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# A Happy New Year to Bartonian Readers

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As Mayor of Barton it's a pleasure to be able to wish all readers a Happy New Year.

This is traditionally the time of reflecting on the last year and looking forward to the next. As part of our Mayoral year Monica and I have been so pleased to meet many of the volunteers and groups who do so much to make Barton the great place it is to live and work and enjoy leisure time. We celebrated volunteering at our Civic Service in September and were delighted that so many local groups supplied displays for the event.

We have attended a wide variety of community events since May, all really impressive in their own way so it would be wrong to single out one. However, breaking that rule already, we must pay tribute to the Three Dads Walking who we welcomed to Barton as our first Civic duty, on their walk from Scotland to Norfolk raising awareness of suicide in young people and fundraising all the way. All three lost a daughter

to suicide and it was humbling to see how they could turn personal tragedy to a cause for the common good.

They were really taken with their welcome in Barton, with people coming out of shops, pubs and houses to cheer them on their way, local school children waiting in the rain to see them and the warm welcome at The George afterwards. It made us both feel extremely proud of our town. We know just how impressed they were as subsequently we met a reporter from a Lincolnshire newspaper who interviewed them further south, and they were still singing Barton's praises several days later.

Looking forward to 2025, with four months of our year remaining we have already many opportunities to represent Barton in other towns in the area where it is always a pleasure to hear others speak so highly of Barton and what we have to offer. We would also love to have the opportunity to meet more of the voluntary groups, so if you have an event you would like us to attend, please contact the Town Council Office. Our other main focus for the New Year will be fundraising for our chosen charities, Barton Young Gardeners and Humber Rescue. Thank you so much to all those who have already donated.

With all good wishes for 2025,  
Cllr Neil and Monica Jacques.

## Barton Volunteers update

What plans have you made for 2025? Have you made any New Years resolutions?

Perhaps you might like to help in the community. Here at Barton Volunteers, there are a wide range of opportunities for people to become involved in from gardening, archives, research, and even supporting at Ropery Hall events.

In addition to this, Barton Volunteers are also involved in many projects throughout the year such as our amazing **Heritage Open Days, Gardening Day, Barton Beer Festival, Classic Car Day**, and many more.

So, if you would like to give back to the local community or perhaps meet new friends drop Caroline an email on [bartonvolunteers@the-ropewalk.co.uk](mailto:bartonvolunteers@the-ropewalk.co.uk) where she will be happy to meet up with you for a chat and look at the variety of roles on offer and find one that would suit you.







# Barton Upon Humber Town Council Meetings

All meetings are held within the Assembly Rooms on Queen Street. Members of the public are welcome at all meetings and the council welcomes attendance. There are many different meetings covering a wide range of council services and projects. There is a designated time prior to the meeting commencing for members of the public to be able to address the councillors and the opportunity is there to remain at the meeting and listen to the councillors debate and decisions.

## Barton Upon Humber Town Council forthcoming Committee Meeting dates

January 2025		
Planning	Wednesday, January 8	6pm
Full Council	Wednesday, January 8	7pm
Planning	Monday, January 27	6pm
Community	Monday, January 27	6.30pm

February 2025		
Environment	Wednesday, February 5	6pm
Full Council	Wednesday, February 5	7pm
Planning	Monday, February 17	6pm
Emergency Planning		

March 2025		
Full Council	Wednesday, March 5	7pm
Planning	Monday, March 10	6pm

**Barton Upon Humber Town Council Office opening hours 10am and 1pm**  
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Please keep up to date with meetings, town information, events and activities via our Town Council Website page [www.bartontowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.bartontowncouncil.org.uk) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BartonTownCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/BartonTownCouncil)

## Barton Upon Humber Town Council Members

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# Barton Upon Humber Town Award 2025

Nominations are now being sought for Barton upon Humber Town Council's annual awards.

Barton Upon Humber Town Council's Town Award for 2025 will continue with a Young Person's award (Under 18s), the Wendy Witter Award for Organisations and the usual Town Award. Details are shown below and will also be available on the Town Council's Facebook and website.

The Award is presented annually to a resident/organisation within the community for work or action of merit. This will be a small thank you to those 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.

Last year's winner was Mr Colin Andrew who was nominated "unending willingness to step forward and volunteer your

Health and Safety expertise on lots of labour intensive projects around Barton and neighbouring villages". Last year's Wendy Witter Award for Organisations was Barton Park Parkrun which "encourages people of all ages to keep fit but at their own pace".

Nominations for all categories from anyone who knows of a person they think deserves recognition. The nominated person/organisation must live in the town or work voluntary 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 2025**

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](mailto:info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk) or tel 01652 633598. Details will also be available on the Town Council's Facebook 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.

## TOWN AWARD NOMINATION FORM 2025

(Letter will be acceptable)

I would like to Nominate for

- Town Award
- Young Person Town Award
- Wendy Witter Award for Organisations

(please indicate which category)

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)

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Nominators Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION**

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# Christmas Round Up

## It is hard to put into words the absolutely amazing success of this year's Christmas Festival.

A huge thank you to all the visitors to the Festival. It is so rewarding to see so many visitors to the town with massive benefit to our fantastic town centre. We had so many traders and shops that got involved and made a huge effort to contribute to the Christmas Festival to make our town a wonderful place to visit.



## Barton Upon Humber Youth Club

Barton upon Humber Town Council set up the Youth Club in September 2024 and it has been running each week with young people coming down and enjoying some social time with their friends.

This has been a challenging project to get off the ground and challenges remain with resources.

The Youth Club is running from The Hub on Maltby Lane on Fridays from 5pm to 6.30pm. The Hub has generously given permission for the use of two rooms, one is the indoor Sports Hall and one is a room that contains a pool table and access to comfy chairs and games and space to sit and chill.

We are looking to create a bank of Youth Club Volunteers who can attend and help out. This could

include volunteers with specialist skills such as sporting activities, cooking, creative art and games.

It would be so nice to add some themes to each week and to add some additional activities. The age range is 10 to 14 years and our young people attending are really enthusiastic and love attending each week.

Volunteers would just need an Enhanced DBS on the Updated Services that will be organized by the Town Council. This is a rewarding voluntary role and if we can recruit

Thanks to all our volunteers who put in many hours before, during and after the event. Many of these are Town Councillors who give up so much time to enhance our community and create such lovely happy events.

The schools and students and community groups who performed on the big stage were outstanding and it was great to have all of our young people on the big stage as well as our Barton Community Band, our Salvation Army Band and our solo singer. The tree lighting event with winners of our Christmas Card competition did a cracking job of the lights switch on.

Our street entertainers which this year included some very talented reindeer were hugely popular and it was great to meet them all, not forgetting The Grinch and our local entertainers.

Thank you to the organisers of the Tractor Run for coming though the event all decked in decoration playing Christmas music - raising money for local charities.

Lastly thanks to all of the companies who provided the services that enable the Council to put on such a huge and popular event.

The Council welcomes any feedback and also welcomes volunteers. Please do get in touch if you have any comments or wish to volunteer for future events.

**Tracey Davis**  
Town Clerk

a few volunteers would mean that attendance would not be required weekly.

If you would like to help out on a voluntary basis and can give up some time on a Friday between 5pm and 6.30pm please do get in touch with the Town Clerk.

**Tracey Davis**  
Town Clerk  
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# From Ploughman's to Pints

*Celebrating Barton's independent pubs and cafés*

Barton is home to a great variety of food and drink venues, ranging from traditional pubs to cosy cafés. Whether you're looking for a hearty meal, a refreshing drink, or a quiet coffee, you'll find it here.

## The Singing Kettle Café

**Location:** 75-77 Fleetgate, DN18 5QD

The Singing Kettle Café is a charming, independent café set in a Grade-II listed building on Fleetgate, serving a varied menu including cooked breakfasts, paninis, jacket potatoes, soups and specials – not forgetting a brilliant range of cakes!

*"I stop off occasionally on a Saturday or on my way to work. Smashing pots of tea and the food is awesome. You can park in the bus station car park and it's a two-minute walk. Well worth it, you'll easily miss it if you pass by in the car."*

[Google Reviews](#)



## Rebecca's Tearoom

**77a High Street, DN18 5 PU**

Whether you're looking for a range of traditional teas, freshly ground coffee, brunch, lunch, afternoon tea or a bottle of wine to share with friends, you'll find everything you need at Rebecca's in the heart of Barton-upon-Humber.

## The Fig Tree

**Location:** 19 High Street, DN18 5PD

The Fig Tree serves a delicious range of freshly made meals and sweet treats. Their seasonal menu has something to tempt everyone, whether it's a hearty sandwich or paninis, fish and chips, a homemade scone or some fudge – you will easily find something for you!

*"A lovely cafe in the heart of beautiful Barton. Always a friendly welcome and the food is lovely!"*

[Google Reviews](#)



## The Ropery Coffee Shop

**Location:** The Ropewalk, Maltkiln Road, DN18 5JT

The Ropery Coffee Shop is housed within The Ropewalk, a regionally acclaimed centre for the arts within a former rope factory. Serving a wide range of freshly made meals including paninis, quiches, salad, jacket potatoes and tempting cakes made on site it's a great place to enjoy some good food followed by a browse of the galleries.

*"Terrific café-cum-restaurant close to the Humber Bridge so very welcome if you have taken a walk over it. The staff were really friendly and recommended great choices for the three of us."*

[Google Reviews](#)



## The Viking Way Café Bar

**Location:** The Old Boathouse, Waterside Road, DN18 5BD

Just 100 metres from the south bank of the River Humber, the Viking Way Café Bar has unrivalled views of the Humber Bridge and the north bank. Serving a delicious range of freshly baked goods such as pies, sausage rolls, paninis, cakes and more, not forgetting a variety of alcoholic beverages, it's a great place to sit back, relax, and enjoy some fantastic views.

*"I recently visited the Viking Way Café Bar in Barton and was blown away by the experience! The service was absolutely fantastic – friendly, attentive, and made me feel right at home. The highlight of the visit was the cheeseburger and chips. The burger was cooked to perfection, juicy and flavourful, and the cheese melted just right. The chips were crispy on the outside and fluffy on the inside, a perfect accompaniment. I will definitely be visiting Viking Way Café Bar again. Highly recommended!"*

[Google Reviews](#)



## Humber Hideaway Café

**Location:** Water's Edge Visitor Centre, Maltkiln Road, DN18 5JR

With spectacular views of the Humber Estuary and Water's Edge Country Park, the Humber Hideaway Café is a lovely place to take in some nature whilst enjoying light refreshments. Serving a variety of hot and cold food, with plenty of outdoor seating, it's a great pit-stop after a long walk along the river!

*"Little hidden gem! Called in for coffee and took soups & cheesecake to takeaway. All homemade and fresh. Delicious. Definitely worth a visit. Really friendly and clean. So nice to find somewhere that makes everything in house, multiple fresh soups available too. Lovely place to call in. Thank you for great service!"*

[Google Reviews](#)

## The Old Tile Works Restaurant

**Location:** Old Tile Yard, Far Ings Road, DN18 5RF

Whether you're looking for a light bite or a hearty meal, you'll find it in The Old Tile Works Restaurant. With ample indoor seating, plus a terrace overlooking the lake for al fresco dining in the warmer months – it's a great place to catch up with friends and family over some delicious food.

*"Such a beautiful place to enjoy food and drinks. We sat outside - the view is amazing! You overlook a lake with geese and lots of fields. It's very peaceful and possibly the nicest view I have experienced with a full English breakfast!"*

[Google Reviews](#)



# Pubs

## The Wheatsheaf

**3 Holydyke, DN18 5PS**

The Wheatsheaf is housed within a Grade-II listed building in the heart of Barton. Open seven days a week, The Wheatsheaf serves a variety of freshly prepared food and a selection of quality ales.

## The Old Mill

**Market Lane, DN18 5DE**

Serving everything from light lunches to hearty dinners, plus a variety of ales and premium alcoholic drinks, The Old Mill is a great pub to visit whether you're looking for a fun evening with friends, or a Sunday lunch with the family.

*"Very pleasantly surprised. The pub is very smart with lots of character. Friendly staff, and the food was excellent."*

[Google Reviews](#)

## The George Inn

**George Street, DN18 5ES**

The George Inn is a 17th century coaching inn comprising a bar, a restaurant and eight en-suite rooms. The pub's chefs pride themselves on creating dishes using local produce whilst serving fine ales from a variety of local brewers, a selection of gins, world beers, wines & quality soft drinks. Owner Pete and wife Alex were winners of Channel 4's Four in a Bed series.

*"My favourite watering hole in Barton upon Humber. Great service, great staff who are friendly and always have a warm welcome. Great selection of beers, including cask ale."*

[Google Reviews](#)



## The Sloop Inn

**81 Waterside Road, DN18 5BA**

The Sloop Inn is known for its fantastic menu of freshly made food and good quality ales. Situated towards the bank of the River Humber, it's a great place to stop off and refuel after a brisk walk!

*"A lovely pub with friendly staff and excellent food and service, one of our 'go to' places to eat and enjoy a great evening with friends!"*

[Google Reviews](#)



## The Volunteer Arms

**Whitecross Street, DN18 5DF**

The Volunteer Arms is a traditional pub located just a stone's throw away from Baysgarth Park. Here you will find great food such as afternoon tea, a variety of quality drinks, plus sports coverage for most major events.

## The White Swan

**66 Fleetgate, DN18 5QD**

With a delicious menu of freshly prepared, seasonal food including burgers, sandwiches, breakfasts and more, plus real ales and ciders, The White Swan is a popular venue with residents of, and visitors to Barton. Situated over the road from the railway station and the bus interchange, it's also easy to travel to by public transport.

*"The White Swan is a proper community pub, with friendly staff selling real ale. During the week, the pub plays host to many local groups and societies, some organised but many just casual. On Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes they offer a really good brunch ranging from traditional breakfasts to more exotic fare. If in Barton, a visit is highly recommended."*

[Google Reviews](#)



Coming February 2025

# Nancy's new book coming out soon!

As we slide into another year (time seems to tick by so quickly) and realise 2025 is here I am forever grateful, humbled yet quietly excited by the changes to my life over recent years.

It has been said to me "take every opportunity that comes your way because it may never come again" – and I think that is certainly true.

If, when I won Bake Off it had been suggested to me that in 10 years' time I would have been the author of five Sunday Times best-selling books, would have filmed a TV series in Los Angeles, been "on board" entertainment on a cruise, make regular appearances on daytime national television and have over one and a half million social media followers – I would literally have fallen about laughing. Can you believe?

I enjoy every minute of my new career and will continue to bang on relentlessly about the plight of our planet, offering "easy affordable swaps when "going green" whether it be cleaning, cooking, baking or growing food and I will endeavour to continue to do my best for as long as there is someone keen to listen.

I am very grateful to the people that continue to offer me work, support and direct me but most of all to you – the readers, fans and followers who like me want to do the best for our children, their children and the generations that will follow.

We should all have a conscience about our gorgeous fragile

planet. One person cannot make a difference but many thousands of us can!

Has the fact that I am more well known changed me?

I don't think I have changed at all – other than I am not that phased anymore when I have a camera in front of my face - I think I have got used to that and I love a live audience, something that used to terrify me.

Weekly trips down to the capital no longer seem daunting and I realise that just as I used to know which number Hull bus to catch to take me anywhere in the city, I now flit around on the London Underground with similar ease.

I am still very much the ordinary Hull lass, no airs and graces, no change in accent and will always try to "make do and mend", having in the past had to watch every single penny.

As we welcome 2025 my recent news is that there is a new book out in February (book number six), which I am very excited about and aims to steer the reader away from ultra-processed factory produced food and back to making simple meals using every day ingredients and from scratch. The title? My Green and Easy Kitchen ..... it's also my first full colour book and I think you'll like it.



# Looking forward to Spring!

With the festive season behind us, thoughts turn to our plans for next year on our plots and in our gardens. As we plan what to sow and where to grow it, effective pest control without the use of chemicals, is becoming more important.

One pest relatively new to the plots is the leek miner, the reddish brown larva of the leek fly, first detected in the UK in 2002 and moving north as the climate warms. A quick check on the RHS website confirms the only way to deal with it is prevention. Firstly, by covering leeks onions and garlic in insect proof mesh during the peak flying times March and April and September to November. Secondly practice crop rotation to prevent any pupae that have survived the winter getting into the next crop if planted in the same place. Experience on the plots has confirmed this with leek miner present in many crops, apart from one grown under mesh.

Not all pests can be controlled in this way, so the Society is discussing the best way of chemical free gardening at January's AGM. The suggestion is a hierarchy of pest control from taking a relaxed approach accepting nature's feeding or disease is acceptable in most cases, careful husbandry, inspecting plants and manually removing pests where



possible, and as a last resort the safe use of chemicals. One definite proposal is to ban the use of Glyphosate based weedkillers as it is so harmful to pollinators. If you want to see more details, the full document is on the Society website [www.bartonallotments.org.uk](http://www.bartonallotments.org.uk)

January is often called the hungry gap, but if you have planned well last year there should be plenty to harvest - Jerusalem artichokes, sprouts, broccoli, winter cabbage, kale and, of course, leeks. January is often thought to be too early to start sowing, but in an unheated green house or cold frame you can start onion and shallots sets, and sow broad beans, early carrots, yet more leeks and lettuce. If you don't have a purpose made cold frame one of those covered propagators you can get from most gardening shops is a

good substitute.

When sowing broad beans, especially if you have saved the seed from the previous harvest as many gardeners do, check for signs of the bean weevil before you sow. If there are small holes in the seed, as in the photograph, then it has hatched out over winter. Some reckon that these seeds will usually germinate but if you want to be sure of a good crop, just sow good seed. I might try sowing holed ones as an experiment this year.

For more details of the allotments and applying for a plot please contact me or visit our website.

**Neil Jacques,**  
secretary@bartonallotments@hotmail.com



## Tesco Backpack by Castledyke School

We would like to say a huge thank you to Tesco, Barton, for allowing our Young Voices children to have a bagpacking day at its store.

Our Young Voices choir attend a concert at Sheffield Arena each year to sing with 6,000 other children from around the North. Throughout the year we fundraise to enable us to pay for the bus and Young Voices t-shirts for each child.

We are extremely proud of each and every child who came to help with the backpack. Thank you to you all. You are a credit to Castledyke!



## Water's Edge 2025

In 2025 we will be hosting lots of exciting new workshops leaders! But first we must bid a farewell to our potter Karen who has been with us for more than 14 years and in that time has helped hundreds of customers create pieces of pottery to cherish for many years to come.

Our annual Big Garden Bird watch weekend is coming up at the end January where we will be making bird feeders for our feathered friends. Traditionally the Big Garden Bird Watch weekend takes place in your garden or local park with just an hour spent watching the birds and telling the RSPB what you've seen. This is a perfect way for the RSPB to gather data about what species of birds are out there and how many times they are spotted. This drop-in activity for children will be £1 per child and is running from 11am to 2pm, Friday, January 24. To take part in other ways make sure to sign up on the RSPB website.

As always, full details for all events and activities can be found at the Facebook page for Water's Edge Visitor Centre & Country Park, by calling the Visitor Centre on 01652 631500 or by dropping by in person.



## What a 'FAB' Panto



Friends At Barton would like to say a massive thank you to all who came to see the family pantomime Mother Goose at the Joseph Wright Hall in November.

With your help the group managed to raise £1,440 to be split between two chosen charities. FAB (as they are affectionately known) will be donating to Hull and East Yorkshire Mind in memory of George Ellis and a local women's refuge in memory of Andrea Baker.

Pantomime is probably the first piece of theatre that a child will be taken to and director Paul Tate who has recently returned to live in Barton is over the moon with the support that Barton and the surrounding villages' residents have given to FAB over the years.

With sell-out productions of A Christmas Carol, The Snow Queen, Alice in Wonderland, Pinocchio and

the recent Mother Goose, every single member gives their time free to rehearse for a few hours over eight weekends.

Paul says "I am in awe and forever grateful for the time and commitment that all of the FAB members put into the show in order to entertain the local audiences. Because of my work I can only commit to a short rehearsal period and the cast always amazes me with how quickly they pull the show together."

If you would like to keep in touch with what FAB are doing, please like/follow their Facebook page Friends At Barton. Will they be doing another Panto? Oh, yes they will!

### ALPHA

at St Augustine Webster - January 2025

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome.

No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. Looking to try Alpha? Our next 10-week course will run in Barton at St Augustine Webster, Whitecross Street, from January 2025.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to join us, please use the email address to register your interest.

Meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and will include a simple meal. email: [briggandbartonrc@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:briggandbartonrc@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

## Services at St Mary's

Church Services are held throughout January on Sundays at 8am, 9.30am and 4pm, and Wednesdays at 9.30am. In February we change Sunday evenings from 4pm start to 6pm. Every second Sunday we also have Worship for all at 11am. Additional details for some dates below.

**Sunday February 2**  
Candlemas - the last day of the Christmas celebration.  
9.30am Holy Communion with candles and last procession to the Crib  
6pm Choral Evensong for Candlemas

**Wednesday March 5**  
Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent  
Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with ashing ceremonies  
9.30am & 7pm

**March 30** (Clocks go forward 1 hour at 2am)  
9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Communion

**Every Monday at 9.30 am**  
Toddler Time is back with a new team to help with entertaining you and your children, with toys, stories and refreshments and lots of singing. All are welcome

**On January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4 and March 19 from 1.30pm to 4pm**  
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Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, January 15 from

7.30pm to 9pm in the Ladies Parlour, Trinity Methodist Church, Holydyke, Barton (that's the steps up from Holydyke, and straight ahead). Just walk in and say hello, and we'll sort out where to fit you in. We sing anything from middle-of-the-road pop to classical requiems, and you're welcome to say what interests you. When you try other stuff, you soon

learn a lot, from getting an idea of how to read music through to improving your self-confidence.

We are working towards our next concert, which will be on April 12. More information: David Spence, 01652 618770 or Carol Thornto 01652 634142.

## A Passport to Culture

How The Ropewalk has attracted international visitors during 2024

With its quality programme of regular events and shows, The Ropewalk is a popular venue for the arts, not only with locals, but also those from further afield. This appeal went international in 2024 however, as visitors journeyed from the Netherlands and the United States just to see a show at Ropery Hall.

One Dutch visitor had his experience in Barton made all the more special by Rachel Francis of Barton Guest House, who went the extra mile to drive him back to the airport the day after the performance, showing him that famous Lincolnshire hospitality! Doug and Linda Paton flew in from Florida to see Harriet perform in November and went home with great memories of their adventure, and a lasting impression of Barton.

The Ropewalk's appeal also extends beyond the main stage - The Coffee Shop and galleries have even welcomed guests from as far as Australia! Plus, those a little closer to home who were visiting the area from places such as Kent, Lancashire, Scotland, Lincolnshire and beyond - taking away their positive experiences of our little corner of the earth.

A Significant Economic Boost  
A recent Economic Impact Survey has revealed that The Ropewalk has contributed nearly £2 million to the local economy over the past year. This substantial figure underscores the venue's role as a key driver of economic growth in the region due to visitors utilising other businesses and organisations in the area such

as accommodation, restaurants and pubs, supermarkets, public transport and more.

By attracting both national and international visitors, The Ropewalk has stimulated local businesses, created jobs and voluntary opportunities, and enhanced the town's reputation as a cultural destination. The venue's success is a testament to the power of arts and culture to revitalise communities and drive economic prosperity.

## Rotary Club of Barton

Serving the Barton area with the help of Barton Businesses and Community!



Barton Rotary Club want to recognise that this year's Christmas meals were all made possible because of Rotary's great friends in Barton. Barton Lions and the Freemasons gave us donations towards the costs and local small businesses really helped too! The turkey and extras were cooked and supplied by Ady at Bensons Butchers, all the fresh fruit and vegetables were donated by Karen and Troy at Barton's Crisp n Fresh, and all lovingly cooked by the Methodist Trinity ladies with Tesco donating lovely trifles and mince pies. All meals were delivered by Rotary Members and friends to those in the area who needed a meal and a special memory of Christmas 2024!

Barton Rotary has been established in Barton since the 1970s and are still persevering to serve the local community to the best of their ability as numbers have dropped to single figures in recent years which makes events harder to maintain. The increase in red tape meant we could no longer pull Santa in his sleigh as insurance could not be granted but this year a big thank you go to Internetty who are based on Falkland Way and its wonderful staff who gave their own time to not only pay for insurance cover but tow Santa's sleigh and revive a tradition which has seen smiles from hundreds of faces both young and old this year!



Other Rotary friends include Liz and her staff at The Ropewalk for making our lives easier with a fantastic venue for our events, Andrea, the Tesco Community Champion, who has helped us over the last few years with raffle donations and attended event, Lisa and her staff at the White Swan who provided a lovely buffet for our OAP Christmas Lunch where we were extremely lucky to have entertainment from Poppy Fray and her friend Grace Sprangle and Barton's Ukulele Band. Lisa also supports our group for our fortnightly meetings at the White Swan on a Wednesday evening at 7pm if anyone has a few hours free and can help us make a difference. Our thanks to ALL!



## Barton-Upon-Humber Lions Club



Barton Lions hosted the town's November 5 firework display in Baysgarth Park with the help of sponsorship from Barton Town Council and Wren Kitchens.

It was a safe and spectacular display attended by thousands from the town. We had multiple volunteers for marshalling without whom the event could not have happened - so thank you to all who helped us and all who attended.

Last December also saw Santa's Sleigh on the streets again. Barton Rotary Club and Barton Lions worked together to organise the collection which brought families into the streets to meet and greet Santa. InternetTY provided helpers, a vehicle, and the insurance for this event, so a massive thanks go to InternetTY for their support and generosity.

Barton Lions club is still looking for volunteers and new members to support them in their activities and fundraising events.

Lions respond to requests for health and welfare support locally and donate to many local clubs and appeals. Our Lions club is a part of Lions International and is a registered charity. Members meet once a month in the Corn Exchange. If you have some time to give, or are looking for a club to join, please contact us via our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/barton.lions](http://www.facebook.com/barton.lions).



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# Dam Road Park renewal

Friends of Barton Parks (FoBP) has focussed on upgrading Dam Road Park during 2024 and although there is still work to do the results are being welcomed by park users.

The site had suffered from vandalism and neglect but funding from North Lincolnshire Council, FCC Communities Foundation, Keigar Homes (through the planning Section 106 provision), the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Barton Town Council, Tesco Stronger Starts, the Co-op Community Fund and additional fundraising by the Friends group has turned that around.

The new play area is in place with paths and additional swings and is being well used. Work was halted in the autumn to wait for CCTV coverage which was thought prudent following a number of vandalism incidents. The cameras are now up and running and work will start again

in January to add some green gym equipment, seating, bins, new hedge planting, fruit trees and a growing space. We have also been working with groups that use the football pitch with new goal posts also being installed in the New Year.

We will be working with Humber Forest to plant the length of the boundary fence with a mixed native species hedge and 30 fruit trees at the west side of the park. The work is planned for February half term so if you fancy getting stuck in do join us. Details of times and dates will be on our Facebook page.

Friends of Barton Parks Chair Cllr Paul Vickers is delighted with the progress so far. 'It has been a real

team effort with contributions from local authority officers and volunteers from the Friends group. We look forward to an official opening in the spring after which the Friends will focus on a different area in need of work.'

If you have a few spare hours and would like to get involved with the hedge and tree planting or any other type of volunteering in Barton Parks please get in touch, we would be delighted to hear from you.

**Liz Bennet**  
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# New Growth in Baysgarth Park

Thanks to the generosity of Barton residents a Crowdfunding Appeal to raise money for trees easily met its target.



In November Friends of Barton Parks put out a call for help to raise funds to replace a weeping willow tree in the Chad Varah Garden that had been vandalised and two oak trees in the Redoubt Copse to replace dead/damaged trees.

Planted by volunteers, led by Andrew Robinson in 2016 after a fundraising effort from the late Laurie Robinson, these 17 trees are listed on the Imperial War Museum's website as War Memorial 88565. The trees commemorate the loss of 17 Barton men on October 13, 1915, when the charge was made on the Hohenzollen Redoubt, near Loos, France. Each tree has on its supporting post a small name plate, showing name, rank and number. Unfortunately, some of these name plates have been lost. The fundraising target was exceeded and the Friends can now afford to replace the missing name plates as well as the trees.



Mark Nettleton and his team installed carefully selected new trees in December. Although we had many offers of small trees from people who had grown them in local gardens these were purchased from a tree nursery and selected for their height to make sure they didn't look out of place with the rest of the group. The updated name plates will be installed on new posts in the New Year

*Thank you again to all who contributed.*

Friends of Barton Parks.  
December 2024



# Double nomination for Barton in the Tourism Excellence Awards



The prestigious Tourism Excellence Awards 2024-25 for Greater Lincolnshire and Rutland, a VisitEngland accredited competition, has recognised Barton not once, but twice, with both the Barton Tourism Partnership and The Ropewalk being shortlisted in the Pride in Your Place award, and the Arts, Culture and Heritage award respectively.

Cllr Paul Vickers, alongside representatives from Visit North Lincolnshire and The Ropewalk, were pleased to welcome Andy, a member of the judging panel, to Barton back in November to give him a whistlestop tour of the town including Baysgarth Park, the Applegate House Air Raid Shelter, The Ropewalk and Water's Edge, to show him why Barton is the place to be!

The winners will be announced in February 2025, so keep your fingers crossed and look out for the results in the next edition of the Bartonian.

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# Barton Town Cricket Club 2024 Round-Up

Welcome to the end-of-year write-up for Barton Town Cricket Club. As another year comes to a close, here at Barton Town Cricket Club, we are already planning ahead for the 2025 season, which we hope will be our best yet!

## Captain Shoutouts

A big shoutout to our captains this season: Ian Andrew and Oliver Mussett for the 2nd XI, and Joe Atkinson and Alex Shreeve for the Sunday XI. Special mention goes to Lewis Barnes, who is stepping down after five fantastic years leading the 1st XI. Lewis, you've been an absolute star—always giving players the chance to shine and grow. Thanks for everything! We're looking forward to seeing you on the field in 2025.

## Junior Cricket

A huge thanks to our junior scorers who stepped up to help both home and away. This is proof that our "One Club" ethos is alive and kicking. Events like the junior and senior presentation nights show just how much our club thrives as one big, supportive cricket family.

It's been another cracking year for junior cricket! We welcomed plenty of young players and fielded teams in the U11, U13, and U15 categories. The little ones got stuck into the ECB's All Stars and Dynamos programmes, thanks to Matt Small and Ian Andrew. Softball sessions continued strong, driven by an army of parent volunteers.

## 2025 EXEC TEAM

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**CHAIRMAN - ANDY LAWRENCE**  
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**JUNIOR CRICKET CO-ORDINATOR - IAN ANDREW**  
**SAFEGUARDING LEAD - SARAH ANDREW**  
**1ST XI CAPTAIN - JOE HEWITT**  
**2ND XI CAPTAIN - TBC**  
**SUNDAY XI CAPTAIN - MATT SMALL**

adults alike—the chance to play and improve on quality surfaces. Thanks, guys, for all the graft!

## The Clubhouse

What a social year we've had! The clubhouse was buzzing, especially on Fridays and Saturdays. Whether it was parents chilling with a drink while watching the kids play or the younger crowd enjoying a relaxed evening, the atmosphere was brilliant.

Big thanks to Devon Stewart for keeping the bar running like clockwork and ensuring the clubhouse stayed clean and well-stocked. If you or your family want to book our fantastic function room, keep an eye out for our advert in this edition of The Bartonian.

## The Committee

A huge thank you to the committee—you're the engine of this club,

keeping us moving forward and helping us achieve our goals. We aim to offer top-class cricket with the best facilities while staying open to all ages and abilities. In 2024, we definitely hit the mark.

In 2025, we move forward with a new committee, aspiring to emulate the success of the past.

## Thank You

To everyone who supported us in 2024—local businesses, families, individuals—thank you. Your support is what has kept this club running since 1849, and we can't wait to see what the future holds!

On behalf of everyone at Barton Town Cricket Club, thank you and see you soon.

**Oliver Mussett**  
Secretary and Treasurer

# Barton Town FC



Looking in from the outside it's very easy to think that Barton Town Football Club only competes in the North Counties East Football League (NCEL) and national FA competitions, but in recent seasons the club has expanded beyond the First and Reserves squads to include several youth and junior teams as well as the formation of a Women's team.

This month we speak to the managers of the Reserves and a couple of the Academy teams...

**Steven James - Manager Reserves and Under 8's** - The Reserves have two roles within the club being both the final progression from the Development Team for the younger players before the step up to the First Team, and we also work with the First Team manager, Anthony Bowsley, providing match time for players who perhaps have been out of the First Team after injury or need more game time. That's also good for us as we get more experienced players join us for games.

The Reserves also play regular games in the Lincolnshire League - we joined that League a couple of seasons ago - and this has teams from all over the county and gives the players a great challenge as they progress through the club structure.

That starts with the very young players we introduce to the game; our current Under 8's squad are almost all local and we help them develop and improve their skills.

To ensure some continuity we endeavour to keep the players and coaching staff together as we progress through the various age groups. We've had our share of success over the past couple of seasons in the Jack Kalson league with our home games taking place on the grass pitches at Baysgarth School.

**Bruno Derby - Manager Under 9/10's** - We play in the Jack Kalson League with a squad of around 16 local players and play on both Saturdays and Sundays playing 7-a-side football on a quarter size pitch. Most of the players have been with me since joining the Under 7 team and becoming part of the Barton Town Academy last season. That was quite a step up for us to begin with but everyone adjusted to the different standard of football and introducing the Sunday team opened up new experiences for us. We've had some good results and are holding our own against the other clubs, and I'm really proud of the way they have been playing older players.

## New Year, new you?? How about volunteering in your community?

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Visitors to Baysgarth Park cannot help but notice the forlorn state of one of Barton's most loved buildings.



# A new chapter for Baysgarth House



Damp in the exhibition room

Closed for nearly five years its future has been uncertain until now. Poised ready to start a new chapter this stunning Georgian house will open again in 2025.

The lead on this redevelopment is The Ropewalk, a registered charity based in Barton-upon-Humber. For 25 years The Ropewalk has successfully run an arts centre, museum, café and studio spaces in a heritage building towards the north of the town. The Ropewalk took out a lease from North Lincolnshire Council for the site in October last year and has secured £850,000 of capital funding for the development work. Funding from The Community Ownership Fund, UK Shared Prosperity Fund, North Lincolnshire Council and Barton Town Council will be used to comprehensively repair the fabric of the building to make it safe for public use. Baysgarth is also the Co-op Good Cause for 2025 until October 25.

Despite this large amount of funding more money will be needed to complete the work. Several organisations and private individuals have already pledged sponsorship amounts and we are very grateful that they have come forward so quickly without prompting. In 2025 we will be advertising sponsorship opportunities whether you would like to make a donation towards a drainage grid, a window, a cast iron bollard or a toilet seat we will be open to any and every offer of support!

But Baysgarth House needs more than remedial work to fulfil its potential, and an ambitious vision for the site's use as a set of community spaces, leisure facility and museum has been developed. Baysgarth House will need to earn income to be sustainable in the same way that The Ropewalk operates on 90% earned income and 10% public funding which is why the establishment of a tea room has been a priority.

buildings. Phase One, due to be completed in April 2025, will focus on:

- Developing the stable block into a tea room with accessible toilet and a display on the history of Hopper Cycles
- Repurpose the old ladies toilets and store that has a door into the park as an ice cream kiosk to be open during the spring and summer.
- Renovating the lodge buildings ready for storage and the volunteer gardeners' store.
- Installing an accessible toilet and kitchen area in the cottage ready to host workshops.

Depending on future funding Phase Three will concentrate on a large display about the history of Barton following consultation and visioning work with local groups and volunteers and the installation of a lift to the first floor making the majority of the house accessible to all visitors.

This is more a marathon than a sprint and we don't want Barton residents to expect everything will be done at once. We will keep you informed about each stage on our Facebook page and through open days, focus groups and the pages of the Bartonian. We hope that we will be welcoming you all in 2025.



Stable Block interior



Underground surveys with cameras in drains and topographical radar surveys which cover up to two metres in depth help us map out what lays beneath the surface



Ivy removed from the former store



Inside the west lodge

- Phase Two** will follow in summer 2025 including:
- Renovation of the two ground floor exhibition rooms
  - Installing an accessible toilet.
  - Renovating an upstairs room to create an archive room
  - Renovation of the ground floor corridor to include a history of the house and park
  - A museum shop
  - Renovated office space.
  - Ground Source Heat Pump to service the whole site.

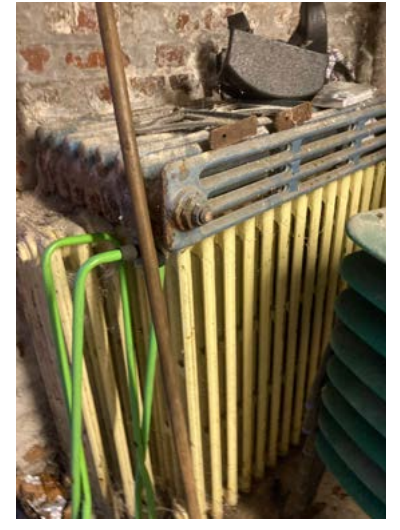
**Liz Bennet**  
CEO



Water Damage in Victorian Room



Lost keys have required work to gain access to parts of the site



Lovely discarded cast iron radiators in the basement are being renovated for use in the stable block

## Behind the scenes

Renovating a Grade II\* listed building requires a lot of patience and the ability to compromise. Baysgarth has been altered beyond recognition since it was last a family home in 1930. In order to get back some sense of its previous incarnations requires a great deal of detective work both above and underground! Since taking the lease in October 2024 The Ropewalk team have been learning a lot about this building.



A strong room from the 1960s was uncovered in the south west ground floor exhibition room



BEFORE



AFTER

Years of vegetation removed to uncover the condition of brickwork and roof.

## Hoppers Cycles Acquisition



We are delighted to have been donated a Hopper's Childs cycle that the owner bought second hand in 1939 and the bike has been in the family ever since!

The bike has been collected from Bristol and has been kindly donated to the Hopper's exhibition that will be coming soon at Baysgarth House Museum. It has a manufacturer stamp dated 1937. As can be seen from the Hopper Catalogue, F. Hopper & Co Ltd from Barton on Humber produced the "cyclette" and sold the machine for a price of £2 4s and 6d for the semi solid tyre model or £2 4s 6d for the model with pneumatic tyres that also included a pump and clips! **Liz Bennet, The Ropewalk**





## What's On

# January - March

Saturday January 4 and every Saturday after

### Parkrun

Baysgarth Park 9am

Take part in a weekly parkrun event in the beautiful surroundings of Baysgarth Park.

Free

Tuesday January 7 and every Tuesday after

### Pilates for 60+

Lecture Hall, Trinity Methodist Church 2.30pm - 3.15pm

A more gentle Pilates class for people aged 60+ to improve fitness, flexibility and wellbeing.

£4 suggested donation

All Living Later Life Well sessions are for people aged 60+. For more information or to book your space, contact Jo on 07821 900623 or email jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com

Wednesday January 8 and every Wednesday after

### Silver Singers Choir

Lecture Hall, Trinity Methodist Church 1pm - 2pm

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£2 suggested donation

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Wednesday January 8 and every Wednesday after

### Board Games and Table Tennis

Trinity Methodist Church 1.30pm - 3pm

Come and play a range of board games, or a game or two of table tennis - refreshments available.

Free - donations accepted

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Sunday January 12

### Sunday Tours of Wilderspin School Museum

Wilderspin School Museum 11am and 1.30pm

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Included in £5 annual adult admission. Under 16s free when accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday January 15

### North Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust - a talk by Geoff Trinder

Far Ings Nature Reserve Visitor Centre 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Geoff Trinder, President of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, gives a talk on Hungary - Birds, Bugs, Butterflies and maybe more!

For more information please contact Vernon Chapman on 07939 347373.

Wednesday January 15

### Ted Lewis 85th Birthday Commemoration

The Volunteer Arms - Evening

Join volunteers from the Ted Lewis Centre to celebrate what would have been Ted Lewis' 85th birthday! If you would like to come along, please email Monty on admin@tedlewiscentre.com

Wednesday January 15

### Sound Therapy Session

Lecture Hall, Trinity Methodist Church 10.30am - 11.30am

Join us for a deeply relaxing hour of meditation and gentle breathing exercises, with a range of gentle instruments played while you rest and reset.

£2 suggested donation

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Wednesday January 15 to

Wednesday February 19

### Victorian Narrative Painting - a Lifelong Learning at Barton course

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Wednesday January 15 and Thursday January 16

### Mini Mallards

Waters' Edge Visitor Centre 10am - 11.30am

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Saturday January 18

### Walk - Waters' Edge to Barrow Haven

Meet at Far Ings Nature Reserve 9am - 1pm

Join the Barton Area Group for a relaxed winter birdwatching walk along the Humber bank, looking for waders in the river and winter finches at Waters' Edge. Everyone is welcome to come along - you don't need to be a member.

Free - for more information contact Vernon Chapman on 07939 347373.

Sunday January 19

### Wood Carving Day Course

Waters' Edge Visitor Centre 10am - 4pm

There will be a choice of six designs that are all achievable within the timeframe, and you'll be carving one of these onto a piece of timber approximately the size of an A4 piece of paper.

Friday January 24

### Big Garden Birdwatch

Waters' Edge Visitor Centre - All day

Take part in this fun bird spotting activity to celebrate the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

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Friday January 24

### Barton Ghost Walk

7.15pm - meet at Baysgarth House

A spooky guided tour of historic Barton led by members of South Bank Players.

Booking is recommended, tickets £5 are available from www.sbplayers.co.uk

Saturday January 25

### Showman & Coole

Ropery Hall 8pm

Through twenty years and a couple of thousand shows together in bands such as The Foggy Hogtown Boys and The Lonesome Ace Stringband, Canadians John Showman and Chris Coole have developed a deep and instinctual musical bond. Their music lurks in a truly unique space that is somewhere on the outskirts of old-time, bluegrass, and folk.

£15/£17 OTD

Saturday January 25

### Classroom Curiosities Experience

Wilderspin School Museum 11am and 1.30pm

Join our historical teachers as they set challenges and puzzles to solve. Each session is 90 minutes.

£10 (under 16s £4, includes refreshments) - booking essential (01652 635172)

Saturday January 25

### Lifelong Learning at Barton talk with Jean Cannon

Raikes Room, Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street 2pm - 4.30pm

Learn more about James Creassy - Lincolnshire Gentleman of the 18th century.

£12 (includes refreshments)

Saturday February 1

### Barton Market

Market Place and Butchery 8.30am - 1.30pm

Shop a wide range of fresh food, gifts, accessories, and lots more.

Free

Wednesday February 12

### North Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust - a talk by Graham Catley

Far Ings Visitor Centre 7.30pm - 9.30pm

A talk by Graham Catley, local photographer and birding expert, on Extremadura; a spring journey through this exceptionally bird rich area of central Spain including the birds of the plains, Montfrague and the scenic Sierra de Gredos.

For more information please contact Vernon Chapman on 07939 347373.



Thursday February 13

### Amy Johnson: Last Flight Out

Ropery Hall 2pm and 7.30pm

Born in the year the Wright Brothers made their first flight and into an age where the romantic heights of flying captured her heart, Amy Johnson became the second woman in the world to qualify as a ground engineer and then, in 1930, the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia. In her short time this 'lone girl flier' achieved so much while faced with challenges of all kinds. We meet Amy in a world of memories, desires, wishes and ambitions. As we find out about her life we start to see how the pieces fit, and the tools Amy used to bring her dreams to reality.

£14/£16/£5

Monday February 17

### Children's Pottery Mermaid

Waters' Edge Visitor Centre 10.30am - 12.30pm

£16 per child. Book via Waters' Edge.

£15/£17 OTD

Wednesday February 19

### Live Music and Lunch

Lecture Hall, Trinity Methodist Church 10.30am - 12.00pm

An hour of traditional folk, blues and banjo performed by Simon Robinson, followed by a light lunch.

£5 suggested donation

All Living Later Life Well sessions are for people aged 60+. For more information or to book your space, contact Jo on 07821 900623 or email jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com

Thursday February 20

### Wilderspin Winter Warmer - Rainy School Days

Wilderspin School Museum 11am - 3pm

Refreshments and crafty things too - with memories of wet playtimes or rainy days in winter.

£22/£24 OTD

Friday February 21

### Barton Civic Society Lecture

Joseph Wright Hall 2pm

An Introduction to Humber Field Archaeology Through Recent Fieldwork with Peter Connolly of Humber Archaeology.

£4 for non-members

Wednesday February 26 to

Wednesday April 2

### Six weeks with Simon Tomson - a Lifelong Learning at Barton course

Raikes Room, Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Week one - Archaeology (Harvesting the Seabed), week two - A Mysterious Medieval Baynich Manuscript, week three to six - A Medieval Monastic Experience in Britain.

£12 per session, discount for members.

Email lifelonglearningatbarton@gmail.com or call 07799754446 for more information

Thursday February 27

### Bella Gaffney

Ropery Hall 8pm

Bella Gaffney (of The Magpies) is a folk troubadour whose music seamlessly weaves together original compositions and traditional tunes from both British folk and Americana traditions. Winner of the prestigious 2016 Celtic Connections Danny Kyle Award, Bella is celebrated for her folk-inspired songwriting and unique arrangements of traditional pieces.

£14/£16 OTD

Saturday March 1

### Barton Market

Market Place and Butchery 8.30am - 1.30pm

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Free

Saturday March 1

### One Day Wood Carving Course

Waters' Edge Visitor Centre 10am - 4pm

£60 per person. Book via Waters' Edge

Sunday March 2

### Sunday Tours of Wilderspin School Museum

Wilderspin School Museum 11am and 1.30pm

Book a private one-to-one tour of this former National School. By appointment only.

Included in £5 annual adult admission. Under 16s free when accompanied by an adult.

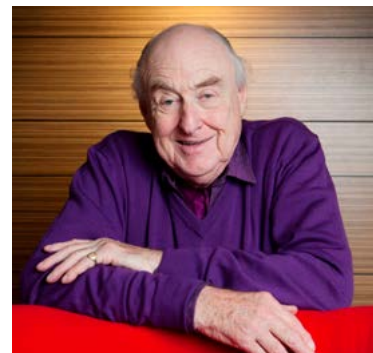
Thursday March 6

### Henry Blofeld: 'Sharing My Love of Cricket'

Ropery Hall 7.30pm

Legendary cricket broadcaster, Henry Blofeld, takes the audience on a charming journey through modern cricket, while looking back at the great games of yesteryear.

£22/£24 OTD



# Ted Lewis Centre Accredited by The Arts Council

Two years after the Arts Council certified the Ted Lewis Centre could work towards accreditation, a condition that involved careful work and record keeping, it was proud and privileged to be awarded Arts Council Accreditation in November 2024 with no adverse comments and an endorsement of its plans to extend and build on accreditation standards. The Centre is the third Barton Museum to receive UK Museum Accreditation.



## Barton Civic Society 2025 Programme Launch

Barton Civic Society launches its 2025 Programme in February with an archaeological focus comprising a talk for adults and a half-term activity for children.

Peter Connolly from Humber Archaeology will talk about field archaeology in the Humber region including some new information about interesting Barton finds. The talk, at 2pm on Friday, February 21 at the Joseph Wright Hall on Queen Street, will introduce and explain the work of field archaeologists - something that may interest prospective volunteers who might like to consider helping with a "dig" at some future time. On Thursday, February 20 there's a chance for children to have some hands-on archaeological fun in History Underfoot at the Wilderspin School Museum on Queen Street at 11.15am and 1pm. The sessions last 45 minutes and cost £2 per child. Booking is not required.

This is an excellent time to join the Civic Society. Membership costs only £15 (student membership just £1 for under 21s) and lends your support to its many activities including safeguarding Barton's green and built heritage. The admission fee to all of the Society's talks is £4, and with at least nine talks in the 2025 programme that's a saving of £21 over the year! Members also receive an annual Newsletter full of interesting articles and updates, free or reduced fees for trips

and walks and use of the Society's archive. To join, or for more information about the Society's activities and membership benefits, go to bartoncivicsociety.co.uk or pick up a membership leaflet from the Wilderspin School Museum, The Ropewalk or Library.

In the Spring, we are looking forward to hearing about plans for the reopening of the museum at Baysgarth House. Architect Stephen Dixon and Project Manager Liz Bennet will present the plans and long-term vision for the Baysgarth Museum Development on Friday, March 21 at 2pm at the Joseph Wright Hall.

Later in the year we'll be recalling a number of speakers who have previously given daytime talks to update their presentations for evening audiences, and scheduling evening or weekend guided walks around the town, and we will be taking part in a new Easter heritage weekend in addition to the Heritage Open Days in September.

Members, of course, get priority notice of all our events - which is another good reason for joining now!

Ian Wolseley  
Heritage Sub Committee Chair

## Barton and District History Group

The Annual General Meeting of the Barton and District History Group took place at St Mary's Church Hall on November 17 when Andrew Robinson gave a presentation of "Barton Then and Now", which was followed by a quiz.

The programme for 2025 is:

- **March 26** The Cold War in Lincolnshire - David Gibson
  - **April 23** The Romans in Barton and beyond - Dr Adam Parker
  - **May 28** A Village Walk in Words and Pictures - Andrew Robinson
  - **June 25** Visit to Brocklesby Estate, guided tour - Mick Toyne. The Mausoleum & Pillar Folly
  - **September 24** A Maritime History - Sam Wright
  - **October 29** Doc John's Barton Part 2 - Paul Mann
  - **November 26** A.G.M. & Social
- We currently have a few copies of Heritage 6 still available with articles:-

Drainspotting by Adam Parker; Memories of Barton County Primary School's Open-Air

Theatre by Alan Taylor; The Early Years of Cricket in Barton upon Humber by Darren Stockdale; The Struggle to Provide Schools for Children in Barton upon Humber by Ursula Vickerton; The Button Hole Brigade by Frank Kirby; James Barnett Taylor (1804 - 1871) from Barton to Virginia by Jeff Higgins and Shipbuilding at Barrow Haven by Peter Croton. Copies are available at Water's Edge, The Ropewalk and The Ted Lewis Centre.

We are still accepting articles for Heritage 7, due to be published early in 2025.

So, if you have any interesting topics to share, please email us at-

Bartonanddistricthistorygroup@hotmail.com

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See Wilderspin on p19

The Centre was already registered as part of National Archives but now each item of its extensive Collection not only had to accorded an international number, but the precise condition and position recorded.

The Museum Accreditation Scheme is the UK industry standard for museums and galleries. Application for the award is voluntary, but it is important to achieve, because it means that after careful scrutiny of up to three years, The Arts Council will assess if the organisation is being properly managed, its collections cared for and accessible and the needs of present and future generations are properly considered.

Bartonian, Ted Lewis, the Father of British Noir, changed how many films were made and crime novels written. His graphic art was so nationally recognised, he was head hunted to manage ground breaking animation of the Beatles Yellow Submarine. In his spare time he was a talented jazz pianist. However, his reputation was customarily formally neglected in his home town until Barton Arts featured full readings of his novels, The Rabbit and Get Carter in the Old Mill during successive festival years.

In 2013, The Ted Lewis Group was formed, consisting of a dedicated number of volunteers. Exhibitions were mounted, a two-day Barton Jazz Festival promoted, and the original biography of the novelist written by 2015. Lewis studied art for four years in Hull, hence the Group's three-week exhibition spearheaded four Hull City promoted features, the biography went into its second edition and another, more comprehensive biography, encouraged by the Group appeared. Only one of Ted's novels had been available, so the group encouraged fresh editions, albeit by an American Publisher.

The 50th anniversary of Ted Lewis's Get Carter being made was in 2020, the year Ted

would have been 80. Some of the Group's planned events had to be Covid cancelled but fortunately not Ted's birthday lunch at Soho's French House. At that event, the Group was encouraged by film directors, writers, publishers and supporters to move forward so, despite restrictions, the Group formed a charity, acquired and developed unoccupied premises on Ferriby Road and the Ted Lewis Centre was born. In that Centre there is a constantly changing series of exhibitions of Ted's art, life and times including presentations, art exhibition, unique artefacts, well stocked shop and refreshment station. In 2021, the third and expanded Centre edition of the biography, Ted Lewis, Hard or Soft Boiled, went on sale.

Only arranged visits to the Centre take place during winter months. Current plans include In His Own Write exhibition showing the writer's influences in his own hand, special courses for Creative Writers, musical events, home schooling assistance, historical and arts presentations. Our hosting of Community meetings will still continue with enthusiasm.

Details of the Centre and its activities and a virtual video tour are to be found on www.tedlewiscentre.com by telephoning Monty Martin on 07803504793.



The Accreditation Scheme sets nationally agreed standards for UK museums. To qualify, museums must meet standards on how they are managed, for the services they offer and on how they care for collections.

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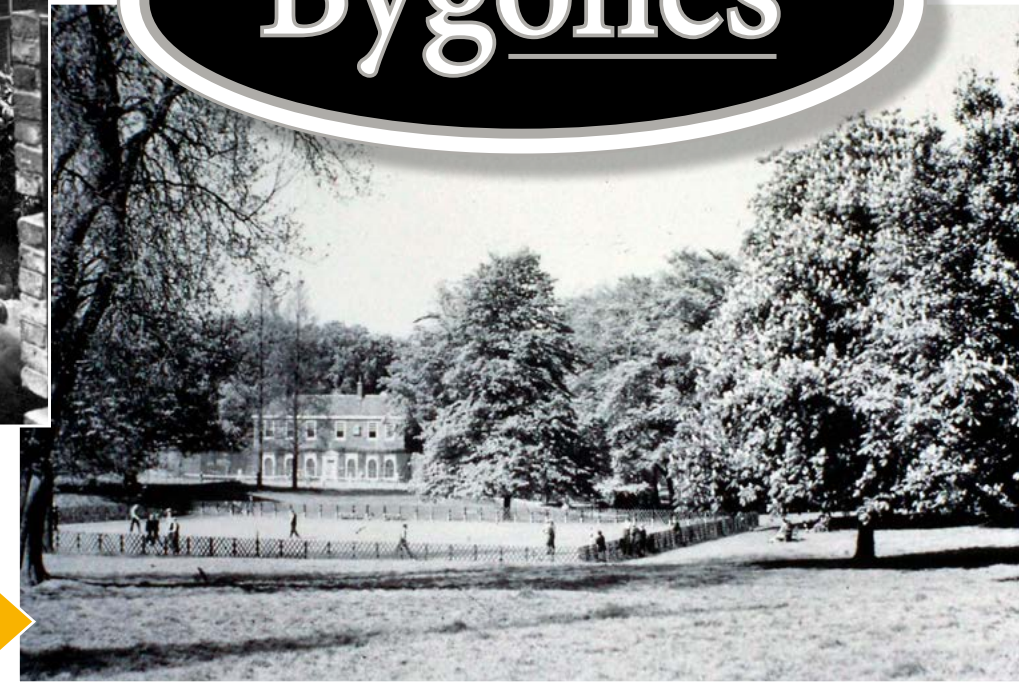
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# Bygones



On July 17, 1930 the formal handing-over of the park by Mrs Clare Ramsden, the daughter of Robert Taylor, was attended by more than 3000 people.

The bowling green in the grounds of Baysgarth House.



Although privately owned since 1557 the current house mostly dates from the 17th Century and is a Grade II\* listed building. The first known owner is known to be Thomas Glentham. However, the most noted inhabitants to have lived here are the Nelthorpe family who owned the house between 1620 and 1792.

After the Nelthorpes the house changed hands frequently, in 1889 Baysgarth was sold to Robert Wright Taylor and in 1930 was gifted to Barton upon Humber Urban District Council by his daughter Mrs Clare Ramsden.

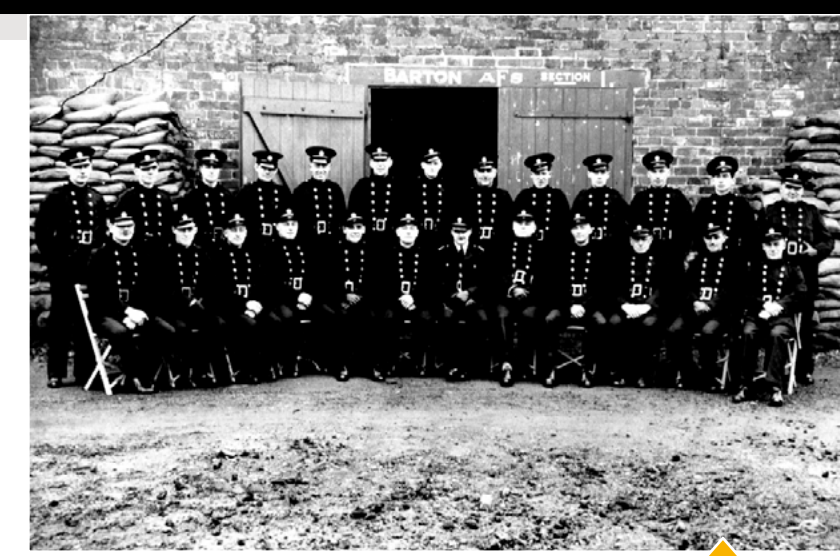
# Baysgarth House



The gates leading into the park originated from New Hall on Newport, the home of Robert Taylor's father, also called Robert.



Baysgarth House kitchen Garden



An Air Raid Precaution (ARP) officer was stationed at the house in 1940 and the ambulance service also operated from the site.



This photograph shows one of the gardeners tending to the grounds of Baysgarth House.



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The past couple of months have seen an improvement in the Barton Line service performance, with fewer train failures occurring. Combined with the removal of the threat of industrial action from both unions, this gives improved confidence in the rail service.

From Monday, December 16 last year there has been a new timetable introduced on the Barton Line. The key change is that the previous 07:08 service from Barton to Cleethorpes now leaves Barton at 07:53. There are also other minor re-timings to services.

To mark Remembrance Sunday, we planted steel poppies by the former goods platform at Barton station and in the planters at Barrow Haven station. Work on improving the appearance of the former goods platform continues thanks to the Barton Lions and FBL adopters.

We are grateful to the Ropewalk for introducing an offer whereby people arriving in Barton by public transport for shows at Ropery Hall can show their ticket and receive a £4 drinks voucher. We hope that this will increase the number of people using both rail and bus services, as well as increasing the numbers of visitors to the town.

Railway Timetable from Cleethorpes to Barton

Valid from Monday 16 December 2024 to Saturday 17 May 2025

Mondays to Fridays

Table with 8 columns (Station, 06:10, 08:56, 10:57, 12:56, 14:56, 16:56, 18:57, 21:07) and 14 rows of stations including Cleethorpes, New Clew, Grimsby Docks, etc.

Saturdays

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Summer Sunday service resumes 18 May 2025

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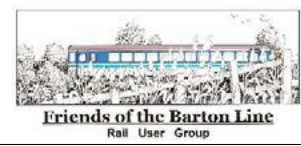
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Saturdays

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The Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership ran its highly successful Santa train in December with 70 children receiving presents from Santa and many more receiving chocolate selection boxes. The Community Rail Partnership also took the opportunity to launch its children's art competition and the FBL's chairman Tom Irvin was happy to assist with proceedings on the day.

2025 marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. There will be events nationwide to mark the anniversary of the modern railway and we are sure that the Barton Line will be no exception. Do keep an eye out as events are announced.

Wilderspin - Top of the Class!

The Wilderspin School Museum is offering a special chance to shake off the post-Christmas blues and try its new experience: an historic tour with a twist!

Classroom Curiosities mixes fun with history, with puzzles and mystery object challenges to test your listening and observational skills as the fascinating secrets of our historic school rooms are revealed.

The experience covers more than 150 years of change in just 90 minutes and finishes with a challenge to sort out the "wheat from the chaff" and reveal who is Top of the Class!

The Museum is launching this new venture on Saturday, January 25 at the introductory price of £10 per person (under 16s £4) which includes tea/coffee and cake/scones towards the end of the tour, and an Annual Ticket offering unlimited readmission to the Museum for 12 months. The morning experience starts at 11am and the afternoon one at 1.30pm. Places are limited and should be booked by phone (01652 635172) or by email (wilderspinschoolmuseum@gmail.com). Our more sedate tours, if that suits you better,

run monthly during the winter while the museum is closed as part of our energy saving measures. The Wilderspin Story is a one-hour tour of the former Barton Church School from its origins in the 1840s and its unique link with the self-styled inventor of infant schooling, Samuel Wilderspin, through to the closure of the school in the 1970s when Barton St. Peter's School replaced it. The first weekend tours of 2025 are on Saturday, January 11 (booking not required) and Sunday, February 2 (booking essential by January 31) with more tour dates listed in What's On. The cost is £5 per person which includes refreshments and unlimited readmission to the Museum for 12 months. Existing Annual Ticket holders can join a tour free of charge. To book, telephone (01652 635172) or email wilderspinschoolmuseum@gmail.com.

Our first Winter Warmer open day in December, The Night Before Christmas, was a great success and will be followed by memories of Rainy School Days on Thursday, February 20 and School Dinners on Saturday, March 15, both from 11am to 3pm, admission free.



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# Obituaries

## Barbara Greaves 1/4/1926 - 24/9/2024



Edith Barbara Cruse was born in Cardiff on April 1, 1926 at Cardiff, but has always been, (and preferred to be) known as Barbara. She was the eldest of three children, leaving behind a younger sister and brother.

After attending Grammar School in Cardiff, Barbara gained employment as a telephonist at the General Post Office there.

She always loved to dance, and met her future husband Jack at a local dance in Cardiff, while Jack was stationed in the army there. After a short romance and at the age of 20, Barbara married Jack, and was soon whisked away back to his home town of Barton upon Humber. At this time there were no street lights, and on getting off the train at Barton, Barbara enquired about getting a taxi to take them to their home on Pasture Road, and was very surprised at Jack's reply of "You won't get a taxi in Barton!". So they had to walk.

Her eldest daughter Sian soon came along and the three of them moved to Harrowdyke with second and third daughters Valda and Robina following in due course.

Barbara worked in various places including Birds Eye, the library when it was located on King Street, as a home help, and as receptionist at the Elswick Falcon site on Marsh Lane.

As an avid churchgoer she attended and made regular donations to the cause very close to her heart.

She loved flowers and flower arranging, and so it was no surprise when she joined the local flower club, and eventually took on the role of treasurer. Singing was another passion, (a given coming from Wales), and became a participating member of the local operatic Society in Barton. Dancing

also formed a large part of her life, and she would often hop on the bus to Hull to continue her love of it.

In her spare time she would crochet blankets for the Premature Baby Unit at Scunthorpe Hospital. Being born on April 1 always gave rise to family playing pranks on her birthday, which she loved and embraced.

Barbara was a beautiful, kind, educated, positive, strong, independent, well dressed and spoken lady - she was our QUEEN. The heart and soul of the family. Her glass was always half full.

On one particular occasion, when her three children were still small, she was doing the washing and found a ten-shilling note in her husband's trousers. Without further ado, she dropped everything and took the three girls to Hull on the ferry, (but not before stopping at Thompsons on Fleetgate on the way, to buy a pushchair for her youngest, Robina).

Christmas times were always a perfect time for dressing up. After tea, she would take herself off to another room, perform a quick change and re-appear as a different character. One year a clairvoyant, another a witch, and several more. Even a hip replacement (which meant her use of a walking stick), didn't deter. That year she re-appeared dressed as Charlie Chaplin.

This is a lady who lived life to the full, and was fully active up to the last two years of her life, where her health slowly started to decline. But there is no doubt she was a fighter, right up to her last breath.

She leaves behind a sister, brother, three daughters, six grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild, all of whom have their own special memories of her, loved her very much, and will miss her. God Bless.

## Alison Claire Clayton

Alison passed away peacefully with her sisters at her bedside on November 5, 2024 aged 61 years.

Alison was born on October 19 1963 in Scunthorpe to Janet and Harry Clayton. She was part of a large family with three sisters, Annette, Nadine and Paula, and four brothers, Andrew, Ian, Stuart and the late Simon. Alison did not marry and had no children of her own, but she was very close to her nieces and nephews.

She lived in Barton her whole life and attended the County School followed by Baysgarth School.

Her first job was at Corah's factory in Scunthorpe, and she stayed there for 20 years, including after they had been bought out by Coates Viyella. She moved into child-care after she was made redundant and child-care was to become her passion.

She ultimately became the manager of the out-of-school club in Barton, which provided a breakfast club in the morning and an after-school provision for many children until 6pm in the evening. Alison regarded this as much more than a supervisory role and made sure that the children had lots of creative craft activities to keep them fruitfully occupied until their parents were able to collect them. The club was also open all day during the school holidays. They would have up to 30 children on any one day and typically saw 100 plus different children across the week. She not only improved the lives of many children but went on to impact positively the children of children she had cared for when she first started at the out-of-school club.

Alison loved travelling and went on a number of cruises with her friend Margaret. She helped out at Barton Methodist Church Sunday school, unsurprisingly taking an active role in the Christingle services. She also helped Pam McCartney with the "Shell Group", the youth club at the Methodist Church.


Alison appreciated all the support she had from her family in her last few months.

Alison never let anything stop her and she worked tirelessly, never worrying about whether she was getting any recognition for her efforts but the day after she died her family received a card saying that she had been nominated for the British Empire Medal for the King's New Year Honours 2025.

Alison will be sadly missed by family, friends and all the children that have passed through her care at the out of school club.

Rest in peace

## Ro Bryant 11/12/1939 - 19/11/2024



Mention Ro Bryant and many of us are immediately transported back to the Bryants' kitchen enjoying coffee and a slice of her delicious homemade cake. Indeed, it has been claimed that some folk have eaten almost their own body weight in cake there. Immensely generous people, Ro and her husband Geoff opened up their kitchen and beautiful walled garden in Queen Street for many events including Victorian Day and Open Gardens and were often at the forefront of community life and organisations, in particular Barton Civic Society.

Born Rosemary Elliston Burrige in Horsforth, Ro was the second daughter of Catherine and local GP Digby Burrige.

She was educated at the Froebelian School in Horsforth and Harrogate Ladies College before studying horticulture at Studley College, Warwickshire going on to train as a special needs teacher, working in Grimsby and later at what was then County, now Castledyke School in Barton.

Ro met Geoff and a romance blossomed through a shared passion for archaeology and local history and the couple were married in 1983. Ro was a devoted wife to Geoff and supported him in all of his many roles. She was also a kind and loving stepmother to Lesley and Sarah, and in time much loved "Grand-Ro" to their children, Daniela, Hannah and Matthew and more recently "Great Grand-Ro" to Roxanne and James. As well as having grandchildren of her own, Ro's generosity and kindness meant that many of her neighbours' children came to regard her as a surrogate grandmother who taught them to bake and to knit - pastimes that some of them enjoy to this day.

Ro was stylish, well read and well-travelled, witty and smart in every respect. She was a keen and talented gardener and her garden was a source of great delight to all who visited it.

Having lived at The Willows since September 2021, Ro died peacefully there aged 84 on November 19. She will be sadly missed by all of those whose life she touched.

She is survived by her sister Francesca, stepdaughters Lesley and Sarah, grandchildren Daniela, Hannah and Matthew and great grandchildren Roxanne and James.

In accordance with family wishes Ro was cremated in early December. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at St Mary's Church at 11am 7th February. Lesley and Sarah ask that those in attendance wear funky and quirky earrings in keeping with their stepmother's sense of fun. All are welcome at the service. Contact St Mary's or Monica and Neil Jacques 01652 632438 for more details nearer the time.





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# Barton AFVBC

As co-founders of the Barton upon Humber Armed Forces and Veterans' Breakfast Club Sarah and I are very proud of our members and of Barton and the area in general.

The Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, November 10, was very well attended and being able to march with our veterans alongside our AFVBC Standard made it a very special day. But we must thank others as their contributions in organising, collaborating and providing their time and efforts made the day as good as could have been possible!

Thank you to the Mayor, Cllr Neil Jacques and the Barton Town Council for making sure the parade went smoothly, the Army Cadets and leaders for making sure we all stayed in step, to the band and Salvation Army and to ALL who walked, marched or waited at the Cenotaph. The numbers exceeded last year, which is great to see too.

It was lovely to see so many children and grandchildren laying wreaths too. Then after the parade and service we need to thank The Old Mill and the Volunteer Arms for looking after all veterans as well as a big shout out to Gatsby's and British Gas who provided a two course meal to the lonely and veterans free of charge. If I have missed anyone, I do apologise. It really does make you proud to be from Barton and surrounding area.

Russ & Sarah Kirby  
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## Barton Area Food Bank

As I write, the Food Bank is busy preparing for Christmas once again. As in 2023 we are expecting more clients on Christmas Eve and do not intend closing any of our sessions. We depend heavily upon the generosity of companies, schools, churches, organisations and lots of individuals for donations of both food and money.

This was exemplified on the last three days of November when we held our pre-Christmas standing collection at Tesco that was first held in 2011 just prior to opening the doors of the Food Bank in January 2012. Fourteen years later, the customers and staff of Tesco are still supporting us with this much needed biannual occasion. This year we received 1656.25kgs of food and cash totalling £142.05 which is also spent on food later as it is required. All the food is taken back to our new store, weighed and sorted before being put on the shelves ready

for our store volunteers to start bagging at the same time as the Distribution volunteers are giving out to clients in the adjoining Salvation Army Community Church. We are continuing to spend sometimes up to £2000 monthly in top-up food in most months.

I have to smile when I think of the day the Reverend Sue Wilkins first blessed a small table filled with tinned food in the flower room at the Trinity Methodist Church in January 2012! Now we have our own store with shelves, a fridge, two freezers and trolleys.

If you wish to volunteer we are at Barton Salvation Army Community Church, Tofts Road, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2pm to 3.30pm. Please contact the number or email below and come and have a chat.

Once again, if you or anyone you know needs help, please do not hesitate to contact us on 07526 472683 or email [bartonareafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bartonareafoodbank@gmail.com)

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years and best wishes for 2025.



## New Year, New You?

Beat the January blues and join us at the Living Later Life Well project!

If you're 60 or over, and you'd like to meet new people and take part in new activities in 2025, get in touch to find out all the wonderful things happening at Trinity Methodist Church on Holydyke. The project is for all older people in our local community (which includes the surrounding villages as well as Barton). We hold a range of weekly classes including Pilates, Yoga, Chair Exercise, the Silver Singers choir, a Coffee Morning, a Silent Book Club, a Guitar club and a Games afternoon. We also offer art and craft-based classes such as watercolour painting, pottery and felting, a fortnightly Grief Café, monthly Book Club, live music mornings and coach trips around the region.

As we're a charitable organisation, sessions are either free or a 'suggested donation'. If you're worried about finances, then please don't let that be the reason you don't come! It's a bit like the first day at school, when you walk through our doors for the first time - but our friendly volunteers are on hand to make you welcome. The feedback we get from people who come along is overwhelmingly positive; tea and coffee is in constant supply, and we're a warm space to have a chat and make some new friends.

For more information about the project, give Jo Marwood (Project Manager) a call on 07821 900623 or email [jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com](mailto:jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com). Newsletters about all the upcoming activities are available every two months (the next one will be out at the start of February). You can receive these via email or collect a paper copy from Trinity Methodist Church.

## Barton Parks bin sponsorship



Friends of Barton Parks are delighted that sponsorship of the bins in Baysgarth Park has taken on a new twist.

Thanks to local businesses nearly all of the bins have been sponsored but many of our canine friends have now got in on the act taking on their own bins! If you are interested in supporting the work we do in the park by sponsoring a bin please get in touch via email [liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk](mailto:liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk)



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