

# BARTONIAN

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## BARTON ARTS WEEK 2008

Although the exact details of this year's Arts Festival are yet to be finalised, a rich and varied programme already promises a great deal of enjoyment for everyone.

This year's events span a ten day period from Thursday 26 June until Sunday 6 July. An evening concert by North Lincolnshire Youth Concert Band in St Mary's Church on 26 June will get the programme off to a lively and enjoyable start. Also at St Mary's on Friday 27 June there will be an introduction to Bell Ringing – a talk by a local expert and chance to have a go on a bell simulator which will be in Barton for the week.

Saturday evening's event is yet to be confirmed but we are hoping to attract a high quality professional act. Watch the local press for details. Following on from last year's successful film evening we will be showing two films at the Assembly Rooms on Sunday 29 June, details of which will be available on the Arts Festival Leaflet due to be published in early May.



Local folk band, Workshy Profits, provide the entertainment for Monday evening at the Queens in Queen St. Tuesday 1 July sees the return of the ever popular North Country Theatre. They are returning to Barton,

to St Peter's School, with an evening outdoor performance of the Prisoner of Zenda. Bring a chair and picnic and wrap up well!

A *Live Music Now* concert is on Wednesday 2 July with a concert from Consort 1700. They are an early music quartet who will charm the audience at Trinity Methodist Church by playing harpsichord, baroque cello and flute accompanied by a soprano vocalist.

BADAOS will once again delight us with its summer concert on Thursday 3 July, this year featuring songs from the last 10 years of its shows. The venue for this concert is Baysgarth School. Also on Thursday, up and coming comedian Robin Ince will perform at the Ropery

Hall.

The Ropewalk is also pleased to present an unmissable evening on Friday 4 July when Sir Clement Freud will talk, without hesitation, repetition or much deviation about, among other things, his life as soldier, cook and MP.



On the evening of Saturday 5 July, Barton Town Band hope to be joined by a professional soloist to provide us with a rousing concert in St Mary's Church. Sunday 6 July sees the close of the festival with Barton Tourism Partnership's Performance in the Park – Pleasure Garden.

Other events taking place during the festival will include Open Gardens on the first weekend. Trinity Methodist Garden Party, at which the North Lincolnshire Youth Swing Band will perform is on Saturday 28 June. St Mary's Garden Party will take place on the final weekend on Saturday 5 July. There will also be a national open exhibition of printmaking – Open Print at The Ropewalk.

The programme will be launched at the joint Arts Week and Civic Society coffee morning which will be held in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 17 May between 10.00am and noon where tickets will be on sale for all of the performances.

The 2007 Arts Week was made possible by grants from Barton Lions, Barton Town Council, Cooke Webster & Co, Kimberley Clark, Lindsey Relay, Longbourn Associates Ltd, North Lincolnshire Council, Proudfoot Foodstores, Ropewalk Contemporary Art & Craft and Smith and Walker Optometrists. Without their help, the Barton Arts Festival would simply not happen. We hope to gain their support again in 2008.

Why not become a member of Barton Arts? For the sum of £10 per year you can support the performances, which help make Barton a lively and vibrant place to live. Alternatively if you are a local business perhaps you would like to sponsor Barton Arts Week? For further details and ticket booking please contact Barton Arts at 15 Queen St, Barton. 01652 632438. or e mail: bartonarts@hotmail.co.uk

# HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN

Many emergencies will affect essential services and possibly disrupt your ability to travel or communicate with each other. Get your family or household together and agree on a plan. Complete the following and keep safe should you need to use the information contained in it.

If you find yourself in the middle of an emergency, your common sense and instincts will usually tell you what to do. However, it is important to:

- ✦ Make sure 999 has been called if people are injured or if there is a threat to life
- ✦ Not put yourself or others in danger
- ✦ Follow the advice of the emergency services
- ✦ Try to remain calm and think before acting, and try to reassure others
- ✦ Check for injuries - remember to help yourself before attempting to help others

If you are not involved in an accident but are close by or believe you may be in danger, in most cases the advice is: GO IN, STAY IN, TUNE IN

## Prepare NOW!

To prepare for an emergency you should take time NOW to:

- ✦ Make a fire action plan so that everyone in your home knows how to escape if there is a fire
- ✦ Fit smoke alarms on each level in your home. Keep them free from dust and test them once a week
- ✦ Prepare an emergency box
- ✦ Know where and how to turn water, gas and electricity supplies in your home
- ✦ The emergency procedures for your children at school
- ✦ The emergency procedures at your workplace
- ✦ Agree how your family will stay in contact in the event of an emergency
- ✦ Find out if you have any elderly or vulnerable neighbours that may need your help in an emergency
- ✦ Find out how to tune into your local radio station
- ✦ Know the contact details for your insurance company
- ✦ Ensure your property has adequate flood defences

Find out if you are in a flood risk area. Check NOW by calling 0845 988 1188 or visiting [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

If you are in a flood risk area you should sign-up to the free warning service offered by the Environment Agency, using the contact details above. The Environment Agency will also be able to give you lots of useful information such as how to protect your property from a flood.

For information on how to prepare for an emergency visit the local emergency planning website at <http://www.heps.gov.uk>

## Contents of emergency box

A copy of this plan	Small first aid kit
Toiletries, sanitary supplies	Battery radio and spare batteries
Household insurance policy details	Notebook and pencil/pen
Torch and spare batteries, candles/matches	Pet vaccination certificate

Also, it is always useful to have some bottle water and ready-to-eat food (eg tinned food) in case you have to remain in your home for several days.

## Evacuation

In certain very unlikely situations you may be asked to leave your home by the emergency services. If this happens, leave as quickly and calmly as possible. And if you have time:

Turn off electricity, gas and water supplies	Unplug appliances
Take your emergency box	Take prescribed medication
Take your mobile phone and charger	Take cash and credit cards
Take some spare clothes	Lock all doors and windows

If you leave by car take bottled water and blankets and tune into your local radio for emergency advice and instructions.

Location of main gas valve, water stop-cock and master electrical supply switch		
Gas	Water	Electricity

Neighbours to the left

Neighbours to the right

Name	Name
Address	Address
Telephone	Telephone
Mobile	Mobile

**Important contacts – In an emergency dial 999**

Anglian Water	08457 145 145		
Community Emergency Team			
Doctor			
Environment Agency Floodline	0845 988 1188		
Gas leaks	0800 111 999		
Insurance company (Building)			
Insurance company (Contents)			
NHS Direct	0845 46 47		
North Lincolnshire Council (office hours)	01724 296296		
North Lincolnshire Council (out of hours)	01724 276444		
North Lincolnshire Homes repairs	0800 032 6363		
Police non-emergency number	0845 60 60 222		
Scunthorpe General Hospital	01724 282282		
School		Local Radio Stations	
Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444	BBC Radio Humberside	96.9 FM
Work		Lincs FM	102.2FM
YEDL	0800 375 675	Viking FM	96.9 FM

It was with some sadness that Home-Start closed its Barton on Humber office on Fleetgate last October, but this was due to the loss of funding from The Big Lottery, who had supported the scheme for the past 6 years. Less funding has led to the scheme being restructured and all operations have now moved to the Scunthorpe office at 103a Frodingham Rd, Scunthorpe, N Lincs, tel 01724 858433.

However this does not mean that Home-Start is no longer active in the Barton on Humber area!

'Although we have had to look at cutting back on running costs for the scheme as a whole, we have not withdrawn our service from the area,' stated Faith Woodcock, senior co-ordinator. 'The families we support throughout the whole of North Lincolnshire and our team of home-visiting volunteers are very important to us, and we are working hard to make sure the office re-location affects them as little as possible!'

The office move from Barton to Scunthorpe has not been the only thing to impact on the scheme recently. Not only has Home-Start North Lincolnshire appointed Faith Woodcock to

the post of senior co-ordinator, Home-Start UK has introduced nationally to all schemes a new livery in orange and raspberry for a fresh new look!

Home-Start North Lincolnshire will continue to support families with at least one child under the age of five throughout the county and recruit and train home-visiting volunteers just as it has done since 1987, when the scheme was 1<sup>st</sup> established.

'We are approaching our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with a bright new image and the same enthusiasm that has made the scheme so successful within North Lincolnshire,' added Faith.

To find out more about the scheme and the support it offers, please contact the office on 01724 858433 and ask to speak to Joy Hill (Outreach

Co-ordinator) in the 1<sup>st</sup> instance, or Faith Woodcock (Senior Co-ordinator). You can also log on to the national website at [www.home-start.org.uk](http://www.home-start.org.uk)

Or email the scheme directly on [homestartnl@btclick.com](mailto:homestartnl@btclick.com)

### **BARTON TOWN AWARD**

The Town Award winner for 2008 is Mr. Michael Bennett, better know as Micky B, who was presented with his award at the Mayor's Civic Dinner on February 22nd, 2008 at the Assembly Rooms. Micky was nominated for his voluntary work with children teaching football at Castledyke School, and raising funds for the local community.

Other locals nominated who all received a Certificate of Merit were:- Chris Ashton, Liz Bennet, Ros Cash, Dennis Cox, Jim Crosskell, Kath & Pete Davis, Wendy Fowler, David Gadie, Maureen Hardman, Dr Robert Jaggs-Fowler, and Major Brenda Jeffery,

## Shona Mclsaac MP



**Working for you in Cleethorpes,  
Immingham & Barton**

Drop-in Advice Session – Barton Library  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
(except August) 10 – 11.30am

**Write:** House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

**Phone:** 0207 219 5801

**Fax:** 0207 219 3047

**E-mail:** [mcisaacs@parliament.uk](mailto:mcisaacs@parliament.uk)

**Constituency Office:** Resource Centre, Margaret Street  
Immingham, N E Lincs, DN40 1LE  
Tel: (01469) 574324

**Interactive Website** [www.shonamcisaac.com](http://www.shonamcisaac.com)  
Polls & surveys, news, campaigns,  
discussion forums & opinions, plus a  
**new local history section for 2008**

## WHO WILL HE TALK TO NOW?

**Tony Douce** is really leaving this time. After joining Lincolnshire Police on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1972 and serving at Gainsborough he was posted to Scunthorpe in July that year. In April 1973 Tony came to work in Barton where he stayed until November 1985. From November 1985 until 1991 Tony worked as the divisional juvenile liaison officer, schools' liaison officer and assisted with crime prevention based at Scunthorpe Police Station. Tony returned to Barton in 1991 and stayed until he retired as a neighbourhood officer and general police duties in May 2002. HOWEVER, he could not be kept away and within a month was back behind the front desk helping the public.

Tony is actually retiring in April 2008. Over the years he has helped and listened to many people and arrested a fair few too, who remembers the Tufty Club and Willy Weasel? Barton police will miss him and wish him all the best and a happy retirement.

# Down the

# Garden

Having just purchased some flowers for Lynne, it made me think of possibly the different ways I select plants and flowers. The Carnations I got were just about to open with plenty of buds for long flowering, but just as important, lots of side shoots ideal for making cuttings. Not only flowers for display, but thirty or so potential plants. A far better purchase, than just a bunch, of fully opened blooms. It is also possible to utilise some cut flowers after the blooms fade. Roses in particular are excellent, select green, healthy looking stems, remove the dead flower head, trim the base of the stem just below a node and insert the cutting into sharp compost (special cutting compost or one with 50% sharp sand added), keep in a light, cool place. We use an outside shady border which has sharp sand incorporated. Next time you buy a pot plant, just look, is it one plant or several which can be split up and if fed and watered carefully will reward you with several excellent new plants for the price of one.

With pest populations on the increase it is nice to know that sometimes there are simple answers, like using a small battery vacuum cleaner to suck up white fly in your greenhouse. Recent research into scarid fly (those little black flies that scamper over the surface of compost of plants, and whose larval stage eats the roots of pot plants), has shown that they are attracted to relatively low levels of

light. So, using a light source (I intend to try a solar lamp) combined with sticky trap tape may be useful in controlling the adults. Tests are ongoing.

This year we are growing: 'Arran Pilot' – 1<sup>st</sup> early potatoes with good drought resistance, which tends to be a problem in our light soil; 'Wilja' – as 2<sup>nd</sup> earlies and 'Cara', which has good resistance to blight, as our main crop potato. We managed to avoid blight last year, but the wet summer was particularly bad for that other member of the Solanum (potato) family, the outdoor tomato. Many growers lost entire crops to blight. Bordeaux mix – a blend of copper sulphate and hydrated lime, sprayed in early summer did give some protection. Suttons are promoting a cherry tomato, 'Hundreds and Thousands', as the world's most prolific tomato, ideal for containers and hanging baskets. It could be worth a try, see [www.suttons.co.uk/tomato](http://www.suttons.co.uk/tomato)

This time of year can be very busy in the garden, but if it is mild don't be tempted to plant out tender bedding until you can be sure the frosts have gone. Garden centres may have these plants for sale but unless you can keep your bedding plants under protection resist the temptation to buy, until the frost dangers pass.

Broad beans, summer cabbage, early peas, cauliflower, radish, spring onions, lettuce, rocket, carrots and many others can all be sown now, most seed packets have detailed advice. If you have a greenhouse make sure it's well ventilated on sunny days, but shut down before the day cools to retain the heat, an automatic vent is well worth investing in. Towards the end of April, weather permitting, start standing frost tender bedding and

vegetable plants out during the day, but keeping them frost free at night in a greenhouse or frame.

Whatever care your plants need, does not seem to apply to weeds. These need to be kept on top of by regular weeding and hoeing, they are much easier to destroy when they are young. It's worth giving your borders some general purpose fertiliser to give the plants a good start to the season, we use an organic product, such as pelleted chicken manure.

Walking round Barton the other day it was good to see the tree planting that has been done over the last few years beginning to establish. However it is sad to see some specimen trees which have not had their tree ties loosened or removed since planting. Trees can be restricted by tight tree ties, causing a narrowing of the trunk and making them susceptible to disease or snapping off in the wind. So if you have a tree please check any ties and if it is tight slacken it off or remove it. I have done this to one or two trees in the town, they almost sigh with relief when you do it and soon fill out any narrowing in the stem.

'Hark the new-born lambs are bleating,  
And the cawing rooks are meeting  
In the Elms – a noisy crowd;  
All the birds are singing loud;'

The Voice of Spring – Mary Howitt

Well that was before Dutch Elm disease!

Enjoy your garden

*Jim Dowdy*

## Big Brother Comes To Barton!

Now don't get too excited. This is George Orwell's Big Brother, not Channel Four's!

A few years ago my company produced large print and braille versions of the Optional SATS papers for the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA). One year the English source book was based on "1984" (Big Brother) and contemporary CCTV experiences in Scotland. The survey findings in Scotland were that in real situations CCTV is regarded as a helpful thing and not invasive. The public's perception of the use of CCTV was very positive.

I really hope that the same will soon be said in Barton. At a recent Chamber of Trade and Industry meeting we learned that CCTV cameras were to be installed to help reduce the vandalism and general anti-social behaviour that we have seen rising lately. The Chamber meeting was so convinced of the usefulness of these systems that it agreed to fund extended provision to help complete the coverage. This will not only provide support for

traders in their businesses, which is our primary cause, but also general street cover, which should help the overall situation.

As Chair of Chamber I certainly welcome this initiative and hope that by working with and supporting the other official bodies we can aim to regain the "nice place to live" environment that people reported used to be the case in our earlier survey.

Paul Thornton  
Chair – Barton Chamber of Trade and Industry  
Director – Visually Impaired Media Access Consultants



# BAYSGARTH NEWS

Welcome to the first school update of 2008 which sees the school vibrant and busy as usual. The visit of youngsters from Gifhorn last term was exchanged during the February break when the Baysgarth pupils involved went to stay with their German friends. They had a thoroughly enjoyable experience and their host families were extremely kind and welcoming. Half-term also saw our annual skiing trip take place led by Assistant Head Jim Hackney and the group experienced a thoroughly enjoyable time. Back at school an exciting development is well under way and should be completed during the next few weeks. It is an all-weather floodlit sports facility known as a MUGA – multi-use games area – and it will greatly enhance the PE and sporting opportunities provided for both the school's pupils and also for Baysgarth's wider community. I will keep you up-to-date as to the completion date, and with publicity about booking appointments shortly.

Kind regards, *Colin Saywell*

## Scunthorpe & District Girls' Football



This Tournament was held at High Ridge School and was open to all Year 8 girls' teams in the Scunthorpe and District area. Baysgarth Girls played three

matches and managed to get into the semi-final. They then went on to win the final against South Axholme by four goals to nil. The Baysgarth players put some exceptional performances in to every match showing the high standards that girls' football is reaching at the school. The team was: Jasmine McNaught (Captain), Stacey Heseltine, Alissia Graham, Katie Eldridge, Kate Ward, Amy Griffiths, Rachel Stoney and Amelia Shackles. Congratulations to all involved and to their coach, Claire Charge. Well done.

## Orchestra is the best!

I have been every week and I wouldn't want to miss one! All sorts of instruments are there and there is always room for more. So far we have a few percussionists, a strong brass section, a strong string section and a small woodwind section.....hint, hint.

Pupils from every year group are there and a few teachers play as well! Our fantastic conductor is Mrs Bishop, who is always glad to see new faces. The Orchestra meets on Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:45 pm. Overall, orchestra is great and it's fun to work with other musicians. Hope to see you there! *Thomas Wilson 9T-RJG*

## Sculptures in Wood



Kelly Hunt (Year 8) has been learning wood carving since April 2007. She attends a Wood Carving class in Horkstow every Tuesday with her Grandad from 7pm to 9pm. The tutor in charge is Mr. O.H.Boyd, who is a professional wood carver. Here is a picture of Kelly with some of her work. She is really carving her way to success!!

## The No. 1 Choir hits it big

We have only had our school choir since September, and it is high on success. It has proven popular as we have more than twenty students coming and more still joining. We are learning a great deal about how to use our voices. We have many talented students who are showing progress. The after school singing group is not just about learning – it is also a great deal of fun and you can see different sides to all the teachers. We all have different targets to reach but in the end it all sounds great, and we really enjoyed the concert at the end of last term that included the orchestra, the Cheerleaders, and of course us – the choir!

*Catherine Simpson and Bethany Walton – Year 8*

## Half-Term Ski Trip February 2008



Between forty and fifty people visited Partenen, near Gaschurn in Austria for the Baysgarth ski trip during the half-term. After an exhausting trip of 22 hours on the coach – Folkestone to Calais, then through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and finally Austria they arrived tired but excited. Fortunately the weather was perfect all through the week, but unfortunately there were some accidents, which stopped some people from being able to ski. However, the Hotel was excellent as was the food, and the hospitality was tremendous. A great time, and a super holiday. *Alex Briggs 10A-BB*

## CHRISTMAS FAIR - RESIDENT'S SURVEY

The Christmas Fair has been run by Councillors and other volunteers (Town Councillors are unpaid) for many years now. They do so for the following reasons; to provide entertainment at Christmas for the town's children and young people, a social gathering, meet old friends, opportunity for local voluntary groups to raise their profile and funds, a celebration of the Christian festival and to promote the town regionally in competition with Lincoln, Brigg and Hull.

The Council has always tried to respond to issues that people have had with the fair, but it isn't of course possible to make everyone happy all of the time. The event in its current format depends on the closure of several central streets which naturally creates friction with the town's traders and a huge amount of time is spent annually trying to reach compromises with people's issues.

The Council wishes to consult and find out people's views. As the town's traders have been extensively consulted through the good offices of the Barton upon Humber Chamber of Trade and Industry, this form is aimed at Barton residents rather than the traders in order to gain a complete picture.

Do you live in Barton? Yes  No

Which age group would you place yourself in? 16-24  24-40  40-65  65+

Would you prefer the Fair to be a small craft type fair on, say, a central car park or George St King St? Yes  No  Don't Know

Do you think the Council should encourage more charity stalls? Yes  No  Don't Know

Should the Council continue with the Christmas lights? Yes  No  Don't Know

What additional attractions do you think the fair should have?  
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Can you suggest other venues for the fair?  
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Parade – should there be one and if so what form should it take?  
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Have you any ideas on how we could make improvements?

**Individual replies will not to be answered but any issues of real concern may be brought to the Annual Meeting on Thursday 17 April 2008, 7.30pm at the Assembly Rooms. Please return your survey to the Town Council Office at the Assembly Rooms on Queen Street, Barton, before the Annual Meeting on 17 April.**

# BARTON-UPON-HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL

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## BARTON-UPON-HUMBER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

31 March 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice is given that the Annual Town Meeting will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton-upon-Humber, on Thursday 17 April 2008, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

*Shirley Richards*

Shirley Richards  
Town Clerk

### AGENDA

1. **Prayer**
2. **Welcome by the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs M Sidell.**
3. **Apologies for absence, if any.**
4. **To note that Notice of Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Paragraph 14 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.**
5. **To receive and consider the Barton-upon -Humber Town Council Annual Reports for 2007/2008, previously circulated with the April 2008 issue of the Bartonian:-**
  - (a) **Community Regeneration Committee.** (Councillor Mr J Oxley);
  - (b) **Environmental Regeneration Committee.** (Councillor Mrs J Oxley);
  - (c) **Finance and General Purposes Committee.** (Councillor Mr K Vickers);
6. **Questions for Barton Local Policing Team.**
7. **Questions for North Lincolnshire Council.**
8. **General questions from the floor. \***
9. **To consider any items for discussion or report at the discretion of the Chairman.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** \* If it is your intention to raise a matter please give prior written notice to the Clerk or Chairman before the meeting.  
It would also assist if, prior to speaking, you would give your name.

**COMMUNITY REGENERATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2007/2008****Chairman: Councillor John Oxley**

The Committee's aim is to help Barton to become an even better place to live and work, to stage events for the residents and to bring in visitors to our lovely town.

The events put on by the Town Council go from strength to strength and visitor numbers are increasing year on year.

The Annual Picnic in the Park will be held this year on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2008 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. The children's races get bigger and better each year, and I am grateful to Proudfoots for continuing to support this event. If there are any local groups out there wishing to show off their skills, young or old, please contact the Town Council Office.

The Christmas Festival will be held over the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008. This Festival is by far and away the biggest and best in North Lincolnshire. However, it will only stay that way if we try to move on. To this end we formed a working party which held meetings with the Barton Traders Association and the Tourism Committee, reaching mutual agreement for some changes. However the Barton Traders unfortunately did not agree with the Council's presentation of the event. The Craft Fair which was held for the second time was a huge success. Our Craft and Charity stalls were fully booked and thousands of pounds were raised by local charities. A competition for the children to write essays about Christmas, with the prize to assist the Mayor of Barton to switch on the Christmas Lights, resulted in some superb essays. Two winners from the Primary Schools were chosen, one from Key Stage One and one from Key Stage Two.

Unfortunately Barton was without its traditional Christmas Lights because of a new Code of Practice introduced by North Lincolnshire Council. However Barton Town Council have put into the 2008/2009 Budget a significant sum of money in order to comply with this Code of Practice and put on the Christmas Lights once again.

A new introduction this year was a second parade and other entertainment, held on Saturday at Junction Square. This proved to be a superb success for which my thanks go to Liz Bennet from the Ropewalk.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their support and hard work during the past year. I would particularly like to thank Councillors Alan Todd, Jon Evison and Tom Chant.

The Town Clerk, Shirley Richards, and Deputy Town Clerk, Carol Clark, were outstanding in the work that they put in throughout the year.

And, last but not least, I would like to thank you, the general public, for supporting the Town Council's efforts and look forward to your continuing support this year.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2007/2008****Chairman: Councillor Mrs Janet Oxley**

2007/2008 has been a busy year with everyone working hard to improve the town environment for both residents and visitors alike.

This committee is continuing to work with other groups and agencies looking into and resolving environmental problems in and around the town. We have the continuing problems with graffiti and vandalism, including vandalism in the cemetery which in turn causes great distress to residents. We have a newly formed group 'Friends of Barton Cemetery'. This group was initially formed by Gavin Quaintance after his family suffered damage to his Grandson's grave. This group has the full support of Barton Town Council. The soon to be introduced CCTV cameras may go some way to help with the problems in the town centre, however we must all be diligent. This year we also had the added problem of Summer flooding. This Committee is working closely with North Lincolnshire Council who are introducing contingency plans to cope with any future flooding problems.

We also continue to try to resolve day to day problems e.g. damage to highway verges, traffic calming measures, litter, dog fouling, public conveniences, grass cutting, weeds in the streets etc. – the list is endless. However, to resolve these and many other problems we rely on a good working partnership with the North Lincolnshire Council and have always received good responses from them. A special thanks to Michelle Button and her team at Neighbourhood Services for their prompt responses to problems.

As well as Town Councillors, membership of the Environmental Committee includes representatives from the Barton Lions Club, Barton Rotary Club, The Civic Society and NLC Neighbourhood Services, who have all worked together to improve the town's environment. My sincere thanks to all of them.

*Environment continued*

We have again entered the town in the Council for the Protection of Rural England competition to find the Best Town 2008 and look forward to winning another award this year with our displays of flower beds, hanging baskets and planters, neatly cut grass, and the absence of litter from the streets. This improves our chances of becoming a top town and also improves the environment for the people who live and work here.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all the committee members for their support, their enthusiasm and effort in achieving so much this year. I look forward to seeing the results of their future efforts.

**FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT 2007/2008****Chairman: Councillor Keith Vickers**

Once again I am pleased to report that our external auditors have accredited the Town Council Accounts for 2006/07. They are available for public viewing between 9am and 1pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Council Office, Assembly Rooms, Queen Street and will also be available for inspection at the public Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Last year Barton Town Council was unable to provide Christmas lights for the town due to new Health and Safety legislation and the insurance company declining to insure the existing lights as they did not meet these new requirements. We were aware that many of you were disappointed with this decision but I am pleased to report that the issue has been addressed for 2008, as an additional sum has been included in the budget so that these new standards can be met.

There has also been money included in the budget for Nite Safe to be in operation for a six month period from May 2008 to fund Nite Safe staff who will be patrolling the streets of Barton from 9.30pm to 3am on Fridays and Saturdays. This initiative was successful in keeping our town safer at night when it was trialled for a three month period in 2007

These are the 2 main initiatives along with a sum for inflation and small enhancements for the town that have resulted in an increase in the Barton precept, taking a Band D property to £45 per year. However, the finance committee will continue to seek ways to reduce the costs of the Council, if possible, whilst providing you with the best value for money.

As all Town Councillors are volunteers and give their time freely, I would like to thank them for their dedication and support throughout the year. Also, many thanks to the council staff for their services to the Town Council in producing the many agendas and reports.

**USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS FOR  
BARTON AREA**

Central Surgery	01652 635435
West Town Surgery (Dr. Muralee)	01652 660041
Barton Police Station	0845 6060222
Local Link Office	01724 296800
Barton Town Council	01652 633598
Baysgarth Leisure Centre	01652 632511

**Visitor Centres**

Far Ings Nature Reserve	01652 634507
Waters Edge Visitors Centre	01652 631500
Baysgarth Museum	01652 637568
The Ropewalk	01652 660380
Elsham Country Park	01652 688698

**Transport/Community**

Bus Timetable	0845 6050605
Train Times	08457 484950
Housing	01724 296808
Planning	01724 297420
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**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL WASTE  
INFORMATION**

Collection of bulky items:	01724 297000
Flytipping:	01724 297000
Household waste disposal/ recycling centres:	01724 297000
Litter (StreetRight)	01724 297000
Pest Control :	01724 297626/7
Waste commercial/trade:	01724 297806

**BARTON REFUSE SITE—GRAVEL PIT LANE**

Summer opening hours:	10.00am to 6.00pm
(1 March to 31 October)	
Winter opening hours:	10.00am to 4.00pm
(1 November to 28/29 February)	
Closed all day Wednesday and Thursday	

Asbestos disposal at Cottage Beck Road, Scunthorpe <b>only</b>	
1 March to 31 October	10.00am - 4.00pm,
1 November to 28/29 Feb	10.00am - 2.00pm

# Barton and District History Group



You are invited to join the newly formed Barton and District History Group. Our objectives are:

To develop, maintain and promote the archive collection at Baysgarth House Museum as a formal regional archive repository. It is one of four, the others being situated at Grimsby Town Hall, Scunthorpe Museum and Library and the County Archives, Lincoln.

To provide facilities for the study of the Baysgarth House Museum archive collection, which has been leased to the Group by CHAMP and North Lincolnshire Council.

To promote and facilitate an interest in the history of Barton on Humber and district.

Help us to move forward by becoming a Member. Your annual £5 membership fee will do this and give you a say in the future of the Group. If you have any questions please call one of the founding members:

- Richard Clarke, Chairman 01469 531708
- Nigel Land, Secretary 01652 633363
- Neil Turner, Treasurer 01652 635365
- Brian Peeps 01652 633147
- Martin D’Alessandro 01469 532669
- Darren Stockdale 01652 632726

**BARTON & DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Name:**.....

**Address:**.....  
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**Post Code:**.....

**Phone:**.....

**Email:**.....

**Please send with a cheque for £5 payable to BDHG to:**  
**BDHG Membership Secretary**  
**Baysgarth House**  
**Baysgarth Park**  
**Caistor Road**  
**Barton on Humber**  
**DN18 6AH**

A recent dance competition at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool was again another highly successful day for Strictly Dance.

Competitors took place in Rock n Roll, Hip Hop and Cheerdance competitions, all of which dancers were triumphant in bringing home winning places.

It was in the Cheerdance style Strictly Dance wiped the floor. Once again the teams dominated the day by bringing home 4 more national titles to add to their outstanding collection.

The National titles now won in the last 2 years by SDC stands at a whopping total of 65!!

We are not just "Simple the best" we are "Strictly the best" The skies the limit!!!

Sincere thanks to everyone concerned for making it all possible

Chris Rushby  
Principal SDC



## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Can you spare a few hours a month to help the Voluntary Car Service?

We provide transport for residents of North Lincolnshire who do not have transport of their own and either can't use public transport or who do not have access to it.

Volunteer drivers use their own cars to take local people on prearranged journeys of their choice. A mileage rate is paid for all journeys undertaken and all other expenses are also reimbursed.

For more information please contact The Voluntary Car Service:

**01652 636292**

[jen.reeve@hwrcc.org.uk](mailto:jen.reeve@hwrcc.org.uk)

[www.hwrcc.org.uk](http://www.hwrcc.org.uk)



Humber & Wolds  
Rural Community Council  
*We'll work with you to make the difference locally*

### The weather in Barton during 2007 – again a wetter year

At the end of 2006 we announced that Barton had had a wetter year – it's the same story for 2007. Some 736.5mm (c.29ins) of rain fell on Barton during the year 2007. This was 59mm (nearly 2 ½ ins) more than the total rainfall in 2006. It should be noted that the average annual rainfall in Barton in the 12 years since 1995 has been 638mm, so, most people say not surprisingly, 2007 proved to be a somewhat wetter than an average year. However, the figures have to be looked at carefully for without super-wet June Barton would have been fearful of drought. No less than 255.5mm of rain fell on Barton in June 2007, over 1/3 of the year's total rainfall! Few will forget super-Monday, 25 June, when an amazing 84mm (about 3 ¼ ins) of rain fell on the town. As in 2006 only one month had more than 100mm of rain – but note 2006's wettest month had 108mm – 2007's had 255mm! Although there was more rain in 2007 than 2006, it rained on less days during the year. In 2007 it rained on 134 days; in 2006 it rained on 138 days, in 2005 on 148 days. In 2006 there was an about 39% chance of rain on any one day. The driest spell during the year was in the 20 day period in April – easily the driest month in the year during which only 7.25mm of rain fell. The highest recorded temperature in 2007 was on 4<sup>th</sup> August at 29°C; in 2006 32°C was reached on 16 July. The lowest minus 3°C on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Recent annual rainfall totals: -

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Rainfall In mm	491	532	542	588	649	788	681	844	539	735	517	662	736.5

Maureen Welch and Geoff Bryant

## Barton Town Band

has had their best year ever in 2007 winning the Northern Area Regional Championships and then gaining 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the National Brass Band Final of Great Britain. 2007 also saw the launch of a third band in the form of a learner's ensemble and their first CD recording. So when I caught up with them in rehearsal recently I asked Jon Evison their Chairman *what were their future plans?*

**JE:** We have an interesting concert season proposed and a demanding contest programme commencing with our return to the Northern Area contest in Darlington on 30<sup>th</sup> March. This competition is causing us to focus on a test piece called "Three Part Invention" by Kenneth Downie and we will be welcoming back Richard Evans to take the band again.

**SH:** Richard is a well known conductor used to working with some of the best bands in the world, how do you all get on and how do you persuade someone of his calibre to conduct you?

**JE:** Well it's a fact Richard is famous, he has often been described as the Alex Fergusson of Brass Bands and it is sometimes a challenge to get a space in his diary but he has followed the band's progress over recent years, recognises and applauds our commitment to the development of young players, he knows some of us personally and generally likes the well attended positive hard working and friendly rehearsals he has conducted and winning is winning at all levels.

**SH:** Do you think you can win the Area competition?

**JE:** We always go into competition well rehearsed and with our heads up, we are never there just to make up numbers and if other bands win they will have had to play very well. I do have to say though, we have again stepped up a division and I know very little about the other competing bands but I am confident in our players' abilities, know they will work hard and know we will perform well. I don't think you can ask more of people.

**SH:** I mentioned the formation of the learner band in my introduction, why did you form this group?

**JE:** We have an ever expanding membership with over 70 young learners. The Youth Band has been operating for 3 years now and initially it allowed children to join at a starter level, this opportunity is no longer available as the skill levels in the youth band have increased so to offer this opportunity we had no option other than to

create another band as it is vitally important to give young players an early opportunity to develop their ensemble playing and the children love it.

**SH:** You have been described as a zealot with regard to encouraging children to play music why are you so keen on this?

**JE:** I make no apologies and I am guilty as charged! I think it is vitally important for young people to engage in clubs, sports, arts and social activities especially if they are interacting with adults, it sets young people up with a number of essential skills they will use for the rest of



their lives. I look at my own experiences; I could never be described as a sports man but have experienced tremendous enjoyment from playing initially the clarinet, and the opportunities as my skills developed out stripped most of my contemporaries in the sporting arena. I think it's true to say at least half of young people find sport difficult so we have to offer an alternative.

Unfortunately because instrument tuition is expensive to provide we are generally poor at doing this in England. The benefits of being involved in the performing arts, especially instrumental performance, are well documented, concentration levels are increased which give a boost to academic achievement and confidence is built and developed through performance. There are a lot of opportunities out there that being confident and being able to perform can open up.

**SH:** Come on, surely you're not saying we should concentrate more on the arts than sport, what about sports health benefits?

**JE:** Certainly not but there should at least be parity and as you have asked the question I suppose I should answer it. The performing arts are a life time learning experience and a skill that people of all ages can

experience together, you don't have to retire from participation aged 40 and there are no gender barriers. The instrumental arts allow both sexes to compete with equality on a level playing field. As to sports health benefits, yes they are obvious and so are sports injuries, what perhaps is less obvious is that brass players have a very well developed lung capacity and a two hour band practice twice a week, plus home practice is quite a demanding fitness regime and in today's society of people living longer dementia is a sadly increasing occurrence. If

an entry fee and music to purchase.

**SH:** Am I to understand that you have launched a 4<sup>th</sup> band?

**JE:** That's right in January we formed a Community Band which is a mixture of adults and young people, we were becoming increasingly concerned that a number of our young players needed a more demanding environment to push them on. I was determined that we wouldn't hold their development back, also we had a number of ex players still wanting to play and a small number of players

wanting to step down from the demands of the competing band. This seems to be a good solution for all, it's early days yet but already we are getting 20 players attending practices.

**SH:** I see you are advertising for players in the Bartonian, is this how you normally recruit people?

**JE:** No. We normally hold assemblies in the local junior schools and young people come to us after sparking an interest in this way, we decided to expand this because in the junior schools we are recruiting the under 11's, we have some big instruments in brass bands - Tubas and Trombones and we

needed older children or their parents to take these instruments up so this is part of a strategy to encourage this.

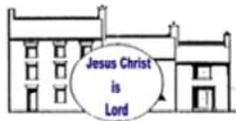
**SH:** Do you have any future projects on the drawing board?

**JE:** The short answer is yes and lots of them, we are still negotiating with North Linc's council to acquire land to build a music centre in Barton, we are developing an original brass band concert performance with visual and SFX and we would like to commission Bruce Frazer to compose an original musical work based around Barton's industrial agricultural and maritime heritage. We will be recording another CD this year and we would like to have both Bruce and Richard Evans work with the youth band. Unfortunately, all these plans cost the organisation money, so it's doubtful we will achieve them all this year but there are plenty of years left.

**SH:** Jonathan thank you very much.

If anyone would like to contact Jonathan he is available on 07976 276895 or e/mail [jonathan.evison@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.evison@gmail.com) and don't forget to check out their web site [www.bartontownband.com](http://www.bartontownband.com)

Sue Hobdey



## Sundays: 10.30am and 6pm

You'll find us just off the Market Place,  
in the heart of Barton on Humber.  
Visitors are very welcome at our services.

There is an exciting programme for  
young people:

- **Acorns** for pre-school children  
Mon and Thurs 9.30 am  
(Register at start of term)
- **T Club** for Y7 – Y10 youngsters  
Tues 6.45 pm
- **Adventurers** for Y3 –Y6 children  
Thurs 6.00 pm

If you have questions about the Christian  
faith why not contact our Minister: Gareth  
James you can phone 635249  
or visit our web site: [www.bartonec.org.uk](http://www.bartonec.org.uk)

or call in for Coffee on Saturday between 10  
and 12.

### Barton Churches Together 2008

We continue to work together. For more details of our events  
ask any of our member organisations... Salvation Army, Queen  
Street; St Mary's Church, Burgate; Trinity Chapel, Holydyke  
and St Augustine Webster Church, Whitecross Street Barton.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2008 Sunday 4 May to  
Sunday 11 May 2008**

We will be praying this year the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for "peace  
and reconciliation, both within the Church and the world".  
For more information ask at the above Churches, see  
[www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk) or come along to an **open air united service:-**

**Sunday 11 May 2008 at 3pm in the grounds of St Augustine  
Webster Church**

All Welcome (if wet in the Church)

**Is there a piece of open ground near you  
that could be brightened up with some  
snowdrops?**

**Beautiful Barton Group will have some  
available FREE in late March early April—  
Get in touch with us via the Town Council  
Office on Queen Street,**



## Carlton Education and Internet Café

We are a not for profit training organisation in Barton whose aim is to provide a  
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# Barton - upon - Humber CIVIC SOCIETY

The next event in Barton upon Humber Civic Society's 2008 programme is Jill Crowther's continuation of "The letter in the Chest". This enthralling tale of adventure stemmed from the research of Jill and her former Hull Library colleagues following discovery of a unique letter written in the mid nineteenth century. With the help of historical investigations to "read between the lines" of the letter, and after painstakingly deciphering its content, Jill will continue the story and experiences of Eliza and Benjamin Ridsdale, Wesleyan missionaries travelling in South Africa. After ten years they returned to England in 1853. But what did they find? How had their city changed and what had happened to their family?

The talk takes place on Friday 18 April at 7.30pm at the Assembly Rooms. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Further events for the spring and early summer are:

Civic Society & Barton Arts Coffee Morning on 17 May from 10am at St. Mary's Church Hall.

Guided walk around Winteringham with Sandra Clayton on Friday 23 May starting from Winteringham Village Hall at 7pm.

The lives of the Duke & Duchess of Windsor following the

abdication crisis of 1936 is covered by Marilyn Roberts on Friday 13 June at 7.30pm at the Assembly Rooms in her talk "Edward and Mrs Simpson: after the abdication".

Forthcoming open days at 51 Fleetgate are Saturday and Sunday 24/25 May from 10am to 4pm and Saturday and Sunday 12/13 July at the same times. Admission to this oldest domestic dwelling in North Lincolnshire is free.

The Civic Society will be launching its 2008 Family Competition later in the spring for young people in the town. Details will soon be sent to each of the schools in the town.

Now the good weather and lighter evenings are with us why not pick up one of the revised walk leaflets which guide you around different parts of the town and surrounding countryside. Republished in 2007, along with additional green plaques on special buildings around the town, the leaflets are free and can be obtained from the Local Link, Library, Town Council office, Baysgarth House Museum and the Ropewalk.

For more details about the Civic Society visit [www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk](http://www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk) or telephone the Chairman of the Civic Society, Ian Wolsley on 01652 632928.

## Learn to Play Brass & Percussion

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**Full Orchestral Percussion Available, Modern Brass Instruments.  
Graduate Tutors, 4 brass bands for all skill levels, Regular Concerts.**

For more details contact Band Manager Jon Evison 07976 276895  
Barton Town Band is a Registered Charity No 1005325

**Barton Tourism Partnership** is delighted to announce that funding has been secured to run the 2008 Performance in the Park. Barton Town Council, Barton Lions, North Lincolnshire Council and Arts Council England are supporting the programme which starts on May 25 at 2pm with Barton Town Band. Leaflets with full details of a summer of theatre and music will be available in April from local outlets or contact 01652 660380 for details.

All articles intended for inclusion in the Bartonian must be checked for accuracy eg dates etc before submission to the Editor. No responsibility will be taken for inaccurate information published. All articles must include a contact name and address.

Advertisers views are their views only and not necessarily the views of the Town Council. Comments and services offered may not always be endorsed by the Council.

**Barton Link Club** has been established for over 30 years and meet on Wednesdays at 1.00pm at the Queens Public House on Queen Street.

New members are being sought. If anyone is interested, please contact Ruby Akester on 01652 634359

### Barton – upon - Humber Lions Club



Barton Lions have been working hard in the last six months, raising money to support the local community and various local charities. The Christmas Fair saw several members serving up jacket potatoes with Chilli and the very popular mulled wine from the Lions caravan. Santa's Sleigh and Father Christmas came to visit Barton in December and we would like to thank the residents for helping us raise the magnificent sum of £925. Barton Town Football Club played host to Scarborough and the Lions were there to help keep the fans warm with hot meat pies and cups of tea. The club will be completing a sponsored walk from Elsham top, along the Wolds to South Ferriby and beside the river back to The Sloop in Barton, with the proceeds going to Testicular and Prostate Cancer. The walk has now become an annual event and we welcome anybody to join with us on this very pleasant walk. During the past few months the club has supported several of the local schools in donations for organised trips and projects over

the next few months. It has been a pleasure to receive thank you letters in return, and were particularly impressed with the very neat replies from Goxhill Primary. Some of the international projects the club has been involved with are, help with the secondary education sponsorship of 2 boys in Ghana, donations to Sight Savers and Water Aid. Closer to home saw the club help 20 pensioners enjoy a night's entertainment at BADAOS's production of Sweet Charity. We are also delighted to support Lindsey Lodge Hospice with a donation towards its new extension and also helped The Salvation Army OAP lunch club. The club members have also been busy with numerous social events such as Chinese New Year, a local quiz, Lions on the Line, Pie and Pea night with live entertainment—all to raise money for charity. Finally I would like to thank the people of Barton and surrounding area for the continued and valued support.



**MEMBERS of Barton upon Humber's Senior Alliance** are once again supporting Help the Aged by taking part in the charity's Big Spring Walk.

Members of the Alliance plan to organise walks of varying lengths around the town centre to suit all abilities.

The walk is being held on Saturday, April 26, starting at 10.30am outside Sally Anna's on the High Street.

Last year, the first year the Big Spring Walk was held, members of the Senior Alliance raised £185 to send off to Help the Aged's headquarters.


  
**Calling All Younger Readers News of School or Out of School Activities/ Events needed for our Junior Pages in the**



Due to the generosity of local people, a very large quantity of tools have been collected by the Rotary Club for a new project called Tools For A Mission (TWAM).



They include sewing machines, type-writers, carpentry and other tradesmen's tools. Most of the tools are in very good condition but they will all be checked over and refurbished by volunteers at the TWAM workshops in Ipswich, before being distributed in third world countries. Barton Rotary Club President, Ted Plaziuk said "This is yet another occasion when the people of Barton are making a big difference to the lives of the less fortunate, in many cases the tools will be used to help people in the third world earn a living".

The run-up to Christmas was a very busy period for Barton Rotarians.

**Christmas Festival** Over 100 children visited the Rotary Grotto, had their picture taken with Santa and received a gift.

### Barton Rotary Club Tool Collection



**Concert** 100 elderly people from Barton and the villages were collected from their homes and taken by car or bus to Baysgarth School Hall for the Annual Rotary Christmas Concert.

The excellent entertainment was provided by Barton and District Amateur Operatic Society, together with Barton Town Band. As well as providing suppers for our guests, the Rotary ladies also produced enough for the BADAOS and band performers.

**Santa Collection** £1253-75 was the magnificent sum raised during the week leading up to Christmas. Each evening, Santa toured the town in his sleigh, with many people bringing their children out to see him.

Santa also greeted customers to the Somerfield Supermarket on the Saturday and Proudfoot's on Sunday. Rotary Club president, Ted Plaziuk commented "People were again very generous with their donations and I thank them for this. Much of the money will be used locally".

**Christmas Day meals** 38 Christmas Dinners were cooked at the Assembly Rooms and delivered to elderly people in Barton and the villages. As well as Turkey with all the trimmings, a trifle, mince pies and fruit were on the menu.

## BARTON IN THE LATE 1940'S

Most afternoons we would see the cows go past walking down the street (West Acridge). Cow-keepers (as they used to be called) would today be called small dairy farmers. There used to be one or two of these in the town. These people used to have a farm building or two in the centre of the town and keep about ten or fifteen cows, which they would milk in a morning and at about 9 am take the cows out to fields on the outskirts of the town. One such field was at the top of our street. At about 4.30 pm we would see the cow-keeper go up to the field and let the cows out, these would walk down the street going back to the farm buildings two or three abreast in a longish line, taking up most of the width of the road. They would walk round a parked car if they came across one, but they would not give way to you if you were on your bike coming the other way !! If this happened, you just stopped at the kerbside and let the cows walk past you; they were very placid. The cow-keeper would be at the back of them geeing-up the ones that tended to dawdle. The front cows knew exactly where to go and which streets of the town centre to walk through with walking the route so regularly, plus there was the encouragement of food at the farm buildings when they got there to be milked. You knew if the cows had been taken out or brought back and what streets they had been down as there were cowpats on the road wherever they had been. Some cow-keeper names that spring to mind are Leaning, Rushbrook, Hoodless, and Mrs Greenwood.

After the morning milking and having taken the cows out to graze in the fields, the cow-keepers would then take their milk out round the streets of Barton selling it to householders. I remember Mr Rushbrook bringing our milk. He used to take the milk out in an old large 1930's black car, which had had the rear seat removed. He had two large milk churns full of milk stood in the back of the car where the seat would have been. Mr Rushbrook would go to a house door where the householder would give him a large jug, which he would then take to the churns in his car and fill with a ladle then return it to the householder. This was typical of most of the cow-keepers, all working individually in the mid-1940's. In later years Mr Leaning started Barton's first

milk bottling plant in Fleetgate. This was in a purpose built single storey building at the right hand side of what is now the entrance to Eagle House Nursing Home.

The building is still there to this day (see photo). The cow-keepers and one or two outlying farmers then used to take their milk to the building to be bottled and distributed. The one-pint bottles were glass of course (no plastic containers those days) and these had large necks about 1¾ inches (45 mm) across. Each bottle was sealed with a cardboard disk (no silver or gold tops at that time). There was a shorter version of this type of milk bottle, which held one-third of a pint but still had the 1¾-inch wide neck; these were distributed to schools in the area where all children received a bottle of free milk each day. The bottles distributed to schools, had the same size cardboard disk sealing them but in this case it had a perforated circle in the centre that could be pressed in to put a straw through without having to take the whole disk out. Boys often used to play with these cardboard milk bottle tops in the same way as cigarette cards by leaning one up against a wall and trying to knock it down by flicking others at it. The milk bottling and rounds were eventually taken over by Prescott's who ran them for a while at Fleetgate before expanding and having a large purpose-built factory erected at Barrow -upon-Humber. Prescott's ran the business for many years, expanding and delivering milk to most of North Lincolnshire, before finally selling the business to Express Dairies. **Doctors and the Surgery.** If I remember rightly, in the mid to late 1940's we had four doctors in the town; Dr Thomas Kirk, Dr Ethel Kirk, Dr George Gilmour and Dr Percy Birtwhistle. Dr Thomas Kirk and his wife Dr Ethel used to live in a large house at the corner of Marsh Lane and Burgate, with Dr Gilmour living in the house next door just across the top end of Marsh Lane. Dr Birtwhistle used to live in a large house on Priestgate. The



lower rooms of Dr Kirk's house were used as the main surgery with the entrance being through a side door in Marsh Lane (near to where the person is standing in the photo). Dr Gilmour also practiced here. Dr Birtwhistle who was older than the other doctors, had his own surgery in a room at his house in Priestgate. Upon entering Dr Kirk's surgery (no appointment necessary !!) the person would sit down on a long bench in an internal passage, and wait their turn to be called ("next patient"), whereupon they would go into one of the two front rooms which were used as consulting rooms, these had windows which faced onto Burgate. The doctor would then attend to the patient and have a short chat afterwards (no timelimit for seeing each patient in those days). Most of the doctors had morning and evening surgeries and during the daytime between the two, the doctors would be out on their rounds visiting patients who were too ill or could not get down to the surgery. The doctor would visit and attend to the patient and then have a chat with him (or her) afterwards, this sometimes would last up to half an hour; they had time for you. Those were the days. The off-duty daytime doctor would visit patients' during the night on-call. How times have changed. Long passed from this earth, Dr Percy in later years could sometimes be seen looking at or writing patient's notes as he drove his car down the street, I have seen this on several occasions myself. This would be frowned upon today but there wasn't much traffic then. Dr Thomas Kirk was our family doctor. A tall slim upright fine figure of a man with dark greying hair, a more pleasant man you could not wish to meet, Dr Kirk died not long ago at the wonderful age of 104 years. Once, when I had been off school ill for a couple of weeks or so, Dr Kirk called in during his daily rounds to see how I was getting along, and he said it was about time that I could start to go outside and get acclimatised to the weather. He then said I could go with him on his rounds that day. That was the kind of person he was. So I climbed into the passenger side of his Armstrong Siddley car and off we went; I waited in the car as he went in to see each patient. Much later he dropped me off back at home when he had finished his round. In the winter when we had

snow, there were the usual slides on footpaths and in playgrounds, and these got very highly polished with frequent use. Just imagine how dangerous that would be considered today with the no-win no-fee culture. There was the building of snowmen of course, and the cutting of blocks of packed snow and building small igloos with them. Snowballing and sledging were popular. We did not have any decent slopes down our street so to go sledging you needed another person to pull or push the thing. I had a small sledge of my own, but also had a larger one on loan for a year or two.

We would regularly see a horse and rully going down Fleetgate taking loads of cycles from Hopper's cycle works packing shop on Brigg Road to the railway station to go for export. I think there were two rullies that used to do this. Mr Plaskitt used to drive one of these. An ice-cream man would come up our street, this was usually Mr Havercroft and he would be on a three-wheeled cycle which was like a normal cycle at the back with one wheel but it would have a box with two wheels at the front (the old stop-me-and-buy-one type). In the box would be his ice-cream container surrounded by chemical white ice to keep it cool. He would have a hand-bell, which he would ring to announce his presence, and people would take a basin out to have filled with ice-cream for tea, or buy a sandwich or cornet. Mr Havercroft also had an ice-cream parlour on High Street where you could buy ice-cream to take out or you could sit at benches and tables to eat it. Mrs Havercroft was often serving in there. Havercroft's ice-cream was renowned for being the best in the area, it had a home-made taste to it. Every autumn we would spend a number of evenings after school gathering rose-hips from wild rose briars, these were most prolific in the hedgerows along Gravel Pit Lane. After gathering, the rose-hips would be bagged and taken to school the next day where they would be put with other bags similarly gathered. After all the collecting had finished, someone would call at the school and take all the rose-hips away to a factory where they were made into Rose-Hip Syrup and distributed to chemists in the area. Rose-Hip Syrup was a source of vitamins, and could be used like a pick-me-up.

Terry Clipson

## Baysgarth House Museum – Four Years On Celebrations

All are welcome to a **Celebration night 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** for volunteers and those interested in the Museum. It is four years since the Museum was saved from closure by the voluntary efforts of local people and the Champ Trust is hosting an open evening with refreshments to celebrate that event and the hard work that has brought the House as near to a sustainable future as it is possible to be.

Volunteers are always welcome at Baysgarth House Museum. The level of involvement is varied, do as much or as little as you like. Some people like to come along and attend the building whilst open, an essential task, others a little light maintenance. There are fundraising events to organise and as we move on an increasing curatorial role with training in handling the existing collections and new acquisitions.

**If you are interested in being a volunteer, please ring the Museum on 637568.**

### EXHIBITION PROGRAMME:

A principle area of interest is the setting up of exhibitions, those of local interest are organised by volunteers the most current is an exhibition of the History of the Elswick Hopper factory for which Museum volunteers are undertaking a refurbishment of part of the Stable Block to accommodate cycles, motorcycles and

displays. The Launch of this will be **Thursday, 1 May at 7.30** with refreshments and a talk about **Elswick Hopper** by Nigel Land. The Exhibition is then open from **Friday, 2 May** onwards.

In the Chairman's Parlour the exhibition of Ron Parkers artefacts relating to **Goxhill Airfield during World War Two** is ongoing.

**Ulceby History Group:** 28 March – 16 May in the exhibition rooms

**Barton Wheelers** will be displaying their **collections of historic bicycles:** 23 May – 30 June in the exhibition rooms

From July until November; A **World War 1** exhibition covering the story of local people in the conflict and the background to Baysgarth House and how it became left to the people of the Town.

We have plans to support the **Performances in the Park** this summer by serving **teas and coffees** for some of the events.

The Museum boasts a number of rooms available for hire. On the ground floor there is disability access to the Foyer, Council Chamber and Parlour (via a ramp) the latter two rooms are served by a hearing loop. The rooms can be hired by session or at an hourly rate and we can often make accommodation available in other parts of the building by negotiation.

Neil Turner  
Chair of the CHAMP Trust  
(Managing organisation for Baysgarth House Museum)



### Show & Tell - Wilderspin National School

19th April at the Assembly Rooms



As part of the restoration of the former Church School on Queen Street we are appealing for your memories and mementos of past schooldays.

As well as specific material relating to the School we would also like to gather objects, photographs, documents and personal memories of school life in general - whether you went to any of the town's schools or your childhood was spent elsewhere. Or maybe you taught or worked in one of the schools.

- Photographs
- Uniform
- Keepsakes
- Reports
- Sport equipment
- Toys
- Old exercise books
- Badges
- Medals

If you have anything you think might be of interest, bring it along to the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Photographs and documents will be copied if possible or arrangements will be made to borrow suitable material for future exhibition at the School or to be added to the Education Archive.

You may wish to pop in simply to tell us about possible display material.

Come along for a drink and a chat about the "best days of your life" and share your reminiscences with us.

## Barton Neighbourhood Police

I am often asked by members of the public how many of us are there in that lovely new police station. Here's the answer, Inspector Rutty who is overall responsible for the Neighbourhood team that consists of one sergeant, three constables and eight police community support officers; the volume crime team, consisting of a sergeant and six constables who investigate all crime other than the most serious and the immediate response officers consisting of ten constables split into 5 shifts.

We also have a healthy amount of special constables who generally parades approximately eight officers out on duty in the Barton area over the weekends, and not to forget the two front office staff.

The police station serves a large geographical area from Flixborough through to South Killingholme, Barton

town being in the middle and all the villages in between.

People often see or hear of the crimes that have been committed in Barton but rarely hear the outcome of investigations or the result. A simple phone call to the police can make you aware. I would like to let you know just a small amount of what has been happening in the last two months in your town.

In January the press reported damage to the Barton Job Centre, One male has been charged with the offence. Barton also suffered a spate of damages to business establishments for which a male has been arrested. Since Christmas three off road motorcycles have been seized, bikes crushed and offenders prosecuted for document offences.

Thanks to you the public ringing in on hearing them riding around. There have also been 12 cars seized for driving without insurance on the streets of Barton.

Since the last Bartonian magazine was published Barton has executed three drugs

warrants with the help of other B division officers. All have resulted in successful prosecutions one of which was for a cannabis farm. A farm watch for the local farmers is being re-formed with the help of HANWAG due to the reports of deer poaching. The police helicopter regularly defaults to our area in the night and at the beginning of February caught some badger baiters, landed to gain evidence and four males are being prosecuted for the offence.

Please continue to support us.

PC Sandra Brack.

Barton's Neighbourhood officer.

### New Name for Old School

Restoration of the former Church School on Queen Street is well under way. Passers-by will have noticed that roof repairs are almost complete. The Welsh quarry that supplied the original slates in 1844 has supplied replacements. Inside, a thorough archaeological survey has been completed so that new floors can be laid. The school should be open, at least in part, during the summer and school groups will be visiting from the Autumn term. The restoration of the school, a Grade II\* Listed Building in the heart of the Barton Conservation Area, is being undertaken in close co-operation with English Heritage and North Lincolnshire Council.

The finished attraction will be known as *The Wilderspin National School* to celebrate its unique connection with the Victorian infant education pioneer Samuel Wilderspin and the National Schools movement. The school will be used as a heritage, education and business resource and is part of the South Humber Collection, North Lincolnshire which links a number of heritage and green tourist attractions along the South Humber bank and won national recognition with a 2007 British Urban Regeneration



Award.

The costs of the restoration and the some of the initial running costs are being funded partly by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This element of National Lottery money enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about their heritage. HLF funds the entire spread of heritage – including buildings, museums, natural heritage and the heritage of cultural traditions and language.

The Regional Development Agency, Yorkshire Forward, is also funding the work. It promotes sustainable economic development in the Yorkshire and Humber region. This has begun in a small way with the town's food outlets benefiting from the trade generated by the contractors (!) and by the employment of local construction workers.

Subsequently though the school aims to attract thousands of visitors from near and far. English Heritage is providing additional funds and advice as part of its commitment to protect and promote England's spectacu-

lar historic environment and ensure that its past is researched and understood.

These organisations invested around £140million in the Yorkshire and Humber region between 2004 and 2006. The European Regional Development Fund contributed over £44 million. Over £30million of has been drawn in to the South Humber Collection sites, including the Environment Agency's investment at Alkborough, and extending along the Humber to the Lincolnshire Trust's National Visitor Centre at Far Ings, and North Lincolnshire Council's Waters' Edge Country Park and Visitor Centre. The restoration of the school and the improvement of visitor services at St. Peter's Church and at Thornton Abbey, both English Heritage sites, have attracted over £5million.

It is encouraging that Barton is benefiting from regional, national and European funding; these funds are earmarked specifically for heritage and tourism, without diverting funding from other areas such as education. The

local schools will however benefit greatly from this diverse range of visitor attractions on their doorstep.

Additional landfill tax grants have been secured for the school restoration from the WREN and SITA Trusts which will help restore Wilderspin's historic playground and teaching gallery. Glanford Buildings Preservation Trust has also kindly contributed towards the project.

Despite years of work by the Queen Street School Preservation Trust, and the generous support of well-wishers and the funding bodies, our funding efforts will continue. Parts of the scheme had to be omitted in order to save money and we hope to attract additional help to reinstate these in the future.

A growing number of volunteers have come onboard to work with us behind the scenes or to help at the school once it is open to visitors. If you would like to know more about the school and how to get involved visit our Friends website at

[www.queenstreetschool.org.uk](http://www.queenstreetschool.org.uk) or telephone 660445.

Ian Wolseley—Queen Street School Preservation Trust, The Old Boathouse, Waterside Road, Barton, DN18 5BD

# ASSEMBLY ROOMS

## Having a Party ?

Why not come to the  
Assembly Rooms  
Barton's No.1 Party Venue

Main Hall Committee Room

Community Rate   £5.63                      £4.38

Local organisations carrying out their  
normal activities including classes,  
meetings etc

Standard Rate       £8.13                      £5.63

Local organisations fund raising activities,  
social functions etc. Private hire for  
parties & receptions.

Commercial Rate   £11.25                      £8.13

This applies to business users.

Kitchen with full facilities £5.63

Tariffs are quoted at an hourly rate

### Bookings please contact:

The Council Office  
Assembly Rooms  
Queen Street  
Barton  
DN18 5QP

Tel: (01652) 633598  
Fax: (01652) 637763  
email: bartontownclerk@btconnect.com

### **Barton Town Council Full Council Meetings held at Baysgarth House at 7.30pm**

**Wednesday 7 May**

**Wednesday 14 May (Mayoral Meeting)**

**Wednesday 4 June**

**Wednesday 2 July**

**Wednesday 6 August**

### **Committee Meetings & Extra Ordinary Planning (EOP)**

**Meetings held at the Assembly Rooms from 7.00pm**

**Monday 21 April EOP + Finance & General Purposes**

**Monday 19 May EOP + Environmental Regeneration**

**Monday 16 June EOP+ Community Regeneration**

**Monday 21 July EOP+ Finance & General Purposes**

**Monday 18 August EOP + Environmental Regeneration**

## **Barton Town Council Members**

*If you think that they can help you with anything then please  
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### **Bridge Ward**

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J P Vickers [C]	29 Harvest Avenue	Tel. 01652-636262
Mrs W. Witter.[I]	6 The Bridges	Tel. 01652-632675

C = Conservative. I = Independent. L = Labour

Members serving on North Lincolnshire Council  
Cllrs. Appleyard. Sidell. Vickers.

You can also write to the Town Clerk at:

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