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FROM BARTON TOWN COUNCIL

Barton Arts Week 2001

The sixth Art at St. Peter's exhibition will open this year's Arts Week on Friday 29th June. The exhibition, which showcases the work of local and regional artists in the magnificent setting of St. Peter's Church, has in the past had entries from around 90 artists. This year even at this early stage entries have already topped that amount and the exhibition looks set to be the best yet.

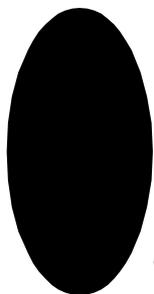
After the high of the preview evening the week keeps up the high standard with an event on each of the 9 days. The first weekend will see many of Barton's hidden treasures open to the public as John Phillips runs a two day open gardens event. Any Barton resident who would like to add their garden to the number already willing to open to the public should contact John on (01652) 634630. To help people from garden to garden there will be a pony and trap taxi service in operation giving local residents and visitors alike a chance to view the town from a different perspective.

A new venture last year, free children's workshops, were well attended and produced excellent results – this year there will be even more opportunities for public participation. At present, details of some events need to be confirmed, but to give you a taste of what this year's Arts Week has to offer, a provisional programme is outlined below.

The programme leaflet and tickets for all events will be available first at the Barton Civic Society coffee morning at The Assembly Rooms on Saturday 5th May 10am – 12noon.

We look forward to Arts Week 2001 and hope that everyone will find something to enjoy.

The Barton Arts Committee



- Art in the Home - A national touring exhibition at Ropewalk Contemporary Art & Craft.
- Shakespeare – The Merchant of Venice in Baysgarth Park.
- Sid Kipper – The Norfolk storyteller at the Old Mill.
- Nick Harper in concert at The Assembly Rooms.
- Victorian Day in Queen Street.
- The Jiving Lindy Hoppers – modern dance performance at Baysgarth School.
- Concert Royal – a quartet performing the music of Jane Austin on period instruments.
- Northanger Abbey – an adaptation of Jane Austen's novel in Baysgarth Park.

Plus children's workshops, guitar night, a craft fair, The Victorian Train, Street Theatre and much more.

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.



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CENTRAL SURGERY

I thought it might be helpful to readers if I presented a small piece explaining some of the recent developments at Central Surgery.

Demand on the service continues to increase – we experience a 9% increase in patient consultations each year but unfortunately we have not experienced a 9% increase in resources to meet this demand. The Practice has therefore tried to meet the demand by offering the following :-

Nurse Triage

Nurse triage was introduced by the practice in 1996 and provides a filtering system for the doctor. Previously, every patient contacting the surgery was offered an appointment but sometimes this was inappropriate because the patient perhaps required only basic advice, which could have been given by a nurse. Similarly, patients needing to see the doctor urgently were faced with unacceptable waits because appointments were booked for weeks on end.

Every urgent call into the practice is first triaged by a fully trained nurse. She will take medical details from you and will be able to assess whether you need advice, a consultation at the surgery with the doctor or the nurse, or in emergency cases, a home visit.

At busy times, particularly mornings, the triage nurse may get bogged down with calls so the receptionist will ask for very basic information so that she can pass this on to the triage nurse who will then call you back as quickly as possible.

Duty Surgery

A doctor is on-call for the practice 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The duty doctor for the day is responsible for all home visits and emergency consultations. He/she will conduct a “duty surgery” starting at 12noon and 4.30pm each day – although these times may vary depending on the workload. The triage nurse may ask you to attend this surgery if she considers your problem urgent for that day.

The duty surgery is for urgent problems only. You should not expect to be able to present with a problem which has been bothering you for some time or which can wait another day or two. The duty surgery is usually very busy and stressful because the patients presenting are very poorly. Please do not waste the doctors time by insisting you be seen the same day if things can wait longer.

Open Access Surgery

We have identified that patient complaints fall into three categories. The first is the acute problem, which can't wait any longer and has to be seen the same day. The duty surgery can deal with this type of problem. The second of the three categories is the problem which although is not urgent for today, is important and cannot wait until the next free appointment with the doctor which may be in four or five days time.

At the beginning of this year the practice introduced an “Open Access Surgery” every Friday morning. Any patient wishing to be seen can arrive at the surgery between 8.30am and 12 noon. No appointment is required but patients must be prepared to wait. A number of doctors will be running this surgery because numbers attending are very high. There is therefore no guarantee which doctor you will see.

Routine Surgery

Finally our third group of patients are those whose problem is not urgent and are willing to wait to see the doctor of their choice, at a time to suit them. Unfortunately, because of the demand on the service and the commitment of the doctors to duty, village surgeries and on-call a wait for an appointment may at times be over a week. However, patients can be assured they will see the doctor of their choice and will not be subjected to a long wait at the surgery. The appointments are ten minutes.

Nurse Run Clinics

Again to try and ease the pressure on the doctor we have trained our nurses to provide certain specialist clinics. These include asthma, diabetes and coronary heart disease. Unfortunately, there has been an interruption in some of these services due to a change in nursing staff. We are pleased to report however; we are again fully staffed so patients should see services back to normal.

Finally, I would like to stress we are trying to provide the best possible service to our patients. Our staff prides themselves on being helpful and responsive. However, there are times when patients are abusive and rude and our staff find these situations stressful and difficult to manage.

If you have a problem or a suggestion on how we may improve things then please write to me.

*Nancy Devine
Manager
Central Surgery
King Street
Barton on Humber
DN18 5ER*

THE BARTON & DISTRICT PATIENTS & CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Secretary: Neil Turner Treasurer: Christine Read

Chairperson: Fay Shepherd

Our aim is to give confidential support and help to patients, relatives, friends and carers.

Come along to our meetings held on the last Friday of the month at 50 Holydyke (known locally as the Old Clinic) 1.30pm to 3.00pm. there is no membership fee, just a friendly ear, conversation and a cup of tea.

The Group was formed originally with the help of Connexions and was known as the Barton Cancer Support Group, but at the last meeting on a vote it was decided to widen our support to other people needing help - hence our new name.

For further information please contact: Connexions 01652 636208 or Fay 633600

North Lincolnshire Rural Community Transport

North

Lincolnshire Rural Community Transport is pleased to announce the arrival of a new 10-seater wheelchair accessible minibus. This is available to groups or organisations who wish to transport the elderly, frail or disabled persons living in the North Lincolnshire area.

This

bus is funded through the National Lotteries Charities Board and is to be kept, with kind permission of the Management of Kimberly Clark, on their Barton site.

For

further information or bookings please contact us on **01652 636292** between the hours of 9.00am and 12 noon Monday to Friday.

Mr Cyril Doughty has asked us to pass on the following message, to everyone who supported his collection in Proudfoot Superstore at Christmas for the Macmillan Cancer Relief, which he recently received from them:-

I write to thank you on behalf of the above committee for your musical involvement in the November collection at Proudfoot in Barton on Humber.

This year the collection raised £470.00 for our funds. (£539.00 was raised in 1999) This is a tremendous achievement of which you should be proud of the part which you played. To give up your time and make the day so pleasurable for the shoppers and for our collectors is most appreciated.

Macmillan gains its support from the public and Macmillan dedicates its efforts back to the public.

Yours sincerely
Lyn Cassidy - Chairman
Scunthorpe Committee"

WATERING OF TOWN COUNCIL PLANTERS AND HANGING BASKETS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM SUITABLE PERSONS CAPABLE AND EQUIPPED TO WATER THE TOWN COUNCILS 21 PLANTERS AND 20 HANGING BASKETS IN THE SUMMER MONTHS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, ADDRESS ON THE BACK PAGE.

BARTON & DISTRICT A.C.

Barton & District A.C. held their Annual Presentation of Awards recently, at Baysgarth School, Barton, where Mrs Clark, President of the Club, presented the awards to athletes.

Receipients of awards for the Club's Annual Cross Country Championships in 2000 were Under 11 Boy Oliver Clark, Under 13 Girl Kim Chapman, Under 15 Boy Gary Brace, Junior Man Patrick Sprakes and Senior Men Paul Bellamy, Robert O'Mara and James Clark.

Award winners for Track and Field for the 2000 season in the younger age groups were Under 11 Girl Devon Stewart, Under 11 Boys Oliver Clark and Jack Marlow, Under 13 Girl Kim Chapman, and Under 13 Boys Nicholas Clayton, Liam Clark and Alex Griffiths. Patrick Sprakes won both the Junior Men's Sprint trophy and the Jumps trophy, whilst Senior Woman Rachael Clayton was the recipient of the Sprints and Jumps trophies for her age group and was runner up in the Throws. Joanna Stewart won the Senior Women's Throws trophy and was runner up in the Jumps. The Senior Men's Sprints trophy was won by Paul Bellamy with Robert O'Mara taking second place. whilst in the Mid Distance events Robert and Paul were joint winners. Bruce Clayton won the Senior

Men's Throws trophy, Robert O'Mara the Jumps Award, and Chris Willers the Long Distance trophy with Robert O'Mara receiving a medal for second place.

Five Star Awards (badges and certificates) were also presented. These were the last Five Star Awards to be presented to Club members as the scheme has been replaced by the new Shine Award. Recipients of Five Star Awards were:- Devon Stewart who was presented with a 2 Star Award with 64 points and Oliver Clark a 5 Star with 142 points (Under 10 age group). Alex Griffiths was presented with a 2 Star Award with 92 (Under 12). In the Under 13 age groups Liam Clark received a 4 Star Award with 169 points, Kim Chapman a 4 Star Award with 161 points and also a 4 Star Pentathlon with 247 points, and Nicholas Clayton a 5 Star Award with 219 points.

The Club is now looking towards their big event of the year, Barton & District A.C.'s 21st Annual Open Cross Country Meeting to be held in Baysgarth Park, Barton on Sunday 4th March 2001.

Any one wanting more information about Barton & District A.C. Club please contact Mr or Mrs Bellamy on 01652 633422

WE A COURSES IN BARTON

Out and about in North Lincolnshire with a Camera

Marion Row

This course aims to encourage students to gain an understanding of basic photographic processes and develop skills through a series of practical activities/projects in and around Barton. Topics for study could include local places of interest in the town, churches, outdoor portraits, the Humber Bridge etc.

Monday 6 weeks 7 May 2001 7.00pm - 9.00pm Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton upon Humber

Full Fee £20.40 Concessionary Fee £15.60 Registration Fee £1.00

Summer Wildlife Visits II

Mark Tyszka

A new series of visits to five different Nature Reserves within 25 miles of Barton to explore local wildlife in a variety of habitats. A chance to discover common and rare flowers, animals, birds etc., to see how they depend on each other and to contribute to a record of the visits. Maximum walking distance 1.5 miles. Introductory meeting at Providence House.

Thursday 6 weeks 10 May 2001 7.00pm - 9.00pm Providence House, Holydyke, Barton upon Humber

Full Fee £20.40 Concessionary Fee £15.60 Registration Fee £1.00

All Enquires to Anthony Berridge, 47 Eastfield Road, Barton, DN18 6AW Telephone 01652 633804

BARTON CHILD CENTRE OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

50 Holydyke
Barton-Upon-Humber
North Lincolnshire DN18 5PP

We offer quality childcare in a secure and stimulating environment Before school after school and during the school holidays, at affordable prices, for school aged children.

We are registered with the Joint Registration and, Inspection Unit. Arrangements can be made to pickup and drop off children, who attend the 3 Barton Primary Schools.

Term Time:

Before School 7:30am – 9:00am

£2.00 per child

After School 3:30pm – 6:00pm

£3.50 per child

Holidays All day 8.00:am – 6:00pm

£7.50 per child

Half Day 8:00am – 1:00pm £4.00 per child

1:00pm – 6:00pm £4.00 per child

Contact Ann or Lynda, on 01652 634723

Or call in.

Barton Child Centre is supported by the Government Single Regeneration Budget, North Lincolnshire Council and The New Opportunities Fund.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Barton-upon-Humber Area Group

SUNDAY FIELD MEETINGS

These normally commence at Barton Market Place at 9.00am, and usually return between 4 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.

22 April 2001 Spurn. Leader - John Kneeshaw (01652 634673) Hopefully we should see some Spring migratory birds.

13 May 2001 Barnack. Leader - Martin Broadbridge (01652 632895) Mainly for Spring flowers.

SATURDAY MORNING MEETINGS

Meetings will be led by John Kneeshaw (01652 634673) and normally start at 9.30am at the venue unless otherwise stated.

These short walks cover only two to four miles over a period of two to three hours, whilst avoiding any strenuous stretches, and are, therefore, suitable for most people, young or old. The sites are chosen to enable us to enjoy some of the wide variety of birds to be found in the Barton area with, hopefully, the occasional rarity thrown in.

Do not worry if you do not know a Dunnock from a Dunlin, there will always be someone able to help out and hone your identification skills. If you require any further information do not hesitate to ring John who will be only too pleased to help.

21 April 2001 Far Ings Nature Reserve - Meet at the Visitor Centre car park, Far Ings Road, Barton-upon-Humber.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, Sunday & Monday 5, 6 & 7 May 2001 Optics Weekend at the Far Ings Nature Reserve, Far Ings Road, Barton-upon-Humber. "Lambers of Lancaster" will have telescopes, binoculars etc on display and for sale. You are able to "test drive" most items from one of the reserve's hides.

Sunday 6 May 2001 Dawn Chorus followed by breakfast. Meet at the Far Ings Visitor Centre Far Ings Road, Barton-upon-Humber at 4am. Breakfast £3, various birds will sing free of charge.

Barton Civic Society are compiling a Millennium Photographic Project

And would like to take photographs of any houses, cottages etc. that were related with the brick and tile industry. If you lived or live in any of these please can you help the Civic Society by contacting George at 01652 633686. If you have not had an opportunity to see the Barton Civic Society brick and tile collection at The Ropewalk, which was kindly provided by Ann Los, they would highly recommend a visit.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BARTON

During Holy Week there will be half-hour prayer Services from 7.15pm – 7.45pm as follows:

Monday 9th April at St Augustine Webster Church

Tuesday 10th April at Trinity Methodist Church

Wednesday 11th April at St Mary's Parish Church

On Good Friday 13th April a March of Witness will leave St Augustine Webster's at 10.30am for a Service at The Salvation Army at 11.00am.

Sunday 13th May at 3.00pm Riding Lights Theatre Group at St Mary's Catholic Church, Brigg.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity will be held from 29th May – 3rd June. There will be half-hour prayer Services from 7.15pm – 7.45pm

Tuesday 29th May at St Mary's Parish Church

Wednesday 30th May at Trinity Methodist Church

Thursday 31st May at The Salvation Army

Friday 1st June at St Augustine Webster Catholic Church.

On Pentecost Sunday 3rd June there will be a March of Witness leaving Junction Square at 3.10pm for a short Service at St Peter's Church at 3.30pm

Barton Churches Together are preparing another Musical to follow last year's successful production of 'Hopes and Dreams'. This year we are producing 'Snakes and Ladders' which promises to be just as exciting. Watch out for dates and publicity.

St Augustine Webster Holy Week Services

Saturday 7th April 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday

Sunday 8th April Palm Sunday 9.30am Parish Mass with Blessing and Procession of Palms

Thursday 12th April Holy Thursday 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 13th April Good Friday 3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion 7.00pm The Way of the Cross

Saturday 14th April Holy Saturday 7.30pm Easter Vigil Service and First Mass of Easter

Sunday 15th April Easter Sunday 9.30am Parish Mass – Mass of Easter Day

Saturday 16th June at 1.30pm St Augustine's "Summer Fayre"

St Mary's Parish Church

Sunday 8th April Palm Sunday 9.30am Procession from St Peter's to St Mary's for Parish Communion

8th April 7.30pm Concert by the New County Choral Society – Faure's Requiem

12th April Maundy Thursday 7.30pm The Lord's Supper

13th April Good Friday 2.00pm An Hour before the Cross

15th April Easter Day 6.00am Easter Ceremony and Dawn Communion followed by breakfast. 8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30am Parish Communion. 6.00pm Festival Evensong.

Thursday 24th May Ascension Day 9.30am Holy Communion. 7.30pm Confirmation at Barrow.

Saturday 26th May 7.30pm Concert by the Royal Logical Corp Band

Saturday 7th July 2.00pm Garden Party

The Salvation Army

14th April Holy Saturday 8.30am Prayer Breakfast

15th April Easter Day 10.00am and 6.00pm Celebration Services

28th – 29th April Weekend featuring the Barton Salvation Army Band and special guests Capts Mark and Tracey Bearcroft and Major Malcolm Robinson. Saturday at 7.00pm

30th June – 1st July Weekend featuring our Home League (Ladies Meeting) with a visit from the Kettering League Singers. Saturday at 7.00pm

Trinity Methodist Church

Sunday 1st April 10am Visit of Mr Alex Cooke from the 'Love Russia' Charity

8th April Palm Sunday 10.00am and 6.00pm Chapel Anniversary Services led by Mrs Eileen Coombe

12th April Maundy Thursday 7.15pm The Lord's Supper

15th April Easter Day 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.00am

Family Service. 6.00pm Easter Praise at South Ferriby

Saturday 21st April 10.00am Nearly New Sale

Saturday 19th May 10.00am Spring Fair

Thursday 24th May Ascension Day 7.30pm Holy Communion

Pentecost Sunday 3rd June 8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th June 7.30pm Concert by The Detroit Conference High School Choir, USA

Barton Flower Club & Scunthorpe & District Embroiderers Guild

Present A Festival of Flowers & Needlework at St. Peter's Church, Barton

On Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1st, 2nd & 3rd June 10.00am - 4.00pm

In support of Lindsey Lodge Hospice



Baysgarth House

Mrs Jean Holmes of 13 Warrendale, Barton has asked for the following Tribute to be included in the Bartonian, I hope many of you find it interesting.

This Tribute could never have been written without the help and guidance of so many people:

Betty Crowston, Norah Thompson, Gilbert Mouncey, Robbie Robson Secretary of 419 Squadron Association in Gloucester, Rev. Peter Upton-Jones and Rev. Ian Kitchen, Flt.Sgt. David Curry RAF Digby Lincolnshire, L.C. Morrison at The Ministry of Defence, The Imperial War Museum, Norman Yates MBE Eastern Area Director of the RAFA, Mervyn Hallam Curator RAF Scampton, Mark Andrew and Ray Crampin both members of the Battle of Britain Historical Society, Mrs Isabel Gorry who was taught by Tom at Laxey School, Isle of Man, Judith Lund Headteacher at Laxey School, Michael Hutesson, Ron Parker, Brian Peeps, The Bartonian Magazine, Mrs B Cowling, the Librarians at Grimsby, Hull and Scunthorpe, The Examiner Newspaper, Isle of Man and Thelma Clarke and her two sisters who are Tom's second Cousins. I am indebted to Thelma for the photo of Pilot Officer Cottier.

Pilot Officer Thomas George Cottier RCAF

PER ARDUA AD ASTRA

"Through Difficulties To The Stars"

During WW11 over 55,000 BOMBER COMMAND AIRMEN ascended way beyond the stars – As we grow older they remain forever young.

My Tribute however is written especially about Pilot Officer Thomas George Cottier RCAF and dedicated to the late Edna Mouncey.

Resting in Barton Cemetery, just a few steps along the path from the War Memorial, on the right hand side, is a young airman of Bomber Command, Pilot Officer Thomas George Cottier aged 27 years.

I knew nothing of this young man until a friend told me, when I moved to Barton 18 months ago, about Edna Mouncey (nee Such) who as a teenager represented the RED CROSS at the Officer's funeral and from that day onwards attended to his grave until she died a few years ago, having given 55 years devoted service to a part Canadian airman she didn't know – she hadn't even seen a photo of him. Edna's husband Gilbert still calls to pay respects when he visits her grave, carrying on Edna's long tradition.

Thomas George Cottier was born in Winnipeg on the 3rd September 1915. His Father, Thomas, had gone out to Canada from BRIDE in the Isle of Man in about 1912 and eventually married a Canadian girl, Sadie.

After the death of his Mother, whilst still a schoolboy, Tom returned to the Isle with his father. He attended the Ramsey Grammar School and his ambition was to become a schoolteacher. As far as I am able to ascertain Tom gained his degree at an English University and thence taught at several schools, Swinehurts, Laxey, Sulby and the Albert Road Elementary School, Ramsey.

After the outbreak of WW11 Tom went to Canada to join the RCAF and to train as a Bomber Pilot. He returned to England in May 1941 having been awarded his wings and a commission. Some little time later Pilot Officer Cottier, together with a compliment of 50 other Officers, was invited to dine with the King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose at Windsor Castle.

Tom took part in several operational sorties to Brest and flew

from Mildenhall Suffolk with 419 Squadron. It was the third RCAF bomber squadron overseas. Their motto was "BEWARE OF THE MOOSE".

On the night of the 15th January 1942 Pilot Officer Cottier flying Wellington bomber Z1145 VR-A took off at 1810 hours. His crew of six consisted of Co-pilot Flt. Sgt. L.C. Powell, Sgt. A.E. Cox, Sgt. T.N. Pugh, Sgt. J.A.H. Lucas and Sgt. C.H. Lomas, who was substituting for a Sgt. Williamson.

From various other bases 96 aircraft in all flew on the Hamburg raid. Returning home Cottier's plane ran out of fuel, both engines shut off at almost the same time and the Wellington crashed at 0210 hours into the sea off Spurn Point. I believe that Tom's wristwatch had stopped at 3.15am.

The aircraft took about 2½ minutes to sink and there were only 2 survivors, Sgt. Cox and Sgt. Lucas. Cox managed, in a strong southeasterly gale, to get into the dinghy and to haul Lucas aboard. They were picked up about an hour or so later by HMS GOATFELL an anti aircraft ship. Both airmen suffered minor bruises and abrasions and were taken to the Naval hospital in Grimsby. As far as I was able to find out these 2 young men survived the War. It is thought the other 4 airmen died on impact. Pilot Officer Lomas and Sgt. Pugh still remain in the Deep and are both remembered on the Runnymede Memorial, Egham, Surrey. The two survivors said the plane had not been damaged in any way by enemy action, they had simply run out of fuel. The real tragedy was that they were so near to home.

Fifty-two crews claimed to have bombed in poor visibility. Overall however the raid on the primary target, shrouded in cloud, was a disappointment to 419 Squadron and sadly they had lost so many crew members. Two Wellingtons and a Hampden failed to return and 8 planes crashed in England. Flt. Sgt. Powell was found in the River Humber on the 4th April 1942 and Pilot Officer Cottier's body was recovered in New Holland Dock on the 29th April. Flt. Sgt. Lloyd Charles Powell was buried in the RAF section of St. Mary's Churchyard at Brandesburton, East Yorkshire. It is in the care of the War Graves Commission and just recently new rose bushes were planted. I was assured by Rev. Ian Kitchen that Lloyd's grave is in immaculate condition.

The funeral of Pilot Thomas George Cottier took place at St. Peter's Church, Barton. The Service, his first, was conducted by Hugh Varah, brother of Chad the founder of the Samaritans. St Peter's is now under the care of the English Heritage.

It was sad that Tom and Lloyd could not have been buried together as they were both born in Manitoba within 2 years of each other – Tom in Winnipeg and Lloyd came from Virden.

Let us not forget these brave airmen and all those Servicemen and Women who died to keep the British Isles and the World free. We owe them a debt that can never ever be repaid.

As an addition to this Tribute, I would like to mention that next to Tom's grave is a young sailor's, AB E.H. Windle, HMS Bideford, 27th February 1943 aged 22 years. His Mother had said at the time "whatever we do for Edmund we will also do for Tom – he is somebody's son!" and so another tradition was begun in '43 that still exists to this very day. Each month Edmund's sister makes a round journey of over 20 miles to bring flowers and when I called just after Christmas to pay respects, two identical Holly Wreaths were laid almost side by side on the two graves. It leaves one lost for words.....

Mrs Windle must have been a beautiful and compassionate Mother, as in her own sorrow she could think of another young serviceman.



Barton Carnival 2001

Who Wants to Play Knockout?

On Sunday 22nd July, the main arena event is "It's a Knockout". The professional Jumping Jacks It's a Knockout Team require 6 teams of 10 members per team to enter this fun competition.

All entrants must be over 18 years of age. We are looking for teams from Barton and the surrounding area. Here is a chance to have great fun and publicise your business or charity. There will be trophies for the winners and we can promise an afternoon of fun and entertainment.

Anyone interested in forming a team please apply to Carnival Chairman Maurice Stewart 633375 for details.

This is only one of many attractions for the second day of the Carnival. Sunday's main attractions include the Horse Show & Gymkhana, Car Boot Sale, Catwalkers Fashion show, Children's Entertainment, Fun Fair, and lots more. There is always so much to see on Sunday, but please help us to ensure that the Knockout has full entry.

We have been asked to bring the following information to the attention of our readers:

Barton upon Humber Relief in Sickness Fund (Formerly Ada Flower Will Trusts)

The above Trust was established originally under the Will of the late Ada Flower dated 31st January 1938. Under the terms of this document monies can be made available at the discretion of the Trustees for people who are sick and who are resident in Barton upon Humber. This can include buying medical appliances for the benefit of patients and it can also be used for providing assistance to carers of sick people. Occasionally the funds can be used for purchasing help and equipment for sick and disabled people to improve their lifestyle, depending on the circumstances of each particular case.

Currently recommendations are sent to the Trustees by representatives of the local churches, the local medical practitioners and other local voluntary organisations. Generally speaking the majority of funds are spent on people who are elderly and need assistance for heating their homes in the winter time and for help towards pedicure treatment. The Trustees are hoping to broaden the scope of beneficiaries of this scheme and any relevant enquires should be made to **the Clerk of the Trustees, Keith Ready of Market Place, Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire, DN18 5DD.**

Barton Civic Society

Barton upon Humber Civic Society is a respected and vibrant local voluntary organisation. Our Executive Committee meets monthly, generally the second Friday of each month, at 51 Fleetgate, 7.30-9.00pm. The Executive Committee co-ordinates all the many strands of the Society's business.

Much responsibility and independence is devolved to three sub-committees; The Environment sub-committee, chaired by George Thomas, monitors planning applications, recommends Good Marks, records contemporary history, organises tree planting and other environmental improvements and is generally very active in the community. The Heritage sub-committee, chaired by Ian Wolseley, oversees our contemporary history project and school's competition, recommends Good Marks and links with initiatives in the community such as Arts Week and Heritage Week. The 51 Fleetgate sub-committee, chaired by Neil Turner, meeting periodically to map out a secure future for 51 Fleetgate, post Regeneration.

We have manned a number of very successful open days at 51 Fleetgate and my impression is that the majority of local people wish to see it remain in the public domain. Following a successful funding bid by Ian Wolseley we will soon be able to install our office base at 51 Fleetgate, which will include our valuable archives, catalogued last year by Carolyn and Denis Houghton. As for the last 31 years, the Society organises a series of public talks throughout the year. The last one by Mr O H Boyd entitled, "John Harrison's work in Barrow on Humber on the first Sea Clock", attracted an audience of around 100 people. On Friday 23rd March Dr John Pemberton is giving an illustrated talk on "Lincolnshire Church Organs" while on Friday 11th May Brian Bell is giving an illustrated talk, "Recollection of a Railway Foreman - steam working: Barton-Immingham-Kings Cross". Entry is free to members - 7.30pm, Assembly Rooms. Annual membership of the Society costs £6 or less, differentiated to circumstances. Prospective members should contact Rose Jackson, Secretary, 3 Chapel Lane, Barton (Tel 633581)

Margaret Holmes, our Treasurer, has done the most excellent job of re-structuring the finances of our Society over the past eighteen months. One of the things that pleased me especially in her most recent report was the news that our merchandising account - the sale of postcards, notelets, town trails and of Ball's Victorian History of Barton - is now showing a healthy credit balance.

As part of Barton Arts Week 2001 the Civic Society is planning a special Victorian family day on Sunday 1st July. A programme of displays, entertainment's and stalls, in the setting of our fine Victorian buildings of Queen Street, will celebrate the close of the Victorian era one hundred years ago.

Experience a Victorian schoolroom, make traditional Victorian crafts and enjoy Victorian street entertainment. If you would like to help - perhaps making Victorian style crafts to sell - please telephone Ian Wolseley on (01652 632928).

Richard Clarke (Chairman)

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To the Residents of the Town of Barton-upon-Humber

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Mayor and Members of the Barton-upon-Humber Town Council cordially invite you to attend the Annual Town Meeting which will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton-upon-Humber, on Wednesday 25th April 2001, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Prayer.**
2. **Welcome by the Town Mayor, Councillor K. Vickers.**
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 Report for 2000/2001, previously circulated with the April 2001 issue of the Bartonian:-**
 - (a) **Finance and General Purposes Committee. (Councillor Mrs. W. Witter);**
 - (b) **Environmental Regeneration Committee. (Councillor Mrs. J. Oxley);**
 - (c) **Community Regeneration Committee. (Councillor R. Stokes) .**
 - (d) **Barton Tourism Regeneration Task Group. (Councillor P. Davis); .**
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9. **General questions from the floor. ***
10. **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

Copy of Annual Report is enclosed and copies will be available in the Meeting.

BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2000/2001

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor Mrs Wendy Witter

We are pleased to be able to report, that we are in a healthy financial position. During this past year we have been rationalising the various small amounts in our budget, that had been either set aside for specific projects or have not been proceeded with, or which we had spent less than allowed. This money has been transferred to central balances for re-allocation and has helped us to reduce our budget to £92,000 for 2001/2002, from £103,519 in 2000/2001

During this past year the Council, on the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, has supported the refurbishment of the War Memorial, the Bonfire and Fireworks provided by Barton Lions, the Bike Night organised by Malc Bennett, the Carnival arranged by the Carnival Committee, the Millennium Garden Party set up by Connexions and the Senior Alliance, the Town Bus in conjunction with North Lincolnshire Council, and will be contributing towards the Bridge over the Haven, as part of the opening up of the Water's Edge Project. At a smaller cost level, there has been minor financial help to set up a local support group for Carers, and a group of young people to formalise its fund-raising activities. We also supported Barton Arts Week, the Market Towns Initiative, the Car Scheme, and various Barton Regeneration Projects.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee has a Sub Group, which has oversight of the Assembly Rooms and it has been continuing the efforts to upgrade this facility to make it more user friendly. They had hoped to have the lift installed during this financial year, but have run into problems with the siting. Other items such as a hearing loop and better temperature control, a rolling programme of redecoration and provision of storage, are on their agenda. At the moment our bookings have remained constant over the last three years.

We have a small group of Councillors who carry out an internal audit quarterly. They check that no unauthorised payments are made, and all income is recorded. Messers Robson Rhodes externally audits the Council's accounts and we are pleased to report, that they have given us a "good" report. Mr I Glover, our Town Clerk and Finance Officer, supported by Mrs C Clark are of course responsible for producing the accounts, and the Council most sincerely thank them for all their hard work – The Council accounts are public documents, and are available to the public in the Assembly Rooms after Audit, when they are displayed in the notice board outside the Assembly Rooms for two weeks.

By inspecting the Full Council minutes, which can be viewed in the Library at Providence House, a fuller account of the Committee and the Council's work can be seen.

Mr I Glover will be retiring in October 2001, and the Personnel Group, which is part of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, will be seeking to appoint a replacement. He will be a hard act to follow, helpful, supportive and yet keeping us on the straight and narrow – thanks Ivan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor Mrs Janet Oxley

The Environmental Regeneration Committee has had another successful year, continuing with its on going projects; street name plates, signage, seats, bulb planting and much more.

Our bulb planting was once again match funded by North Lincolnshire Council, and members of Barton Lions Club, Barton Rotary Club, Barton Civic Society and Cubs and Leaders of 3rd Barton Scout Group, joined forces with us to complete the planting in record time. A big thank you to everyone who helped. The Town should have a grand display of daffodils and crocuses this year.

The Committee look into all aspects of environmental improvement including safer streets and traffic calming. To this end we have initiated a project to establishing a Home Zone in the Town. Information on this will be published soon. We are also working with other environmental groups in the Town to work together on projects of common interest. We hope to meet together every three months.

I would like to thank all my hard working colleagues on the Environmental Committee for their enthusiasm and their dedication to the interests and well being of this Town.

My thanks also to the people of the Town, who without their wonderful floral displays, hanging baskets and their care in keeping the Town clean and tidy, we might not have been voted the Best Kept Town, winning this Award in the Millennium year.

COMMUNITY REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Councillor Robin Stokes

One of the reasons I took over the Chair of the Community Regeneration Committee is that I believe, as did my predecessors, in the need for active and forward participation by as many individuals and organisations as possible, towards the continued growth of the community spirit and progress, that makes Barton so special, and that will improve the standard of life in Barton to the benefit of its residents.

It is our duty as Councillors to help to promote our town in our efforts to achieve the above objectives, by staging events that will attract new people, businesses, and jobs into the town, which will also give the young of the area reasons to stay in Barton and build a future, so they may over the years, continue the work we have started.

This year has proved to be very busy, and in spite of difficulties along the way, the results have moved us forward in the direction of steady and continued progress.

The Bike Night once again increased in popularity, with more motorcycles and allied groups than ever, in attendance. Our thanks go to Malc. Bennett for his tireless work in organising this popular event, which was supported financially by the Community Regeneration Committee.

In August we held The Picnic in the Park, and with the help of Millennium funding, we provided more entertainment than ever before, which resulted in a huge attendance, helped by fine weather. One had only to witness the pleasure on the faces of the young children and adults, to see they were all having a great time, and to appreciate the value of this event in providing entertainment for all, at little or no cost to themselves.

In November we held our largest event, the Barton Christmas Festival, and in spite of organisational problems we encountered along the way, this was the first time we faced the need for a comprehensive Risk Assessment, requested by the Police to ensure safety. The loss of the use of the Coach and Horses car park, as the site of the fun fair added to our headaches.

It was only by the hard work and determination of all involved, to whom I offer my sincere thanks, we were able to stage this ever popular event. It is true, logistical mistakes were made, but hopefully we will have learnt from those mistakes, and will use the information for the benefit of future Festivals.

On Saturday of the Festival as in past years, the Cairngorm Reindeer enchanted us all, both young and old, in spite of a torrential rainstorm, and a Police siege in High Street right in the middle of the attractions, but everyone soldiered on and helped to make this event as popular as it ever was.

The Community Regeneration Committee has provided attractions in our town during the year, and has given pleasure to both residents and visitors alike, and it is my hope, that we will be able to do so this year. It is only by the hard work and dedication of both my fellow Councillors and all others who helped us, that we were able to give our town, what I believe to be, to the advancement and benefit of all in the town and help provide a better standard of life, long may that continue.

Finally I would like to express on behalf of the Community Regeneration Committee and all others involved, our sincere thanks to Ivan Glover, our Town Clerk, who is due to retire from his post during this year, after years, of service to our town. We wish him health and a happy retirement when the time comes, but most of all we thank him for all he has done for Barton.

BARTON UPON HUMBER TOURISM REGENERATION TASK GROUP

Chairman: Councillor Pete Davis

The group is composed of representatives of the Town Council, North Lincolnshire Tourism, Barton Chamber of Trade, Barton Civic Society, Barton Regeneration and a number of other local organisations and individuals. The group meets monthly and aims to promote the Town and its calendar of events such as The Bike Night, The Christmas Festival, Arts Week and The Carnival, and to encourage visitors.

With the assistance of the Civic Society, picture postcards were produced last year and are on sale in the local shops. A survey of the Town's signage was carried out this year, under the guidance of Councillor Christine Read. The findings have been prioritised and improvements will be carried out through a rolling programme.

The Group is currently working to produce a leaflet, 'Discover Barton', which will highlight local events and tourist information. The Group is also preparing designs for Barton wrapping paper and bags, which will feature sketches of local buildings, for example St Peter's Church, a Lincolnshire recipe and other interesting features.

2001 will see the launch of Farmers' Markets selling locally grown, free range and organic produce. The first market, *subject to the current foot and mouth epidemic*, is booked for 12th April on the Cottage Lane car park. It was hoped, that it would be launched by a celebrity, but this has been deferred to the second market on 14th June. Further Farmers' Markets are proposed for 9th August, 11th October and 13th December.

There will also be a one-off Farmers' Market on the 8th July, at Proudfoot car park, to coincide with the Craft Market weekend.

This busy year of activities will hopefully be enjoyed by Barton's residents and the many visitors we welcome to the Town.

Photograph, courtesy of Councillor John Oxley, of one the new town signs on each of the main roads into Barton, Ferriby Road, Barrow Road, Brigg Road and Caistor Road. The Town Council are hoping to re-site two of the old town signs on Horkstow Road and Far Ings Road in the coming year.

Photograph, courtesy of Councillor John Oxley, showing the work completed by the Town Council to the War Memorial on Barrow Road at the entrance to Barton Cemetery, which included fitting block paving (within keeping with the area) and a wrought iron fence.



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Remember in issue 22 the 'it's near Barton Quiz' - answers below:-

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We haven't enough room this time for a new quiz, hopefully we will print one in the July edition.

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Football Competition hosted by
Barton Youth Centre F.C.

First Aid cover by St Johns

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council - Council Chamber, Baysgarth House
16 April, 2 May, 9 May (Annual Meeting), 21 May,
6 June, 18 June, 4 July 2001

Community Regeneration - 11 April, 13 June 2001

Finance & General Purposes Committee - 16 May,
11 July 2001

Environmental Regeneration - 30 May, 25 July 2001

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 IN AUGUST.

Please return completed forms to:

The Town Clerk
 Barton Town Council
 Council Office
 Assembly Rooms
 Queen Street
 Barton upon Humber
 DN185QP

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY FORMS 24th JULY 2001



2nd Barton Scout Group

2nd Barton Scout Group, after 66 years of giving Scouting to the boys of Barton, has amalgamated with the 3rd Barton Scout Group to continue serving the youth of Barton by giving them a chance to be part of the World Wide Brotherhood of Scouts. This has happened, not because there is a shortage of boys, but because of a shortage of Leaders in all sections of the Group.

Hundreds of Barton men, Dads, and indeed Grandads, will recall the hikes, the camps, and the many activities they enjoyed as Cubs and Scouts. For while Scouting has a very serious ethic in training boys, and girls in good citizenship, the emphasis has always been that it should be fun. Many ex-Cubs still recall the pleasure they felt in doing a "Wellie Walk" as a Pack, along the muddy path of the Humber Bank. Those who were Scouts remember the joys of a Campfire singsong when camping at Primrose Hill: or even more so when attending an International Camp, or a Jamboree. Over the years there were many who gained their Queen's Scout Badge, and with great pride attended the St. George's Day Service and Parade of Queen's Scouts at Windsor Castle. Such happy

memories!

What made these things possible, was as well as dedication of the many leaders who served the Group over the years, was a loyal group of adults. These provided support in many ways. Some by giving of their help and expertise when needed. Some by serving on the Group Committee, raising the money required to keep the Headquarters in Butts Road running, and providing for all the equipment required for camping and training of the boys. The town of Barton owes a debt of gratitude, to all of these Leaders and helpers who have served the Group and the Town over the years.

Scouting in Barton will still be carried on into the new Millennium, as the two Groups in the town have amalgamated to form the 2nd/3rd Barton Group. They will be keeping alive a long tradition of comradeship, service to the community and most of all in having fun in doing so.

Marjorie Altoft & Valerie Smaller

Barton upon Humber Lions Club

Almost all of you will have heard of Lions International, but do you know what Lions are, or what they do? Well just a few facts about us.

- (1) Fact – We are the worlds largest service organisation.
- (2) Fact – When £1 is raised by Lions, £1 goes to charity (i.e. no overhead costs).
- (3) Fact – There are 1.4 million members globally.
- (4) Fact – More than 44,000 clubs in 185 countries.
- (5) Fact – We have been in Britain for 50 years.
- (6) Fact – Lions Clubs are dedicated to aiding the Blind throughout the world.
- (7) Fact – Lions organise a Youth Award to recognise and encourage young people to give of their time to the betterment of their communities. Remember only a few years ago Dean Cressey of Barton was the national champion of this competition.
- (8) Fact – Lions organise and sponsor an annual knock-out football tournament for youth teams aged 14-16, apart from the Football Association the event is the largest youth football competition in Britain, once again Barton is always represented.
- (9) Fact – We are committed to helping local people who need it – too many to list.
- (10) Fact – We help in our community with events etc. i.e. In Barton – Beer Festival, Bike Night, Picnic in the Park, Christmas Festival etc.
- (11) Fact – We help to look after the Environment – i.e. Bulb Planting, Tree Planting, Donation of Seats etc. Plus many other items to many to list.

The Barton Lions Club usually averages between 25 – 30 members, who work very hard for the good of others, but have a jolly good time doing it. In this article I would like to concentrate on Lions help for the Blind.

Did you know that –

There are 40 million blind people in the world?

80% of blindness is preventable or reversible?

Glaucoma is the worlds leading preventable cause of blindness?

Glaucoma affects about 2% of the U.K population over 40 years old?

It has been estimated that 2.2 million people in the U.K are at risk of Glaucoma?

85% of all blindness world wide is found in Africa and Asia?

I am sure you will agree – some startling facts!!

Our Club usually sponsors at least one “Eye Camp” each year usually in India. Last year our donation of £500 resulted in an “Eye Camp” being held in the village of Chelyama in West Bengal. This village is 38 kilometres from the main Eye Hospital in Netaji. There were 158 patients examined and 35 of who were referred to the base Hospital for sight restoring surgery. In the month of February the Netaji Hospital examined 8604 patients and performed 689 major operations and 48 minor operations. Just think for a moment – How much do you value your **SIGHT??**

Of course we do serve the local community as well giving help wherever we can. We have recently given £500 each to Bowmandale and Castledyke Schools for major projects. We have helped many people who are in desperate need of clothing and furniture etc. We have recently donated a colour television to both Scunthorpe Hospital and the Hull Royal Infirmary. We actively help the Environment with such Town events as Tree Planting, bulb planting and donations of seats. We organise our Beer Festival, this year 1st, 2nd and 3rd June, hope to see you there. We support Barton Carnival, Barton Bike Night, Picnic in the Park, Bonfire Night and of course Barton Christmas Festival to name but a few.

So if you see a Lions event advertised in the future, then please support it – no matter whether you buy one of our legendary “Burgers” or put something into a collection box, every pound you give goes to charity.

Yours in Lionism
John Oxley

NEPTUNE SWIMMING CLUB

Did you learn to swim with Neptune Swimming Club when you were a child? Remember how great it felt the first time you swam with out armbands, would you like to pass on that knowledge and help others.

If you can spare 2 hours a week on a Tuesday Night between 6pm and 8pm PLEASE contact Shirley Marshall 01652 635054 for more info. Also if any local businesses can help out by giving a donation to improve our bank balance. All teachers/helpers are voluntary, we try to keep our entrance fee as low as possible to make it affordable for everyone to bring their child to learn to swim, again PLEASE contact Shirley Marshall on 01652 635054.



Down the Garden

First a bit about myself, I studied horticulture at Bishop Burton College, and for a number of years in-company with my wife, Lynne, ran a successful business, designing, building and maintaining gardens. I then worked for two years at the walled garden at Normanby. I am now retired due to ill health, and Lynne teaches horticulture full time.

At a young age I was fascinated by an old Aunt who used to produce pieces of greenery from her handbag and grow them into magnificent plants. At school we each had a plot to grow vegetables, its sad that this practice has died out, not long ago I showed chillies growing to a group of children, they thought they were carrots!!

There is nothing better than vegetables and fruit fresh from the garden, but as many gardens are of postage stamp size try to grow the more unusual, the ones most expensive in the shops. Why not try Solanum melongena (Aubergines) they can be sown now in gentle heat ready for planting in a sunny spot in June. Or grow something decorative as well as edible, Beta vulgaris subsp. cicla (Swiss chard) can be sown thinly 2cm deep outside now. 'Bright Lights' is a good variety, tasty as well as pretty enough for the flower border.

If you have more space, there is a new potato from Marshall's called 'Anya' bred from 'Pink Fir Apple'. If its flavour is anything like, it should be superb. I try to be as organic as possible, and use pelleted chicken manure as a fertilizer. If you have pots outside try diluting a small handful of pellets in your watering can, it smells, but is very effective as a liquid feed.

Try some cuttings, Pelargoniums (Geraniums) non flowing tips 5cm, trim just below a node, then leave them on the bench, have your lunch, give them time to start to callous, this should cut the number of losses. Use a moist potting mix 50/50 sharp sand and peat or coir. Don't cover with polythene, place on a warm windowsill, not in full sun. They should start to root in a few days. Gardens to visit; Bolton Percy Church Yard (across from the church) Nr. Tadcaster.

Clumber Park, walled garden being restored NT check opening times.

If you go down South, The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum, Nr Yelverton, Devon.

If you want any gardening advice or have a problem, drop me a line, a s.a.e. would be appreciated if you want a written reply.

Diary Dates; Spring Flower Show, Harrogate 26-29 April. (Jack Whitmore used to be a regular winner there).

'Even the smallest garden can be prodigal within its own imitations' (Vita Sackville-West).

Enjoy your garden.

Jim Dowdy, 8 Park Avenue



We're Counting on You.....

To attend Barton Carnival Weekend on Saturday & Sunday, **21 & 22 July 2001**. This is the biggest & best summer show in Northern Lincolnshire. Main attractions on Saturday are: **Rockwood Dog Display Team and Tomfoolery with Tom & Tilly Turnip**. As usual we will have a large Funfair, Charity stalls, Children's Entertainment, Craft Fair, bike racing and lots more. There will be music and entertainment right through to the fireworks display at 10.00pm.

The entry charge for Saturday is £2.00 for adults. This helps us to pay the thousands of pounds to bring national attractions to Barton. I hear some people say the park should be free and I entirely agree with you if you just want a walk. The small payment we ask for is to help us to pay for the weekend entertainment budget of £15,000 plus. A payment for the programme of a further £2.00 will be offset by the many give-aways and discounts that local businesses and sponsors offer. Take up all the voucher offers and you will save well over £10.00. So please come and enjoy a great day out.

Come back again on Sunday to see the Knockout Competition, Horse Show, or to get some great bargains at the Car Boot Sale. There is no entry charge on Sunday but we do ask that you buy a programme.

In my experience of travelling across the country, Barton Carnival, with its procession on Saturday, main arena events on 2-days and large Funfair, is the best towns show in the North. Please come and support this great event! There are many summer entertainments – but miss the Carnival and you miss the Best! **Remember 21st & 22nd July – 2001**

Maurice Stewart – Chairman

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The changing role of a Council for Voluntary Service

The work of a CVS changes all the time – at least, the emphasis does.

Not many years ago, the work done by Glanford CVS consisted largely of producing posters, tickets, programmes etc. for local groups because they did not have access to computers themselves. Nowadays, many people have their own computers and do not need that help. Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire spends more time in organising events such as Voluntary Fairs, Community Lunches, and networks where groups can exchange views and ideas.

One role that continues is that of setting up new groups where there is a need that is not being filled by other organisations. This is how the Carers Support Centre and the North Lincolnshire Rural Community Transport scheme began, and they are both now established charities in their own right. Recently VANL has helped other small groups get started – for instance, following research carried out by Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire, they have started a group to produce a community newsletter for Brigg. The town did not have one of its own, and many people were finding it difficult to find information or to publicise events run by community groups in the town. VANL hopes that initiative will be a success, and the newsletter will stand on its own very shortly.

Another Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire initiative that many Barton people will recognise is Community Connexions. Based at 50 Holydyke, Connexions gives general and practical support to people who need it, such as window and door security, home and garden maintenance and friendly visits for elderly people. Volunteers with Connexions, the same as with many other voluntary organisations, receive training and support and many go on to find employment using their experience.

Other help provided by Voluntary Action includes advice for groups on legal issues, from writing a constitution to making changes within an established group, etc. and advice on funding strategies. We have expert staff to whom we can refer complex matters, but most local problems can be solved fairly quickly. We also find answers to questions for groups and for outside agencies – for instance many officers working in health, education, social services, etc. need information on voluntary and community groups in an area before they can take decisions on funding new initiatives. Voluntary Action is well placed to help find that information and can pass on the views of member organisations to help direct new schemes to where they are needed.

Basically, if there is a problem involving voluntary or community groups, Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire will either help to solve it, or will be able to refer on to someone who can. If they can help your group, or if you would like to find out more about them, contact Voluntary Action at The Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, telephone 01652 633297, or at 41 Frances Street, Scunthorpe, telephone 01724 845155. Or you can email us on admin.vanl@cwcom.net.

COMMUNITY CONNEXIONS

50 HOLYDYKE Barton on Humber 01652 636208

'WHAT'S ON'

Age Concern Surgeries

Information and advice on Insurance Services, Making a Will, Residential Care etc.

Third Thursday of the month

10.00 – 1.00

19 April	16 August
17 May	20 September
21 June	18 October
19 July	15 November
	20 December

Energy Efficiency

Information and leaflets detailing the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme Grants that are currently available.

Fridays 9.30 – 12.30

2 March	3 August
6 April	7 September
4 May	5 October
1 June	2 November
6 July	7 December

Lindsey Blind Society

Offering practical advice and information.

Wednesdays 10.00 – 11.00 4 April (Further details to follow)

Community Connexions Luncheon Club

A new initiative

Thursdays monthly 12.30 onwards

26 April	28 June	23 August
24 May	26 July	

Please contact Sue or Claire for more information 636208

Barton & District Patient and Carers Support Group

Offers confidential support to patients, relatives, carers and friends.

Fridays 1.30 – 3.00

27 April	31 August
25 May	28 September
29 June	26 October
27 July	30 November

Contact Connexions 01652 636208 or Mrs Faye Shepherd 633600

The Barton Carer's Group

For those caring for someone at home

Alternate Tuesdays 1.00 – 3.00

Contact Tessa 01652 650585 or Connexions 636208 for more information.

Connexions 'Drop-in' Afternoon

All welcome to call in for a coffee, friendly chat and safety advice etc.

Open Afternoon Thursdays 1.00 - 4.00 commencing

10 May	12 July
14 June	9 August

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IAG

Information, Advice and Guidance

A link into learning and work for Adults

On alternate Mondays 10.00 – 12.00

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28 May

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Barton Remembered 1939 - 1945 : Those Who Came Back

Any one who has a copy of this book might want to cut out this further biography and keep it in their book. Although Hilda Atkinson did not serve in the Armed Forces her particular war service surely qualifies her for inclusion.

Hilda Atkinson

Elizabeth Hilda Atkinson was born in c1891 the second daughter of Mr. Charles Herbert and Mrs. Mary Jane Atkinson of Hull. The Family moved to Barton-on-Humber c1898 and lived at White Cross House, Barrow Road (a great three-storey building with front and side walls but little buildings behind - it was demolished in the early 1960s). Hilda's father was manager for 'Foreign Sales' at Hopper's Cycle Works frequently sailing to Holland to obtain orders. He later took over the garage which formerly stood on the site of the present Church View, Barrow Road.

In 1913 Hilda went to work in Belgium as a governess, though later she moved on to become a teacher of English in a school in Charleroi, where she met and became the constant companion of Mlle Jeanne Godefroid.

Hilda was in Belgium throughout World War 1 and was arrested for her work with the resistance movement. It was, however, her exploits during the Second World War which are of particular interest. Hilda and Jeanne worked ceaselessly helping RAF personnel shot down over Belgium and France to escape back to England. They were part of an organisation which moved the escapees through France and Spain before their final return to England from Gibraltar. Hilda was unaware of the other members of the group who always acted with code names. On one occasion Hilda and Jeanne stole an aeroplane in which two airmen escaped. They were also active in defacing German propaganda posters. These showed pictures of Winston Churchill with a caption which read - 'Churchill is causing the starvation of our children'. Hilda and Jeanne pasted Hitler's portrait over that of Churchill's but retained the caption. They were eventually betrayed in August 1941 by one of Hilda's Belgian students who was already a German agent. They were arrested by the Gestapo and charged with defacing the posters and helping the 'escapees'. For the former Hilda was sentenced to six months imprisonment for the latter she was sentenced to death. Apparently, when asked if she had anything to say before sentenced was passed Hilda replied, 'Could I do the six months first!' The death sentence was commuted to five years hard labour whilst Mlle Godefroid was freed.

Hilda spent time in some 17 German prisons - terrible times of cruelty and slave labour which included spells near Cologne and Dresden at times when they were being heavily bombed by the allied air forces. Eventually she was released from Gommern prison by the Russians in May 1945 weighing only 6 stones. At the end of the war she was awarded the Belgian Resistance Medal, whilst the student who had betrayed her was tried as a traitor.

In 1946, after spending some 57 years in Belgium, Hilda (along with Jeanne) returned to live in Barton and bought Yuba House on Dam Road where she lived until her death in 1978. In thanks for her efforts the RAF sent representatives to her funeral. These included two of the men Hilda had saved from capture during the war. She was buried in Barton Cemetery.

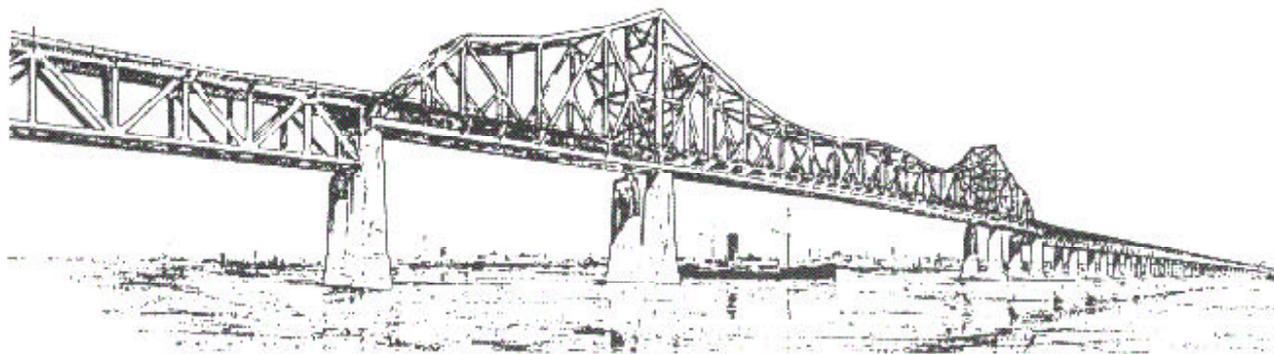
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Patrick Atkinson (nephew)
Albert Birkett (former owner of White Cross Garage)
Catherine Smith (niece)
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PROPOSED HUMBER BRIDGE



The Other Humber Bridge

I wonder how many Barton people among the Visitors to the Waterside Bridge Viewing point know that had it not been for the precarious state of the Nation's Finances in 1930 they could well have been looking at a different sort of bridging altogether! Many would be surprised to learn that at that time, if one looked to the East from the Point, then beyond the Haven mouth the first thing to note would have been the Farmers Co. Ltd Jetty. This was very strongly build and consisted of 12 or 14 heavy doubled wooden piles in 2 rows. Heavy beams across the tops of opposite pilings carried a double 3-plank width road from the 'gap' to the main bank out into the river. Sloops, keels, motorised vessels moored to this, there was a small derrick used for handling a very heavy thick board plank, a 'balk', which ran from the jetty end to the planks placed across the holds of the barges. This derrick was not used in the unloading. Gangs of men hoisted, 'whipped', baskets of heavy material from the holds to be barrowed ashore into the factory. The middle planks of the runs along the jetty had substantial lengths of iron running down the centres. Such was the weight of the loads carried on the iron wheeled barrows that unprotected planks would have been damaged. This unloading is a story in itself.

BUT if Parliament had gone ahead with the Hull City Council's proposals for a Bridge, they would have seen a multi-span bridge just 120 yards beyond the FCL site, this was to have run from Barrow Road, the A1077, in Barton to Hessle. It was a 16 span Bridge borne on 15 Piers 10 of which were on the South, Barton side. These piers were 265 feet apart with a headway, giving a clearance, of 70 ft. The majority of the spans were on the South side because of the distance from the only useable road to the low water mark. It also maintained a gradual lift from the road to the Centre higher span. This main Span was sited over what was thought to be the main channel; it had a clearance of 80 ft and was 365 ft in width. This span and the two adjacent ones had a superstructure to carry the load and stress of the extra width. The others were of level girders. From the centre spans the other piers ran on a shallow slope to the Hessle shore.

May I draw attention to that excellent publication – The Official Directory and Guide to Barton-on-Humber – this gives a succinct account of the History of Barton. In my opinion it provides a firm base from which anyone wishing to learn more about the Town may proceed. It is Good Value! There is much in it about the trade of the Town and the Ferries and it follows that anyone seeking to write about bridging the River has to make reference to other means of crossing this, at times, quite dangerous stretch of tidal water.

Much has been written about the Humber Ferries and Crossings

that existed and were brought into use from the time of the Romans to the present. The Barton Ferry was valued in the Domesday Book at £4. P.A., Charters were granted to various Bodies allowing them the right to convey passengers and goods across the River. Stage Coaches ran scheduled journeys from London along the Main County Turnpike Road via Bourne, Sleaford and Lincoln terminating at the end of Waterside. (Two Guineas or so inside, much less outside)

It must have been a sight to behold when the laden stage, the 'Imperial' perhaps, took the Waterside Road and Holydyke then taking Beacon Hill and the road to Brigg, Redbourne and Lincoln at a handsome clip. The Coachmen, skilled men, were the equivalent of the later mainline Express drivers. Respected, envied perhaps, no doubt small boys in Barton determined to emulate them when they grew up!

There are some excellent publications about the Humber Ferries and the spread of the Railway systems. I do not propose to go into detail but suffice it to say that by the end of the 19th Century there was growing pressure for a regular, reliable and affordable means of crossing the River. Traders and Councils presumably felt that the Railways were holding them to ransom, naturally they wanted a cheaper service, not dependent upon the vagaries of the weather.

Schemes for tunnels were mooted in the late 19th Century, the Railway Companies built a wooden pier at New Holland for steam paddle boats, in the early 1920's they build the present Pier structure of caissons to carry railway lines to the Pier head. Many in Barton and District will have heard of family members who worked in the compressed air in these caissons. George Cressey who lived the 'Row' at Sandersons brickyard in Barrow Haven used to speak of the severe nosebleeds suffered by the workmen due to that pressure.

In the late 1920's Hull City Council, supported by the East Riding CC and Lindsey CC, put forward a Bill to Parliament asking for approval and finance for a multi-span 'TOLL' Bridge to be built from Barton to Hessle. Fox & Partners were the Consulting Engineers; interestingly enough a Mr Freeman was one on the Engineers involved! The estimated cost was £1,725,000. Other options were Railway Tunnels, £4,600,000. Road Tunnels £7,200,000 and a combination Road/Rail £4,000,000. No contest was there at that price. Test bores were carried out along the Barton side, lots of water was found at 25ft and I feel sure the depth of the silt and clays gave the Consultants pause for thought.

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