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LOCAL NEWS AND VIEWS

FROM BARTON TOWN COUNCIL



**Barton Town Council is busy making final preparations for its seventh Christmas Festival, which gets underway next week.**

The Town Mayor, Councillor Neil Turner, accompanied by Civic Dignitaries from both the north and south banks of the Humber, will start the two day event by officially switching on the lights of the Town's Christmas tree, located outside the Local Link Office next to the Police Station on Friday, 22 November at 6.30pm.

The switch on will be preceded by a traditional carol service organised by the Barton branch of the Salvation Army, commencing at 6.15pm, the Carol Service will continue after the switch on this year, until 7.00pm. There will be no fair rides fronting the Christmas tree area, giving ample room for the many hundreds of people who attend this popular event.

For the two days of the 2002 Christmas Festival, there will be the traditional Christmas funfair, a full programme of street entertainers including many new acts, charity and commercial stalls, to entertain the thousands of visitors expected in Barton.

Charity and craft stalls/spaces will be provided free for both days of the Festival, some 20 different charities being expected. All charity and craft stalls/spaces will be located in the Market Place (Friday only), George Street/Priestgate junction, High Street (between the Red Lion and Finkle Lane) and west end of High Street.

Barton's Chamber of Trade and Industry is as in previous years, supporting the Festival with many shops opening late on the Friday evening to welcome both old and new customers.

The Town Centre streets will again be closed off to traffic on both Friday and Saturday from 12 midday to 10.00pm, but the Town Council has organised a free Park 'n' Ride scheme operating from the Humber Bridge Viewing Area, which will have a security presence, the Park 'n' Ride bus will also provide a pick up service around the town, see page 14 for full details. On Friday evening and Saturday street entertainment will include live music, jugglers, magicians, steam organ, Punch and Judy, etc., these will be sited in front of the Police Station and at the west end of High Street. The popular Steelband will be playing in the Market Place on Friday evening, and at the west end of High Street on Saturday. The Cairngorm Reindeers are making a welcome return this year following the foot and mouth crisis, they will be leading the Community Parade with Father Christmas through the town centre streets. All entrants in the Community Parade will be judged, with a 1st prize of £200, 2nd prize £100, 3rd prize £50, all entrants receive £10 for taking part. The Parade is expected to leave Proudfoot's car park at approximately 3.00pm and will make its way up Fleetgate, High Street, King Street and George Street to the Market Place, where the groups taking part in the parade will be judged.

This year entertainment on Saturday will conclude at 8.00pm, but by then the organisers hope that the town's Christmas Festival will once again make a happy start to the festive season for both residents and visitors alike.

## ***BARTON ON HUMBER CIVIC SOCIETY***

Barton on Humber Civic Society, first formed in 1969, continues to grow in stature, and currently has in the region of 200 members.

The business of the Society is conducted by the Executive Committee, comprising 7 officers plus 10 ordinary members, all of whom are elected at the Annual General Meeting in June. The executive committee meets monthly to discuss and direct overall policy, whilst the everyday business is conducted by two sub-committees, Heritage and Environment, each reporting back to the Executive Committee on a monthly basis.

The Society exists to promote the town of Barton upon Humber, to appreciate and safeguard its heritage, and to advise on its future development. We receive regular details of planning applications from North Lincolnshire Council, and have the opportunity of making comments on any applications. We also operate the Good Mark scheme whereby any development, event or publication, which enhances the town as a whole, can receive a certificate. These awards are much appreciated by the recipients, and in particular encourage sympathetic restoration and development of buildings in the town.

The Society also acts as a recording agency for events in the town and our Contemporary History Project records all changes or events of note as they occur. We also have an annual Tree Planting event, and have a rolling programme of erecting plaques on notable buildings in the town.

We also hold guided walks from time to time, and are currently working towards the revision of the Town Trail booklet.

We are also increasing contact with other Civic Societies in the area, and hope this may lead to occasional joint meetings or exchange visits. We also hold open meetings at regular intervals, usually on Friday evenings in the Assembly Rooms, to which all members of the public are welcome. One popular speaker already booked for next year is Mr John Bevers who will be giving an illustrated talk entitled "Home and Away" on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2003. This talk will feature scenes from Lake Garda and Venice, The Trough of Bowland, Beverley and Bruges.

Over the last two years the Society has forged increasing links with the Town Council, and several of our Committee members have now been co-opted onto the Town Council's Environment Committee to work together on improving the general environment of the town. Projects of joint interest include sponsorship of the annual Hanging Basket and Garden competitions, Bulb Planting, and the proposed improvements of the Beck area.

The Society has its base at 51 Fleetgate, Barton's oldest house, and we arrange open days from time to time to give the public an opportunity to view this unique property, with its many original features. The rear garden of this property has also been refurbished this year to provide an area of quiet repose for visitors to the building. We have also had a long-standing interest in the Queen Street School, and it is hoped that this will be re-developed as a community facility within the next two years, subject to funding.

The interests of the Civic Society are constantly expanding, and we are always looking to widen the membership to cope with this. The sole qualification for membership is a genuine interest and appreciation of the town, and all new members are welcome. For details of joining please contact any committee member, or our treasurer Margaret Holmes on 660030.

Andrew Robinson, Chairman.

<b>TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS</b>	Environmental Regeneration - 29 January and 16 April
<b>Full Council Meetings -</b> The Council Chamber, Baysgarth House:  18 November; 4 December; 16 December; 8 January; 19 January; 5 February; 16 February; 5 March; 16 March; 2 April and 20 April.	Finance & General Purposes - 15 January (Estimates); 12 March and 30 April.  A Calendar of Meetings booklet for 2002/2003, produced by the Town Council, is available from the Town Council Office on Queen Street. This also includes names & numbers of all Town Councillors, plus various useful local numbers and information. If anyone would like a booklet, call into the Office any weekday morning 9am - 1pm for a copy.
<b>Committee Meetings -</b> The Assembly Rooms, Queen Street:  Community Regeneration - 11 December and 26 February	

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## PRIEST HOLE (OR NOT?)

In 1959 I was in the Upper Sixth at Barton Grammar School and much of our life was spent in Baysgarth House which was an annexe to the school. Henry Treece the well-known author was our English teacher and was a fountain of knowledge on many things beyond grammar and literature. For years he had told us that he suspected that there was a Priest Hole in Baysgarth House. Others suggested that these were only found in old houses inhabited by Catholic families. We all believed that there might well be a priest hole and decided to investigate. We targeted the wall, which is on the end of the house, which faces Brigg Road.

The wall was either of enormous thickness or there was a cavity between it and the back of our classroom (which may have been room 14?) Mr Brice taught French in there. One night Jimmy Hill, Phil Jackson, Howard Kitchinson, John Patchett, Derek Allen and I approached the building. Derek tried climbing up the drainpipe but this alerted the cleaner. He then knocked on the door on the pretext of picking up a book. The cleaner kindly let him in but he hid until she left. Then he let the rest of us in. We made our way up the back stairs to the attic, which we knew fairly well anyway from earlier and equally unofficial expeditions. Eventually with the aid of torches and bicycle lamps we found what we were looking for. Using one of our mother's clotheslines we lowered ourselves into the "priest hole" and recorded the event with camera and flashbulbs before departing. We did not tell any teachers, except of course Mr Treece with whom we had a special relationship. The present staff of the museum denies all knowledge of the secret hiding place but I did not make this story up although increasing girth may prevent me from giving guided tours.



Brian Moss

*Brian is a councillor for North Warwickshire Borough having retired from teaching. He spends his winter holidays skiing and in the summer cycles through the bush in Central Africa.*

### MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF

Fundraising Event at Proudfoot Store on Saturday 14th December 9am - 5pm with Christmas music provided by Cyril Doughty.

Cyril hopes everyone will support him again this year.

### FLOOD AWARENESS PUBLIC MEETING

to be held in The  
Assembly Rooms Queen Street  
on  
Thursday 28 November 2002  
representatives from the  
Environment Agency  
will be in attendance to

### JULY EDITION 27 PHOTOGRAPH

Remember the photograph of the refuse collectors in the last edition of the Bartonian?

Thank you to the many people that contacted the Council Office with names.

For the few who got it wrong they were, from left to right

**Lot Sanderson,  
Ted Fields,  
Jack Cartlidge,  
Bill Lawtey,  
and driver Walter Towle**

**HAVE YOU GOT A LOCAL  
PICTURE, AND DON'T KNOW  
ALL THE PEOPLE?  
WHY NOT SEND IT IN?**

# THE CRIES OF NOT SO OLD BARTON

This idea came to me when my brother Ernie and myself were talking about Barton as it was. Some of the characters of the 1920's – 30's that we knew came to mind and in particular some who made a living by various means, unknown today. Of course as soon as we started down that road we both said "Jim Sharpe" and the call 'Now You Fish Buyers'. There is a photograph in a local publication which shows a white coated Jim in Soutergate selling fish from his handcart to Mrs Mitchell, 'Taddy' Mitchell's mother. Jim was a cheerful man with a good line in chat and patter, Norah Mager, Cressey as was, remembers him telling her mother, in an almost apologetic tone of voice, "Sorry, Gertie, but it's fourpence a pound today" Why apologetic? Because fourpence was fourpence and enough fish for a large family would cost, money was scarce and Jim knew it. I can remember him having his cart on the White Swan frontage on a Good Friday, he had a good sized halibut on it and did a fair trade. His fish came in on the train, as it did for 'Fish' Bennett's shop in George Street, Ernest Goodhand at Beck Hill corner and probably the eleven fish and chip shops of that time.

Some of you may remember the Cadora in Burgate near Dr. Kirk's and the Post Office. Jim, his wife and two children lived in one of the largish houses on Butts Road, the big ones almost opposite Queens Avenue. These houses had, maybe still have, a cellar. This, one had a gas oven in it and Mrs Sharpe used to boil shellfish on the hobs. At the weekends she would boil mushy peas in a large pancheon and Jim, in spotless, short white jacket would load his carrier cycle with a container of peas, some saucers and spoons (no plastic cartons then) and do the rounds of the public houses. I don't know what he charged, a penny or two maybe. The first round was the Market Place area, there were five public houses within a short compass, the George Hotel, Wheatsheaf, White Lion, Volunteers Arms and the Blue Bell. He had arranged for his daughter, Zena, assisted by Norah Cressey, to bring the pram with a further supply of peas, saucers etc. To the passage near Milson's shop and there an exchange took place. Dirty container and pots back to wash and await the next call, this one and others at home since the Waterside and Fleetgate pubs, and the Red Lion were dealt with by cycle. By the way, Keith, his little lad, was in the pram on these ventures.

Another enterprise was that at Barton Fair Jim would rent space for a stall from the fair people and his chum, Norman 'Bodge' Hopper, wearing a top hat, would parade up and down behind a net barrier and the lucky punters would pay to throw coconut shy type wooden balls at the hat. Succeed and a coconut was the prize. The 'Kipper' lady had a small front room shop in Fleetgate about where Clipsons hairdressers were situated. She always got her kippers on the 4pm train and customers had to wait until she fetched them and was good and ready to serve them.

Was she a Lawtey? I was at school with Bill Lawtey, 1925-30 and we always called him 'Kipper' Lawtey. Another fishy venture was that of George Mager who had a small boat, which he sailed to the Pall sands where he netted shrimps. These he boiled on his way back to Barrow Haven or to the creek at Spencer's brickyard, the one used by Earles clayships. These were sold along the banks and in Barton. His family was pressed into service here. My Grandmother used to send someone with sixpence and a large bowl and the fresh shrimps were much enjoyed.

Another man brought cockles and mussels around in a pony and trap. Householders would buy a 'skep' full, a largish round wooden container. Grandfather used to put them into a bucket with some pearl barley, which cleansed them if left overnight. Then into a well-used bucket and onto the kitchen fire to boil, not to everyone's delight I can tell you! When he thought they were boiling nicely he would give them a good stir with the poker and when they opened up and were cooked to his satisfaction he would drain them, take the 'fringe' off and enjoy them. My wife's father did the same with cockles from the same vendor. Phew! Wilf Welch had a vegetable round using a pony and cart and 'Tatie' Tom (West) could be relied on for a bag of spuds when needed. Little Jimmy Harrison ran errands from the Railway Station to the shops and the like. I wonder if he took fish from the trains to the fish and chip shops like Gertie West's and the Miss Brown's on Pasture Road. Occasionally, on a fine day, the very distinctive hurdy gurdy music could be heard. This came from what looked like a piano on large wheels, the operator turned a handle at the correct speed and music rolls inside provided the tune. This probably came from Hull where the machines could be hired and the chancer, because it was a chance whether he made a bob or two or not, would take it to the ferry dray it up the ramp and along the pier then maybe go to the villages or take the guards van to Barton. I suppose it all depended if he thought he would cover his costs and make a few shillings on the day.

Charles Watkinson

I'm a 3<sup>rd</sup> year multimedia design student, for my major project I have chosen to create a cd-rom about the Water's Edge site. I wanted to include stories and photographs from people that know the history of the site, when it was a brick/tile factory or Britag etc. Do you use the Country Park?

I'm interested to hear from anyone with a story to tell. All contributions will be appreciated and if used, fully credited

in the finished work. I moved to Barton a year ago and I don't know anyone yet, so research is a bit taxing.

Anyone with information contact Rachel on  
07890212718

or email [biomorph@whsmithnet.co.uk](mailto:biomorph@whsmithnet.co.uk)

## STITCHY FINGERS

An informal gathering of local people from Barton and surrounding villages, who enjoy any type of needle craft. Come and enjoy the chat and swapping of ideas. Stitchy Fingers meet on the last Tuesday of every month in the Committee Room at the Assembly Rooms, 7.30pm to 9.30pm contact Amanda

# Barton Youth Centre Juniors Football Club

## WHO ARE YOU? , WHO ARE YOU? , WHO ARE YOU?

A chant that is often heard from the terraces at any major league football match and a question sometimes asked of us in the town of Barton and the surrounding villages. Well the answer is we are Barton Y.C. Juniors Football Club, a totally self-financing and voluntary organisation that for 16 years has provided football for both boys and girls between the ages of 7 to 16 at their home on Pasture Road, Barton. Now that you know that this organisation exists let's tell you what they are all about, what they provide, about their past and an insight into their future.

From when the club was first founded up to the present day the club's aim has been to simply provide football for as many children as that are interested. A simple aim that has held strong over the years and has allowed the club to grow in both stature and reputation within the Scunthorpe and District youth football leagues.

At their Pasture Road ground you will find facilities that rank with the biggest and best in the area. Two full size football pitches for the 11 a-side teams, floodlit training areas, changing rooms, toilet facilities and for those essential refreshments a tea hut. In addition to these the club is also grateful to Weir Turbo Machinery who provide a grassed area at their Humber Road works in Barton for the use of small sided 7 a-side teams aged Under 10 and below. Most week day nights you will find at least one of the age groups training at the Pasture Road ground and during the dark winter nights the younger players training inside Baysgarth Schools sports hall. Whilst on Saturday and Sunday all teams compete in their relevant league and cup competitions with the reassuring fact that during all this time whether training or playing the children are being looked after by adults who have been carefully vetted by the authorities for working with children and are insured against any unfortunate accidents.

As mentioned earlier, this is a fully self financing organisation and a variety of fund raising events take place during the course of a year from tombolla stalls at the Barton Christmas Festival and Summer Carnival to quiz nights, raffles and other sponsored events. We also have the pleasure of working with local businessmen and companies who often sponsor and supply new football kits for the children. After all the hard work (and fun) that goes into raising money it is pleasing to know that every single penny goes back into the club to provide first class facilities, equipment and items for the players. Every December the club organises discos for the different age groups and their

parents at which each player receives a gift, and at the end of the playing season similar nights are organised for the presentation of individual and team trophies, that are often presented by professional footballers. These two functions alone see over £2,500 being given back directly to the players.

During the years that the club has been in existence there have been players that have gone on to be professional footballers and many that still enjoy their game at a high standard of non league and local football. In 1997 the town saw the club playing host to a "soccer" club from Chesapeake in the USA and the following season saw our Under 16's team making the return trip representing both the club and town in the USA.

Over the years differing age groups have won a variety of league and cup competition in the local Scunthorpe leagues and on three occasions in the last eight years officers from the club's committee have received awards from the Jack Kalsen Scunthorpe League for their services and duties to youth football. We pride ourselves in providing official referees for matches and our relationship with other individuals in the community, some of which in the past have kindly taken any surplus football kit to Gambia for the less fortunate youth of the world, who like most children have dreams of being the next David Beckham or Michael Owen.

Regards the future, the club is striving to be an even stronger part of the community than what they already are. In association with the English Football Association and their "Football Workforce" programme, the club is working for full F.A. Chartered Standard, which among other things will see the introduction of girl's teams to the club and leagues to the area. The current structure and organisation of the club means that the chartered status compliments the existing club committee and standards as well as providing a firm foundation for the development of youth football both locally and nationally.

So now that you know who we are and where to find us, why not come and see what we have to offer for boys, girls and parents of all ages. Or if you have any questions feel free to speak to any officer of the club or contact Vaughan Foster on 01652 635611

### MAYOR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2001

Councillor Mrs Dorothy Pearson, Mayor of Barton from May 2001 to May 2002, held a Christmas Raffle during her year as Mayor, in aid of her Appeal Fund for the 3rd Barton Scout Group and Barton Link Club. The winner of the 1st Prize in the Raffle was Mrs Ethel Carter of 29 Victoria House. The 1st Prize was a bike kindly donated by Ride-a-Bike of Barton.

1st Prize held by Debbie Stearman of Ride-a-Bike



Barton Town Council Proudly Presents

# Barton Christmas Festival

## Friday

All Times PM	POLICE STATION
6-15 to 7-00	Switch on of Lights and Carols with the
7-00 to 7-45	Maynard Flip
7-45 to 8-15	Norman Hornsby
8-15 to 9-00	Maynard Flip
9-00 to 9-30	Norman Hornsby
8-00 to 8-30 & 9-00 to 9-30	John Derbyshire wandering Entertainer
JUNCTION SQUARE	
6-00 to 9-30	Steam Engine &
6-00 to 9-00	Bobby Bubbles &
WEST END HIGH STREET	
6-30 to 7-00	Albert Alchemy
7-00 to 7-30	El Petonas
7-30 to 8-00	Albert Alchemy
8-00 to 8-30	El Petonas
8-30 to 9-00	Albert Alchemy

## Saturday

All Times PM	POLICE STATION
2-00 to 2-30	Blunder Bros.
2-30 to 3-00	El Petonas
3-00 to 3-30	Blunder Bros.
4-00 to 4-30	El Petonas
4-30 to 5-00	Blunder Bros.
5-00 to 5-30	Norman Hornsby
5-30 to 6-00	Shoe String Circus
6-00 to 6-45	Grinnigogs
6-45 to 7-15	Norman Hornsby
7-15 to 7-45	Shoe String Circus
7-45 to 8-30	Grinnigogs
2-20 to 7-30	4 x 40min shows Faceless Co. wandering
JUNCTION SQUARE	
2-00 to 8-00	Steam Engine &
2-00 to 8-00	Bobby Bubbles &
WEST END HIGH STREET	
4-00 to 7-00	Steel Band

# FREE PARK 'N' RIDE during the Christmas Festival

## Free BUS ROUTE AROUND BARTON Every Half Hour



Friday 5.00pm - 10.00pm  
Saturday 2.00pm - 10.00pm



Humber Bridge viewing area car park -  
Proudfoots Car Park – Butts Road -  
Pasture Road – Beck Hill -  
Whitecross Street - Barrow Road -  
Meadow Drive – Caistor Road -  
Preston Lane – Brigg Road -  
Millfields – Tofts Road -  
Ferriby Road – Fleetgate -  
Humber Bridge viewing area car park.....

**Security patrolled parking at viewing area car park**



# Cycle Works History

At the risk of boring readers, may I make a final plea for information on the Hopper Cycle Works, before I start on the task of writing the book? Of particular interest would be photographs of staff at work in the factory and offices. My research has yielded little personal information on the founder, Fred Hopper or on his first partner Henry Wilson and any leads would be very welcome. Fred was born on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1859 to Mary and Robert of King St. Robert was a Tallow Chandler with Rawson's candle factory. After serving an apprenticeship at Marshall's of Gainsborough, Fred opened up for business at Brigg Road in 1880 in a single storey workshop on the site of John Keal's shop. An early photograph shows him standing outside the double doors with four of his staff. The closed door is inscribed "F. Hopper Whitesmith and Machinist". By 1893 additional buildings housed a fitting shop, a plating shop and a machine shop. It was not until Henry Wilson, a solicitor living in The Hall, off Waterside Road, invested in the business, that money was available to expand to the east side of Brigg Road and to develop a new factory north of St Mary's Church.

Fred lost his first wife, Margaret, in 1888, aged 29; her son Fred Forster Hopper died a few days later aged one month. I have found no clues as to Margaret's family, though it could presumably have been Forster. Fred remarried in 1890 to Hannah Elizabeth Jackson. She was the daughter of William and Mary Ann Jackson, who ran a business in King St that included hairdressing.

Hannah Elizabeth had four sisters, one of whom, Edith Ann, worked in the Brigg Road Office, in charge of typing. Fred and Hannah had just one son, also Fred, who is still remembered in the town as a small and dapper man involved in farming, through his association with Laurie Kirkby. Fred Jr died in 1973 and his wife, Harriet May, some years before. They had no family so it has not been possible to locate any family papers or photographs. Any leads would, of course, be appreciated!

The Wilson family left The Hall after it was flooded in the 1930's and moved to a new house in Caistor Road, which incorporated panelling and a staircase from The Hall. Henry worked for Frankish, Kingdon and Wilson at Bowlalley Lane, Hull and would have taken the train to New Holland every day to catch the ferry. Henry and his wife Blanche Annie had at least three children, Henry Paley Wilson, Winifred Maud Wilson and Colonel Harold G Wilson. Information on surviving members of this family would be much appreciated, as I would like to locate at least a photograph of Henry Wilson and ideally learn more about his background.

Nigel Land 01652 633363 or email [ndland@btinternet.com](mailto:ndland@btinternet.com)

## **BARTON AND DISTRICT TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The Association has been active in the town for over twenty years, maintaining and developing our links with Feyzin, our twin town to the south of Lyon in France. During our reciprocal visits we stay "en famille" with our hosts, experiencing the French way of life, and visiting the beautiful area of Lyon and the surrounding countryside including the wine growing regions of Beaujolais and Cote du Rhone.

Our French friends stay in our homes the following year, thus maintaining friendships made and forging new ones and we lay on a programme of visits for them to places of interest in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

Owing to difficulties in organisation of the French association as they moved away from Council control to a committee of interested parties in twinning, there was no visit from Feyzin this year, although we are expecting them to visit in 2003. Traditionally they visit during the Carnival and dispense samples of French fare to allcomers next to our own stall.

Our group meets on the third Thursday of each month, except August, at the Barton Corn Exchange Club in the Market Place at 8pm, where new members are made most welcome. We are a mixed age group from all walks of life who share an interest in France and the

French way of life. We discuss and plan our twinning activities and enjoy a varied social programme including restaurant visits and party nights. Our group is self-financing, and all money raised is spent on entertaining our French visitors.

If all this sounds appealing, do come and join us, or contact the chairperson, Gill Dear 01652 633726

### **BARTON TOWN AWARD 2003**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE  
A RESIDENT OF BARTON FOR THE  
BARTON TOWN AWARD,  
NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN  
COUNCIL OFFICE IN THE ASSEMBLY  
ROOMS FROM DECEMBER 2002.  
ALL NOMINEES MUST BE A  
RESIDENT OF BARTON, AND IN  
YOUR VIEW SERVED THE TOWN**

# Down the Garden

## Garden Talk

It's been another year of weather related difficulties. Wet and warm earlier on, encouraging moulds and fungal attacks, and a long dry spell, which has left some plants struggling.

We planted 'Painted Lady' runner beans, this year, in what is a relatively dry sandy soil. Apart from initial watering they have not been watered, and have performed excellently and are still cropping well into October. The secret, a shallow trench was dug out and lined with newspaper 3 or 4 sheets thick. The trench was refilled incorporating pelleted chicken manure (what was left after the neighbour's dogs decided it was a tasty addition to their menu). The beans were started in pots and planted out. The newspaper helped conserve what moisture there was and will rot down naturally.

The 'Norfolk Giant' carrots we grew this year got off to a brilliant start, only to succumb to carrot root fly. This was despite companion planting with onions. Next year we will try using a polythene barrier to ward off the female flies, which fly close to the ground, not normally higher than 18 inches.

New introductions for 2003 include:

- From Thompson and Morgan, tomato 'Temptation', said to be resistant to tobacco mosaic virus, mould fusarium and verticillium. Sounds worth trying.
- Marshalls are introducing a new apple, 'Park Farm Pippin', which is resistant to scab, and tolerant of mildew. Grown on dwarfing rootstock, it is free fruiting, producing red fruits in early September. Marshalls will donate £1 to the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Fund for every one sold a very worthwhile charity.

Also from Thompson and Morgan:

- *Rudbeckia hirta* 'Prairie Sun' which has a green cone shaped centre and bright orange petals with yellowtips, they make ideal cut flowers.
- A helenium whose small spherical yellow flowers give

off a scent like sweet apples, *Helenium aromaticum*.

- A new variety of corncockle, ideal for a sunny border, *Agrostemma githago* 'Pink Pearl', the flowers are larger, soft pink coloured.
- *Pennisetum setaceum* 'Rubrum', a new grass, which has deep red foliage and deep red summer flowers, which fade, to feathery red brown, will also be available next year.

Apart from giving the garden a good tidy up, ridding it of places for slugs and snails to hide, remember there are still things that can be sown. Broad beans can be sown in a sheltered spot outside and carrots in frames or greenhouse border. Hardy varieties of garlic can be sown outside. Remember 'Garlic is good for you', and if you are worried about your breath smelling chew some fresh parsley, guaranteed to freshen you up.

I understand that Alan Titchmarsh is moving house and taking on a new garden because he needed a challenge. That is a bit drastic, but it is nice to have a change in your garden and try something new. Now is the time to plan. Planning a garden is rather like decorating a room, they both need a focal point to be successful. Often this is missing from gardens. Consider framing an existing view, adding a statue, a seat or a specimen plant. Creating something to draw your eye will make all the difference.

Gardens worth visiting this time of year, include:

- Thorp Perrow Arboretum, Nr. Bedale,
- Ray Wood at Castle Howard, Nr. York
- Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire.

"Pleasant summer over, and all the summer flowers, The red fire blazes, The grey smoke towers. Sing a song of seasons! Something bright in all! Flowers in the summer, Fires in the fall!"

*Autumn Fires R.L.Stevenson.*

Enjoy your garden. Jim Dowdy.

## Memories of Shops and Shopping in Barton

The Community Heritage, Arts and Media Project (CHAMP) has been working with a number of community groups, individuals and former retailers in the town to find out and record how our shops have changed. Displays at the Library and Museum have stimulated people to record their individual memories.

Former shop workers have shared their recollections of working behind the counter, running a shop or of a delivery round.

These reminiscences have been added to the Barton upon Humber Civic Society's oral history recordings. Former recordings from the Society's Memory Bank have also been used as part of the research, and further interviews will be undertaken.

The resulting archive is building up a great deal of information about premises, personalities and products of the past. Future changes in retailing will be recorded and added to this archive.

Later this autumn some of the material will be displayed in local shops.

A more extensive exhibition at the Museum will be on show next year.

## Who was Thos Ellerby of Barton, in 1809?

### Was He Churchwarden or Parish Constable? Overseer or Parochial Officer?

*final part of Mr Watkinson's article from issue 27 (July 2002 page 14)*

The Statute of Winchester decreed that parish constables kept 'watch and ward'. Ward applied to the daytime but Watch was probably applicable to the time between Sunset and Sunrise. Did his presence deter Night Walkers, Rogues and Vagabonds?

Parish Constables, too, had to attend upon Coroners, Judges of Assize and Justices at Quarter and General Sessions. There was remarkably little basic difference in Parish Constable's powers and those I exercised in the course of my Service in respect of Arrest for the commission of offences, on suspicion of having committed arrestable offences, for the execution of warrants of arrest and other matters. This says much for the good sound common sense of the people of this country over the Centuries.

But as one of the characters in a TV programme, Z Cars, was wont to say to his superior. "Think On, Charlie Barlow" and anyone reading this should 'Think On'.

1806 was slapbang in the middle of the Napoleonic Wars, threat of invasion had been in the air, Nelson had put paid to that by defeating the French at Trafalgar. Later British goods were blockaded. Napoleon continued to rampage around the Continent until he submitted and was sent into Exile from which he returned to be finally defeated at Waterloo. I wonder if the Press Gangs were active on the Humber Waterways? Some prime seamen there! Did the Parish Constable have to assist when Andrew Called? These were difficult times and it is to the lasting credit of the Justices, the Parish system of Administration, the Constables and other officers that the Country weathered the Storm.

Students of the Law and History should look at the Vagrancy Act, 1824, the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847 and recognise that this Consolidation of many Offences, of the classification of Offenders and the Penalties came about largely to deal with the aftermath of these wars, the Sturdy Beggars, those exhibiting War Wounds and Deformities to gather Arms, crime committed by persons armed and desperate. Three strikes and you're out applied then, first time up to 1 month impt., second time and the classification moved up to Rogue and Vagabond and 3 mos. Next time, Incurable Rogue and 'Up the Steps' to Sessions. Any person could arrest any person for many offences under these two Acts (under which a power of Arrest still obtains!) This is a wonderful textbook, taking me back to my duties on the dark streets of Barton and other Lincolnshire towns, to the exercise of the powers described therein, both on the Streets and in Courts. Today there are still many valid powers of Arrest and the power to Bind Over to Keep the Peace is a very handy provision, used by myself then a Sub-divisional and Divisional Prosecutions officer. Nowadays I wonder why the Police do not now appear to make their own decisions as to what shall be done to maintain order on the streets. And do it! I had better not go any further along this road.

*Thank you to Mr Watkinson for the article*

## REQUEST FOR HELP

# HADFIELD

I have been tracing my family history for a number of years and would be interested in hearing from any of your readers related to, or named HADFIELD. My mother, EMILY LILLIAN HADFIELD, was the tenth child of: ARTHUR JAMES HADFIELD and Ada Baker. Mum was born at: 44 Queens Avenue, Barton, on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1915, as was another child: Nora. I believe another child Gertrude, died there. They lived in Barton for approximately 5 years before returning to Birmingham.

I have no idea why my grandfather moved his family to Barton, but presume it was because he was offered work there, (he was a labourer at the cycle works), and he may have had family connections in the area.

Arthur married Ada in Birmingham on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1897. They had 13 children.

My grandfather, ARTHUR JAMES HADFIELD, was the fifth child of: THOMAS WILLIAM HADFIELD, (born circa 1847) and Sarah Anne Taylor who were married on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1892 in Handsworth, Birmingham, but the 1871 census shows them to be living at 9 William Street, Westgate, Newcastle. Their respective ages were 24 and 23 and they had two children Thomas and Lillian. (The children were born in Birmingham). I presume it was work that prompted the move to the Westgate area, (Thomas was a gun engraver); again there may have been family connections, but in 1881 the census shows them to be living back in Birmingham, (Geach Street). In 1891 (census), they were living in Pool Street, Birmingham with eight children. If there are any HADFIELD's out there who think they might be able to help me in my search, I would love to hear from them.

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