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Where do you do your shopping?

Shop local has been a strong message for many years as our high streets started their slow decline.

The change to online shopping has moved along at break neck speed since March this year possibly changing retail as we know it for good. But there is a small glimmer of hope for smaller shops as surveys that have been undertaken during the last six months have shown that shoppers have rediscovered their small local shops and appreciated the service they have received.

So could the move to supporting the small traders who supported our community during lock down become the new normal? The answer to that question lies with you. It is all too easy to visit a large out of town supermarket to get everything under one roof but the high street offers an alternative which is well worth a closer look.

Barton has so much to offer with friendly shop staff with good local knowledge who will

Please remember the local shops who delivered to your doorstep over lockdown with a cheery smile and saved you from queuing at the bigger supermarkets when panic buying was at its height.

go the extra mile to help you. There's often a chance to catch up on a bit of gossip at the same time! A walk round the town is good for you, fresh air and exercise rather than the large shopping centre's indoor bright lights, piped music and recycled air.

The money you spend in local shops stays in the local economy paying the wages of people who live and work in Barton. You might be surprised at how competitive local shops can be and Barton certainly has a huge range on offer. We challenge you to name an everyday item that you can't buy in Barton!

This Bartonian is being published to coincide with the Shop Local campaign that takes place on Saturday, December 5. If we come out of lock down on 2nd December as planned, these shops will need your support more than ever.



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Proud of our Barton Community



Ben Troop, Mayor of Barton upon Humber

I am proud to have been chosen to serve as Barton's Town Mayor in what are unprecedented times but despite the difficulties we are all facing the town has truly come together to support all of those in need.

From the local businesses doing what they can, getting shopping to doorsteps, volunteers delivering leaflets and organisations supporting our food bank there is so much going on to ensure that the residents of Barton get the support they need. This is something we should stand back and look at with pride.

Barton ordinarily has one of the busiest events' calendars around with something happening almost every week. Although the pandemic has put a lot of this on hold for this year I look forward to seeing everyone pull together as

we come out of this to showcase our town once again.

During the lockdown period it was amazing to see how many people were getting outdoors and using Baysgarth Park. Over that time there were a few developments within the park, the paths on the southern side of the park were completed and have now been officially opened making the park more accessible to wheelchairs and pushchairs.

I am delighted that the park has also recently been awarded Green Flag status for the third year running.

There are also plans in place for a Parkrun to be held in the park, which would be fantastic for the town bringing visitors in from other areas as well as providing another event for our active town. Parkrun is a free 5 kilometre event that takes place on a Saturday morning, encouraging lots of people to run or walk in the park.

I wish you all the best and hope you are still able to enjoy the upcoming festivities over the coming months.

Cllr Ben Troop

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Town Clerk

I am very honoured to have been successful in fulfilling the position of Town Clerk at Barton-upon-Humber. This is my third role as Town Clerk and my fourth role in the profession in 15 years.

I absolutely love the job - the variety of work and the sense of belonging in the community that I serve add to the enjoyment of working directly with local people and businesses. I am passionate about community well-being and strive to encourage participation at all levels within the local area.

The role of a Town Clerk is steeped in history and has evolved over the years but there are many tasks contained within the job description that have been carried out since Parish Councils began. The minutes were originally handwritten in a minute book and now they are completed electronically with a final approved set signed by the Chairman/Mayor of the council. There has been and is much diversity within the role and some of the experiences I have had during my time as a Clerk are unforgettable.

These include, success in gaining grant funding to build a community centre, organising and managing sports for all within a community, assisting with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, enhancing tourism and visitor experiences to a parish, managing a library with volunteers to prevent closure, working with larger authorities on



strategy for cycle routes and better travel plans within the parish and meeting Princess Anne who opened a disability facility within a boating club that had received much needed grant funding.

The feeling when organising events that are at the forefront of bringing the community together and creating cohesion and a sense of belonging within the local area is the best feeling. I have been involved in lots of different kind of events, from Christmas and summer events, to business events and events held to encourage engagement and participation with the Town Council. I am looking forward to becoming involved in Barton upon Humber and I am looking forward to getting to know the town.

I cannot thank Shirley Richards enough for welcoming me and for her knowledge and experience that she is passing on to me from her time as Town Clerk to Barton Upon Humber.

Tracey Broughton
Town Clerk, Barton upon Humber

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EcoSerenity Community Farm Project

Based in Barton-Upon-Humber, with sites on Waterside Road and Falkland Way, the EcoSerenity Project CIC is a community based venture started from a vision by Andy Douce, founder and project manager of the Community Interest Company.

The project has two separate but conjoined purposes. Firstly, a place of serenity for those experiencing mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and isolation. The project provides a place of neutral origin to allow people to unwind, collect their thoughts and with the assistance of animals, horticulture and crafts to channel their energy in more positive way.

The other ethos of the project is a place of education on animals and their husbandry, sustainability, horticulture and the origins of the foods we eat - from vegetables through to the meat on our plates with an emphasis on promoting the reduction in single use plastics and landfill, and an increase in composting, renewable resources and awareness of food miles.

Families are welcome to attend around the slowly increasing opening hours, although its roots are firmly to support mental health, autism and those experiencing physical and learning difficulties. Animal husbandry and care standards are paramount to a happy atmosphere, but it's worthy to note that the project isn't an animal rescue or petting farm, it is a working farm.



The Project already sells farm fresh eggs, from its free roaming stock of chickens. Soon it will have its own locally field reared pork. The vision is to eventually be self-sustaining from the sale of products in its farm shop.

The project has been running a little over four months and has attracted several regular volunteers.

Most work on site has been clearance and animal care, but there will soon be opportunities in crafts and woodwork, to complement the



income generating items, and to allow people to get hands-on with both something new, or indeed something that visitors are already familiar. The main site is on Waterside Road, approx. 200m on the left after the Sloop Inn. Turning through the gates takes you into the main yard for access to the project. Volunteers

and visitors are welcome from 1pm to 4pm every day.

On Facebook, follow the page or join the group for all the latest updates and additional times when the site is open for access.



Tree Planting

Various tree planting sites have been submitted to North Lincolnshire Council for comments, by the Town Council's Environment Committee.

To date the only one getting a positive response, subject to permission from the landowner is the suggestion of a community orchard on Lapwing Way. Ward member, Cllr Jon Evison is asking for feedback from North Lincolnshire officers on the other sites, including additional sites put forward by the Civic Society to the last Barton Town Council meeting.

Wild flowers on verges

Suggestions made by the Town Council's Environment Committee for sites for wild flowers have been considered by North Lincolnshire Council.

So far the only site deemed suitable is the grass verge on Butts Rd near the cricket ground. Further suggestions have been put forward for consideration.



Geese over Barton

The skies above the estuary have been filled in recent weeks with skeins of noisy geese.



Pink-Footed Goose

Many of these v-shaped formations of hundreds of geese are pink-footed geese, in family groups, arriving from Iceland and Greenland where they have been breeding during the summer. The v-shaped formation helps the geese to conserve energy whilst flying as each bird benefits from the air movement caused by the bird in front, they swap round so no one goose leads the v all the time.

The numbers of these geese coming to the UK in winter has been steadily growing. The annual count, just completed for this year, for the Humber region is 39,000 geese. This is a significant percentage of the total half a million geese that are here in the UK between autumn and spring.

There are several places along the Humber including Reads Island which make good night time roosting sites. During the day the geese fly into surrounding fields to feed on grass, winter cereals, potatoes and stubble, then return to the estuary in the evening. This makes for quite a daily spectacle, the sight and sound of hundreds of geese on the move in the morning and evening.

Some of the geese have plastic identification rings which allow researchers to study the population and follow the migration. Each ring has a unique combination of letters and numbers which can be seen through binoculars or a telescope.

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's Far Ings

NNR is a great place to visit at the moment if you want to see wintering geese and ducks such as teal and wigeon. The bitterns are still in residence as are kingfisher and there is a good chance of large flocks of starlings roosting in the reedbeds later in the winter. The visitor centre is closed at present but the reserve is open daily. The visitor centre car park is open 9am-5pm and Ness End car park is open 8am-6pm. There are toilets at Ness End car park. More information about the work of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust can be found on www.lincstrust.org.uk

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Ted Lewis Centre Opens

A culmination of seven years work from the Ted Lewis Group of Barton has seen the opening in September of this unique centre.



A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Centre is managed by local trustees and members are welcome. The Centre had funding from North Lincs Council, Barton Town Council and Barton Lions and is also endowed for seven years to support its expenses for seven years. Advised and mentored by National Archives, the Centre now houses a standing exhibition of the art, life and times of Ted Lewis. The North Lincolnshire novelist who wrote *Get Carter*, not only wrote eight other novels and was an adroit graphic artist but also played vibrant

jazz piano including time with the Unity Jazz Band in Hull. The Centre holds the only permanent archive of Ted Lewis artefacts, it has a comprehensive bookshop to purchase Lewis novels and provides film and music research. The only recorded piano jazz played by Ted Lewis is also available. Those interested are invited visit the website for more information, www.thetedlewiscentre.org or join in the online community on Twitter or Facebook. The Centre is pleased to welcome interested persons who may have the advantage of free

membership with an entitlement to 20% discount of all books and memorabilia. There are also opportunities to volunteer and give whatever time you can spare. Contact Monty on business@atthetedlewiscentre.org or 01652 661823

The Centre is currently closed due to lock down but is normally open to the public every Sunday from 10:00 to 16:00, fully Covid secure.

Pictured left: Barton upon Humber Civic Society chair Neil Jacques presents Monty Martin of the Ted Lewis Group with a Civic Society Good Mark for the development of The Ted Lewis Centre.

Pictured below: Ted Lewis overlooking George Street.



Who was Ted Lewis?

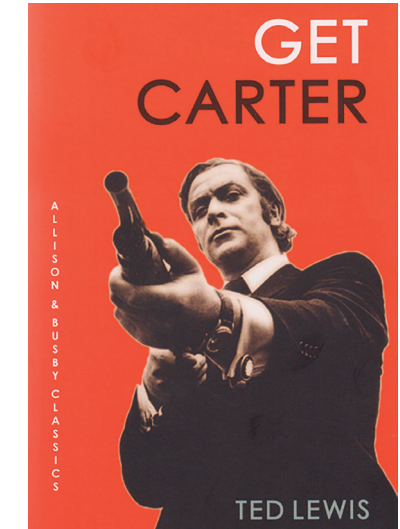
Arguably the most famous artist to come out of Barton, this young novelist penned nine novels and became recognised as the 'Father of Brit Noir'

Arriving in Barton with his family, aged six, he adopted it as his home town and later wrote of it lovingly. Whilst growing up he had the fortune to be mentored at Barton Grammar School by Head of English, the internationally respected novelist, poet and critic, Henry Treese.

Ted Lewis' most famous novel was *Jack's Return Home* which features Scunthorpe and Barton and upon which the highly acclaimed Gateshead located film, *Get Carter*, was made.

Ted's initial career, however, was as a graphic artist which peaked when head hunted to supervise animation on The Beatles' ground breaking film, *Yellow Submarine*. A talented, largely self-taught, pianist, he played with Hull's Unity Jazz Band and entertained in local hostels in and around Barton.

An acute observer, gregarious and attractive, Ted Lewis sadly suffered from alcoholism as did so many feted artists such as Stephen King, Ernest Hemingway, and Oliver Reed.



He died, lamentably early, aged 42. This artistic polymath would have been 80 in 2020 as the 50th anniversary of the making of *Get Carter* was celebrated.

The town had much to be proud of in Edward Alfred (Ted) Lewis, 1940 -1982.

The strangest year

Well, who would have thought in January that we were about to live through the strangest year in many people's living memory? writes **Neil King**

One minute we were all enjoying an everyday life and suddenly the world turned upside down. We had all heard about some strange new virus in China, but I think for most of us it was an insignificant news story on the other side of the world and nothing to do with us - how wrong can you be? Very quickly, we all got aboard the rollercoaster that demonstrated the very best and worst of our society. The bizarre started to happen quickly. The hand sanitiser that had sat on shelves for years was unobtainable at any price. Suddenly,

a toilet roll was worth its weight in gold and became something to be fought over in supermarket aisles. People stripped the shelves to hoard food and left nothing for their neighbours - despite reassurances that there was plenty for everyone. But that was the few, and for most of the people in our community, this became an opportunity to pull together. Barton has a wonderful knack of rolling up its sleeves and getting on with it! Just a few days in and The Ropewalk, with the help of local suppliers and the backing of Barton Town Council, IG Industries, Barton Lions, Phillips 66 and many, many local food suppliers started delivering tasty home-cooked meals to residents

sheltering from the virus. In just six months they have provided 10,000 meals to over 250 people. Then we saw a leaflet through every door in Barton checking to see if residents were OK and offering help from a local volunteer to those who needed it. Who can forget those nights where Barton turned out en-masse to celebrate the work of the NHS and other key workers. And the list of local organisations that stepped up when things were at their worst in the first wave is too numerous to mention - shops delivered through the worst times. People received food parcels. Books and DVD's were delivered. Organisations tailored their services

to meet local need; and let's not forget the people who walked a neighbour's dog or did shopping or any of the other small acts of kindness that people offered. My personal heroes are the army of post and home delivery staff whose efforts meant that I could stay inside and still maintain some quality of life. On reflection, we are very lucky to live in a town where people, on the whole, still care about each other and their community. Maybe that's a thought worth hanging onto when we feel like moaning about Barton?

Winter Interest in the Chad Varah Garden

The Chad Varah Garden, in Baysgarth Park, was designed primarily as a rose garden, containing 20 different varieties of roses, flowering in the summer, but is also intended to provide interest at all times of the year.

In the winter months, flowers may be seen at various times on two flowering shrubs planted in the tall mix at the rear of the borders. The first of these is Mahonia japonica, an evergreen shrub with holly like leaves, which has fragrant yellow flowers from November onwards, followed by blue berries later in the season. The flowers are held on wide sprays above the top of the plants. On a still day it may be possible to catch some of the scent from the flowers whilst walking through the garden.



flowering until March), and the white variety Thalia which follows on in April. March and April are also the flowering time of Scilla sibirica (Siberian Squill) which has blue flowers and is planted at the front of the borders in various places.

The second winter flowering shrub is Viburnum tinus Eve Price, commonly known as Laurustinus. Again this is an evergreen shrub, but with white flowers opening from pink buds through most of the winter. The flowers however are relatively small so they may need seeking out but the glossy foliage gives them a nice background.

The herbaceous perennials in the garden are mostly intended to provide flower colour in the summer, and will be cut down to the ground in the winter, but there are groups of Pulmonaria Trevi Fountains (Lungwort) planted near both entrance gates which will have small but bright blue flowers from February to April.

Late winter and spring is also the season for flowering bulbs, of which winter aconites and snowdrops should start to flower from late January. The aconites are planted within the grass under the information boards just inside both gates. These are then followed by two varieties of daffodil, the yellow February Gold (which doesn't start

its silver glabrous leaves. Berries are another feature of winter interest, and bright red hips may be seen on some of the shrub roses in the tall mix, most notably Rosa Rubrifolia and Rosa Frau Dagmar Hastrup. So please have a walk through the garden during the next few months, and see if you can spot any of the plants mentioned, and then before much longer the new shoots will start to appear on the roses and perennials, a sure sign that spring is just around the corner.

Andrew Robinson



Flying the Flag for a well-loved green space

Cllr Paul Vickers Chair of Friends of Baysgarth Park in front of the Green flag awarded to Baysgarth Park for the third year running.



Have your say on the future development of Barton's Baysgarth House

Residents and visitors to Barton-upon-Humber are being invited to have their say on the future development of Baysgarth House.

Please share your thoughts by completing the short survey on North Lincolnshire Council's website: www.northlincs.gov.uk/baysgarthhousesurvey

A Grade II listed Georgian building, Baysgarth House regularly hosts exhibitions celebrating the lives of local people. The historic house is situated in 30 acres of picturesque parkland, which retained coveted Green Flag status in September 2020.

The appeal is the first stage of an ongoing consultation that will help to shape the future of culture and heritage in Barton.

As part of this process, the council is keen to gather views on existing venues, new exhibitions, exciting events programmes, enhanced learning opportunities and local collections.

Cllr Carl Sherwood, cabinet member for rural communities, said:

"We are eager to understand what the Barton community would like to see and what the people who visit their office in the town further.

"We are kick starting the consultation by asking residents for their thoughts on Baysgarth House and their suggestions for the next chapter in the story of this iconic local landmark.

"Barton is already a vibrant cultural town, and with the help of residents, we want it to be a place where everyone's history is celebrated."



Inset: the muddy ground autumn 2019 before the paths were installed.

Chair of Barton Civic Society Neil Jacques presents a Civic Society Good Mark to Friends of Baysgarth Park Chair Cllr Paul Vickers.

The award recognises the improvements made by the new accessible paths designed by Jack Wingate at North Lincolnshire Council and their benefit to the public.

Trees Please?

Trees have been in the news a lot recently. The last UK general election saw politicians across the board making ever higher tree planting pledges.

Forest fires across the globe then highlighted the plight of many of the warming world's forests. Then the pandemic hit and during lockdown people became more aware of the importance of local green spaces.

Trees have many benefits. They store carbon contributing to climate change solutions and provide food and homes for many other living things such as birds and insects. Trees can contribute positively to air and water quality and cool urban areas. We are also becoming increasingly aware of the positive effect they can have on our mental health and wellbeing.

As reported by the BBC, tree maps produced by Bluesky international Ltd and ESRI UK shows that North Lincolnshire, along with most of Lincolnshire, is in the bottom 20 areas with the least tree cover.

"These areas were swept of trees for farming and have never recovered," says Dr Paul Brindley, an expert in trees and planning at Sheffield University's Department of Landscape Architecture

North Lincolnshire Council has pledged to plant 172,000 trees as part of the Government Northern Forest plans.

Barton residents are aware of the need for improvement in this area. Friends of Baysgarth Park working with the local authority have been awarded a Green Flag for the third year running. The proposed development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Barton will allocate areas for trees for the future.

Increasing the number of trees is only one side of the coin as the protection of existing trees and woodland is also vital. Trees take many years to grow meaning that planting new trees is not an immediate like for like replacement. Planting sites must also be chosen carefully to ensure they do not damage other important habitats.

Jack Hatfield

Sources:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-54311593>

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/trees-and-hedges/>

Park Paths Award

On a very, very windy day in August representatives of local organisations and funders gathered for a socially distanced official opening of the southern section of newly laid paths in Baysgarth Park.



Cutting the ribbon were local MP Martin Vickers, Cllr John Briggs chairperson of the SSE local Social Development Fund and Cllr Paul Vickers chairperson of The Friends of Baysgarth Park.

Cllr Paul Vickers commented, "Since the update on the progress of the path development in the summer edition of the Bartonian the transformation has been truly outstanding. The grass edgings have grown and the whole area looks well established already. It is such a pleasure to see how many Barton residents are regularly using the space for exercise and socially distanced walks with friends and family."

"This work has been made possible with a strong partnership between the volunteers and council officers and of course the funders without whom it would still be an impassible muddy route. Thanks go to North

Lincolnshire Council, FCC, SSE, Barton Town Council, Barton Lions Club and all the private donors who made this vision reality."

"All our hard work over this difficult year paid off with the news a few weeks ago that once again the park had been awarded Green Flag status for the third year running! Over the past few years the park has been transformed into one that Barton residents can be truly proud thanks to the hard work of all those involved"

"We are now looking forward to 2021 and making further developments in the park when restrictions allow including a parkrun, a green gym and other general improvements"

The next improvement is to replace dog waste bins with new ones. Many of the current ones are in a bit of a state and the increased footfall means they are getting used much more often.



Already local, dog-themed businesses have kindly agreed to sponsor some new dog bins for the park. Businesses so far include: Barton Veterinary Centre, Bakkavor Pizza and Bread, and Lucy's Dog Grooming!

"Our new, fresh dog bins are the perfect advertising space to plug the fantastic work you do to local dogwalkers. Sponsorship of a bin costs £150. The panels will be A4 in size, so there is plenty of space to include all of the information you need about the services you offer, Cllr Vickers went on." A recent audit found that at least 1000 members of the public pass through Baysgarth Park each month - so, we believe this is a very valuable investment, especially given that the panels will be a permanent fixture on the bins".

To register your interest, please email daniel@the-ropewalk.co.uk.

Baysgarth Parkrun

We now have a proposed parkrun course following the construction of the perimeter paths in the southern section of the park writes **Andy Tate**.

Parkrun is a collection of 5-kilometre events for walkers, runners and volunteers that takes place every Saturday morning at 9am in more than 2,000 locations in 22 countries across five continents.

I have completed over 200 parkruns at 62 different venues and this course within Baysgarth Park is certainly amongst the best I have visited. It offers a good challenge, but is not too extreme. Yes, it is undulating and you won't get a personal best for 5km on this course, but it is really scenic and you get to see all aspects of the park. It is loosely based upon a well-established cross country route and although it mainly utilises the new footpaths, the course is deemed



to be multi terrain as there a couple of sections off the hard surface.

The course is also good for spectators to cheer on their family or friends more than once. Participants will start near the Museum and complete one small loop in the northern section and then two full loops of the entire park.

Parkruns are currently cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, but it is hoped they will return in early 2021 and Baysgarth Park will be added to the growing list of venues.

Pic: Rondebosch Common Parkrun Cape Town, South Africa last year Andy Tate with partner Jayne - Table Mountain in background

Friends of Baysgarth Park would like to thank all those early morning joggers, walkers and dog-walkers who take time out to make sure that the park is clean and tidy for all those coming after them.

On many occasions these early risers have taken the trouble to clean up litter, brush up smashed glass and generally ensure that our park is in pristine condition. **Thank you!**

The 2014 Great British Bake Off champion Nancy Birtwhistle shares her thoughts on the past year and with the festive season just weeks away also shares her recipe for Christmas Cake

Cake with Nancy



I am delighted to have been invited to contribute to this winter 'special edition' and to talk about my favourite seasonal foods and share a recipe.

CHRISTMAS CAKE

You will need a 9 inch cake tin - 3 inches deep greased and lined both bottom and sides.

When ready to bake preheat the oven to 100 degrees centigrade or 95 degrees fan

- 1 Kg Mixed dried fruit and peel
- 100g Glace cherries (washed, dried and cut into thirds)
- 4 tbsp Cointreau, brandy, sherry or black tea for an alcohol free cake
- 250g Salted butter
- 250g Dark Brown soft sugar
- 1 tbsp Golden Syrup or Black Treacle
- 5 eggs (beaten together in a mixing jug)
- 250g Plain Flour
- Half nutmeg grated or 1/2 tsp ground mace
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- Half tsp ground cinnamon
- Finely grated zests and juice of 1 orange and 1 lemon

First thing in the morning put mixed fruit and cherries in a large bowl and add the Cointreau (or tea), fruit zests and juice, stir and cover then leave until the evening.

In the evening when you are ready to mix - cream together the butter and brown sugar until pale, light and fluffy. Add the syrup or treacle and continue to mix. Gradually incorporate the beaten egg a little at a time along with a teaspoon of flour. This helps to prevent the mixture from curdling. When all the egg has been incorporated gently fold in the rest of the flour and the spices.

Finally, fold in the soaked fruits.



Transfer the mix to the prepared tin and bake for 10 hours.

I usually put the cake into the oven at 10pm and take it out at 8am the next day. Leave to go completely cold in the tin then transfer to a tin with a lid and store until a week or two before Christmas. I leave the baking papers on too to retain moisture. There is no need to feed this cake.

On a personal level, can you believe it is now six years since my Bake Off success and I continue to be overwhelmed by the opportunity and change that has come my way. I have another book coming very soon "Clean and Green" offering 101 eco-friendly hints, tips and homemade affordable cleaning products so that harmful chemicals which are severely impacting our planet can be avoided.

Thanks for reading and do try the cake!

No show, no dig and mustard gas

In common with most other organisations, our annual Horticultural Show, that would have been the 70th annual show, had to be cancelled.

Not to be put off, some plot holders got together for their own longest runner bean competition, won by Ellie with a 20 inch bean. Cyril Pallister, who won the cup for best Dahlia's last year at his first show, grew a magnificent crop timed to be ready for this year's August show date while Keith Mason produced his massive onions and leeks to his usual high standard. So we are now looking forward to next year.

You have got to be a bit of an optimist to be a grower

- looking forward to what you can do better next year and preparing for the coming growing season. On the allotments it is normally a time for winter digging - the sometimes back straining job of turning over the soil and adding manure, compost or leaf mold, on the entire 200 square metres or so of a full plot. Time was that double digging was recommended, going down two spade depths.

Now, however, other ideas are being introduced including the "no dig" method of

cultivation. There are strong arguments that turning the top of the soil under the surface is harmful to the soil structure, is harmful to earthworms and reduces the amount of organic material in the soil, which reduces water retention and fertility.

The "no dig" method relies on mulching with plenty of organic material in the autumn, and then letting the worms and other soil organisms do their work to break it down into good friable soil to plant or sown directly into. This is not just applicable to the small scale - an interesting publication by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust is advocating no tillage, soil friendly, sustainable farming that is much needed as the United Nations estimate that there are less than 60 years of harvests left in our soil due to the way we grow at the moment.

Green manure is also becoming much more common on the plots. It helps prevent soil erosion and loss of nutrients on bare soil. Depending on which ones you use, it can also improve the nutrition of the soil for the next crop. One particularly interesting one, Caliente Mustard, helps prevent diseases in onions, when it is cut down and dug in prior to planting. The rotting mustard produces a gas which fumigates the soil, and destroys the fungus which causes the disease. Mustard Gas!



Ellie with her 20 inch Bean



Keith Mason with his giant Leek

Looking forward to next year's crops, it is still not too late to sow broad beans outside under some protection. They will grow slowly until the spring for an earlier crop, and it is said winter sowing helps reduce blackfly problems.

You can also plant garlic cloves now and it might be worth trying lettuce such as All Year Round, or Winter Density in a greenhouse or cold frame. Once they have germinated on a window sill you can always make your own individual cold frames from clear plastic bottles for each pot if you don't have a green house or big garden.

Water them sparingly at the base, rather than from above as they can develop grey mold. November is also a good time to take hardwood cutting of currants and gooseberries.

What will 2021 bring? Certainly by the spring much of the early sowing will have been done, but there is good advice on the RHS and Garden Organic websites about what to plant when. We hope to have a show - probably a

bit earlier next year on 24 July as we have found crops are maturing earlier due to Climate Change and global heating, so there is less available to show in August.

As always, if you are interested in getting an allotment, please get in touch and we will put you on the waiting list.

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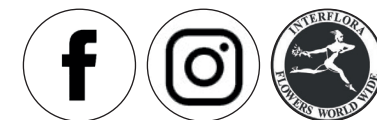
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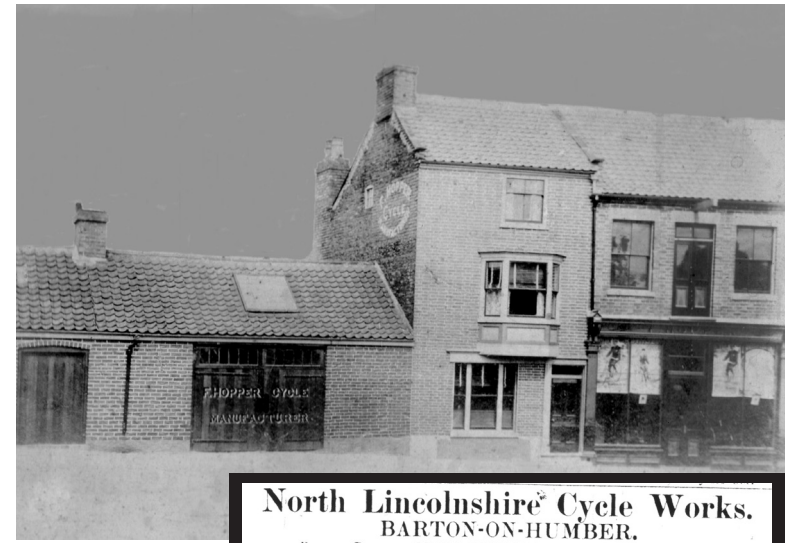


Fred Hopper made Bicycles in Barton 130 Years Ago

by Nigel Land

1890 was a momentous year for Barton, when Fred Hopper started to make and sell bicycles in Barton and to build a company that became one of the main cycle producers in the country.

The first advertisement appeared in the North Lindsey Star on 1 February 1890 where we learn that he was an agent for Singer, Humber and Rudge and stocked Ordinaries (penny-farthings - like the one at the Ropewalk café), Safeties and Tricycles. But the big news was that his North Lincolnshire Cycle Works had started manufacturing 'Ajax' Cycles with a classic cross frame safety bicycle. At this time bicycles were very expensive and so only affordable by those with a fair amount of spare money.



The factory was on the west side of Brigg Road, opposite the flats that were built as offices for the growing company in 1905. This is shown in the second photograph that dates from the early to mid-1890s.



The last decade of the 19th century saw a huge boom in cycle manufacture, with Coventry as the biggest producer. However, like all booms, this one collapsed around 1898 when those 'dotted' cars started to make an appearance and became the must-have transport for the well-off. So, what could the cycle manufacturers do? Some turned to motorcycles and cars, of course - Singer, Rudge and Humber, for example, but though Hopper had a go at both these new forms of transport, his location proved ideal for bringing the cost of cycle manufacture down to a level where more and more people could afford them. Employment in Barton was still largely agricultural, so attracting employees was not a problem. After a few ups and downs Hopper had built a new factory on Marsh Lane, the Brigg Road offices and packing shops and employed an astonishing 800+ people in 1912, far and away more than any other factory in town.

So what of Elswick? This was the name of a Newcastle based cycle maker of quite splendid quality in the 1880s/90s. They went into receivership and the designs and patents were bought by Hopper and his partners in 1910, when they formed the Elswick Cycles and Manufacturing Co. Things did not go quite according to plan of course, but to learn more you will have to read my book, Elswick-Hopper of Barton on Humber!

Barton Area Food Bank

After a very busy six months at the Food Bank, we wish to briefly update all our supporters and clients on our current situation.

Food donations have continued to come in from shops, organisations, churches, schools and individuals. This has been carefully stored and sorted so that we are well prepared now we are in a position to safely resume giving out food parcels.

From the beginning of October, we are now giving out these food parcels in a restricted way with clients still only being able to collect them from the doors at the back of the Salvation Army Community Church on Tofts Road. Clients still

need agency vouchers or referrals. For a small food bank, we have been very busy and have given out £23,000 worth of Tesco and Heron vouchers, peaking in June when demand tripled. We were able to meet this demand from the very generous cash donations we received, and have tried to acknowledge all the donors whose details we knew. Our thanks are also due to those we could not trace. So the Food Bank wishes to thank all those who have helped us to keep

going financially, materially and practically through these difficult times. We are truly grateful, and sincerely hope that we do not have to return to the situation of the last six months.

For further details about the Food Bank, please ring Margaret Sidell on 01652 632512, or e-mail bartonareafodbank@gmail.com

Barton's Men's Shed

The Repair Shop, where treasured items are brought back to life, has been a beacon of light during the past few months and now a group of people in Barton is working together to set up its own version with a Men's Shed in the town.



Humber and Wolds Rural Action (based at the Maltby Lane Hub) is supporting the Barton Rotary Club who instigated the development of this project by helping to set up the Barton Men's Shed.

As the Barton Shed is in the very first stage of development, the group is looking for people who would like to help. The first stage includes setting up a small committee with a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, and others that are willing to get involved in making the Shed a reality. If you are interested in joining this committee, please get in touch (see contact details below).

At this stage, no one knows what sort of activities will be undertaken in the Barton Men's Shed. That will be up to its members. So if you want to get involved, or know someone that would benefit from being involved, get in touch for more information, to join the committee or to become a member. The Shed will fully comply with the latest Covid-19 safety guidelines.

Once premises have been found and funding secured, the Shed will be open to members. If you would like to be involved once there is a Shed in place, let us know so that we can keep you informed of developments. You can do this by emailing us (contact details below).

A 'Men's Shed' is similar to garden sheds - a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter.

Sheds are whatever the members (or Shedders as we call them) want them to be. Although labelled sheds, they often aren't sheds at all. They can be empty offices, portable cabin's, warehouses, garages, and in at least one case, a disused mortuary. Some Sheds are purpose built workshops, but they rarely start out that way. Many don't have premises at all in the beginning and instead form a group that meets regularly for the social connection, company and camaraderie until they can find somewhere to kit out with tools.

Many Sheds get involved in community projects too - restoring village features, helping maintain parks and green spaces, and building things for schools, libraries and individuals in need. Activities in Sheds vary greatly, but you can usually find woodworking, metalworking, repairing and restoring, electronics, model buildings or even car building in a typical Shed. Sheds typically attract older men, but many have younger members and women too. Whatever the activity, the essence of a Shed is not a building, but the connections and relationships between its members. Contact jacky.birkett@hwrcc.org.uk for more information. Also keep an eye on the Shed Facebook page to access the new Humber Men's Shed Alliance website - soon to be launched, where you can find out about Sheds across the Humber. Keep checking the link as it is due to go live in November 2020.

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Better Christmas Lights for 2021
An additional £17,700 will be spent on new Christmas Lights in 2021.
A recent meeting of the Town Council's Community Committee, responsible for the Christmas Festival, agreed to earmark the entire 2020 festival budget of £17,700 for improved lights for next year, as this year's festival has been cancelled. The committee agreed to switch on the Town's Christmas lights over the weekend of 27-29 November.

Barton upon Humber Civic Society

Barton upon Humber Civic Society was formed in 1969 and celebrated 50 years in 2019.

The aims of the Society are to preserve the historic fabric of the town of Barton upon Humber and to promote a healthy interest in the town including high standards of planning and building design. There is so much to get involved in and we always welcome new members. For just £10 a year members get

- Annual Newsletter
- Free entry to 10 lectures and the AGM
- Obtain advice on renovating and building issues.
- Access the society's historical archives.
- Enjoy guided walks and tours.
- Be involved in decision making relating to development in the community and in crediting good practice.
- Have the rewarding satisfaction of knowing you are playing an active part in shaping Barton's future and preserving Barton's past.

Details of how to join can be found at The Ropewalk and Wilderspin National School Museum or from the Society's new website. There is lots of work to do developing and updating the content over the next few months as members work towards uploading interesting articles from the society's archive.

www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk

A sad sight



For many weeks now a walk around the Barton Beck has offered little pleasure. Not a drop of water in sight - just a weed ridden depression.

Not surprisingly our mallards have flown to pastures (or more likely ponds) new and similarly not surprisingly a glance at Barton's monthly rain figures explains the situation. The artesian springs which feed the Beck will only flow when the aquifer below the North Lincolnshire chalk Wolds overflows and following a very wet late 2019 (484 mm of rain in the last four months) the 110 mm of rain which fell in February

certainly kept it topped up and the Beck continually overflowed. But alas during the next three months (March, April and May) only 28.5 mm of rain fell and not surprisingly the water level in the aquifer fell and gradually the Beck dried out. Higher rainfall during the summer of 2020 offers hope that before not too long our water-filled Beck will reappear.

Geoff Bryant



20 Mph Speed Limit Along Fleetgate?

Barton Civic Society has been campaigning for a 20 mph speed limit for some time and with the support of the Town Council it is hoped that it will be implemented sooner, rather than later.

Although it has been 39 years since the last reported traffic related fatality on Fleetgate, with the ever-increasing traffic flow it is only a matter of time before another unless we do something to control the danger to pedestrians and cyclists when in close proximity to cars travelling, at times, in excess of 30 mph. Many, many towns and cities with equally narrow streets have imposed a 20 mph speed limit. Along Fleetgate it would make the street far safer for walking and cycling and it would also significantly reduce the damage from buffeting and vibration that has been inflicted on housing, with consequential annoyance to residents, and on the town's oldest domestic building, 51 Fleetgate.

A brief history
Despite efforts to drop the speed limit in 1967, no action was taken. If it had been dropped it may have prevented the death of a 13 year old boy who was cycling to school on 16 October 1981, when he collided with a car that had run out of petrol. He fell off into the path of a lorry and was killed instantly. This resulted in a major campaign to rid Fleetgate of heavy trucks and with the involvement of many people, including the then MP Michael Brown, it was successful. However, the issue of a more realistic speed limit was not addressed and remains, today, at 30 mph.

Why reduce from 30 to 20 mph?
The laws of physics tell us that a car travelling at 30 mph packs 2¼ times the punch of one travelling at 20 mph. Cars driven at slower speeds also give pedestrians more time to get out of the way before they get hit, for example, a vehicle takes 75ft to stop at 30 mph and just 40ft at 20 mph. Still a significant distance but it is clearly a major difference. **Safety is a major reason why more and more residential and town streets around the country are being re-zoned at 20 mph.**

Fleetgate is a very narrow street and is a prime candidate for re-zoning. The 225% higher energy associated with a 30 mph speed limit also leads to higher air pressure on buildings in narrow areas. This is not difficult to grasp - just stand near a through train at a station to feel the energy transfer. Undoubtedly, there is more damage being done to buildings with a higher speed limit. So, two main reasons for a lower speed limit are improved safety and lower risk of damage to buildings, especially to ancient structures like 51 Fleetgate. Interestingly, many towns and villages in France have a 30 kph limit, or 18.75 mph

The situation in October 2020
Fleetgate, from the White Swan going south to High Street, is a busy one-way street, used regularly by cars, buses, vans, cyclists and pedestrians. It is very narrow in parts with a very narrow pavement on the east side that leaves people highly vulnerable to car wing mirrors and to serious injury in the event of a misjudgement on the part of a driver or a walker. Children are especially at risk as there are so many blind spots and some drivers just don't pay attention. It is usually heavily parked up on the west side, making access to traffic even tighter. As recently as last December there was a pile-up opposite the White Swan. Although nothing was reported in the press, at least four cars were damaged and also a house doorway. It appeared to be a case of a driver entering Fleetgate at a far higher speed than 20mph. Following representations to the Town Council, it was agreed to carry the recommendation for a lower speed limit forward to North Lincs Council and at the beginning of September the Leader of NLC, Councillor Rob Waltham, inspected the road and the recommendation for a lower speed was explained. He kindly promised to take it up with his Officers and we await his decision.

Help for the Homeless in Barton

Immediate help is available in the town for homeless people. Partly funded by Barton Town Council, there is a fund operated by Churches Together in Barton to give help to people who are homeless. The aim is to provide immediate assistance to people in our area to get a place in a hostel or travel to family or friends who can help. Each of the four Churches have stocks of rucksacks, essentials and fresh clothes. The clergy, and people in parish offices, can also involve lay members of their own churches. Limited amounts of cash can be provided for food, coach or bus fares and overnight accommodation, while the North Lincolnshire Homeless Team is contacted to provide longer term solutions. Contacts for the Barton and District Homeless project: are St Mary's Vicarage 01652 632202, Trinity Clergy 01652 632148, Salvation Army 01652 632666 and St Augustine Webster 01652 652221. North Lincolnshire Council Homeless Team can be contacted on 01724 297000.

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The map features a central area with streets radiating outwards. Key locations include:

- Top Left:** The Singing Kettle Cafe, Charlies, Barton Building Supplies.
- Top Center:** White Swan, Bengal Village, W.A. Clarke Shoeshop, Cobblers Deli & Sandwich Bar, The Red Lion, Fish Bar, Newton Butchers, Rosy & Tilly.
- Top Right:** St. Mary's Church, Glaze, King Street.
- Middle:** High Street, The Fig Tree, Chapel Lane, Cottage Lane, Bensons Butchers, Crisp & Fresh, Greendale Florists.
- Bottom Left:** Fleetgate Hardware, Partners Tea Room, Barton Shopping Centre, Hungate, Holydyke, Bonnamdale, Brigg Lane.
- Bottom Center:** The Wheat Sheaf, The George, Market Place, Café 20, Best Wishes, Fish & Chips, Memories.
- Bottom Right:** Priestgate, Imaginarium, Lindsens, Market Lane, Barrow.



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Junction Square in the 1950s. Gents could have a hair cut at Greaves Gents' Hairdressers (where the betting office is now, and across the street Kenneth Cox sold antiques and furniture. The shop was then used by Canty and Clark who were Radio and Television dealers and is now residential.



Fleetgate in the early 1950s. The Star Cinema was situated on the corner of High Street, (now Fleetgate Hardware)

Founded in 1963, David Lee Photography began by mainly covering local events for the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph and Lincolnshire Times newspapers.

The business progressed to photographing a large amount of weddings and portraits and this led the business requiring more space and a new studio and processing laboratory were built in George Street (now an estate agents with flats above).

The amount of industrial, commercial and aerial photography was also increasing along with the introduction of colour film and print processing facilities which were installed following an additional second floor to the building.

With David Lee's retirement a few years ago the business continues to operate by his son Michael who carries on with the tradition of producing high quality photography, and is now based in a new studio at Fathom Works within The Ropewalk.

All of the pictures on this page are from the Smith Collection of glass plate negatives that is archived at David Lee Photography Ltd.

Stanley Smith and Son were photographers in Barton between the 1930s and the early 1960s, covering events for local and national newspapers. When Stanley retired, Richard Smith carried on with the business covering all of the local wedding, portrait and commercial needs for photography.

Bygone Barton



Barton Market Place in the early 1950s. The shops included (from the left) Potts Grocers (where Lloyds Bank now stands), H Brace Electrician, Thompson's Book and Stationers and Stead & Simpson Shoes. The last two were demolished to widen Market Lane. The van on the right was one of several owned by D.S.Birkett, Bakers, whose shop was on the right where the Vape shop is now.



George Street just before King Street was widened



Barton Urban District Councillors during a parade inspection in the Market Place



Two daring men raise the victory flag on the top of a crane in 1945. Health and safety had not been invented then!



Barton Urban District Councillors in 1939 with a fire pump which was then towed behind the council lorry for fire fighting

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Lions ready to help

Barton upon Humber Lions Club CIO, throughout 2020 have been unable to serve you in our usual way, as in a pint or two at the beer festival, or a burger from our catering trailer at Barton Bike Night, or perhaps cakes at picnic in the park and so on.

But we have been ready to help supporting the Ropewalk meals service, Barton Foodbank, Goxhill Skate Park, Barton Town Football Club, Joseph Wright Hall. We even completed our annual charity cycle ride in August and from this were able to donate £2,000 to Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Recent donations have been given to Barton Town Council for the bulb planting which is being completed by the four schools this year in their grounds and also ST-Art for their online workshops.

We all need some good news right now and we do have some..... Santa is coming!

Subject to enforced measures for yours and our safety, Santa will be on the streets in December. As well as collection buckets with social distancing, online donations will also be available. Keep checking our Facebook page for updates on routes and times, and how to donate online.

We are planning our 2021 events so hopefully will be able to get back to serving you in the usual way by then. Have a happy and safe Christmas everybody.

We can be contacted via Facebook at facebook.com/barton.lions, or email to info@bartonlions.co.uk




Step up and become a Barton Volunteer

The Barton Volunteer initiative is working to harness all the good will and community spirit in Barton and channel it towards projects that are in need of a helping hand.


So why volunteer? Volunteering can be challenging but ultimately very rewarding. As well as helping others you can develop new skills, meet people and feel part of your community. There's no better way to get to know the town you live in than to get involved.

If you would like to know more you can sign up to our monthly newsletter which has details of current opportunities and also free professionally led training sessions to enrol for. We still need street volunteers to completely cover the whole of Barton so if you have time to pick up a prescription, do some shopping or just chat to a person who needs a little bit of support get in touch. Whether you are history buff or a gardener, a nature lover or a people person, an art lover or a mad baker, an odd jobber or a driver get in touch. There might be a cuppa in it for you and the sense of a job well done. To sign up email liz@theropewalk.co.uk

Help us to get more people involved by telling your friends and relations how they can volunteer. If you are a social media user then please like and share the Barton Volunteers Facebook page.

Barton Meals on Wheels
Firstly we cannot begin to thank you enough for the funding companies and individuals provided to make the Meals on Wheels initiative happen from 20 March to 27 September. More than 10,000 meals have been delivered to households in Barton. We raised £35,000 to complete this task and had a fantastic team of

STREET VOLUNTEER



volunteers make it happen. Although the virus is still present and we all need to be vigilant, the situation in Barton is very different to the one we faced six months ago. Many Barton businesses are now geared up to make food deliveries of the type of food older people prefer. The Ropewalk Meals on Wheels team felt it was right for us to step aside and let Barton businesses benefit from the demand we have met until now. Before we closed we made

all the meals on wheels recipients aware of delivery services from the various cafes in Barton and many have already signed up to receive meals from them. The volunteer team is now focussing on the Barton Community Kitchen project at Trinity Church and looking at other ways we can support those in our community who need it most.

Liz Bennet
The Ropewalk.

Barton FM now broadcasting

After eight months of trials, testing and research Barton FM started broadcasting in May 2019.

Station Manager Richard Watts is delighted with the way the station has developed over its first year and with the way its audience and programme output has grown. He added that when the idea of the station was first mooted "we were looking at broadcasting just six hours a day, however, we are now broadcasting 14 hours a day on five days a week and 24 hours a day on two days a week. That's a good illustration of how the station has progressed over a relatively short period."

Being a community station, Barton FM tries to cater for as wide a range of the community as it can. As with a lot of radio stations, music is a large portion of the station's output covering as many genres as possible: pop, rock, club, easy listening, jazz, classical, big band, swing, alternative and country are all played on the station.

Barton FM is very keen to provide as much community-based radio as possible and is pleased to provide a platform for Castledyke Primary School to broadcast a monthly programme on its airways.

During lockdown with St Mary's Church being closed Father Robert Jaggs Fowler broadcast a Daily Prayers and extended prayers on a Sunday. A General Knowledge quiz was also broadcast to entertain people who were obliged to stay at home.

When the station first started, one of the first connections made was with Barton Town Football Club. Sport plays an integral part of any community, and the football club has been great supporters of

the station and it broadcasts live commentary on all of Barton Town's matches. Easybuy, a company owned by Football Club Chairman Mark Gregory, sponsors the sports coverage on the station which has also included coverage of Barton Town Cricket Club's matches.

The station is run entirely by volunteers and quite often volunteers with no previous broadcasting experience. Most of these volunteers are Barton based, but because of modern technology, volunteers can come from further afield. Jazz Show presenter, Hayden Hill, is based in Paris. The programmes produced by volunteers are of a high standard, and everyone is urged to have a listen to:

Rosalind Kalawsky - Lonely Lounge
Summer Halkyard - Numerous

different shows and station announcements
Sudip Bhaduri - Big Barton Film Show
Neil King - Rock Show, Alternative Music Mix and General Knowledge Quiz
Phil Withers - Singer Songwriters
Alex Wood - Everything Barton
Trevor Ritchens - Vinyl Record Show and Tracks of My Years

This year the station will continue to look to diversify its content. "We are very keen to develop more spoken word content, it would be great if we could broadcast a local author reading some of their work or broadcast a play. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to come and join the station and I would particularly like to find people who can present or have ideas for a business show and/or a history-based show.

Gardening is another programme that I think would be of interest to

listeners," commented Richard

"Our main area of development will be the introduction of an online platform that will include videos and podcasts and give the listener/viewer the chance to watch/listen to what they want when they like. Through the development of our YouTube Channel, we will be looking to produce much more video content to go alongside our radio output".

Barton FM can be listened to by going to its website www.bartonfmradio.co.uk and clicking on the "listen live" button. You will also find the programme schedule there. Barton FM can be contacted on bartonfmradio@gmail.com.

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Santa's Travels
Christmas will be different this year. We are still hoping to accompany Santa around some of Barton so that children can still see him. Due to restrictions, we will not be doing door to door collecting.

The planned routes are,
Monday 14th December, Ramsden Avenue, Grange Avenue, Bowmandale, Tofts Road and Providence Crescent.
Tuesday 15th, Appleyard Drive, Summerdale, Harvest Rise and Fox's Fold.
Wednesday 16th, Forkedale, Warrendale and the Chardale Estate off Ferryby Road.
Thursday 17th, Worlaby and Bonby.
Friday 18th, South Ferryby. We plan to publish estimated arrival times on Facebook.

All is subject to the Covid restrictions at the time.

Encouraging local pupils
Rotary is helping Baysgarth School by donating money to buy vouchers for the school's rewards scheme. The scheme encourages pupils to achieve the school's core values of effort, good attendance, behaviour and respect.

Christmas Day Dinners
Barton Rotary Club can deliver free Christmas Day Dinners to Senior Citizens who may be on their own or have difficulty preparing a meal.

Please contact us and we will deliver one to your home on Christmas Day - Turkey and all the trimmings.

Just phone Cynthia Edwards on 07881 650189 with your name and address and telephone number by Thursday 10th December, so that a club member can contact you to make the delivery arrangements. Available subject to the Covid restrictions at the time.

We are sorry that some of our other usual Christmas events cannot take place this year.

Our members hope that you all keep well and have an enjoyable Christmas, hoping all will be back to normal in 2021.



Barton football clubs score a hat-trick

Local football clubs have been “knocking it out of the park” when it comes to getting recognition for their work in the community.



Vaughan Foster

A North Lincolnshire football club is on course to secure a cash windfall after taking part in a new initiative supported by World Cup winners and international sports stars.

Barton Juniors Football Club is one of 75 clubs across the country carefully chosen by sport organisation GiveToLocal as a standard bearer for fundraising potential.

And after coming through a stringing selection process, Barton is already close to transforming its long-term financial future.

“We were overjoyed to be selected as a Focus Club,” explained Club Secretary Vaughan Foster.

“With the ever increasing cost of maintenance, groundworks and equipment rising alongside a growing number of players joining the club, our main aim is maintaining our sustainability to ensure that football is available to children for generations to come.

“Just seeing the number of players in our Saturday club and being able to ensure that their journey through grassroots football is available throughout their childhood is what drives us.

“Being part of GiveToLocal’s focus club initiative will only help us to further to achieve this goal.”

GiveToLocal was launched in 2019 and works with more than 55,000 teams across 15 sports.

Its aim is to pump an additional £10m into community sport annually by backing sport, boosting business and building networks.

High profile supporters include former England striker Les Ferdinand, England World Cup

winning cricketer Mark Wood and Olympic swimmer Adam Peaty. GiveToLocal’s Focus Clubs initiative was launched in order to find clubs across the country capable of showcasing sport’s power and positivity in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

Focus Clubs gain early access to the latest version of the GiveToLocal app and receive extra support from staff dedicated to helping teams connect to donors and local sponsors.

Connecting with the local community is the first step towards securing vital, sustainable funding. “It’s fantastic to have Barton Juniors on board as a Focus Club,” said GiveToLocal CEO Neil Gardiner.

“Their application stood out from the crowd and we feel they can help to encourage more football clubs get on board with GiveToLocal.

“Barton has a track record for playing a key role at the heart of their local community and fundraising is something they already do very well.

“We’re here to take them to the next level by helping them to secure the sustainable funding that can ensure lasting, positive change.

“As a Focus Club, Barton has the opportunity to point the way when it comes to realising fundraising potential.”

Via the groundbreaking GiveToLocal app Barton has the potential to connect with hundreds of local

donors. Donors are asked to pledge a minimum of £3 per month and in return they can access a growing number of offers from local businesses.

GiveToLocal is working closely with Barton, to bring on board local businesses as sponsors. A minimum £8 per month donation can connect firms at the heart of the community with new customers and help to support sport in the process.

“We feel that GiveToLocal is a really simple idea that everyone in the club and wider community can get involved in,” added Vaughan.

“We live in a small place that doesn’t have lots of big named businesses nearby so we have lots of local small businesses who need our support as much as we need theirs - more now than ever.

“GiveToLocal will be able to help us achieve this mutual support so we all survive for the future of not only our club but our community.”

For more information on how your club could benefit from becoming part of the GiveToLocal community www.givetolocal.com/clubs to register now.

For further information or to arrange an interview please contact GiveToLocal’s Head of Media, Simon Rushworth, on 07949 845848 or email simon@givetolocal.com

Vaughan Foster of Barton Junior Football Club has won the Grassroots Volunteer of the Year 2020 award from the Lincolnshire Football Association and saw off competition from over 100 other nominees.

The Lincolnshire Football Association said: “Your nomination for Volunteer of the Year was an absolute pleasure to read and we are please to celebrate your achievements, commitment and support of grassroots football throughout the 2019/230 season” and went on: “Thank you for your dedication to football in our county; it is clearly an award that is truly deserved”

Vaughan faced stiff competition in the final stages of the competition from volunteers from across Lincolnshire.

After receiving the award Vaughan commented: “ My initial reaction was one of amazement as no doubt there are many other volunteers who are deserving of an award” and went on “winning the award is not only fantastic for myself but also for

the club I represent and it would not have been achieved without the help of my family and all of my colleagues at the club, past and present.”

In other news, two local clubs were nominated as top five in the county - Barton Inclusive Football Club and Barton Junior Football Club.

Councillor Paul Vickers added: “Barton upon Humber as a town should be very proud of these achievements. Not only do we have the Volunteer of the Year but we have also had two clubs nominated as the top five in the county.”

Vaughan is keen that others follow in his footsteps and said, “I hope that as we move forward, more people decide to volunteer once they finish coaching teams. Many people disappear from grassroots football when the team they run finishes when they reach the Under 16 age”. He concluded: “Please think about remaining in the game as a volunteer as we need as many people to help as possible.

Barton Town FC have made a flying start to the season, and after 10 games has maintained an unbeaten home record.

Club officials are delighted to see so many new faces down at the Easy Buy Stadium this season enjoying live sport. The new influx of support is much appreciated and it’s fantastic to see so many members of our local community at the club. If you’ve never been before we’d love to welcome you to a game.

The club plays at the Easy Buy Stadium and can be found off Pasture Road with pedestrian access at the bottom of Marsh Lane.

It is a friendly community club that will welcome you like an old friend, whether it’s your first time at the club or not. Its bar and kitchen are open on match days so you can buy food and drink while at the game.

We have a rigorous COVID-19 policy in place to keep everyone safe with a one-way system in and social distancing measures in place.

The Club runs four teams, the first team, the reserves, and two youth sides, our under 15s and our under 14s. Our reserves also play at the club’s headquarters while the youth sides play at Baysgarth School.

Our reserves team offer FREE entry so there’s a team playing in Barton almost every week.

Admission is £6 adults, £4 concessions, £3 under 18’s, and children under 5 can enter FREE. You can pay on the gate when you get to the game.

BARTON TOWN HOME FIXTURES

- 24th Nov – vs Silsden**
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- 12th Dec – vs Liversedge**
Kick Off 3:00pm
- 26th Dec – vs Grimsby Borough**
Kick Off: 3:00pm
- 2nd Jan – vs Hemsworth MW**
Kick Off: 3:00pm
- 30th Jan – vs Goole AFC**
Kick Off: 3:00pm
- 6th Feb – vs Bridlington Town**
Kick Off: 3:00pm
- 20th Feb – vs Eccleshill United**
Kick Off: 3:00pm

Please note fixtures are subject to change. Please visit our website www.bartontownfc.co.uk for the latest fixture updates.

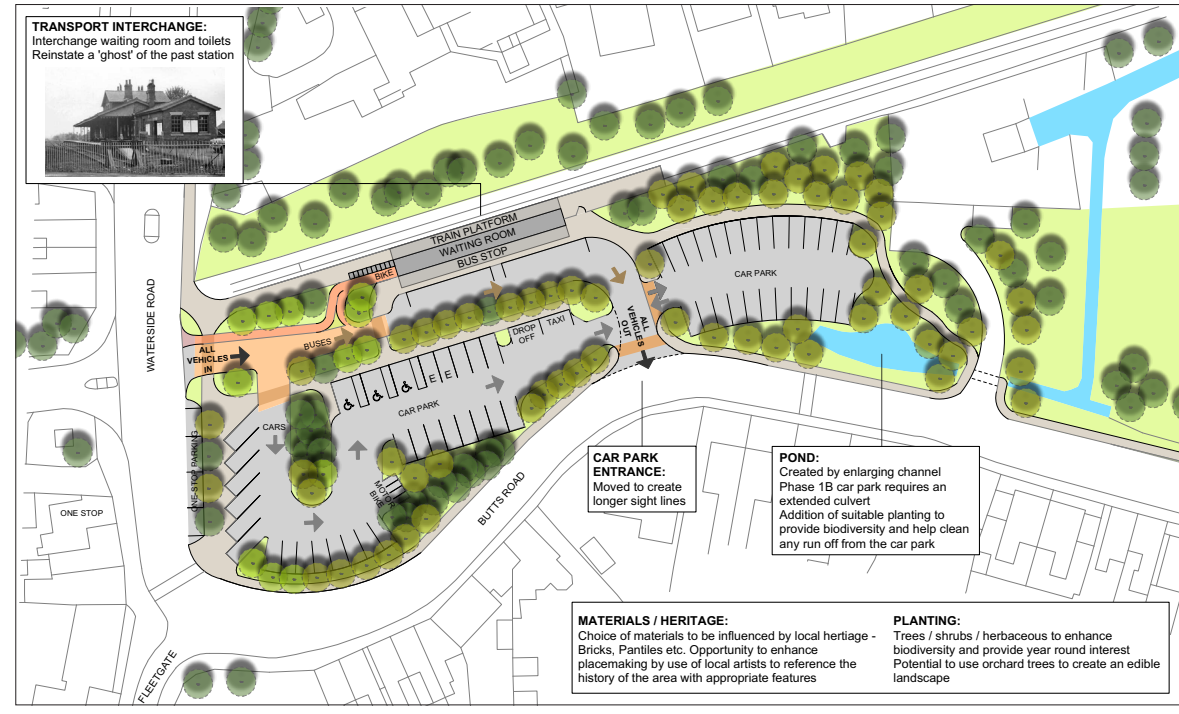
Interchange Funding in Place for phase 1

At the recent meeting of the working group tasked with implementing the plans for the Interchange, it was announced that funding was in place for the first phase of the development.

The working group, made up of representatives of Barton Civic Society and North Lincolnshire Council officers and councillors, was also told that work was well underway on seeking the additional money to complete the project.

Neil Jacques, Chair of Barton Civic Society said: “We are delighted that North Lincolnshire Council has adopted our ambition for the Interchange so enthusiastically, and officers are actively pursuing all funding opportunities to make it happen.”

Barton representative on North Lincolnshire Council, Cllr Paul Vickers added: “This is a very exciting project. Once completed it will provide extra car parking for



Neighbourhood Plan

We have had an encouraging start to the process of developing the Barton Neighbourhood Plan, with 472 people completing and returning the surveys, which is around a 10% return. Over 120 people expressed an interest in getting involved in the Steering Group or finding out more. Over the coming weeks we will be getting in touch to see how people

want to be involved, and what particular interest and expertise they may have. Meanwhile, the Steering Group has been expanded to include Barton Town Councillors Nigel Pinchbeck and Paul Vickers while Cllr Jon Evison will represent North Lincolnshire Council. The surveys are currently being analysed to start the three stage process

Barton in the pandemic

There is little doubt that 2020 will go down in history as the Year of the Pandemic. Confusion began in February but it was not until 16 March that I headed the page in my Diary ‘DAY 1 - LIFE WAS PUT ON HOLD’ whilst on 4 July - DAY 111 - I wrote ‘END OF LOCK-DOWN’. But it certainly wasn’t the end of the pandemic or its effects on all of our lives writes Geoff Bryant.

As I write on 9 October I am counting down to what has been described as the second wave of pandemic and my diary page is headed ‘DAY [wave] 2 : [day]16’, with probably another 100 days before any sign of relief, perhaps even a vaccine.

Life for the country’s ‘oldies’ has changed profoundly. Leaving one’s house could have frightening consequences, meeting friends and family could be risky and the daily shop has become a thing of the past.

But then again look on the bright side. As soon as lock-down took effect members of Barton’s caring community introduced remedial measures. We - the old and infirm - were informed that on four days of every week (later reduced to three days) Liz Bennet’s team at The Ropewalk would be providing us with a three-course evening meal to be delivered to our homes by a small

army of volunteer drivers. Cash grants from Barton Town Council, Lions, Rotary, IG Industries and other local companies supplemented by gifts of produce from Regal Fish, Tesco Supermarket and many of the town’s allotment holders and gardeners has been used to provide the raw materials and pay the associated labour costs.

What an amazing blessing this proved to be - the menus were wide ranging with varying courses to suit all tastes.

The portions were very generous and a short chat with the deliverer provided that human contact missing in many lives. Sunday 27 September, the day on which the last Ropewalk meal was provided, was a very sad day in many Barton households though doubtless many thought that this loss would coincide with a relaxation of the Covid-19 infections.

of Neighbourhood Planning. The responses will be used to develop a vision for the town, which will be followed by identifying objectives and then writing planning policies which implement the first two stages. Consultants will be appointed for this last stage, funded by grants from local and national government set aside for this purpose. Further consultations will be held at every step of the way to ensure residents are fully informed and can have their

News from Barton Churches Together

We have created a Prayer Wall outside Trinity Methodist Church. If there is someone or something you want to pray for or remember, please bring a ribbon and attach it to the railings on Chapel Lane.

There are prayers on the railings that you might like to use or you can simply tie a ribbon to remember someone. Prayers for those lost during the pandemic, for those struggling in many ways at this time. Prayers of thanks, of hope. Come and add yours.

When the ribbons are taken down they will be made into artwork which will be displayed in our churches as a memory of this time.

Barton Churches Together has a new Facebook page - please find us and like or follow us for more information about what we are doing in the town. Details of our Christmas services will be available there when we know what we will be able to do.

At Christmas we remember the birth of Jesus which we believe brings hope for us all. In John’s Gospel he writes about Jesus’ coming into

on individual planning applications becomes law.

Further updates on the progress with Barton’s Neighbourhood Plan and how you can get involved will be posted on the Civic Society website and Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.

Neil Jacques
Chair Barton Civic Society,

the world that ‘the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out’.

During lockdown many people displayed rainbows in their windows as a sign of hope and encouragement. As Churches Together we would like to invite you to display a picture of the nativity or a candle in your windows throughout December. Pictures to colour which you can download can be found on our Barton Churches Together Facebook page, or you can draw or use one of your own.

We would also like to invite people to knit flowers. These will be used as part of an act of Remembrance and Hope next spring. Knitted flowers can any shape or colour and can be given to members of our churches or brought to the Salvation Army shop.

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Audrey Jennison

Audrey Jennison moved to Barton more than 30 years ago, writes her daughter Christine Milne.

She joined Trinity Friends and the Townswomen's Guild to meet people, where she joined in whole heartedly with fund raising and was on the committees ending up as Chairperson.

She could sell sand to the Egyptians and snow to Eskimos, Arkwright comes to mind.

She babysat for many people and was soon known around the town as 'Granny'.

All her life she made handicrafts, selling it for charity. Many ladies groups benefitted from her knowledge, as did the

Brownies.

For many years she collected for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

For the last 15 years she helped at Trinity Methodist's book sales and other events they held, even though she was not a chapel member.

She made up parcels to sell at the Christmas Fair raising money for various charities.

Gifts and money were donated to the Spar shop on Bowmandale, for the NSPC as this was Mum's personal charity which she donated

Angela Kipling

Angela was well known and respected in education circles throughout northern Lincolnshire.

In her teaching career she achieved many successes. As headteacher she made St Barnabas Church of England Primary School into one described by Ofsted as outstanding and in particular, as a church school, it received special mention of the spiritual and faith education that it provided. As a result of her success there she became a trouble shooter when asked by North Lincolnshire Council to act as temporary headteacher at Berkeley Junior School and Winterton Infants School. She was even asked by the neighbouring North East Lincolnshire Council to become the temporary head teacher of East Ravendale Church of England Primary School.

In addition to her headships she acted as a Bishop's Visitor to a number of local

schools and was also vice chair of governors at both Berkeley and John Harrison Church of England primary schools.

Her commitment to young people was exemplary. In addition her family, husband Peter, daughter Nicola, son Christopher and their families meant everything to her.

Within the Barton Trinity Methodist church family Angela was appreciated for her enthusiasm, calmness and commitment to anything she was involved in including in most recent years Flower Festivals and the Wesley knitted bible. Not all are blessed with capacity to do floral arrangements and Angela quickly realised that help was needed to decorate the Church for Christmas.

Pam McCartney was one

Obituaries



Brian Peeps

A Sad Farewell to Brian Peeps by Nigel Land.

Brian Peeps passed away on 29 June 2020 at the age of 83, after a long and courageous fight against cancer - our thoughts are with Muriel and their children, Lynn, Leslie and Shawn.

to annually. In her later years she has organised garden parties along with holding a stall at my craft fair to raise money for the chapel and young carers.

Mum, who died at the age of 85 years, will be sadly missed by her family, friends and charities.

He gave many, many talks to many groups over the years, not only in Barton, but also in the surrounding villages and his memory for names was always impressive, especially when showing photographs of people during a talk. He spent hours improving his digital copies of photographs, removing blemishes and restoring them to their original appearance. The photograph shows Brian working on a computer - perhaps using his much-used Photoshop software.

When Baysgarth House Museum was handed to volunteers to run, Brian was quick to respond and was involved for many years, both as a trustee and as a guide. He was also a founder



member of the Barton & District History Group, which has done much work researching and recording all aspects of the history of Barton and its surroundings. I will remember Brian for his knowledge and enthusiasm for local history and for his willingness to help anyone looking for information. But most of all I will remember him for his positive attitude to life, especially over the last few months of his life. Rest in Peace, Brian.



Tony Douce

Aka PC Douce/PC Tufty

On August 27 2020 after a very short and sudden illness, sadly Tony passed away at Scunthorpe General Hospital.

His career in the police force spanned three decades joining the Lincolnshire Police force on April 4 1972 and after serving at Gainsborough he was posted to Scunthorpe in July that year. In April 1973 Tony came to work in Barton where he stayed until November 1985.

From then until 1991 Tony worked as the divisional juvenile liaison officer, schools' liaison officer and assisted with crime prevention based at Scunthorpe Police Station. He returned to Barton in 1991 and stayed until he retired as a neighbourhood

officer or local community bobby and general police duties in May 2002.

Tony loved nothing more than getting out into the community to do what he did best. Talk to people. His common sense approach to old school style policing earned him respect on both sides of the thin blue line.

After retirement from Humberside Police he took on a role for another decade of office clerk at Barton's police station, once again serving members of the local community.

He ran the Tufty club many, many years ago and was often going into schools with his puppet (Willy the Weasel) to speak to children about stranger danger, road safety and general safety for children. He loved his job



and loved his town and its community.

Tony also was a volunteer collector for the RNIB, a charity very close to the family's heart, emptying the Sooty Boxes..

Aside from his community life, Tony was also a loving Husband, Father, Brother and Grandad and will be greatly missed.

Andy Douce

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Barton Creative

'If there be any virtue or praise, think on these things'

In times of difficulty, fear or dilemma it is useful to reflect upon experiences we value most. Poetry can be a poignant signpost towards realisation. Drawing on past reflections of what we are, two local poets voice an appreciation of their own personal values and believe we all have our own. If you have any poetic thoughts perhaps you could send them in. First in time was Trevor Millum of Three Voices followed by an echo from Monty Martin of Barton Muse:

I am
The first sight of ocean
And the crash of waves;
The document you thought was lost
But which you saved;
A newly sharpened pencil,
A pen that flows,
A tin of paint which opens
Without hammer blows,
The fire which lights
With just one match
And the cup of tea
That hits the spot.
I am
The cat which sits
But does not knead and scratch;
The birthday card
From someone you'd thought forgot;
The strangers smile
Unbidden in the street
Or a friend encountered
You did not expect to meet.
I am
A sleep from which you wake
Without alarm
And the chair which welcomes you
With open arms

Trevor Millum

I am
pondering
in my soul,
upon these conflicts, wondering;
at the beauty of the Dales,
horrors when a knife impales,
United's special acrobatic goal,
two thousand and twenty's sudden awful
chance
of health or death. So, dance
those wee grey cells,
cerebral conundrum
of the who, the why, the how.
Just now
your hand of reassurance on my arm
is all I need.
So now there's calm
for now, just now,
content I am.
I am.

Monty Martin

Xmas Card

Robustly red Santa
cherry cheeked
hands on hips
legs akimbo
beams alarmingly
from a glittered sledge
shedding silver granules.
Inside: spidery writing,
as if ink has flowed
grudgingly, offers Seasons
Greetings & A Happy New Year!
The back of the envelope
bears a white label
confirming sender's name, address.
One initial is scratched out.

Sue Wilesea



Christmas Quiz Questions

1. What were the children drinking in the first commercially produced Christmas cards by Henry Cole?
2. How many tips do traditional snowflakes have?
3. According to the poem, 'The Night Before Christmas', how many reindeer did Santa have to pull his sleigh? Eight, nine or 10?
4. Which plant, beginning with P is associated with Christmas?
5. What is a female turkey called?
6. In the Band Aid song 'Do they know it's Christmas' what is banished in the first verse?
7. At what point in the Christmas celebrations are you likely to hear the effects of Silver Fulminate?
8. Alphabetically, which of Santa's reindeer comes first?
9. What stick would you put into a mulled wine?
10. Which famous scientist who developed the three laws of motion, was born on Christmas day 1642
11. How does Santa Claus go back up the chimney to continue his journey of delivering gifts?
12. Which Christmas carol demands figgy pudding?
13. In the poem 'The Night Before Christmas', visions of what danced in children's heads?
14. Which country was the first to use the tradition of the Christmas tree?

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Quiz Answers

1. Wine 2. Six 3. Eight 4. Poinsettia 5. Hen 6. Shade 7. When pulling a Cracker (it's often the chemical used on the friction strip that makes the bang) 8. Bilzen (Blitzen) 9. Cinnamon 10. Sir Isaac Newton 11. By placing his finger on the side of his nose, then giving a smile and a nod. 12. 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' 13. Sugar Plums 14. Germany



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