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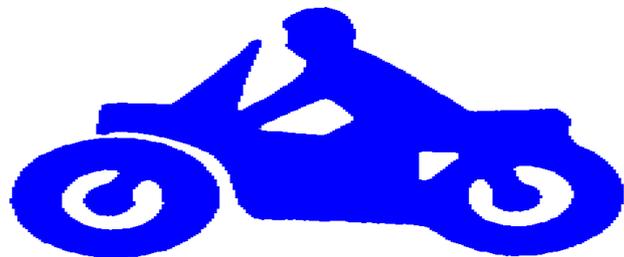
BARTON BIKE NIGHT 2001

BARTON BIKE NIGHT 11th JULY 2001

Plans for this year's Bike Night is well under way. Enquiries from North and South of the Country have already been received. The format for this year, are similar to other years, apart from the Car Park near Coach and Horses, (now being a supermarket), I have had to put Carnell's display and Band in the new Cottage Lane Car Park, along with the trials Section.

Bands will also be playing in the Car Park at the George and the Red Lion, all being well, John Reynolds the Ducati Superbike Champion, will be here at the Lion on his Ducati. Virgin Yamaha Team may be here at Barton too, but that has to be confirmed. All food outlets will be from Barton People, and the Barton Lions, who have always done a good job in the past years, will again marshal the Event. Vintage motorcycles will again be displayed on Queen Street. I look forward to good weather again, so as to attract the usual large amount of Bikes. See you on the night.

Malc Bennett
Organiser



Barton Carnival 2001

HOME-START NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

Surprisingly, after five years or so in Barton, some of you may not know who we are, where we are or what we do. In spite of our name, we do not supply furniture for newly weds, or get your car going on a damp morning. Read on to see what we do in the local community.....

Who is Home-Start for?

Any parent with at least one child under 5 years of age whose problems are getting them down, feel anxious, frustrated, confused, lonely or just plain fed up. They can make direct contact or, with their agreement, can be referred by a health visitor, social or community worker, doctor, church or other organisation.

What is Home-Start?

A voluntary scheme in which volunteers visit families with children under five in their own homes. Home-Start schemes work towards the increased confidence and independence of the family by:

- v offering support, friendship and practical assistance to families with children under five;
- v being available to families who are experiencing frustrations or difficulties;
- v visiting families in their own homes where the problem exists and the individual's dignity and identity can be respected;
- v encouraging the parents' strengths and emotional well-being in order that these may be transmitted to their children;
- v reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and emphasising the pleasure of family life; and
- v encouraging families to widen their network of relationships and to use community support and services effectively.

There are Home-Start schemes throughout Great Britain as well as Germany, Ireland, Canada, Cyprus, Israel, Australia and the Netherlands. Home-Start North Lincolnshire receives 75% of its funding from statutory agencies, with the remainder coming from grants and donations. We are extremely grateful to local businesses that continue to support our rewarding work. This support comes in a variety of guises, some financial but others – equally important – in the way of services and goods.

Who are our Volunteers?

Home-Start volunteers come from all walks of life, backgrounds, ages and personalities, but they all know and appreciate the stresses and strains that many young children can create. Most Home-Start volunteers are parents themselves, all have parenting skills.

Home-Start aims:

- v to relieve parents under stress and to prevent setbacks before they occur – along the lines that a trouble shared is a trouble halved.
- v to boost parents' morale so that they, as the most important person in their children's lives, can enjoy their children and regain their confidence and ability to cope.
- v to share ideas about play and day to day coping with children.

How does Home-Start work?

- v by trained but unpaid volunteers visiting families in their own homes regularly to share time, experience and a practical common sense approach to build on the family's strengths.
- v by being with the family and – through example – the volunteer can sometimes suggest different ways of parenting, stimulating the children through play or sometimes to simply offer a break in the form of an outing together to the shops or the park.
- v by making families aware of what local facilities are available to relieve their isolation.

All volunteers are invited to attend a free Preparation Course, which is accredited by the OCN. This covers community resources, some aspects of child development and understanding relationships. Travelling expenses are paid and, if you receive benefits, these are not affected.

At no expense to participants, we offer various trips and outings to our families and volunteers during the year, such as a day trip in the summer, Christmas Children's Party and sometimes a trip to the pantomime (subject to funding). A bus full of children, parents and volunteers go to Sundown Adventureland at Treswell each June, kindly funded by Barton Rotary. We operate a safety equipment loan scheme (mainly stairgates and fireguards) which our families can borrow and we have a small store of good quality, outworn children's clothes. Many people offer us furniture or other larger items but, due to lack of storage space, unfortunately we cannot accept them but are happy to refer them on. The office opens from 9.00am to 1.00pm every weekday, and families and volunteers are encouraged to drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

If you would like to join our small but happy band of volunteers, and put something back into the community, by giving us that most precious commodity – your time (only a couple of hours a week), contact Joy Hill on 634160 for an informal chat and find out more about what we do – and don't – do.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

INDOOR MEETINGS

All Indoor Meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held at the Far Ings Visitor Centre, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber. Admission to all the events is free, refreshments are available and the Trust Shop will be open. Everybody is welcome.

Wednesday 20 June 2001 Annual General Meeting followed by Miles Hopper on a conservation subject.

Wednesday 19 September and **Tuesday 25 September 2001** John Kneeshaw – Birdwatching in Venezuela. John visited Venezuela during November 2000, I am sure this talk will not only include slides of the flora and fauna but also the stunning scenery, as always the talk will include some of the mishaps which invariably occur during John's travels. John's talks have always proved to be so popular, that one again we have scheduled a repeat.

Tuesday 2 October 2001

Geoff Trinder – Wildlife of the Galapagos

Wednesday 21 November 2001

John Coley-Smith – Some Northern Islands and their wildlife

Wednesday 12 December 2001

Members Slide Evenings – Please bring along your slides

(maximum 20) whether or not they relate to Natural History. We always welcome some variation.

SUNDAY FIELD MEETINGS

These normally commence at Barton Market Place at 9.00am, and usually return between 4.00 and 6.00pm. Bring a packed lunch, also it is a good idea to have with you suitable footwear and clothing. Anyone requiring a lift or further information should telephone the nominated leader.

15 July 2001 Millersdale Leader: Martin Broadbridge (01652 632 895)

23 September 2001 Venue to be decided on the day. Leader: John Kneeshaw (01652 634673)

21 October 2001 Venue to be decided on the day.

18 November 2001 Venue to be decided on the day.

MONDAY EVENING FIELD MEETINGS

Monday Evening Field Meetings will commence on Monday 21st May and will be held fortnightly throughout the summer. We normally meet at the venue at 6.30pm. Trust members, their friends and members of the public are all welcome. For the meeting on 21st May meet at the Fishermen's car park, Sailing Pit, Pasture Road North, Barton upon Humber, Martin Broadbridge (01652 632895) will lead this meeting. The second meeting will be on 4th June at Barrow Haven Car Park. For further information please contact either Martin or John Kneeshaw (01652 634673).

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 28 July Moth Night and Supper at the home of Chris and Mavis Potts, Orobanche, Stothard's Lane, Goxhill. There will be no shortage of experts to identify the insects, which come to light or sugar. Advance booking requested, please telephone – 01469 531088. Tickets: £4.00

Sunday 29 July Family Fun Day at Far Ings Nature Reserve, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber, 10.00am to 5.00pm. Activities for all ages. Admission – Free.

Saturday 11 August 2001 National Moth Day at Far Ings Visitor Centre, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber, 8.30pm until late. Admission Free. Providing the weather is kind, we would hope to have in excess of 50 species of moth. Many of them are very beautiful, whilst others are little brown pbs, they are, however, all of considerable interest.

CHOIR LEADER WANTED

Barrow Choral Group was founded 11 years ago by its Musical Director Tony Robins, who retired at Christmas. Members come not only from Barrow but also from Barton and the surrounding villages. In the past, the group has sung a wide variety of music: old and new, classical, popular and jazz.

Since Christmas the group has been helped to keep going by pianist Pat Thompson, and by temporary conductor Norman Finch, but it is important that a new leader/musical director, is found so that the group can start rehearsing a winter selection in September.

Is there someone out there who would relish the challenge of running his or her own choir, perhaps for the first time?

If you would like to find out more about this demanding, unpaid but rewarding opportunity, (without making any commitment) then speak to any choir member you know, or contact Carol Thornton (01469 531308) or Sue Macdonald (01652 632938)

Anyone, who has a copy of this book, might want to cut out this further biography and keep it in their book.

**Majorie Chant (later Fowkes)
Ordinary Seaman, 45721
Women's Royal Naval Service
General Duties – Sick Bay Attendant**

Majorie Chant (sister of William E. Chant – *Barton Remembered 1939 – 1945, Part One, p.22* and Joan Lillian Chant, later Bruntlett – *Barton Remembered 1939 – 1945, Part Three, pp.42 – 44*) was born in 1924 the second daughter of Mr William Edward and Mrs Violet May (nee Barber) Chant of Blyth's Brickyard, Barton on Humber. She was educated at the County School and on leaving worked at Hopper's Cycle Works and in domestic service for Mrs Cottingham and Mrs Tutil – both shopkeepers.

In January 1943 she volunteered to join the Women's Royal Naval Service, and was sent to Rochester and Chatham to train for general duties. She was posted to Great Yarmouth but after only three weeks of service there (on 17 March 1943) she was badly injured during a German air raid which killed eight other WRENs and injured many more. As a result, she spent a month in Great Yarmouth Hospital, before being moved to the estate of Lord and Lady Crossley (of Crossley's Carpets Halifax) at Somerleyton.

It was found that she required specialist treatment and in May was sent to the Orthopaedic Hospital at Sherbourne in Dorset, where she stayed until 2 May 1943. Subsequently, she was posted back to Great Yarmouth, where she stayed until January 1944, again doing general duties. Her next posting was to Point Clear in Essex, where Royal Marines were being trained for the Normandy Landings. Two thousand Marines passed through the base every six weeks, before D Day in June 1944. Soon afterwards the camp closed, and Marjorie was sent to Canon's Corner, Stanmore in Middlesex, where she worked as a sick bay attendant at the Radar Station, which housed 800 WRENs. There she remained until the end of the war – just missing a hit from a V2 rocket. She was demobilised in August 1946.

Information from

Marjorie Fowkes

**BARTON UPON HUMBER
ALLOTMENT SOCIETY**

The 53rd Annual Open Horticultural Show

Saturday 18th August 2001

In the Lecture Hall, Holydyke, Barton
Schedules available from 23 East Grove
Doors Open 2.30pm

Awards to be presented by the Mayor at
4.00pm

Sale of produce 4.45pm

Admission to the Show Free

You can find articles from issue 23 and 24 of the Bartonian on the web by visiting either

<http://www.bartonuponhumber.btinternet.co.uk> or

<http://www.inbarton.co.uk>

Barton residents, who have kindly volunteered to include articles from the Bartonian, run both websites. Both have an extensive list of events and activities in Barton, which is updated regularly, they also has sections for local charities and voluntary organisations. The sites are run on a voluntary basis in their own time.

BARTON PARTNERS IN PLAY PLAYScheme 2001

**AUGUST 13th – 17th and AUGUST 20th – 24th
5th BIRTHDAY PARTY AUGUST 25th**

The Playscheme will be running as usual at Castledyke Nursery Unit Barton. We will be running for two weeks this year, instead of 4 weeks, as the nursery is being decorated. To compensate for this, we will be having two sessions a day 10am – noon and 1pm – 3pm.

Each session will cost £1.50 a child, and is open to any child aged 3 – 8 years. We have trained staff, who organises fun, creative play, and we are hoping to have Magicella visit us again, she has a loyal following among our children. We also usually are lucky enough to have Barton Fire Engine; St John Ambulance and PC Douce visit us.

To register your child for places, we will be having two registration mornings, on Tuesday 10th July and Wednesday 11th July at The Child Centre, 50 Holydyke, Barton (the Old Clinic) from 9.00am – noon each day.

You can register your child for as many places as you require at these session, payment will be required when registering. Our 5th Birthday Party will be held on Saturday 25th August at Trinity Methodist Church between 2.00 – 4.00pm. Magicella will be entertaining the children, and there will be games and prizes. The tickets are 50p per child, which includes a drink and crisps. Everyone welcome. Tickets will be on sale at registration, and at the playscheme.

If your child has never attended playscheme, we highly recommend it to you.

Best Wishes

Playscheme Committee

THE F.A.C.T. YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!

A new project has been formed, under the umbrella of Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire and funded by the Community Fund. Known as the Forum of Active Communities Together (FACT), the project has been developed from a local voluntary sector forum that was initially set up to address healthy and social issues affecting voluntary and community groups. This forum will develop to include groups from all backgrounds and will represent the voluntary and community sector as a whole in North Lincolnshire, acting as a channel that other authorities and organisations can use to reach the wider spectrum of groups and communities.

As well as supporting the Voluntary Sector Forum, the FACT project aims to provide groups with skills and confidence to become more effectively involved in local decision-making and be able to take a lead role in community partnerships. By improving the structure of the voluntary sector, it is hoped that groups will be more able to participate in new initiatives. To help with all of this, the project will provide voluntary and community groups with a variety of services including:

- ◆ A bi-monthly FACTSheet
- ◆ A website
- ◆ A resource library
- ◆ Network opportunities
- ◆ Information sessions.

The project will be formally launched on Tuesday 18th September at St Bernadette's Parish Centre, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe and will be a chance for groups to find out more about the project and certain topical issues. It is hoped that the 'networks of interest' will be launched from this day and it will be an opportunity for groups to nominate people onto the project's steering group. Full details of this conference, the whole project, to be included on the mailing list for the bi-monthly FACTSheet and details of networking opportunities can be obtained from the address below.

Contact Michelle Fearon, Co-ordinator, or Dee Moss, Administrator on Tel 01724 845155, fax 01724 281599, e-mail fact.vanl@cwcom.net, website www.factnlincs.co.uk, address 41 Frances Street, Scunthorpe, DN15 6NS.

BARTON CIVIC SOCIETY

Since last writing, we have had two further successful public meetings. On 23rd March Dr John Pemberton, (Lincoln Diocesan Organs Advisor) gave an illustrated talk on Lincolnshire Church Organs. While on 11th May, Brian Bell, (editor of the Great Central Railway Society magazine) gave an illustrated talk about stream hauled railways in the region, including personal recollections of working on the footplate.

The Society guarantees payment to all speakers, refreshments and raffle form part of the evening event, and it is all free to those in the audience. This is a traditional element in all the services provided by the Civic Society membership, of which remains at a very low-level subscription rate. I hope, but cannot guarantee, that we can continue to provide this free service – we need more support, we need more members. For the moment, subscription rates remain at current levels.

As in past years, we are supporting North Lincolnshire Council's Heritage Week, by opening 51 Fleetgate on Sunday 17th June, and by leading a series of guided walks. We are also pro active in supporting Barton Arts Week, particularly by this year staging our Grand Victorian Day on Sunday 1st July.

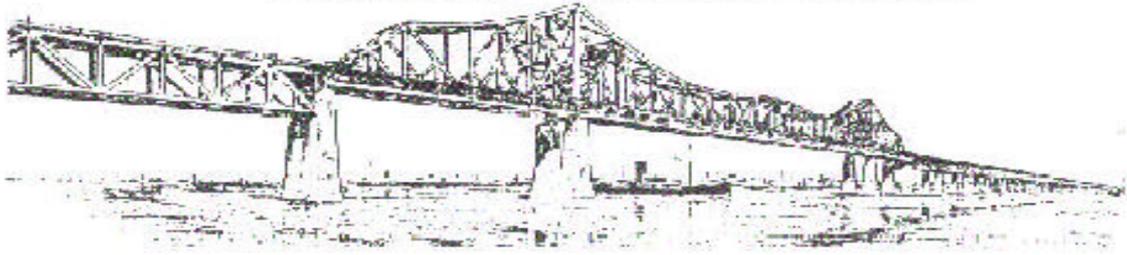
Barton Civic Society AGM Friday 22nd June, 7.30pm Assembly Rooms.

BARTON ARTS WEEK WILL HAVE FINISHED THE WEEK BEFORE THIS EDITION OF THE BARTONIAN COMES OUT, I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED YOURSELVES, AND THE WEATHER WAS KIND TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THEIR VARIOUS OUTDOOR EVENTS.

DON'T FORGET YOU CAN STILL BUY A MILLENNIUM BEAKER FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE ON QUEEN STREET - MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9.00am-1.00pm

THE OTHER HUMBER BRIDGE – CONTINUED FROM ISSUE 23

PROPOSED HUMBER BRIDGE



Back to the Bridge. Plainly any interference with the supply of materials could seriously affect production at FCL and the Petition sets out their arguments against what they, and others, saw as an ill-conceived project. The 'others' included more County and local Councils, Chambers of Shipping, Railway Companies who obviously had an axe to grind, also the very powerful Humber Conservancy Board. The Humber Conservancy Act gave the Board wide powers that they still have and still use. Barton land and property owners were apprehensive and the minor sloop and keel owners feared interference with their livelihoods.

The main objections were: -

1. The river had a shifting bed and the navigable channels moved as river conditions changed, there are still many people in this area who have seen large cargo vessels passing majestically between Reads Island and the main road, the A1077, opposite the Cement works. The Bill contained provision to re-site the main span so this was a possibility not unknown to the Engineers.
2. The Petitioners said the design and construction methods were defective on Engineering grounds. The Geology was such as to cause problems in construction, increasing costs. (Freeman and Co. could have remembered that could they not?)
3. The piers for the spans would cause silting. Look at the build up at the modern Barton Tower.
4. Navigation would be rendered hazardous particularly in very bad weather or in fog.
5. Insofar as the FCL was concerned they feared that raw materials would not reach their plants. The many spans on the Barton side would have been a real problem to sailing vessels. This is a dangerous river at the times of bad weather and big tides.
6. There were other lesser objections but I have, I hope drawn attention to some of the problems envisaged by the Petitioners.

At the time this construction was proposed, the river was a hive of activity, sloops and keels under sail, powered barges, seagoing vessels moved up and down particularly at the time of High water.

I condensed this article from notes I prepared for a talk on the subject, for there is much of local interest in this proposal. It may be thought that Mr Freeman took on board much that he had learned about the river and the problems involved in Bridging it when he came to be concerned in the construction of the present Humber Bridge, even so he and his Company still had many problems to solve.

In 1937 the question of the Bridge was raised again, this time a Suspension Bridge but, of course, war clouds loomed and there the matter rested.

I will add one note about the dangers of this river. In about 1935, or so, I am not sure of the date, a distant water trawler, the Edgar Wallace, came back from the fishing grounds and when manoeuvring to enter the Fish Dock at Hull the vessel was rolled over by the fierce flowing tide, when it struck a sandbank that had built up in the River during the relatively short time they had been away on the fishing grounds and was, therefore, not known to them. The vessel was sunk with the loss of lives in sight of many waiting for it to berth.

Charles Watkinson
8 Castledyke South
Barton

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

BARTON upon HUMBER
TOWN COUNCIL

PICNIC IN THE PARK
IN
BAYSGARTH PARK

SUNDAY
12th AUGUST 2001 1pm - 5pm

PROGRAMME OF FREE EVENTS
to include:

Punch & Judy Shows
Jugglers
Kites Workshop
Children's Disco
Pony & Trap Rides
Dancing Demonstration

Also refreshments from the
Barton Lions Club Caravan
& ice cream
will be available.

Football Competition hosted by
Barton Youth Centre F.C.

First Aid cover by St Johns

FASHION SHOW AUDITIONS

Did you see "Popstars" on TV? Now here's your chance to be a model for a night. Strut your stuff on the area's most famous catwalk in November 2001.

CatWalkers are holding auditions for this years major fashion extravaganza.

If you fancy yourself as a model, get along to the New Queens Club, Queen Street, Barton on Sunday 29th July, come at 7.15pm if you're aged 12 to 16 or at 8.00pm if you're 17 or over.

We need teenagers, men and women of **ALL** shapes and sizes, and there is **NO MAXIMUM AGE** (more mature models are very welcome)

So if you've seen a fashion show and thought 'I could do that', then come along – You'll have a great time and meet loads of new people.

Visit www.catwalkers.co. Or call us on 01652 633811 for more information.

(All work for Catwalkers is on a voluntary basis. Profits are donated to local charities)

Will Nigel Pick You?

See us at Barton Carnival!

BEST KEPT GARDEN/HANGING BASKET COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter the following competition (s)

- Best Garden Competition
- Hanging Basket Competition - Private House
- Hanging Basket Competition - Business Premises

(delete where appropriate)

Name.....

Address.....

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THE JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 24th JULY 2001.

Please return completed forms to:

The Town Clerk
Barton Town Council
Council Office
Assembly Rooms
Queen Street
Barton upon Humber
DN18 5QP

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY FORMS 16th JULY 2001

BARTON CARNIVAL 21st & 22nd JULY

Plans are now in place for the largest Summer event in Barton, and we have a full and action packed weekend planned. For over 40 years the third full weekend in July means that it is another great weekend to entertain the town.

Over the past few years attendance at the Carnival has significantly increased, and we have expanded the Show from a one-day event through to a five-day Fun Fair and two-day Carnival to rival any town Carnival and Show in the North of England.

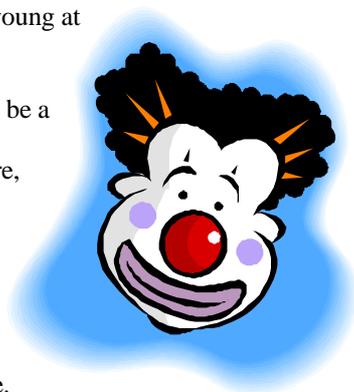
Main arean events for Saturday 21st July are:

The Rockwood Dog Display Team, Tom Foolery with Tom and Tilly the Turnip and the Wakefield Majorettes.

The Rockwood Dog Display Team makes a welcome return to Barton. They are based in Caerphilly, South Wales and travel the length and breadth of the country giving their thrilling dog displays. They are recognised as one of the leading professional dog demonstration teams. Dogs will be performing spectacular stunts like tight-rope walking, fire retrieving and hoop jumping, and there will be some comedy with Martin's dog Troy, displaying some of his many talents. The dog Troy has made many appearances on national television and on film including appearances on television's Generation Game, Animal Road Show and Pets Rescue Road Show.

Tom Foolery with Tom and Tilly Turnip are here to entertain our children and young at heart.

Also on Saturday there will be a Craft Fair, which is bigger and better than before, entertainment in the tea tent with Tony Turner. There will be stalls, car displays and all of the fun of a large Fun Fair provided for us as always by John Armitage.



The Carnival procession we hope will be bigger and better than before, and the theme is **Children's Television Programmes.**

I am already aware of the likely attendance of Bill and

Ben, and Bob the Builder, but no doubt there will be lots more in the procession. The procession will be led by Brigg ATC Brass Band, and the procession will arrive at the Park a little before 2.00pm.

There will be lots to do across the Park on Saturday and it will prove good value for the entrance fee of £2.00 per adult. Children are admitted free. In addition, we hope you all purchase a programme. In that programme will be vouchers to gain free give-aways at the Carnival from Kimberly-Clark, and others with discounts and advantages from traders across the town. Buying a programme will assist us



in paying for the many attractions we bring to the town, but use of the discount vouchers, will repay the cost of the programme many times over.

We depend on receiving gate money and programme money to pay the budget of up to £15,000 for each year's Carnival events. We have sponsorship, particularly from Kimberly-Clark, Geest (Pasta Factory), The Fun Fair, and from Barton Town Council, but without the donations by gate money and programme we could not pay the huge costs of such a large event. The entry fee is very reasonable, for the wide range of entertainment that is provided.

Sunday is somewhat different, as sadly we have had to cancel the Horse Show and Gymkhana. The Foot and Mouth Disease crisis has caused us great concern. There was a risk of spreading the disease by having many horses gathering at a Show. We cancelled this a few weeks ago, though it is our intention to ensure that the Horse Show returns in 2002.

The events of the main Carnival continue on the Sunday, with the Fun Fair, Craft Fair, Tea Tent, stalls, displays, Classic Cars. Entry on Sunday is free, though we do hope

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that most people buy a Carnival programme.

The main arena event on Sunday is the 'Jumping Jack's It's a Knockout'. We have 8 teams of 10 representing businesses and associations throughout the town, competing over various It's a Knockout obstacles. Doubtless, every team will be very wet and the eventual winner will receive a trophy. This fun will take most of the afternoon, but there will also be music and other entertainment to keep everyone amused.

There will be children's entertainment on both days. On the Sunday we have the Scunthorpe Pipe Band, and the Catwalker's Fashion Show. Catwalkers proved to be a very popular attraction some 3 years ago, and we are pleased to welcome them once again.

Barton Wheelers Carnival cycle race will take place as usual on Saturday evening. The riders will be assembled in the Park from 5.00pm, and the race should commence at 7.00pm. In the beer tent there will be entertainment both during the day and on Saturday evening. The evening will be brought to an end by a Fireworks Display at around 9.45pm.

I am sure that everyone who attends will have a marvellous time and I take this opportunity of thanking all sponsors and helpers who have been involved to bring this Carnival Weekend to Barton once again.

As Chairman, I wish to thank our Committee for their untiring work throughout the year, to bring this large event to town. One sad note, is that one of our Committee, Mrs Sandy Melroy, is leaving the town, and, therefore, will miss the Carnival this year. Thanks are due to Sandy, for her work over the last few years, and in particular, for her unstinting help in the organisation of this year until the day she moved to her new home in the South.

Please come on the 21st/22nd July and enjoy our Town Carnival.

Maurice Stewart Chairman

3rd BARTON upon HUMBER SCOUT GROUP



3rd Barton Scout Group was formed in 1984, at a time when there were just too many boys interested in joining for one group to manage. It has fluctuated in the number of members over the years, but now runs a waiting list for the Cub section and has just under a full compliment of Scouts. Since the amalgamation with 2nd Barton we now have a small Venture unit.

You may have read the piece in the last issue of the Bartonian written by Marjorie Altoft and Val Smaller, about the amalgamation between 2nd and 3rd Barton upon Humber scout groups. This came at a time when we at 3rd Barton had a waiting list for both Scouts and Cubs, and so you may ask why did the group have to close when nearly 20 years

ago a new group was formed in the same situation. It all boils down to leaders. We now live in a time when there are fewer adults who are willing or able to give up time to run the youth organisations. Over the years, there are many members of the Barton community who have given up thousands of hours helping countless youngsters work their way to adulthood. It seems that nearly everyone I meet in the town has had some connection with the Scout or Guide movement in their early lives.

We at 3rd Barton are not immune from the problems of a shortage of leaders. We at the moment have only two leaders for Scouts and two leaders for Cubs, with the Group Scout Leader also having to oversee the Venture section. As you can see, this puts a tremendous strain on the leaders, as they have to attend every meeting night, as well as organising the camps and other events at weekends and during the week. It always seems strange to me, that of all the leaders there is only one who has actually had any involvement with the organisation other than being a leader. None of the leaders were scouts or guides when they were young and only one leader has a son who is a member of the Cub section.

3rd Barton is an active Scout Group. You will have seen that we run the Scout Christmas Post, help with the town bulb planting, as well as all the camps and other scouting activities. It would be a great shame if Scouting was to end in Barton, but without the support of adults willing to become leaders then I can see this happening. In our District alone, 3 groups have closed or closed sections simply because of lack of leaders. Don't let this happen in Barton. If you can spare just a couple of hours on a Monday night, and would enjoy working with and helping youngsters then please contact me. Don't worry about not having any training, as we arrange training for all leaders.

You can contact me on Barton 632811 or e-mail me on bartonuponhumber@btinternet.com You can see some of the activities of the group on our web site <http://www.bartonuponhumber.btinternet.co.uk/scouts.htm>

John Pullen Group Scout Leader 3rd Barton upon Humber Scout Group

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you very much for the copy of the Bartonian, which I find very interesting, especially about the Humber Bridge. Going back to the mid to late 1920's we lived at Kingsforth Farm, where my father was the head gardener for Mrs Johnson who owned the farm at that time (Amy Johnson was her niece). I hope this letter is of interest to you.

We had one of the farm workers lodging at our house and he often took my brother Chris and I for a walk on Brigg Road to Barton, about 2 1/2 miles.

When we got to the top of "Big Beacon Hill" (the next hill a little further on was called "Little Beacon") we would stop and he would point over to the River Humber and say, "you see over there to the West of Barton, that's where they're going to build the Humber Bridge" and that is where it is now.

Chris worked on the ferry before and after the war, when the Bridge came into service and the ferries stopped, he was lucky and got employment on the Bridge until he retired. He still lives in Barton and I'm sure he will verify this letter.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,
Mr H S Braithwaite
51 Church Street
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Morpeth
Northumberland NE65 0DY

PS Quite a few Barton lads married and stayed up here. I have put Hilda Atkinson's Biography in my book.

For the rest of the article Mr Braithwaite refers to see page 10 of this edition.

Dear Sirs,

Re: The History of the Elswick Hopper Cycle Company in Barton.

I am an undergraduate with the Open University. I am a mature Student, a Bartonian, in fact an "Ings Laner", who now resides in Dover, Kent.

My main interest is Geology and Earth Science, but one of my courses deals with the environment. I have chosen Barton and its industries. I am however, finding it difficult to obtain information on the History of the Elswick Hopper Cycle Company.

I know that the company started about the 1890's, and they were involved in making bicycles and small motor-bikes. The company was involved in production during both Wars, and had a large export market, but that is all!

Is there any reader who can help?

When did the company start in Barton?

How big did it get? (Production and employment)

What did they produce?

When did it cease trading in Barton?

When did Falcon "take over"?

I would be interested in any information that could assist in producing a history of the Company, and how it affected the local population.

Please write or e-mail me at the address below.

Many thanks.

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IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN IT?

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BARTON

The Celebration Singers will be presenting Roger Jones' latest Christian Musical **'Snakes and Ladders'** on 21st July at 7.30pm, at Barton Salvation Army. This Musical is based on the story of the ups and downs of God's people, as recorded in the Bible. It brings familiar Bible stories alive, by using a variety of contemporary musical styles, all of them tuneful, rhythmic and exciting. The Celebration Singers is a group of singers, gathered from various churches in the Barton area, who enjoy singing to the glory of God. Last year, we presented the very successful 'Hopes and Dreams'. No charge is made for admission, but a Collection will be taken to support local charities.

'Share Jesus 2001': A Team of around 20 people will be coming to Barton at the end of August, to share with our local churches, in a week of celebration and mission. This is a part of much larger missions to towns and villages all over Lincolnshire, in which over 500 visitors will be sharing with local churches. Here in Barton, a programme of special events and services is being arranged which will have something for everyone. Those who will be coming to us are ordinary people, young and old, who just want to share their faith with others in a friendly open way. Watch out for details later on, but book the dates now: August 25th – September 1st.

DIARY DATES

Churches Together:

July 21 st at 7.30pm.	'Snakes and Ladders' at The Salvation Army
August 25 th – September 1 st	'Share Jesus 2001' – Various Events
August 28 th – 31 st	Children's Holiday Club at St Mary's
October 3 rd at 2.30pm.	Senior Alliance Service at St Mary's

St Mary's Church of England

July 7 th at 2.00pm	Garden Party at 13, Burgate
September 9 th 9.30am	Patronal Festival. United Service – Preacher: Revd John Girling
September 22 nd at 7.30pm	Concert by the Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir
September 30 th	Harvest Thanksgiving
October 1 st at 7.00pm	Harvest Supper
October 4 th at 7.30pm	Farewell Service for Bishop Bob Hardy at Lincoln Cathedral

Trinity Methodist Church

August 10 th	Treasure Trail and Pie 'n' Pea Supper
October 7 th	Harvest Thanksgiving
October 8 th at 7.00pm	Harvest Supper
November 3 rd at 11.00am	Trinity Bazaar

Salvation Army

July 29 th at 3.00pm	Civic Service
August 12 th at 5.00pm	Songs of Praise in Baysgarth Park
September 8 th at 6.30pm	Harvest Supper
October 20 th at 9.30am	Autumn Fair
October 23 rd – 26 th	Children's Holiday Club

St Augustine Webster Catholic Church

September 17 th	Bishop's Visitation to the Parish
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Down The Garden

By Jim Dowdy.

Garden Talk

Thanks for your many letters and requests for information, I will try to cover a few of the more common questions I have received.

The wet and warm weather appears to have lead to rust disease on a range of different species. Yellow orange deposits are found on leaves and stems, leaves may die and flowers and fruit are distorted or fail to develop. Rust is caused by a fungal growth, of which over 200 different types are found in Great Britain, often specific to particular species of plant. Unless the plants are particularly unusual it is best to remove and destroy the infected plant as soon as possible, and don't replant with similar plants in the same area. Avoid damp and poorly ventilated sites with susceptible species. There are a number of sprays, often based on copper, on the market, which can give some control if your plant is especially precious.

Early summer flowering shrubs such as Deutzia, Weigela, Philadelphus, should be pruned immediately after flowering, shape the shrub shortening shoots that have flowered and removing a quarter of the oldest branches.

Softwood cuttings can be taken during early summer of shrubs including - Cotoneaster, Forsythia, Hydrangea, Potentilla, Philadelphus and Weigela. Pick healthy young non-flowering shoot tips 7.5 – 10 cm long (3-4") remove lower leaves, trim the stem just below a leaf node. Insert in a mix of moist 50/50 peat or coir and sharp sand in a pot, cover with a poly. Bag to give high humidity. Once rooted, after 8 – 12 weeks split the bag to improve ventilation and remove after further fortnight.

Strawberries; runners on healthy disease free plants can now be pegged down in to pots of compost to root new plants. We are growing ours in pots this year, with petroleum jelly smeared under the pot rims to deter slugs snails and woodlice that usually pick the best fruit before we do.

Apples; check and remove withered and malformed fruit and those subject to pests and disease.

Tomatoes; regularly feed with a high potash fertiliser to improve flower and fruit production. In the greenhouse damp down the floor on warm days and give the flowers a tap to improve setting of fruit. We are trying 'Ildi' a new introduction from Thompson and Morgan, which is said to produce small sweet yellow fruit, and two old varieties re-introduced by Suttons. 'Bloody Butcher' which is a juicy red very early variety, and 'Green Sausage' which has a green striped fruit and is grown as a bush.

I'll let you know how they do.

When it comes to vegetables, we are trying Lotus tetragonolobus (Asparagus Pea) the pods are eaten whole like sugar peas and have an asparagus flavour; they have the bonus of being pest and disease free.

Gardens to visit; Newby Hall. Nr. Ripon

Harlow Carr in Harrogate

If you go down South, Marwood Hill Gardens, Barnstaple, North Devon.

'For gardeners July is in one respect like January; everything depends on the weather. It may be hot with frequent heavy rains, and vegetation in the most luxuriant growth; or the earth may be iron and the heavens brass, with scarcely a green blade to be seen.' Sutton and Son, 1902, The Culture of Vegetables and Flowers. Nothing really changes, does it?

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TOWN ? - QUIZ

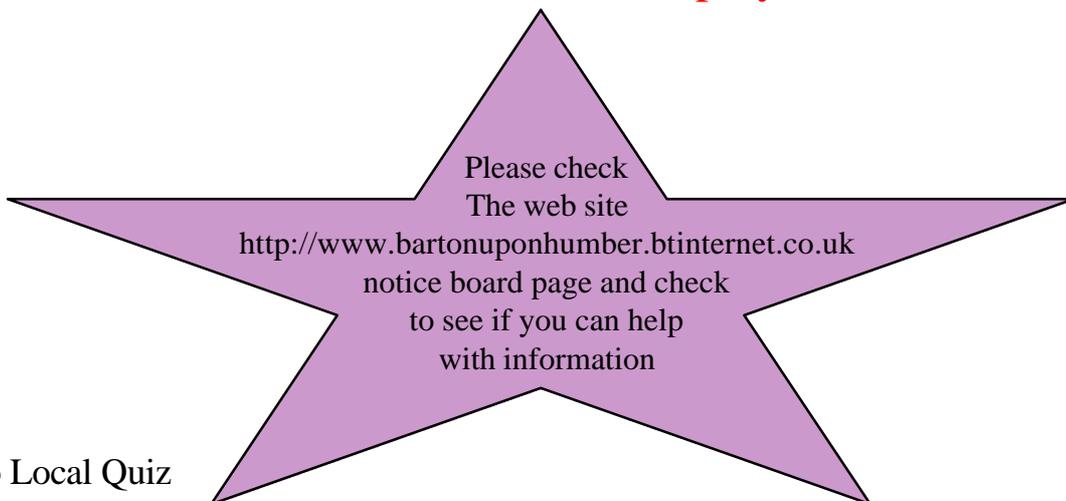
1. This local sculptor once lived in Tywhitt Hall, his work includes a 20ft high wall carving in the town
2. Name of the first Town Mayor of the Town Council.
3. Messrs Marris & Nicholson's Bank failed in 1812, what was it's name.
4. The Humber Bridge opened in 1981, but in which year did work begin.
5. Designed by the County Surveyor J.S. Padley, and build in 1847, what was this single storied High Street building.
6. The Brass on the floor of St. Mary's Church is of whom.
7. The Assembly Rooms was built in 1843 as a what.
8. The Signboard of the Wheatsheaf indicated which trade or business.
9. The building covering Hall's Ropewalk of 1767 was how long.
10. What was the original signboard of the George Hotel.

I'M SURE BY NOW YOU ARE ALL AWARE THAT OUR TOWN CLERK, MR IVAN GLOVER, WILL BE RETIRING FROM BARTON TOWN COUNCIL IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR, HE HAS WORKED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE PAST 48 YEARS, THE LAST 5 OF THEM IN BARTON.

I HOPE YOU ALL WILL JOIN ME IN WISHING HIM AND HIS WIFE, ANN, A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT. I FOR ONE WILL DEFINITELY MISS HIM AND HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY HIS STORIES OF PAST EVENTS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THANK YOU

Carol Clark - Deputy Town Clerk



Answers to Local Quiz

1. Phillip Pope
2. Thomas W. Nicholson
3. North Lincolnshire Bank
4. 1972
5. The Police Station
6. Simon Seaman, vintner, Sheriff of London
7. Temperance Hall
8. A bakers
9. 450 yards
10. George and Dragon

TOWN COUNCIL – BEST KEPT GARDEN/HANGING BASKET PRESENTATION EVENING

This year the Annual Presentation Evening for the Best Kept Garden/Hanging Basket Competitions, scheduled for Wednesday the 12th September 2001 will be a joint event, when the new parish paths walks leaflets will be launched.

The Evening will be held in the Assembly Rooms commencing at 7.30pm, and the programme is as follows:-

Presentation of prizes to the winners and runners up of the 3 categories, i.e. Best Kept Garden, Best Kept Hanging Basket (both for private dwellings) and Best Kept Business Hanging Basket. The Gardens etc will have been judged by our usual team of judges, Mr J Tomlinson, Mr M Pieper of North Lincolnshire Council, Mr F Coulsey member of the Town Council Environmental Regeneration Committee and last year's competition winner, Mr N Welch of Hillside Drive, Barton.

Also, the Council will be holding a 'Gardeners Question Time', Ms Sue Hoy – Head Gardener at Normanby Hall, Dick Long and Doug Stewart – Radio Humberside Gardening Presenters, have been invited to come along and answer any questions from the people present. To date, Ms Sue Hoy and Doug Stewart have agreed to come. Hopefully, Dick Long will also be able to attend.

Richard Clarke, Chairman of Barton Civic Society, and author of the Parish Paths Leaflets, will give an explanatory talk. The leaflets have been put together by Mr Clarke and illustrated by Mr Richard Hatfield of the Ropewalk, with North Lincs Council's Public Rights of Way Officer overseeing the contents. The leaflets show the routes and places of interest along the 3 walks around the Parish of Barton – which provided of course, they are not closed by Foot and Mouth regulations, will be available to buy on the Evening. They will also be available from various local shops etc. in the town, after the Launch Night. Any local people interested in hearing Mr Clarke's talk on the Walks, are welcome to attend.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council – Council Chamber, Baysgarth House

4th July, 16th July, 1st August, 20th August, 5th September, 17th September, 3rd October, 15th October, 7th November and 19th November.

Committee Meetings – The Assembly Rooms, Queen Street

Community Regeneration – 8th August and 10th October.

Environmental Regeneration – 18th July, 19th September and 28th November.

Finance and General Purposes – 25th July, 26th September and 14th November.

A Calendar of Meetings booklet for 2001 – 2002, produced by the Town Council, is available from the Town Council Office on Queen Street. This also includes names and numbers of all the Town Councillors, plus various useful local telephone numbers and information. If anyone would like a booklet, just call into the Town Council Office any weekday morning between 9.00am – 1.00pm for a copy.

on the **BARTON BEAT**

The dominant problem facing society at the moment continues to be that of alcohol abuse by juveniles under the age of 18.

To some extent, licensed premises are monitoring the problem of under age drinkers, and local off-licences are refusing to sell them the drinks. Unfortunately, our experience shows that the main

source of supply is due to the kids taking it out with them from their home address.

A gentle reminder to parents to keep check on their supplies of canned and bottled drinks to prevent their children taking it and sharing it with their friends.

You will be aware of Police Powers in relation to under age drinkers. If the offender is on licensed premises consuming alcohol, then they commit a criminal offence, as does the person who bought the drink and the licence holder of the premises, for supplying it.

If the juvenile is in a public place and drinking alcohol, then the Police have the power to seize it and dispose of it as appropriate. This is generally done by pouring it down the nearest drain. If an adult, over 18 years, is in a public place with alcohol and is sharing it with anyone 17 or younger, then the same applies; it will be destroyed at the scene. There is nothing more embarrassing for a parent, than to have a Police Patrol turn up at their door with their teenage son or daughter who has been found legless in the gutter after a few cans of lager.

Another problem raising its head at the moment is the bogus workman, who turns up at vulnerable person's homes, offering to do maintenance work and charging exorbitant prices to carry out the job. Sometimes the work does not get done, or is of low quality for the price paid. Whatever, repairs or maintenance that you feel needs doing, get a quote from someone local who you can trust and know that you can go back to them if the work is not satisfactory. I am aware of a recent case where a pensioner was charged hundreds, yes hundreds of pounds. For the shed roof to be painted. This was a felt roof painted with a rust preventive paint used to paint metal.

Whoever may call at your home canvassing for work, please make sure you do **not** let them into the house until you are totally satisfied that their identity is proved. All the public utilities employees will only be too pleased to be checked if you are doubtful. A quick phone call to their company will satisfy most occasions.

If you know a pensioner in your street who is having repairs done by a cowboy outfit, feel free to give us a ring and let us check it out, even if it turns out to be in order, it is better to be checked than deceived.

You will probably know about the lorry driver, whose high-sided vehicle became well and truly stuck underneath a low bridge over which the railway passed. The traffic patrol attended, and the officer said to the driver, "now sir, what seems to be the problem", to which the driver replied, "well, I'm delivering this bridge and I've lost my invoice with the address where I am taking it".

So just to summarise then – In future, any underage pensioners caught with bogus workmen in their house will have the product seized and poured down the drain.

Enjoy the Carnival!

Tony Douce
Barton Police

WINNER OF BARTON TOWN AWARD 2001 – TOMMY CHANT

Mr Tommy Chant was the recipient of the Town Award this year; he was presented with his award at the Mayor's Civic Dinner in May. Below is an extract from the life of Tommy

Tommy was born in Hull, his father and grandfather were both born on Brigg Road in Barton, and it was to Barton Tommy returned after leaving the Army in 1957. It was probably when he was in the army that his love of sport was started, as he played cricket, football and boxed as a featherweight, for his unit.

63 year old Tommy, lives on Caistor Road, Barton with his wife Barbara, he has two grown up children, Sharon and Sarah, Sharon lives in Leicestershire, and when Tommy and Barbara visit her he continues his running by training in Bradgate Park – the same place used by Seb Coe when he was at Loughborough.

Tommy's interest in long distance running first came about by a chance remark whilst watching the Humber Marathon. He was standing on the corner of Barrow Road, near the Catholic Church, watching the runners, when someone suggested Tommy should have been running. One of his daughters commented he would never do it, and Tommy decided to take up the challenge. He started running short distances, and gradually throughout the winter, built up his fitness, which was greatly improved when he gave up smoking in early 1981. By 1983 he was running marathon distances twice a week.

His first official run was a half marathon in Grimsby, when he raised money for a scanner for children suffering with cancer at the now Diana, Princess of Wales hospital, where one of his daughters, Sharon, was a nurse. He was back in Grimsby 5 weeks later finishing his first Humber Marathon in a time of 3.36.12. It was after that run, that Tommy decided that someone or some organisation less fortunate should benefit from his running, and he has raised thousands of pounds for charity since then.

Tommy has run in numerous marathons, including the London Marathon, the Robin Hood Marathon, Plymouth, Rotterdam and the Great North Run. During that time, he has raised money for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Breast Cancer research, Live Aid, the neurosurgery department at Hull Royal Infirmary, the Scunthorpe Deaf Children's Society, and many more. In 2000 Tommy raised money for the Mayor's Appeal Fund, and he was due to be the same again this year for Councillor Vicker's Mayor Appeal Fund, but unfortunately he had to pull out because of a serious leg injury. I am please to say, he is now recovering, and he is hoping to complete a triathlon – he runs, swims long distances and cycles over the Humber Bridge to Hull's Albert Avenue Baths to keep up his fitness.

I hope you agree Tommy was a worthy winner of the Town Award for 2001, and I'm sure we will see him 'pounding' the streets again very soon.

Barton Town Council

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