

Congratulations on a *jab* well done!



Dr Toby Blumenthal and Julie Killingbeck, North Care Network Manager

Dr Uzma Khan, Caroline Fox, Shahmeer Khawar.



Dr Uzma Khan and patient David Morton



Barton Civic Society Chair Neil Jacques presents a Good Mark to Dr Toby Blumenthal, practice manager Sarah Thompson and Julie Killingbeck.

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After such a challenging year for everyone it has been great to see the response from the people who live and work in Barton.

Members of the community have really got involved caring for their neighbours and the environment we live in. The professionals we rely on for our healthcare have been no exception and we are grateful to them for their dedication and skills.

Barton's two general practice surgeries have been working at pace to roll out the Covid-19 vaccination programmes.

Staff at Central Surgery and West Town Surgery, supported by volunteers and other partners, have been working tirelessly to deliver jabs in arms with vaccination clinics being held on a regular basis as soon as vaccine supplies are available.

As the Pfizer vaccine is not able to be transported easily, Central Surgery, as part of the North Care Network practice, has hosted vaccination clinics for patients at Central Surgery, Winterton Medical Practice and Bridge Street in Brigg while initially West Town sent patients in the first tier for vaccines to Riverside Surgery in Brigg. In addition West Town Surgery provided staff to Riverside Surgery to assist with the vaccination programme. This has involved some of their staff working 7 day weeks and late nights to ensure patients received their vaccine.

At Central Surgery extremely successful Pfizer vaccination clinics offering more than 1,200 vaccinations to patients over a period of 2.5 days were held supported by local Barton

Volunteers, Barton Town Council and North Lincolnshire Council.

By late January deliveries of the Astra Zeneca vaccine became available to the West Town Surgery, which enabled GP Dr Khan and Practice Nurse Caroline Fox to vaccinate on site. The practice has received lots of positive feedback from all of the clinics run to date, and hope to maintain the same level of care and service for all future vaccination clinics. Practice nurse Caroline Fox has been heavily involved in the vaccination of the residential care homes and housebound patients.

In addition to the Pfizer vaccination clinics, each of the three North Care Network practices as well as West Town Surgery now also offer local AstraZeneca vaccines to their own registered patients. These smaller clinics support each of the practices within the network work through the eligible cohorts as efficiently as possible with the supply of vaccine provided.

At the time of going to press West Town and Central Surgery had offered vaccines to the first six cohorts and were now inviting those in Cohort Seven to attend for vaccinations when batches of vaccines are received. At Central Surgery staff can proudly say that to date 6,000 people have had their Covid-19 vaccination. Both Surgery teams are prepared to work as many hours as necessary to get the community vaccinated and praised all patients and staff members for their flexibility and commitment to drive the vaccination roll out.

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Wild Flower Verge gets the go ahead

Barton's first wild flower roadside verge on Butts Road was given the go ahead at a recent meeting of the Town Council's Environment Committee.

Increasing the number of wild flowers is widely seen as essential to help protect the pollinators on which food production relies.

The committee was advised that residents showed their overwhelming support in a recent consultation exercise, so plans are being drawn up to plant the verge in the mid-March to mid-May planting time. Residents who wish to be involved will be allocated a set area to work on, to ensure social distancing is maintained and the plants, seed and any equipment needed will be provided by the Town Council. Residents will be contacted individually once the exact timescale is confirmed.

Advice is being sought on the appropriate species of flowers for the area and the correct mix of annuals and perennials for the best visual and environmental impact. It is anticipated that a mixture of plant plugs and seeds will be used. The planting will be done towards the rear of the verge at the Pasture Rd end of Butts Rd, partly as scientific research advises planting a metre

away from a road, and partly to leave room for pedestrians, as several residents pointed out in their consultation response it is well used by walkers. A temporary barrier is being considered to mark off the area planted, until such time as it is established.

This is the first of what could be many such planting schemes so the Town Council would be keen to get suggestions from residents on other possible sites. Gravel Pit Road has already been suggested.

Community Orchard on Lapwing Way

The Town Council's Environment Committee has given approval for the planting of a community orchard on Lapwing Way. Following suggestions from residents last year that it could be good location for such a venture, all residents in the street were consulted. The majority were in favour of getting some fruit trees on the site. Concerns that the whole green space should not be covered in trees as it would prevent other uses of the area by children

and walkers, have been taken on board by the committee.

It is hoped that phase 1 of the orchard can be planted by mid-March with a limited number of trees, with further consultation over the summer as to the eventual number of fruit tree people would be happy with. Phase 2, to complete the project, could then happen in the autumn and winter. Several families were keen to get involved in the project and to "adopt" a tree to look after, and these residents will be contacted individually to let them know how they can become involved. Correct social distancing and Covid secure measures will be key considerations.

The Town Council has received permission from North Lincolnshire Council for the planting to go ahead, pending a site visit to double check the ground conditions of the proposed site. Given the all clear, it is hoped to get the trees in the ground before the mid-March deadline. If this is not possible the first planting will be postponed until later in the year.

Spring Bulb Planting

The Town Council spring bulb planting programme in October/November 2020 was completely different to normal years due to Covid-19 restrictions.

All of the spring bulbs were handed over to schools within the town for pupils to plant around their school grounds. Have a look in February and March 2021 when passing Bowmandale Primary School, Castledyke Primary School, Barton St Peter's CE Primary School or Baysgarth School to check out their displays.

Grass Cutting in Barton

The Town Council is responsible for the maintenance and cutting of the town's grass verges and amenity areas.

This includes all grass verges around Barton plus the parish paths around the town boundary. An important part of this contract will commence in March/April time which will be to leave spring flowers in grass verges to die back completely before that section gets cut. If you see any verges with extra-long grass please check if it includes any spring flowers, if it doesn't please let us know it's been missed. The grass verge on Butts Road adjoining Barton Town Cricket Club will hopefully be trialled this year as a wildflower area too.

Christmas Lights

At its recent meeting Barton Town Council's Community Committee looked at putting money aside from underspent budgets due to events like the Christmas Festival not happening in 2020 because of Covid restrictions, including adding to the town's Christmas Lights display for Christmas 2021. Further details will appear in the Bartonian later this year.

Benches in Barton

Barton Town Council has recently replaced the broken public seat at the corner of Newport and Fleetgate and following a local resident request it has also installed a new public seat on Far Ings Road where pedestrians join the Humber Bridge, giving the opportunity for a little rest on your return from walking over the Bridge. The Council is also hoping to install extra litterbins in the town on Mallard Way and Pasture Road North following requests from residents, but need to get up to date information from North Lincolnshire Council about who will empty the bins if the Town Council has reached its limit before additional emptying costs are made.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Waters' Edge

Neil King looks at one of Barton's most environmentally friendly and striking pieces of architecture

Standing on the banks of the Humber estuary, under the Humber Bridge, stands the Waters' Edge Country Park and its iconic visitor centre - but how much do you know about it?

Early history

Between the early 19th century and the middle of the 20th century, the site on which Waters' Edge stands was quarried for brick and tile clay.

In 1955 the last brick works were demolished, although the clay quarries to the south of the brick works are still in existence.

Other industries associated with the area and the site before 1874 include rope making, malt kilns and fertiliser production. The Ropewalk, a quarter-mile long building located only a few minutes' walk from Waters' Edge, has a display that tells the story of Barton's rope making heritage. Local clay pantiles are still made in The Old Tile Yard, which is now a visitor attraction. This was once Blyth's Tile Works one of the busiest in the UK.

By the 1950s a large production factory was well established on the site, making fertilisers from animal



waste. The process had advanced and the factory was a well-established chemical plant with facilities to make acids. Unfortunately these fertiliser materials and the associated chemicals contaminated the site.

The site was bought by Glanford Borough Council from BritAg (a subsidiary of ICI) in 1989 and MTM in 1995. North Lincolnshire Council inherited the site from Glanford Borough Council in 1996 and work soon began to convert the site to a country park.

The old contaminated soil was stripped back, layer by layer. It was moved in convoys of lorries off site and buried in a secure site. The ponds were excavated and local topsoil from the nearby Far Ings Nature Reserve was brought in.

Thousands of reeds were hand planted along the banks of the ponds and an area of native woodland was created. The first part of the country park opened to the public in 2003.

The design of the wind cowls means that even the lightest breeze turns the opening away from the wind and causes air to be sucked out of the building. There are also heat exchangers built into the cowls which conserve warmth during the winter.

The ground floor has 'thermal mass' under-floor heating where the floor itself acts like a storage heater and can be efficiently heated up over a long period of time, giving off heat in the same way.

As well as conserving energy and allowing visitors to take in views of the park, the high ratio of glazing allows a lot of natural light into the building. However, the building is also fitted with low impact lighting which is operated by motion sensors. Photovoltaic cells (PV) on the roof also generate electricity, helping to offset the use in the centre and the centre is orientated to maximise solar gain.

Made with aluminium from an estimated 1.5 million recycled drink cans, the roof of Waters' Edge Visitor Centre is super insulated with a minimal surface wrap. Rainwater from the roof (grey water) is harvested and used to flush

Leeds following an invited design competition and cost £3.3million.

The competition brief given to participants was for a 'contemporary design, free from the restraint and compromise of traditional vernacular building form'. Firstly, the building had to have a low environmental impact, and secondly it would need to be financially sustainable - functioning as a combined business and visitor centre.

Did you know?.....

The glazed front of the building maximises heat from the low warming winter sun to reduce heating costs.

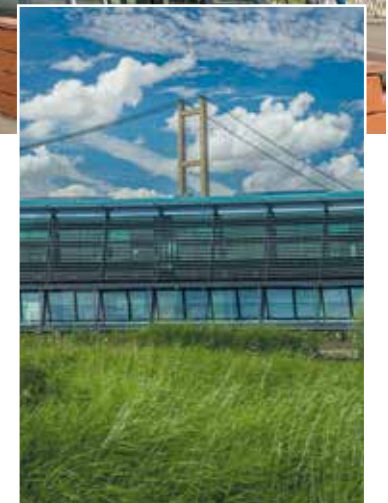
The ventilation system makes use of air passing over the Visitor Centre Pond, directing it into the building through low level vents. As the air rises through the atrium and grilles to the upper level, rotating wind cowls pull it through the building.

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the toilets, while the urinals are waterless and use natural enzymes to break down waste matter.

The whole building is DDA compliant (Disability Discrimination Act). All floors are level, all doors wide enough for people with mobility problems and there is a hearing loop for those visitors hard of hearing.

What goes on in the centre?

The Visitor Centre has several roles.

- It is a Tourist Information Centre
- It is an educational resource with many interactive displays including live feeds to cameras in the reserve that feature nesting birds and animals
- The centre has a café and gift shop
- There is an indoor play area for children
- The centre has rooms for hire for training and community events

Several organisations and businesses occupy the building including:

- CERT Ltd - a social enterprise development and regeneration specialist
- The East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Councils Association, known as ERNLLCA
- Maritime & Heritage Centre of Excellence CIC
- Rebecca Beaton Accountancy Services Ltd
- Manor Properties
- Humber Nature Partnership
- Noble Works civil engineering

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following Council meetings are open to members of the public to attend and make comments. Agenda will be advertised on the Town Council Website and Facebook page.

- Community Committee Monday March 15th at 18.00
- Planning Committee Monday March 22nd at 18.00
- Full Council Wednesday 7th April at 19.00
- Planning Committee Monday 12th April at 18.00
- Annual Town Meeting Thursday 15th April at 19.00
- Finance & General Purposes Monday 19th April at 18.00
- Planning Committee Monday 5th May at 18.00
- Full Council Wednesday 5th May at 19.00

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Barton Upon Humber Town Council Town Award 2021

TOWN AWARD NOMINATION FORM 2021
(Letter will be acceptable)

I would like to Nominate for *(please indicate which category)*

Town Award Young Person Town Award

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

TEL

If the Nominee belongs to an Organisation, please state which:

REASON FOR NOMINATION. *(Please use a separate sheet if insufficient space)*

Nominators Signature

Print name

Date

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Barton Upon Humber Town Council's Town Award for 2021 has been amended this year in light of the pandemic and will include a Young Person's award (under 18) as well as the usual Town Award. Details are shown below and will also be available on the Town Council's Facebook page and website.

The Award is presented annually to a resident within the community for work or action of merit. This will be a small thank you to the people who have helped our community or members of it, without expectation of reward or thanks. The winner will receive a silver cup to be held for one year, together with a certificate and keepsake, the award will be presented by the Mayor of Barton Upon Humber, socially distanced.

Last year's winner was Mrs Wendy Witter MBE who was nominated for having the town at heart for over 50 years, working through the Town Council to obtain things to better the town and supporting many charities in the town.

Nominations are invited for both categories from anyone who knows of a person they think deserves recognition. The nominated person must live in the town or work voluntarily with a Barton Upon Humber organisation/group to be eligible and can not be a Town Councillor or Officer. If you know someone, who has served the community in some way, for example:

- Service within an organisation for many years,
- Action over and above the call of duty,
- Helping the aged, or infirm,
- Guiding and helping youth and children,
- Actions of courage, or,
- Any relevant contribution to our community or persons within it.

Please complete the form below, or send a letter giving reasons for nomination.

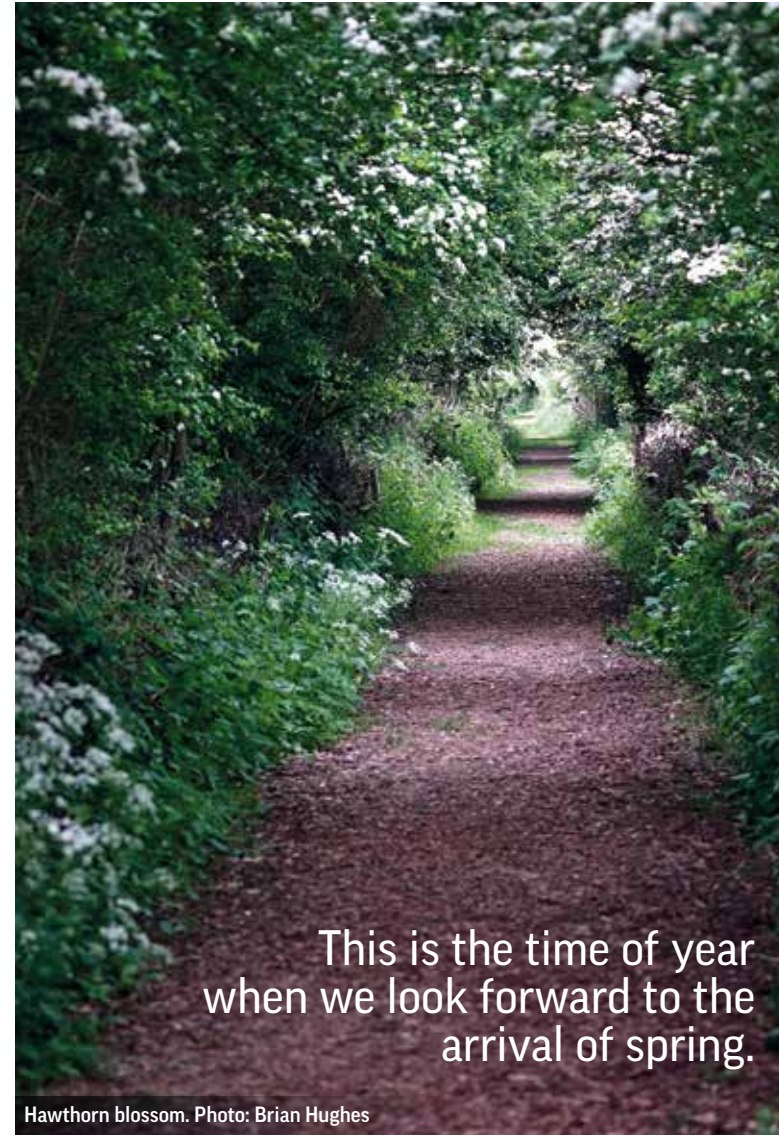
TO BE RECEIVED BY 1st April 2021.

Alternatively contact the Town Council office at The Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire, DN18 5QP for a nomination form, email info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk or tel 01652 633598. Details will also be available on the Town Council's Facebook page and website.

Nominations must be in writing.

You will appreciate that any person nominated may not be selected on this particular year but it is pleasing to know those, who through their endeavours, are being brought to the notice of the Town Council.

Spring sunshine



This is the time of year when we look forward to the arrival of spring.

Hawthorn blossom. Photo: Brian Hughes

This year the signs of new life outside may be especially important for improving our mood and bringing hope for the year ahead.

A walk in the natural environment can bring physical and mental benefits, increasing our connection with nature is good for our minds and bodies and there is so much to enjoy in spring.

Why not pause to listen to the increasing swell of birdsong as the birds compete to attract mates and defend territories. Listen out for the 'teacher teacher' song of the great tit or the melodic song of the blackbird. A buzzing hum amongst the flowers will indicate the emergence of large queen bumble bees looking for nectar and nesting sites after their long winter sleep. Seething masses of frogs in ponds and ditches set up a loud croaking chorus after dark. At Far Ings we wait with bated breath for the weird booming calls of the rare bitterns in the reedbeds.

After the muted colours of winter take time to notice vibrant splashes of colour appearing, the bright green of new leaves, delicate pink blossom on cherries or the glowing yellow of celandine flowers in woodland. Early emerging butterflies such as yellow brimstone, orange tip and red admiral are little sparkles of colour on warm days in the spring sunshine. At Far Ings the chocolate brown, grey and gold coloured marsh harriers are starting their dramatic aerial displays.

The natural scents we can experience change with the seasons too. In



Two Bitterns facing off. Photo: Paul Collins

spring the delicate scent of violets, the coconut smell of gorse flowers in the sunshine or the strong scent of hawthorn blossom and later in the season the powerful tang of wild garlic or the perfume from bluebells. Enjoying the warmth of spring sunshine on our skin is not only a pleasurable experience it also allows our bodies to generate vitamin D and the brain chemicals that are so important for regulating our mood and sleep patterns.

We have many lovely places in this area where we can share the environment with wildlife, from

our own gardens or nearby parks to nature reserves and the Humber estuary. We can do our bit to help by putting up bird nesting boxes, picking up litter or making sure we only walk where we won't disturb nesting birds and animals. We can all enjoy spending time in the natural environment this spring.

Leanne Smart



Lending a hand



Liz Bennet rounds up just some of the impressive work Barton folk have been signing up for.



Vaccine car park volunteers

Following on from an amazing upsurge in volunteering during 2020 this year has seen even more people get involved in community projects. Volunteers are a valuable resource to the community and they can perform a huge range of tasks giving as much time as they can to support people who need it and to improve the environment we live in. Let's hope this continues post lockdown and becomes a positive from this very difficult period of history.

If you are an organisation who would like to advertise voluntary work or a willing volunteer who would like to get involved please email Barton Volunteers liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk



Ropewalk staff member Wendy Duffy welcoming the public to Barton Community Kitchen

BaCK (Barton Community Kitchen)
Barton Community kitchen opened its doors on October 2020 following on from the very successful Meals on Wheels scheme. The Ropewalk catering team with Barton Volunteers supported by Trinity Church, Lincolnshire Community Trust and Barton Town Council opened the doors on Tuesdays to anyone who would benefit from a free meal. The project which runs weekly between 12 noon and 3pm at Trinity Church on Holydyke is currently running a takeaway service whilst restrictions

are in place. The volunteers extended this service during February to Thursdays and all of half term week. Serving over 80 meals on Tuesdays the volunteers are kept busy but there is always plenty of food for everyone who attends.

BaCK also offers Fair Share food donations from Tesco's and the Co-op in Barton. The last session for this project will be on 27th April 2021.

Vaccination Clinic Volunteers
Barton Central Surgery contacted Barton Volunteers in January looking

for volunteer queue and car park marshals for the vaccination clinics. There was a fantastic response from volunteers who signed up to help. This project will continue until the larger clinics have finished. When Central Surgery vaccinate 1200 people in two days at a rate of 80 an hour the volunteers are vital to make sure the process runs smoothly without holdups for the vaccinators. Although we have been going many weeks there are still the second doses to come. Volunteers stood outside in cold and wet weather to make sure that the public kept to social distancing rules and got in for their vaccine as soon as possible. There have been some great comments on social media about how helpful the volunteers have been which is appreciated and volunteers have reported how lovely the public have been and that it has been a pleasure to get involved.



Barton Baggers
One group that has caught my eye in the last few months is the Barton

Baggers. If you follow the Facebook feed for Karen Thompson and Maggie Troop you can see that disgust for the way people have treated Barton's surrounding countryside has led to a really positive response by two very public spirited ladies. Their tireless efforts in highlighting fly tipping areas and public rights of way used as dump sites has led to the development of the group with a large increase in volunteers. When you pass a lone litter picker on the paths and lanes around Barton or see red bags of rubbish piled up at the side of the road ready for collection you will be witnessing the Barton Baggers in action.

Maggie told me that for years local people have been quietly and unobtrusively picking up litter often at their own expense. Barton Baggers has been formed to provide a forum to support these people and to encourage others to join in and do the same. Local businesses have donated equipment and they are in close contact with North Lincolnshire Council which enables people to litter pick safely. At present, in line with Government guidance there are no organised group litter picks but they hope to be able to do that in the future.

If anyone is interested in joining they should search for the Facebook page or ring/text Karen on 07508 458153 or Maggie on 07950 684918

The Viking Centre

The Viking Centre is a community centre and youth club on Fairfield Drive in Barton dedicated to improving the local community and making the Caistor Road estate a better place to live.

The Centre won the Best Community Project on a Social Housing Estate award in the Groundwork Community Awards at a national awards ceremony hosted by the charity in the Houses of Parliament.



Grace receiving an award

It has raised funds for CCTV coverage and aims to be a positive and inspiring voice and example for local people.

Neil King talked to Grace Wooley, Centre Manager, to find out more about this project and she outlined its recent history.

"The Viking Centre was re-opened by Ongo in 2015 to regenerate the area and work on estate issues such as a high tenancy turnover, anti-social behaviour and crime. Previously the building had been run by a charity, hired out for Healthcare such as Chiropody and Baby groups."

What is your role at the Centre and how long have you been there?

"My role focuses on managing the Viking Centre building and three excellent part-time staff who are employed to provide activities and service on the Caistor Road estate. Marie Merrison and Sarah Staves are our Community Regeneration Assistants while Jack Needham, who works for Ongo's Raising Aspirations Team, is our Youth Mentor. Taking a multi-agency approach, we can offer a range of different services and provisions."



What is the role of Ongo?

"Ongo owns the Viking Centre and employs the team of people that work here. At Ongo, we have a commitment to support our local communities, and this is just one example of how we do this. We source funding and invest into the activities and work happening here, whether this is events (when we were able to do so) for young people, sessions on employment and training or activities for families.

Many Ongo tenants live near the Viking Centre, so it made sense to have a community hub right in the heart of the Caistor Road estate. Colleagues from many different areas, including our housing, neighbourhoods and communities' teams will often work from the Centre."

What activities take place and what are the aims of the Centre?

"We run a range of activities including youth clubs, family fun evenings, a community café, school holiday activities, coffee mornings, street parties, employment support, a growing and learning project and a weekly tea time club. The Centre aims to provide services and activities to support the community and give young people a safe place to thrive."



What support would you like?

"We welcome any support and have built some good relationships within the community recently with Tesco Barton and Barton Rotary, who supported us with our Christmas activities. We are always on the lookout for people to volunteer, which helps us to run our activities and trips.

How many volunteers do you have?

"Over the past five years, we have worked with over 30 volunteers, and we aim to support, train and enrol six volunteers each year with a range of different roles."

Where do you get funds from?

"The Viking Centre building and staff are funded by Ongo Communities. We apply for external funding and donations to run activities - such as our Wednesday themed Food Nights, family fun activities and

our half term provision. We take a multi-agency approach and work with organisations who can provide services and activities within our building. We will be looking for opportunities in the future to offer even more."

Do you have any plans for the future?

"Things have been slightly different for us this year at the Viking Centre due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we haven't been able to provide our usual programme of activities. Our future plans are to get back up and running and put some focus on making the building more sustainable with Room Hire - we have a range of rooms and spaces ideal for business meetings, office work, training facilities and a large function room.

We plan to increase our Youth Club from one night to two nights and re-introduce services to the building for

the community while increasing our activities for adults with more coffee mornings, craft sessions and much more."

How do people get involved?

"To get involved, all people have to do is get in touch. We are located on the estate; however, many of our activities are open to everyone in Barton. We would love to see more people at our activities using our youth club, community café and enjoying our coffee mornings.

We update our Facebook page weekly - to find us on Facebook search for 'The Viking Centre'.

We also have a dedicated email address"

Viking.resource@ongo.co.uk

The only way is up!

Well, perhaps not the only way, but vertical growing has apparently become increasingly popular over the last 12 months.

Fixing containers one above the other to a wall or fence to grow salad leaves, tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes and herbs is a great space saving idea for small gardens, or even larger ones wanting more room. It must be catching on, as on-line garden centres are selling purpose made kits, but you don't need to spend a fortune on setting up your vertical garden. The normal plastic troughs or other containers, fixed to a frame on a south facing fence or wall will do just as well. Just need to be sure that it is your fence and it is strong enough to take the weight.

It is best to plant tomatoes cucumbers, and courgettes at ground level, with cut and come again salad leaves at the top. Good carrots for containers are Paris Market, a globe variety excellent raw in salads or kids lunch boxes, and Amsterdam Forcing. Pepper and Chill plants are also a good option for vertical gardening. If you do try this, please send us a photograph or two of your creation and planting, for later editions.



March sowing and planting.

March is the perfect time to start sowing for this year's crops. Potatoes can be planted if you have room, but again there are vertical options in potato bags and planters. There's nothing quite like the first taste of early potatoes straight out of the soil into the pan, with mint from your herb pots of course. Broad beans, onion and shallot sets can all go into the ground in March. On your window sill or in the greenhouse you can start sowing tomatoes which need some heat to germinate, lettuce and other salad leaves. Summer cabbages, early varieties of sprouts, and spinach can be sown outside but it is best to protect them with a cloche or other covering. March is the last chance to plant garlic for a crop this year as it needs some cold to get it started.

April sowing and planting.

I know spring will have only just arrived, but some recommend sowing winter cabbages and sprouting broccoli in seed beds in April! You can harden off and transplant the summer cabbages sown in March. Later in the month, French and runner beans can be sown indoors as they need some warmth. They don't like their roots being disturbed so I tend to sow the early ones in kitchen roll cardboard tubes cut into four, which can go straight into the ground when they are ready to plant out. April's the time for chillies, sweetcorn, peppers and tomatoes if you didn't sow these last month.

Alternatively, you can make a virtually free standing vertical garden out of a couple of old pallets, supported by the wall or fence. I found an old wooden step ladder at the back of the shed last year and used that for geranium pots. It worked well, so I am planning a vertical herb garden this year. A nail in each step to go through the hole in the bottom of the pots stops them falling off. Just search vertical gardening and there are plenty of web sites to give you useful money saving tips and ideas. One person claims to have grown £900 worth of food on her balcony!

Vertical gardening has its commercial applications as well. There is a company in Scunthorpe who is growing salad products on an industrial scale using automated vertical beds. The Jones food company reckons it is the biggest vertical farm in Europe and can produce 12 crops a year, whereas some crops will take nine months grown in fields.

Too much water and not enough

The January weather has virtually brought work on the plots to a standstill. The ground has either been frozen or waterlogged. One plot holder measured 99mm of rain there in January making this the wettest January since 2008. Early February's snow did not help either. In contrast, last spring we had one of the driest for years - so not enough water. We are exploring the possibility of sinking a borehole behind the main shed to keep the communal water tanks topped up. We have had an encouraging site visit from a drilling company, got the quotes and are now applying for a grant from North Lincolnshire Council. The other bit of excitement on Dam Road is the news that the road itself is to be repaired at last, hopefully in early March and by the time you are reading this. Gone will be the pot holes large enough to swallow a small car, and damage others.

Finally as always, if you want an allotment at some point please get in touch and we will put you on the waiting list. We had quite a turnover last year, so it is taking several months for those on the list to be allocated a plot, but the sooner you apply the sooner you will reach the top of the list.

Happy gardening,
Neil Jacques
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hotmail.com 01652 632438

Make, mend and repair for our community



During 2020 Amie Alissa Watson launched a Virtual Repair Cafe to help engage those that wanted to repair their clothes from the comfort of their own homes which proved so successful that she has the idea to create that in real life!

"I realised the more I was able to help people online, that we are all missing that social element. I wanted to give back to the community and be closer to it," she said.

Amie plans to run the Repair Cafe in Barton at the CreBiverty Ark on Queen Street at least once a month as soon as she is able to do so!

Join our 'Repair Cafe - Barton' waiting list: info@slowcircularearth.co.uk
Subscribe for updates: www.slowcircularearth.co.uk
or find us @[slowcircularearthuk](https://www.instagram.com/slowcircularearthuk)

You will be welcome to bring any items that need repairing or altering to fit; perhaps a trouser hem that keeps falling down. Maybe your buttons keep falling off! Perhaps you miss seeing people and want to get out the house and help others to fix their things?

Amie Alissa Watson

Festive Cheer for Senior Citizens



Sixty-six Christmas Day dinners were cooked and delivered to elderly people in Barton and the villages.

They were cooked at Trinity Methodist Church by Rotary families and delivered by club members and volunteers. A large donation towards the cost was given by the Freemasons of St Matthew's Craft Lodge. Many thanks go to Pip Clark and Tesco management for their generous help, Trinity Church for the use of the kitchen and to The Ropewalk who supplied the containers for the meals.



Because of keeping everybody safe, the meals this year were supplied in containers and a carrier bag, which also contained the trifles and mince pies, etc. This avoided members needing to enter the recipient's home.

Christmas Events

It has been a very different Christmas for the Rotary Club with every event cancelled, except for the popular Christmas Day dinners. Although we had planned to help Santa tour the town in a Covid-safe way, the authorities informed us, and the Lions, that we could not proceed with it which was very disappointing for the children!

Barton Rotary Club Donations (in spite of Covid 19)

A December donation made by our club, was to the Viking Resource Centre on the Caistor Road Estate. In normal times, they provide meals and an after school club for children. We provided 80 Chocolate Oranges to go in the Christmas bags given out to the young people, handed out through a window at the centre.

Also, in the Rotary year, since July, we gave 240 Scientific Calculators to local schoolchildren, as well as a donation to help the Baysgarth School rewards scheme, donations to The Ropewalk to help with their meal deliveries to vulnerable people during the Covid crisis, The British Legion Poppy Appeal and Barton Food Bank.

We also paid for a Shelterbox to help people in disaster areas

Clean with Nancy

At the time of writing this piece I am feeling excited and quite overwhelmed.

I have a new book you see, it's called Clean and Green, and was published on January 21 and has to my amazement stormed straight into the Top Ten UK Bestselling Hardbacks (non-fiction).

I think all of us are mindful of the planet's plight and those readers with children and grandchildren will I am sure question what the world is going to be like for future generations. I began my 'Green' journey about five years ago, small things to begin with such as stopping using plastic cling film and single use wipes but then I became more inquisitive.

I remember loitering around the detergent aisles in Tesco, picking up various cleaning products and reading the reverse labels. I was shocked - a bottle of well known washing up liquid warned "HARMFUL TO AQUATIC LIFE WITH LONG LASTING EFFECTS" - who knew? I then inspected the reverse label on so many other bottles, sprays, silver and brass cleaners and laundry detergents and saw the same warning. I was worried and disturbed.

The challenge I decided was to be able to make the switch away from planet harming, chemical heavy cleaning products to greener alternatives. My products had to work, they had to be simple and the cost had to be the same or less than supermarket own (chemical heavy) brands.

I wrote everything down, did lots of experimenting and research and took two years to write this 'not so little' book with over 101 eco friendly hints, tips and recipes.

I have home made products and included various nature's freebie cleaning methods that work a treat.



Did you know your oven shelves will clean themselves overnight if you lay them out on the lawn? Did you know two spent lemon halves boiled up in your kettle will descale it efficiently, naturally and without the need for harmful descaling products. I have covered every cleaning job in my house and really believe we can make a difference.

Clean and Green RRP £12.99

Barton RiverCare Group

Barton RiverCare is a local community group working under the RiverCare & BeachCare group (<http://www.rivercare.org.uk/home/2773>) and has nominally adopted a stretch of the river from South Ferriby through to New Holland.

In normal times Barton Rivercare would have launched with a community clean up with lots of people attending together writes Adam Parker. Obviously the ongoing COVID crisis has put that back, but the group has still been trying to build up a community spirit of litter collection.

Adam has been leading social distanced clean ups in the area since December and he says it's clear that the rivers, streams, and other water sources in the area need some love - every high tide brings in more plastic from the river and the ocean and deposits it on our shores, and the ongoing scourge of littering adds to the problem. RiverCare isn't focused only on the rivers; members are happy to support litter picking anywhere!

In just two hours at South Ferriby beach recently, Adam and another volunteer collected over 100 plastic bottles, more than 50 cans, and lots of bits of plastic packaging, film, and medical waste as well as all sorts of strange things as well. A creepy doll's head was the worst, but Adam has found beer and cola cans from the 1980s and 1990s, as well as several whole coconuts that have washed in.

RiverCare is funded by Anglian Water and Keep Britain tidy and supports community groups across the east coast to clean up their



local areas through provision of litter picking equipment and liaison with the council and other recycling partners.

You can find Barton RiverCare on Facebook at 'Barton RiverCare Community' and on twitter @BartonRiverCare if you use social media.



Barton upon Humber Lions Club CIO

Barton upon Humber Lions Club was Chartered in 1970, we are a mixed club of 24 members of all ages.



We have achieved a lot in 50 years and we will celebrate this with you all when we can after a year that has been difficult for many. We have still been operating and meeting online as a club and hope to be able to put on some events this year as well as support others as soon as we can. Keep visiting our Facebook page for details. New members are also welcome so please contact us if this interests you.

Whilst no event activities of late, we have made recent donations to local clubs and causes including Barton Community Farm EcoSerenity Project, Happy Hogs Rescue Hospital, hand creams for frontline workers local fundraiser, as well as several Health and Welfare donations to local families who were in need of support. We also donated eight Gift Hampers for care workers in our local care homes.

Did you know, we have a Lions Lottery? Only £12 per year, with one draw each month, 3 winners each draw winning £20. Please get in touch to join. We can be contacted by email info@bartonlions.co.uk or find us on Facebook.



The un-loved buildings of Barton

Welcome to Barton – Historic Market Town, say the signs. Barton's buildings are one of the gems that attract visitors and people to settle here.

Neil Jacques
Chair, Barton Civic Society



Unfortunately not all are well looked after. The Civic Society was formed over 50 years ago to protect one such building, the old Church School on Queen Street. After many years of hard work, lobbying Humber and North Lincolnshire Councils, firstly by the Civic Society and more recently the Queen Street School Preservation Trust, it is now fully restored as the Wilderspin National School Museum - one of the success stories.

There are many other success stories too, of listed buildings and those in the conservation area, being sympathetically restored by their owners. The Civic Society awards Good Mark certificates to acknowledge the efforts made to preserve these important aspects of our heritage. The most recent has been awarded to the owners of a house in Priestgate for reinstating traditional wooden sash windows.

Not all other buildings are so well looked after, and there are many significant buildings and houses around the town that look decidedly unloved or at worst dilapidated. After many years of discussion with various departments of North Lincolnshire Council on a building by building basis, we achieved a bit of a break-through in 2018. The Council agreed to set up a Dilapidated Buildings Working Group. Representatives of the Civic Society, Tourism Partnership and Town Council meet officers from all relevant Council departments, Planning, Planning Enforcement, Environmental Health, Building Control, Housing and of course Heritage Conservation, and the ward

Councillors, all at the same meeting to discuss all buildings of concern. The results of these meetings look promising for our built heritage.

The group met for the first time in January 2019 to address the list of buildings provided by the Civic Society. Top of the list was Oddfellows Hall first floor, followed by 51 Fleetgate, Eagle House on Fleetgate, the former Cinema on Newport St, various empty houses, Baysgarth House Museum and the Town Council's Assembly Rooms. This list has been added to since then with the onion top on the Old Mill in Market Place being one notable addition.

There have been some good results from these meetings. As a result of owners being written to by North Lincolnshire Council, two empty houses have been restored, sold and are now occupied. One larger building has had plans developed for conversion into flats. Eagle House restoration proceeds in fits and starts, but most recently new windows have been installed at the front. Some work was completed last year on repairing the fabric of Baysgarth House Museum and more is planned.

North Lincolnshire Council officers are actively considering issuing statutory section 215 notices on two of the more significant buildings, requiring the owners to make external repairs if they don't undertake the work voluntarily. 51 Fleetgate will be a ward priority of our three North Lincolnshire Councillors for the coming year, and work is almost complete repairing the wall at the old Heron's car park on Chapel Lane.

The Town Council have set up a group to look at the repairs needed for the Assembly Rooms and allocated a further £40,000 from reserves towards the cost of this work, making the budget £70,000 in total. They met in mid-February to assess the extent of repairs needed.

There are other buildings that remain "work in progress". The absence of two first floor windows at Providence House was discussed by the Working Group at its January meeting. Since then, a Civic Society member has been in touch with Keigar Homes Ltd, the new owners, who assure us that they will investigate the two windows which were blown in. They also confirmed that a planning application was

about to be submitted and that they are committed to keeping the lovely front of the building.

The unoccupied house on Butts Rd is the most difficult. There are huge legal difficulties associated with this property and the Working Group was informed at its second meeting back in June 2019, that a specialist firm of lawyers was being consulted to see if they could assist. At the most recent meeting in January 2021 it was reported that briefing discussions were taking place. So, not much further progress to report at this stage. In the meantime the Council have undertaken some work to clear up the front and back gardens at the property.

As the example of Queen Street School shows, progress on resolving the fate of buildings of concern can take many years.

The remarkable built heritage of this town is worth saving and improving, to make it a more attractive place to live and build on the town's potential as a regional tourist destination. I am hopeful that with the positive new working relationship with North Lincolnshire Council, we shall be able to report more successes during 2021.

Barton Men in Sheds Needs Your Help

Can you help the group to find a base?

The last edition of the Bartonian explained how a local group of volunteers, supported by Humber and Wolds Action, is trying to establish a Men in Sheds facility in the town or nearby.

The aim is to establish a meeting place where people can meet in order to promote their mental and physical wellbeing. Often, the people who attend make things, teach each other skills and generally benefit from positive, social activity.

Responses to the last article was encouraging and anyone else wishing to express an interest to join is very welcome.

The group is progressing well with the initial set up, but they desperately need to find suitable accommodation. The newly formed committee would be flexible about the size and location of the accommodation although it would need to be accessible and suitable for craft-type activities. Owing to the fact that Men in Sheds is a charitable organisation the accommodation would also need to be affordable and within the financial means of the group.

If you feel able to help in any way we should love to hear from you. If as an individual you cannot help please spread the word within your family and friends. It might be that accommodation can be found by using the wide range of networks that already exist within the area.

Please contact Carole Johnson via email carole.johnson@hwrcc.org.uk or by telephone 01652 637700 if you can help or if you wish to join the group.

Barton's Cultural Quarter of a mile turns 21!



The Ropewalk Arts Centre will reopen on Wednesday 14th April to visitors. Not only is it a date to remember as the reopening after the Covid pandemic lockdown but it will be exactly 21 years since the centre opened its doors to visitors in its latest guise.

A Brief History.

Hall's Barton Ropery closed in December 1989 ending a proud 200-year tradition of rope production in Barton upon Humber. A small number of staff was kept on to remove the redundant machinery and scrap anything that remained.

The site remained derelict until Scarborough based Proudfoot Group purchased it in 1994. The Proudfoot Group developed the site establishing a Superstore which opened in 1996.

The North East section of the 10 acre site was sold to Peter Ward for housing development in 2004 and the former Despatch building was renovated and opened as CV Day Spa in 2007.

The Ropewalk building, the longest listed single-storey building in Britain, is the most interesting part of the former works. The Waterside Artists' Co-operative was established in August 1999 to run the project which was funded by European Rural Development Fund, Single Regeneration Budget, Yorkshire Forward and The Proudfoot Group. In 2000 the southernmost section was refurbished to become Ropewalk Contemporary Art & Craft.

The remaining part of The Ropewalk was redeveloped in 2005 and was officially opened by inventor Trevor Baylis on 21st April 2006. Funded by the same sources with additional funds from Arts Council England and WREN Landfill tax credits, the total cost of re-developing the building was just under £1.5 million. North Lincolnshire Council, Waterside Artists and The Proudfoot Group contributed additional in kind contributions of officer time to the project. When the Superstore was sold by The Proudfoot Group in April 2008 to Tesco, The Ropewalk's ownership was retained by the Proudfoot Group's joint managing



directors, until December 2017 when Waterside Artists co-operative purchased the building with grants from North Lincolnshire Council, Arts Council England and National Lottery Heritage Fund. Since opening on 14th April 2000 the centre has received more than a million visitors.

Today The Ropewalk is a thriving centre for the arts managed by the Waterside Artists' Co-operative and run as a not for profit venture with all income used to run and maintain the building. Over the past 21 years the centre has developed a reputation for high quality arts, and The Ropewalk has now become a centre for excellence in a very different field from its industrial heritage.

Reopening

On 14th April the Craft Gallery will reopen and our Coffee Shop will be open for takeaways and outside service every Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 5pm. The rest of the building will re-open in mid-May and we hope to run our very popular Gardening Day and restart our film and music programme.

More details will be available in the May edition of the Bartonian or from our website www.the-ropewalk.co.uk

Bowmandale Primary School achieves Caring School Award!

At Bowmandale Primary School, we are extremely proud to share that we have recently been awarded the Caring 2 Learn Caring Schools Gold Award.



This is an initiative that was developed in Lincolnshire with the aim of supporting the improvement of a wide range of outcomes for looked after, previously looked after and other vulnerable children and young people.

We are delighted to have met all of the required criteria which recognises that all of our children, but especially our vulnerable children and young people have a stable, nurturing environment at school to enable them to make good progress and be the very best they can be.

Our feedback from the virtual school and Local Authority shared: "Bowmandale Primary School places children's wellbeing and holistic development at the centre of practice and this is reflected in all decisions that are made."



They are a forward thinking school who are always looking for ways to improve children's wellbeing; and are certainly taking account of the current climate. The Growth Mindset approach is embedded in daily practice and is part of children's everyday language. They have embarked upon a whole school approach to promoting wellbeing and believe that the key to achievement is happy, safe and confident children."

Barton St Peter's

Last November, BBC Look North visited Barton St Peter's after hearing about our fantastic letter writing project and the huge impact on our local community and wanted to know more...and this is what we told them.

In March 2020 (at the start of the first lockdown), our Year 5 and 6 children wrote letters to the local care homes in Barton, including The Willows, where our school council usually visit once a fortnight. These letters were really well received by the residents and we continued the project throughout the summer months.

In October this year, we decided to extend our writing project to members of the local community, perhaps those who have been shielding, are unwell, live alone and or needed a little brightness in their lives. Through the power

of social media, we asked our local community to nominate individuals who would benefit from receiving letters from the local community ... and we were overwhelmed with the response - over 70 local people were nominated!

Our children wrote to each and every one of these local residents, posted their letters and in return have received some wonderful replies! We know that our children's letters have been a source of "utter joy" for local vulnerable and elderly people during these tricky times. We plan to write back to local residents towards Easter.



South Bank Players via radio and DVD

The South Bank Players has continued to meet in a virtual fashion, and after the success of the radio version of the play 'Shelter from the Bombs' (written by member Martin James), members recently recorded a second radio play.

This was an adaptation of the stage play 'Arnold Parsons is Missing' which the group performed a few years ago, and was written by member Kate Wilcox. This will be broadcast on local online radio stations Barton FM and Steel FM. You can find recordings of both our plays on our YouTube Channel - just search for SB Players.

As the group can't currently perform, its finances have been somewhat dwindling. To try and raise a little bit of cash DVDs of the video version of Shelter from the Bombs that we filmed in 2019 (in a real bomb shelter) are being sold. If you would like a copy of this award winning play, it will set you

back just £5. The Barton Ghost Walk has also been filmed and is available to watch online for a fee of £5. If you've never been on the ghost walk, you're in for a treat - and even if you have done it before, there are probably a few things you missed, as it's almost impossible to take it all in at once!

To purchase either the DVD of 'Shelter from the Bombs', or the Barton Ghost Walk (or both!) please visit our website www.sbplayers.co.uk and you can find the links on the home page.

The South Bank Players is looking at producing more radio plays until live

performances resume. If you fancy having a go at this (you don't have to learn any lines!), do get in touch. You don't need any fancy equipment - just a decent internet connection, and we can loan you a microphone headset if needed.

New members are always welcome - either in an acting capacity, or to help out backstage, and it only costs £5 year to join. If you would like to know more please contact Liz Drury on 07539 755531

Finally members are very sad to announce the passing of one of our members, Les Archer. He was last

seen on stage as King Rat in our pantomime 'Dick Whittington' in January last year. He also appeared in our video version of the Ghost Walk which was filmed in October before he became ill.

Although Les hadn't been with us very long, he made a huge impression on the group and was someone who really got stuck in with all the things that need doing to put on a show. He and his wife Denise were also kind enough to advertise our shows and sell tickets from their house in Barton. Les will be very much missed.



Louise Searby Photograph

Barton and Barrow Claypits Heritage Nature Trail

INITIAL DRAFT DESIGN

Have you ever wondered where the numerous small lakes along the south bank of the Humber Estuary came from? Well, you will soon be able to follow the Barton and Barrow Claypits Heritage Nature Trail and discover their fascinating history.

At one time there were lots of brickyards manufacturing bricks and tiles between Barton and Barrow. And to make bricks and tiles, you need clay! And there was plenty of clay along the estuary. Millions of tons of clay were excavated, creating claypits. The clay not only supplied the brickyards but also the cement producers in Hull. This industry thrived but eventually went into decline, leaving behind old claypits. Over time the claypits filled with water and nature took its course. And as a result, valuable wildlife habitats were formed. The area is now part of the Humber Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). These habitats, including the water bodies, reedbeds and woodland, support wildlife, especially birds.

The trail will start at Barton Haven and follow the path on the top of the flood defence all the way to Barrow Haven. It then returns, dropping down to the road in front of the North Lincolnshire and Humberside Sailing Club. Then it follows the road inland and joins Pasture Road North eventually connecting with the Waters' Edge Country Park and returning to Barton Haven.

There will be a large permanent display of the trail and a supporting video at the Waters' Edge Visitors Centre. The video will describe the trail, and there will be trail guides to direct walkers. The trail will be marked out by a series of numbered trailer markers. These trail markers will also have QR codes to connect people with smartphones to The Humber Nature Partnership website to provide additional information about the trail.

So, watch out for the trail launch date and discover your local industrial and natural heritage. Perhaps you may have family memories to share with us about the area.

The Humber Nature Partnership would like to especially thank Wren Kitchens, Barrow upon Humber Parish Council, North Lincolnshire Council and the Grimsby Institute for their generous support in making the trail possible.

For more information go to: www.humburnature.co.uk

The Journey Begins

There are three ways to enjoy the Barton and Barrow Claypits Natural Heritage Trail

You can walk the whole trail
Follow the trail map and walk from the starting point, at Barton Haven, following the footpath along the top of the flood bank to Barrow Haven. Then return along the same path until you arrive back at the North Lincolnshire and Humberside Sailing Club. Follow the directions to Pasture Road North and continue back to Waters' Edge Country Park.

Or walk to Barrow and get the train back to Barton
Start at Barton Haven. Follow the trail map along the top of the flood bank to Barrow railway station. Then get the train back to Barton railway station and walk back to your start point at Barton Haven. **Remember to check the train times.**

Or walk to Barton and get the train back to Barrow
Start at Barrow Haven railway station. Follow the trail map by walking onto the footpath along the top of the flood bank and follow directions to Barton Haven. Continue to Barton railway station and get the train back to your start point at Barrow Haven railway station. **Remember to check the train times.**



Feeling hungry? There are cafés at Waters' Edge Country Park and at the Pasture Fisheries on Pasture Road North. At Barrow, you can also walk from the railway station to the nearby Haven Inn.

- Outward trail route
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The Census is here!

Census day for England and Wales is 21st March but most households should already have received their Census 2021 packs in the post.

Census 2021 will be key to making sure the big decisions on the future of our hospitals, schools, transport and other public services, following the pandemic and EU exit, are based on the best information possible. Run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the census is the once-in-a-decade survey that gives the most accurate estimate of all people and households in England and Wales. Talking about the questionnaire, director of operations Pete Benton said "We have made it simple, straightforward and safe to take part. It takes just 10 minutes per person to fill out your form and if you can't get online, there are paper forms available for those who need them, as well as lots of support.

Now is the time to make your mark on history." Running the census in times of a pandemic has naturally thrown up some challenges and the ONS' focus is ensuring the safety of the public. "We want everyone to be safely counted and we're making sure our plans are always in line with the latest government guidelines," Pete said. "Census field officers will only follow up with households after Census Day on March 21 if householders have not yet completed their questionnaire. They will never enter a household, they will always be socially distanced, be equipped with PPE and work in line with all government guidance." First results from the Census will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

One thing that you can do by looking back at previous censuses is to chart the growth (or decline) of the place where you live.

In the first three censuses from 1841 to 1861 Barton's population hovered between 3,500 and 3,900 residents before recording increases with 1871 recorded at 4332 and then a big leap in 1881 to 5339, a slight drop to 5226 in 1891 and then 5671 in 1901. The last census before the First World War in 1911 saw another large increase in the population to 6673 with a fall of around 200 in the 1921 census and again by another 100 or so to 6332 in 1931. There was no census in 1941 during the Second World War and the first to take place after that in 1951 recorded another drop to 6232. The '60s saw the town's population on an upward trajectory rising to 6582 and again 10 years later to 7522. By 1981 there had been an increase of 1002 in the population and in 1991 it stood at 9431 with another small increase in 2001 of just 54. The largest jump in population was saved for 2011 when 11066 was recorded. Expect to see what the town's population is in March this year around 12 months from now.

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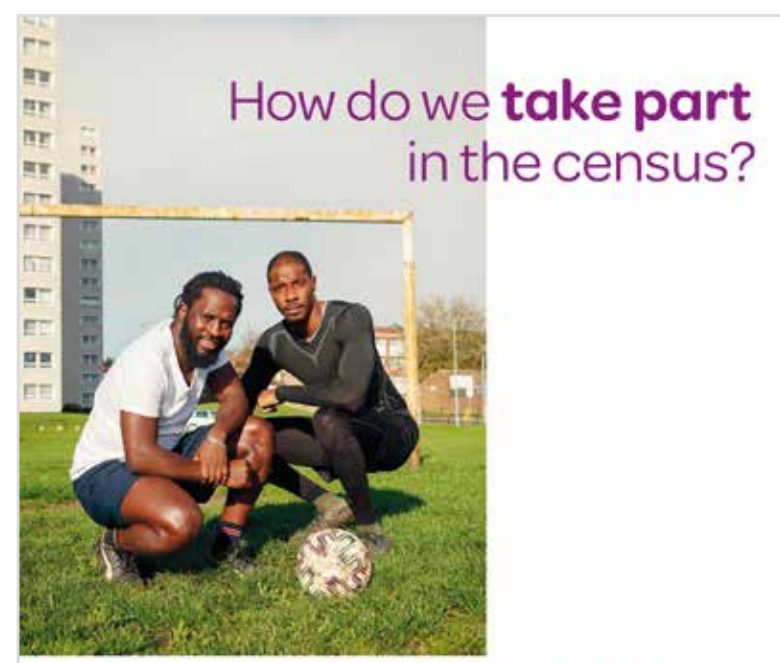
Households across North Lincolnshire are being asked to take part in Census 2021 this spring.

The census, run by the Office for National Statistics, is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Understanding the needs of the nation helps everyone from central government to organisations, such as councils and health authorities, plan and fund public services across England and Wales. Census outputs inform where billions of pounds of public funding is spent on services like transport, education and health - on cycle routes, schools and dental surgeries. Charities and voluntary organisations often use it as evidence to get funding. It helps businesses to understand their customers and, for example, decide where to open new shops. Plus, those doing research, like university students and people looking into their family history, use census data. It provides important information on population diversity, allowing organisations to know whether they are meeting their responsibilities and triggering action where necessary. Census 2021 will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter in

early March with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. "The census provides a unique snapshot of our communities," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at ONS, said. "It benefits everyone. Based on the information you give, it ensures millions of pounds are invested in emergency services, mental health care, school places, hospital beds, houses, roads, GP's and dentist's services. "No-one should miss out. Everyone can complete one online with a new search-as-you-type ability and paper forms for those who need them." Census day will be on 21 March, but households will receive letters with online codes explaining how they can take part. The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. For more information and advice on how to answer the questions, visit: census.gov.uk.

Census Q&A

What is the census?
The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. The information you give helps decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. It asks questions about you and your household to build a picture of all of us. It looks at who we are and how we live. There's no other survey that gives as much information about our society and future needs.
When is it happening?
Census day is 21 March. However, households will receive a letter in the post in early March, giving them details of how to take part in the mandatory survey. They will also receive a unique access code, inviting them to complete the survey online, although paper questionnaires are available on request.
Why should I take part?
The census helps us understand what our society needs now and what it will likely need in the future. The information it collects helps with decisions on the planning and funding of services in your area. This could include schools, doctors' surgeries, emergency services or even local support groups.



How do we take part in the census?
it's about us census 2021

Charities also use census information to help get the funding they need. Businesses use it to decide where to set up, which creates job opportunities.
How long will it take?
The census will take around 10 minutes per person to complete. It's easy to do and can be done on any device, including a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.
What if I don't speak English or Welsh?
Translation booklets are available to download. If your language is not represented, please contact the customer contact centre on 0800 141 2021.
How can I get help to complete my questionnaire?
The help pages at census.gov.uk explain how you can get help. These include general guidance, language assistance and a wide range of accessible formats including video and audio guides (English and Welsh). You can also phone the contact centre on 0800 141 2021 or visit one of our support centres offering assistance.
What happens if I don't complete my questionnaire?
You could face prosecution, a hefty fine (up to £1000) and a criminal record.
Please visit: census.gov.uk for more information, and any questions you have, about the census.

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Keith Dobbs

Keith and wife Doreen moved to Lodge Avenue, Barton in 2007 from Hampshire to be closer to family, his son Matthew who lived in Sheffield and also his brother from North Ferriby.

Keith and Doreen invited their new neighbours to a house warming party and from that point onwards we became close friends, well aware of his generous and outgoing nature. Our friendship quickly led to an invitation to join the Park Bowling Club. Keith soon became a regular bowler and then sought to assist in helping with management issues, taking the post of Club Secretary. Keith was at the forefront in guiding the club to safer grounds in what was a very difficult period to manage. He also introduced weekly club competitions providing his home baked bread as the popular first prize!

Keith had many other interests, foremost a huge passion for music. At home in Lodge Avenue we would be treated to strains of drums emanating from Keith's garage, then later Keith began a new passion, learning to play the Ukele and joined The Sunshine Strummers. Keith was also kept busy maintaining his large garden and fish pond, caravanning and more recently overseeing the building of an attractive self contained house extension, so that his daughter, Alison and family could be close by.

He fought a gallant battle these last two years, and never lost his determination to win through.

We shall all miss Keith greatly and we are sorry you cannot carry on and enjoy the fruits of your labours.

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Obituaries

Leslie Alan Archer

Leslie Alan Archer 69, of Holydyke, who was known to many Barton residents as The Owl Man, passed away on Tuesday, December 29 at 7.35 am after a short but vicious battle with cancer.



He was born in June 1951, to Frederic John and Ivy Rose Archer in Hoxne, Eye, Suffolk and was the fourth of eight children: Valerie, Freda, Leslie, Geoffrey (Willie), Dudley and Brenda and the late Sylvia and Gordon.

Les attended Eye Grammar School and Diss Grammar School, leaving at the age of 15 years of age to start work and make his way in the world. A tremendously hard worker, Les made a good living as a self-employed sealant applicator in the building trade, an occupation which entailed travel all over the country. His gregarious nature and pronounced sense of humour gained him many friends. He was sent to Hull early in his career and loved it so much that he settled in the East Riding.

He married his first wife, Pauline in 1972 and had a daughter, Jayne. In 1978 he married Gill and had three children: Claire, Guy and Emily. He has 12 grandchildren, not all

biological, whom he loved with a passion, embracing all equally. Les met his final long term partner Denise, on Facebook in 2008 with whom he retired to her hometown, Barton, in 2014.

Les made good use of his six years in Barton. He was a well-loved member of the Victory Club, Slimming World and the South Bank Players, where he made many more friends but he is best known for his owl displays in the front garden of his Holydyke home. Encouraged by Denise, he discovered a latent artistic and creative talent and raised large sums for charity on Bike Nights and Remembrance Day.

His funeral took place on January 12 2021 at Woodlands Crematorium Scunthorpe. A collection for CreBtivity Ark in Barton was chosen in place of flowers.

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I hope everyone is keeping safe and well during these difficult times and like me, looking forward to brighter times ahead. As you may know I usually hold face to face surgeries across the constituency including, of course, Barton. Due to the current restrictions I have had to curtail the surgeries until the lockdown is eased and we get back to a more normal way of life. However my team and I are still available to offer help and advice on many issues including, benefits, housing and Covid related enquiries. If you have a query please get in touch.

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Massive fire at Falcon Cycles
 A massive fire destroyed the paint shops at the Falcon Cycle works on December 4 1974. It took several hours for the Fire Brigade to bring it under control and, during the fire, a number of gas cylinders exploded and shot skywards like rockets. Some landed through the roofs of nearby buildings, including the large assembly building (which is still next to Marsh Lane).



Fire at the Maltkilns
 A major fire destroyed the Maltkilns, next to Barton Haven, on September 4 1970. It began with a plume of smoke but then became a major blaze, engulfing the whole of the massive multi-storey building. It was demolished and the area is now part of the Water's Edge Country Park and Visitors' Centre. The building was owned by Gilstrap Earp, a Newark company, and used for the drying and processing of barley for the brewing industry.

Bygone Barton

Some of Barton's Worst Moments
(but nobody was injured in any of them)



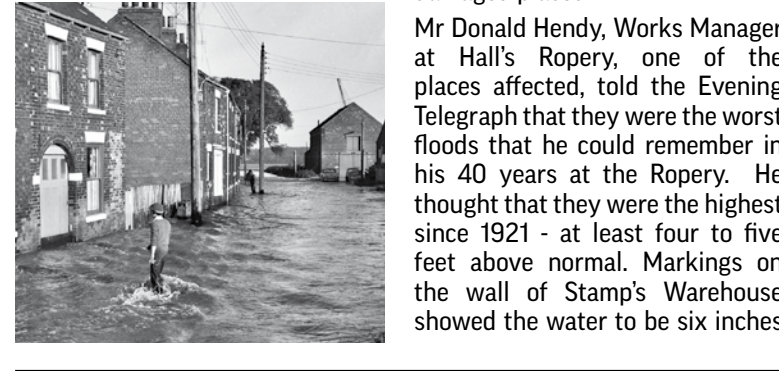
Barton Market Place around 1970 with Pott's shop, adjoining the Constitutional Club



Shop collapses in the Market Place
 A loud rumble and big clouds of dust coming from the Market Place, indicated the collapse of the building locally known as Pott's shop, on the afternoon of January 21 1985. It was in the process of being converted into a number of flats when it suddenly collapsed. Although the scene was attended by a fleet of four ambulances, firemen with search equipment and police, nobody was seriously injured. Lloyds Bank now occupies the site.

Waterside Road Flooding

On the morning of September 29 1969, the Waterside Road area of Barton was flooded. Many of the houses had damage caused by river water and had to be pumped out by the fire brigade. It was caused by an exceptionally high tide at the same time as gales in the North of England, causing water to be pushed up the river from the North Sea. The water overtopped and broke through the banks of the Haven. Temporary repairs to the bank were carried out by Coal Merchant Ken Osgerby, by placing filled sacks into the damaged places.



higher than in 1921. At Clapson's Shipyard, water damaged electric motors and the stock of timber. In recent years the concrete and brick wall was built around the Haven, hopefully to prevent the flooding happening again.

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The Written Word



Although the Ted Lewis Centre is currently closed to visitors, legitimate business development continues as our initial displays are being enhanced with built-in museum style cabinets.

Visitors will be able to trace Ted Lewis's writing from his stories in the Barton Grammar School Magazine, then titled The Bartonian, through Get Carter to the grim GBH including foreign, paperback and first editions. The Heritage Annex, will contain reproductions of George Fowler's GBH's Mablethorpe hideaway, the cell where the evil gangster persuaded or punished rivals when in 'the Smoke', and where Ted Lewis wrote his compelling work.

several private donations and continue to thank volunteers and interested persons for their commitment. Admission to the centre is free. The Centre has recently republished two particularly important Ted Lewis novels. Firstly his 1965 debut novel, All the Way Home and All the Night Through and secondly, The Rabbit, a fascinating semi-autobiographical one about escapades in 1950s Barton. During current lockdown, both are available from: www.thetedlewiscentre.org or Barton Post Office.

Rhyme or Reason
Don't talk loud about that Covid, there is little more to say. Some mask truths while others cower; sadness haunts us every day though human spirit holds us surely. Please be safe, there is a way.
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Poems for Wildlife

Many of you will know Trevor Millum as one of the Three Voices - a poet, a storyteller and, now, a fund-raiser, setting himself a poetry-writing challenge. What brought this on?

The Wildlife Trusts are calling for at least 30% of our land and sea to be connected and protected for nature's recovery by 2030. "Making more space for nature to become abundant once again will give our struggling wildlife the chance to recover and also restore beautiful wild places - places that store carbon and help to tackle the climate crisis. "30% is the bare minimum that nature needs to start recovering but we are far short of this and need your help to turn things around... By joining the Wildlife Trusts' mission for nature's recovery, we can make a real difference to wildlife and our natural world. Every pound donated will help us achieve our vision for a wilder future." Trevor's aim is to write a poem each week for thirty weeks, starting on February 1st and finishing at the end of August. So far, he has attracted over

£1,500 in sponsorship. If you wish to contribute go to <https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/trevormillum/lincs-wildlife-30-30-poetry-challenge.aspx> or contact him vis his website www.mouseandmuse.co.uk More information: www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-30-30



You can pledge any amount per poem; as small or large as you like. Everyone who helps will, naturally, receive a poem each week so make sure you let him know your email. **What we miss** Little things are missed amid the gloom, Appreciated more, now they are gone. Everyone relies increasingly upon The telephone, the telly and the Zoom, Or the mute company of dogs and cats! While for some the Thursday evening waves Were no substitute for parties, raves, Others missed the carefree worktime chats That oiled the wheels of everyday routine. Even the bustle of a busy street Where you might see a friend by chance and meet For gossip, now seems a distant dream. When asked, my friends answer with a shrug: "What we miss most of all are hugs". Trevor Millum

Barton Muse Poetry Group

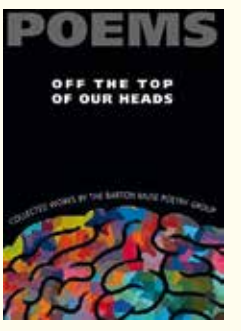
With face to face gatherings being largely impossible, poets have gathered mainly digitally, sharing their work online and through the group magazine, Muse News.

Preparation is underway for the 2021 anthology, Off the Top of Our Heads. Only one of the Group's past anthologies, Cracking the Nut is available online. If you wish to be informed about a resumption of meetings, please contact Monty on frankiesatthirtyfive@gmail.com or phone 07803504794. Monthly Sunday night meetings are informal, free and often include music from the talented John Hartshorne, Tim Bartlett or Otto Roll. Mill Writers Creative Writing Group Members continue to write and share their work online producing biographies, short stories, novels or flash fiction. The novels of member, Rob Ashman, remain specifically available online but the Group is considering a general online presence so any interested person who can offer voluntary help with digital communication would be appreciated.

For programme details of post resumption meetings, please contact Monty Martin, on: frankiesatthirtyfive@gmail.com 07803504794 All interested in writing welcome.

A most kind man

Among chilled cobbled stone
There walks a man most kind
Who will not abide by those alone
Naught but kind thoughts in his mind
When the whistling winds blow cold
He will brace them with you
When the night bares down so bold
He will endure the dark too
The most kind man will walk with you
When your legs tire and ache
He will share with you his supper too
For those in need his bread he will break
When he walks from town to town
The folk cannot help but smile
Because when life has beat you down
He will carry their troubles for a while
Should you meet with people in pain
I pray it's the kind man you think of
Because to help with nothing to gain
Is to prove that everyone needs love
Written by Aaron Hughes resident of Barton



The White Swan Book Club

Barton's White Swan Book Club is proud to be one of the estimated 50,000 reading groups / book clubs in the UK.

Apparently, in the 1800s women met at the back of bookshops to share a love of reading and to further their education at a time when they were denied access to more public forums. Indeed, the majority of book club participants remain overwhelmingly female (why this should be remains a debate for another time!) It was a slot devoted to books on the Oprah Winfrey show in 1996 and its subsequent popularity, the so-called Oprah effect, that would generate our own Richard and Judy Club in 2004, a commercial collaboration with W.H. Smith recalls Sue Wilsea. At first the literary world looked down on what they saw as a downmarket, populist trend. However, it didn't take long for publishers to acknowledge the success of 'book club bait' when, in one of the early episodes of the R&J Club, sales of a book went from 50,000 to 85,000 after it featured in a 20 minute discussion. Indeed, nowadays book clubs are often specifically targeted as a market with 'Questions for Discussion' included at the end of a text. Book clubs meet in members' homes, community centres, village halls, libraries, cafes or, like us, in the pub. There are, of course, also many online groups which have recently, for obvious reasons, attracted many participants. In general, books to be discussed are chosen by members, meetings are held once a month and the

optimum number is considered to be 8-10. In these respects, The White Swan Club conforms to the norm. However, it's not every club that has a Zoom discussion with an author in New York, in this case Stephanie Davies whose recently published memoir Other Girls Like Me described her time as a political activist, including her time at Greenham Common. With someone also joining us from Brighton, it really felt like we'd spread our wings, albeit virtually! Over the six or so years we've been running we've read and discussed over seventy books. The majority have been fiction but the exceptions, for example Raynor Winn's The Salt Path and Becoming by Michele Obama have been much appreciated. A few have been classics such as Elizabeth Gaskell's North and South and Guy de Maupassant's short stories while others are by debut authors such as Angie Thomas whose young adult novel The Hate You Give, about race and gun crime, was adapted into a well-received film in 2018. Our choice of books is designed to get a good mix: a big plus about joining a book club is that you read outside your comfort zone and tackle books you wouldn't necessarily have picked off the shelf yourself. Our only limitation is accessibility: members should be able to borrow the book, either from the library or from each other, or to buy it in paperback form. We've found that often the

best discussions are generated by those books which polarise views. For example, although the group loved Mark Haddon's 2016 short story collection, The Pier Falls, it was his latest novel Porpoise, definitely not to everyone's taste, which generated a livelier debate! What's also interesting is how one's opinion of a book can be modified, positively or negatively, by hearing others' take on it. A love of books and reading is the only requirement for joining a book club. Some are very formal, with members presenting semi academic papers while others can become primarily for social purposes: when wine flows freely and the book, untethered from the discussion, slowly drifts away unnoticed. Personally I have been a participant of both types and can truthfully say that The White Swan Club sits comfortably in the middle of these two extremes. Comfort is the key word here: The White Swan is a warm, friendly venue with plenty of room for a group to convene separately and yet still feel part of the genuine pub atmosphere: no slot machines or juke boxes to distract here! With an excellent range of real ales and wonderful coffee, served to the table, it caters for all. Like so many people, we've had to be Zooming a lot over the past year but meeting again in person is a highly anticipated event everything has been unlocked. Luckily, books can be opened up at any time!

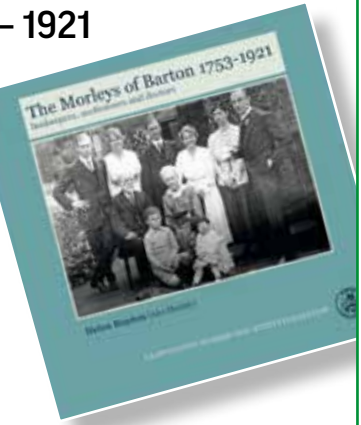
BOOK REVIEW

Helen Hayton: The Morleys of Barton 1753 - 1921



This book, recently published by Barton Civic Society, is in A3 format comprising five chapters across 55 pages and ends with a thorough list of sources of evidence (the titles of the articles written by John Morley for the Lancet and the British Medical Journal are not for the squeamish!). The two-column per page text is enhanced by 39 illustrations, mostly black and white photos (three colour), some family tree diagrams and various source material. In her Introduction Helen outlines how she acquired the source material from which to write the book and states that her information often illuminates Barton's history generally between 1753 and 1921. This I can confirm is definitely the case. Chapter One deals with the life and work of John Morley

(c1754-1813), innkeeper, auctioneer and post-master in Barton and in so doing relates much about the George Hotel and the Humber ferries of the time. Chapter Two covers the life and work of John Morley (1815-1886) and tells the reader much about the training of doctors then and experiences of Barton's town doctor across much of Queen Victoria's reign - this including an horrific case locally that resulted in the London Evening Mail's headline 'Shocking Inhumanity in Lincolnshire'. Chapter Three considers the life and work of Thomas Morley and in so doing tells us much about late-Victorian and pre-Great War Barton, much of Helen's evidence coming from her study of regional and local newspapers.



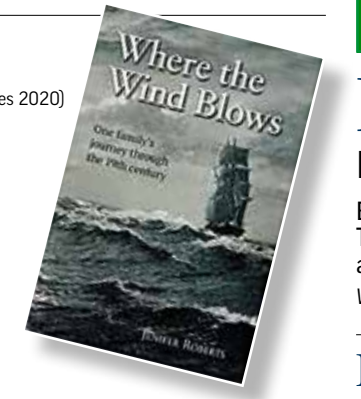
Chapter Four tells of the impact of the Great War and the following influenza pandemic on Barton's medical practice as well as the wartime experiences of Donald Morley (1888-1984) the man stood on the left in the family photo, reproduced on the front cover of the book. When asked to review this little book I did not know what to expect on reading it. I can now assert that it is very readable, informative and very well presented. I congratulate Barton Civic Society on its publication and commend it to Barton readers and those beyond. **RH** Until Covid-19 restrictions ease this book can be bought online at <https://www.the-ropewalk.co.uk/product/the-morleys-of-barton/>

BOOK REVIEW

Jenifer Roberts: Where the Wind Blows (Devezes 2020)

Like many other Bartonians I have spent many happy hours initially reading, and later dipping into, Robert Brown junior's two-volume Notes on the Earlier History of Barton-on-Humber, a work of local history which for its time was first class. I had never realised that Brown was a member of a most capable though at times less than prudent family. Then along came Jenifer Roberts' Where the Wind Blows (Devezes 2020) a read packed full of (certainly new to me) information about life in our town and in Australia in the 19th century and full of biographical details about the interlocked Brown, Mackrill and Rudston families revealed in a 'remarkable collection of letter written by members of [the] family' which are meticulously digested and enhanced by the author. Using the numerous preserved family letters and her personal researches in England, Ireland and Australia Roberts puts flesh on those bones, flesh provided by four generations of the Brown family, three generations of Rudstons and the at times unfortunate genes contributed by the Macktills. It's all fascinating, beautifully written and makes a significant contribution to the ever enlarging historiography of our town. For many Bartonians it will be an absorbing page-turner.

The story starts in 1820 when solicitor Robert, the eldest son of Joseph Brown (similarly a solicitor) married Elizabeth (Betsie), the youngest child of local entrepreneur, builder and ship owner William Mackrill. Robert's flourishing Priestgate business spurred him to purchase the High Street Mansion (now known as Long's Mansion), and later the tenancy of the large farm at Beaumontcote. Robert's two sons Robert and Joseph Lyne and married sisters Eleanor and Rose Rudston (at the time resident in Barton Vicarage with their prosperous Hull shop-owner father George Rudston). Following his marriage to Rose Joseph Lyne took up residence at Beaumontcote with its 'capital' farmhouse, extensive outbuildings and 544 acres of good arable land. Alas, for many years Joseph Lyne lived far beyond his means and by 1852, after being declared bankrupt, he emigrated with his family to Australia where he died destitute in 1880 and was buried in an unmarked grave in Singleton, New South Wales. The Brown/Rudston story moved back to Barton where Robert jnr had bought Priestgate House at the junction of George and King Street. Following the death of Robert's wife in 1883 he



married Harriet Bell and moved to London, with Harriet dying in 1904, and Robert in 1905. Robert's son, also Robert eventually became a partner and eventually owner of the business. That's the very skeleton of the story. Using the numerous preserved family letters and her personal researches in England, Ireland and Australia Roberts puts flesh on those bones, flesh provided by four generations of the Brown family, three generations of Rudstons and the at times unfortunate genes contributed by the Macktills. It's all fascinating, beautifully written and makes a significant contribution to the ever enlarging historiography of our town. For many Bartonians it will be an absorbing page-turner. **Geoffrey F Bryant** Available from jeniferroberts@gmail.com for £12.99 post free. A full review will be published in the 2021 Barton Civic Society newsletter

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Letters

Dear Bartonian,
I use the Baysgarth Park play area quite often with my grandson, Edward. The equipment is starting to look scruffy and could really do with cleaning and painting, a good scrub would improve some items, I know it's easier said than done, it's still a great facility. Does the Friends of Baysgarth Park have funds to do this or perhaps it's someone else's responsibility? I'd be happy to help raise the money as I love this park, the spring flowers at the moment are amazing.
Linda Kelly



Clr Paul Vickers, Chair of the Friends of Baysgarth Park replies:
Thank you for your letter, I'm glad Edward and yourself are enjoying the park. I certainly have great memories of Baysgarth Park as a child and know what a wonderful green space it is. I will contact NLC to see if we can tidy up the play equipment and will raise your suggestion with the Friends of Baysgarth Park at our next meeting. Longer term The Friends has scheduled to raise funds for an upgrade to the equipment in the park in 2023 or sooner if we are able to raise the funds.

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