for the very young was won by James, Amy and George.

Well done to all.



The winning photograph was sent in by Kate Vaughn.

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Apologies for the camera flash, my fault.

**A very successful day indeed.**