



# Jamboree Time

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## Wasn't That a Party.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Barrow Jamboree Anniversary reunion tour was a blast. In July last year over 70 people traveled to Barrow from Canada and the USA to mark this momentous milestone. The majority

of the revelers stayed at the Walney Southend Caravan Park, where they were treated regally by the park owner Kathy Mulgrew and her staff. Many events were arranged for the group, including a sumptuous dinner onboard the Salandria, an official reception with the Mayor at the Town Hall, a tour of the Shipyard, the traditional darts tournament and finally an evening of entertainment "a la Jamboree" style complete with our very own Tom Jones. An event of this magnitude does not organize itself. There were many people involved who worked hard to make this a success, far too many to be named in this Newsletter.



Fame at last. Tom Jones goes back-stage to meet our Ted at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jamboree.

However there are two people whose involvement was instrumental in its success, Raidee Corrie whose brain child this was and Ian Scott who provided so much coordination and logistical support from Barrow. Many thanks to you both and let us know what you have planned for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



**Stop Press:** Roger Hudson said he had such a "smashing time" during the BAE Systems tour, but fortunately he does now realize that "table dancing" is not his forte so repeat performances are not on the cards.

### Founder Member Passes Away

*It is not the normal practice of this Newsletter to report on the passing of Jamboree attendees, but in this instance an exception will be made. On November 28<sup>th</sup> 2007, just shortly after his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday, Tom Hendry passed away. If any one person can lay claim to being the founder of the Barrow Jamboree, it was Tommy. It was Tommy's suggestion all those years ago to start a camping Jamboree for expatriate Barrovians; a place where once a year they could get together and have a fun weekend with other Barrow families from Ontario and nearby American states. The rest, as they say, is history and we will always remember Tommy and the legacy he left us.*

### 2007 Trophy Winners

Mixed Darts: Ross Potter & Sue Finn.  
Runners-Up: Andrew Corrie and Justice.  
Team Darts: Duke of Edinburgh, Paul Hudson, Graham & Andrew Corrie.

Runners-Up: Nick Hudson, Dave MacFadden & Roland Beaudet. Mens high score: Andrew Corrie 140. Ladies high score: Lyn Crinson 89.

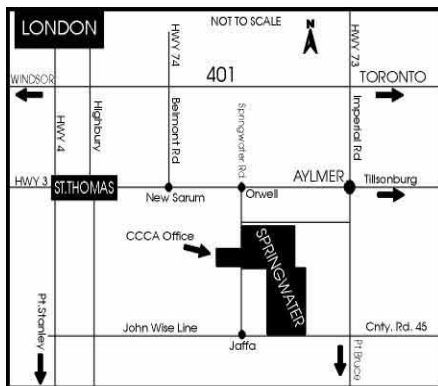
### Registration Process.

The system employed for collecting the fees once again went smoothly and the monies collected paid all our required expenses. Kudos go to the numerous volunteers who spent many hours sitting at the registration desk and also to the registrants themselves who took the time to pre-fill the forms which really sped up the whole process. So this year you will see the same system in place. Please enter on the east side of the park as normal and proceed down the roadway past the barrier. Once past the barrier drive towards the large shelter and park your vehicle on the side of the road. The registration desk will be located inside the shelter. Do not register at the main Springwater office on the west side of the road. If possible please fill out the registration form ahead of time, you will find one on the back page of this newsletter. It is important that you pay in cash; the registration desk is not equipped for credit cards, debit cards or cheques.

### Anybody Know this Guy?

*A Walney lad walks into the bar of The King Alfred with a big ship's wheel down his pants. The barmaid says, "Excuse me luv, but do you know you have a ship's wheel down the front of your pants?" And the Walney lad says... Aaargh, it's driving me nuts!!*

## 2008 Jamboree Dates



The official activity dates for the 51st annual Barrow Jamboree have been set for Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2008. See enclosed registration form for camping rates. If you wish to camp outside of the dates mentioned on the registration form please contact the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority at 519-773-9037 to make booking arrangements. Please mention that you are with the Barrow Jamboree and that you wish to be in the North/South pavilion area. Catfish Creek's camping rates outside of the Jamboree dates are \$28 per night for an un-serviced lot and \$30/34 per night for a serviced lot.

### Roy and Linda Jay 2007 Mr. & Mrs. Barrow.



Roy and Linda Jay were proclaimed the 2007 Mr. & Mrs. Barrow at last years "Concert in the Marquee". After many years of coy refusals Roy and Linda finally, and deservedly, accepted the regal honour in our anniversary year. Roy is responsible for designing and maintaining the Barrow Jamboree webpage. This informative site acts as a

communication vehicle and also as a historical reference for Jamborees of yesteryear. Many thanks to Roy and Linda for the time they have spent on this project. However things are not as they seem in the Jay household. Roy has a dark secret that he has been keeping from us for the past 30 years. It has been reported to me that Roy is not actually from Barrow, but was in fact born in Wales. Of course there were clues, his admiration for Tom Jones, his favourite campfire song was "Men of Harlech" (he knew all the words) and of course his fondness for sheep. Nevertheless, despite Roy's foreign heritage he is still most welcome at the Barrow Jamboree.

### ***Tiny Talent Time.***

**Contact Lynn Crinson to register your child or grandchild for the Tiny Talent Contest. Last year the children put on a wonderful show, they sang and danced their hearts out. So don't forget 1.15 pm Saturday afternoon over in the small shelter. This is a really popular event which draws lots of participants. The time slot we have is quite short, so please limit the acts to one per child. Some of the Tiny Talent Star contestants will appear at the beginning of the evening show.**

### ***Gourmet Breakfast.***

As is the usual Jamboree tradition, "breakfast of champions" will be available on Sunday morning. Spatulas begin flipping at 9.30am and continue while quantities last. So start your Jamboree morning in style and amble over to the main shelter for a gourmet breakfast.

## **SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

### ***Friday June 27th***

5.30pm-6.30pm Mixed Darts Reg.  
6.30pm-10.30pm Mixed Darts & Raffle  
7.00pm-9.30pm Children's Crafts.

### ***Saturday June 28th***

9.00am-10.00am Team Darts Reg.  
10.00am-12.00pm Team Darts.  
12.00pm-1.00pm Kid's Carnival.  
1.15pm-2.00pm Tiny Talent Time.  
2.00pm-2.30pm Mr. & Mrs. Barrow.  
2.30pm-4.00pm Penny Table.  
7.00pm-8.00pm Punch Party.  
8.00pm-11.00pm Evening's Enter.

### ***Sunday June 29th***

9.30-10.30am Gourmet Breakfast.  
10.00am-12noon Darts Finals  
1.00pm Trophy Presentations.

## **Fouldrey (Piel Island).**

As one stands on the jetty of Roa Island and looks across the wind swept channel to a desolate looking Piel Island, it is hard to imagine what a colourful history the island has had. In 1127 the island was given to the monks of Furness Abbey who used it as a safe harbour and built a warehouse for the storage of grain, wine and wool. The monks eventually fortified the island, firstly with a wooden tower and later on with a sturdy sandstone castle. These structures were built to repel pirates and raiders, and one can only assume that the monks had goods of high value to protect for them to build such an elaborate structure. The island was used by the teenage Lambert Simnel in 1487 as a springboard for invasion of England. This was masterminded by the Earl of Lincoln who tried to pass Lambert off as King Edward VI. Over 2000 German and Flemish mercenaries were landed on the island. They were eventually defeated at the Battle of Stoke and poor Lambert ended up as a "spit turner" in the royal kitchens. The castles fortifications were



strengthened at the time of the Spanish Armada but alas shots were never fired in anger. During the Civil War the island was used by the Parliamentarians to provide a safe haven for their fleet after the Royalists captured Liverpool. In the 1700's Piel became an important trading post and even housed a customs station. When iron ore was discovered in the Furness area the harbour became important to the local economy as the volume of shipping increased. The cottages used by the customs men and pilots still stand today and are now used as summer residences. Piel eventually fell under the ownership of the Duke of Buccleuch who donated the island to the people of Barrow in 1920 as a memorial to World War I. The last word belongs to the romantic poet William Wordsworth who spent some time at Rampside. He wrote of Piel: "I was thy neighbour once, thou rugged Pile! Four summer months I dwell in sight of thee: I saw thee every day; and all the while thy form was sleeping on a grassy sea."