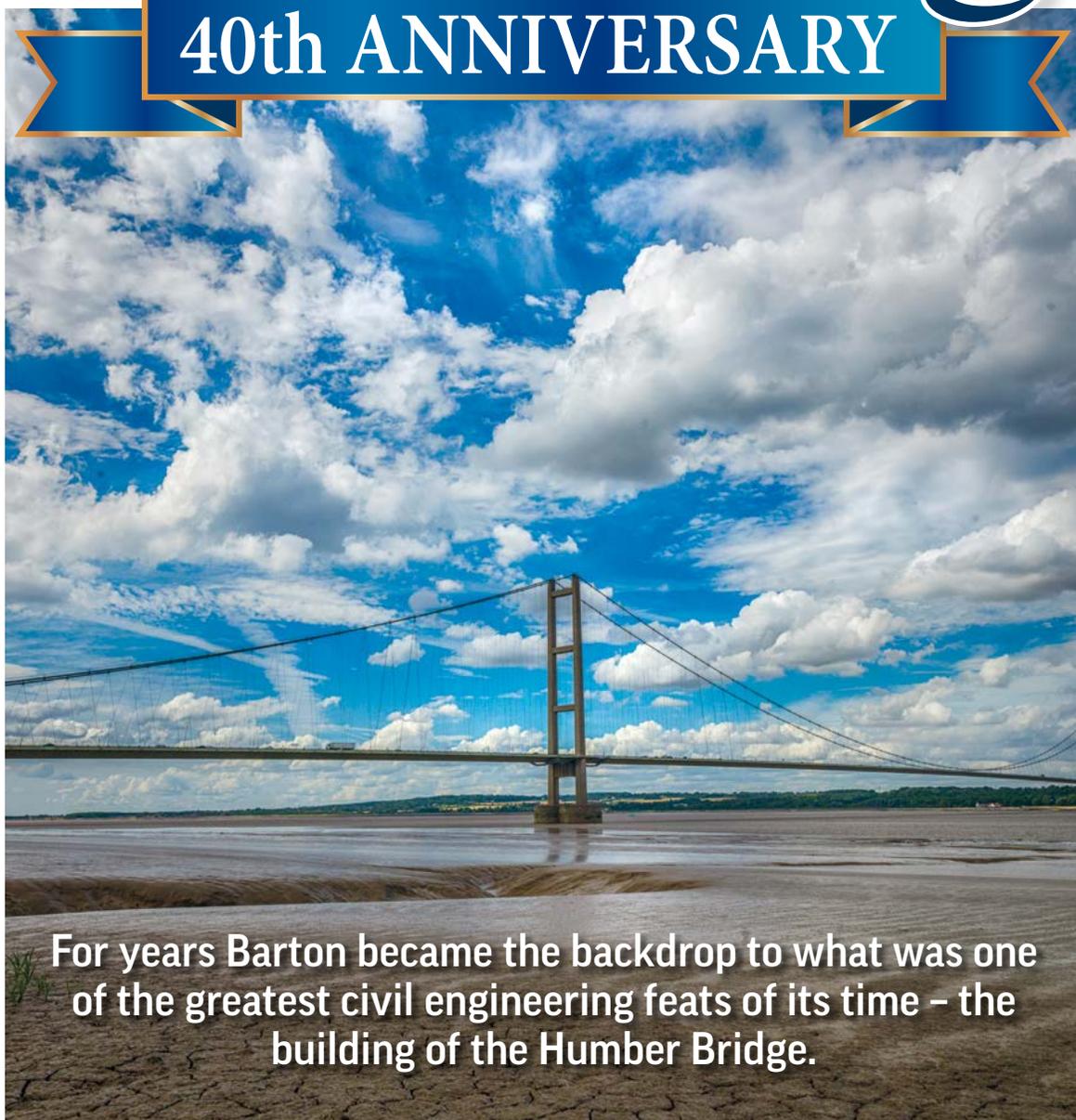


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# The Bridge

**40th ANNIVERSARY**



**For years Barton became the backdrop to what was one of the greatest civil engineering feats of its time – the building of the Humber Bridge.**

Dubbed by many as the “bridge to nowhere” the road crossing was for 17 years the longest single span suspension bridge in the world and even today holds the record for being the longest of its type that you can walk and cycle across.

Despite the negativity expressed by some the eight year long construction saw Barton become the mecca for sightseers. Thousands of people rolled up to view the progress of the mighty structure and the town didn't disappoint.

The Humber Bridge Viewing Area was just that and it was packed with sightseers looking at the progress on the link between what was then South and North Humberside.

At various times the area seemed as if it had been turned into a holiday resort – there were deckchairs, refreshment kiosks and sometimes donkey rides and concerts by a local brass band.

The late Ted Appleyard, Barton, Glanford and Humberside councillor as well as a member of the Humber Bridge Board had the foresight to have a kiosk down there selling hot food while Barton Good Neighbours, led by another Barton councillor, the late Betty Moffatt, were in full operation selling not only ice-creams but souvenirs of the Humber Bridge. Milestones were watched and recorded for posterity – the work on the anchorage, tower foundations and towers followed by the spinning of the cables that started in 1977 and finished two years later when to much publicity the members of the Humber Bridge Board, from both sides of the river, symbolically walked to the middle of the bridge on a meshed iron gantry.

There was drama too that brought spectators into Barton. Early in 1980 three workmen were injured when two 140- ton sections of the new Humber bridge roadway sections were left dangling precariously from cables above the river. The two box sections were thrown from their steel slings when a lifting gantry collapsed in gale-force winds.

By this time the bridge was four years behind schedule and it wasn't until a year before it was opened that the final sections were hoisted into place and the Humber Bridge became the landmark that it is today watched by hundreds of people on both banks of the river.

At long last the bridge opened to traffic on June 24, 1981 – the second day of the Lincolnshire Show – and there were queues of traffic from dawn waiting to ride over the structure. The honour of being the first motor across the bridge went to the Chairman of the Humber Bridge Board, Coun Alex Clarke, who was followed by an open top bus with other bridge board members and officials.

In less than a week the bridge recorded its 100,000 fee paying customer and by the time the Queen officially opened the structure on July 17 she became the 302,930 person to cross the river on her way to the Bridge Show in Barton where she was greeted by displays of what the area had to offer.

School children were massed on the Humber Bridge walkways waiting for the Queen to drive over to Barton to the exhibition and then return before crossing a final time to travel through Barton, where the streets were lined with spectators, on her way to Humberside Airport.

As the Humber Bridge made history another part of Barton life, which has been part of life in the area

for both commuters, shoppers and sports enthusiasts, came to an end. As the Humber Bridge opened up to traffic it was the end of an era for the ferry service that had plied its trade between New Holland and Hull for 178 years.

Ferry users were dependent on tides and weather conditions for their stately voyage across the river. Tide times and weather conditions meant that at times the crossing could be completed in less that half-an-hour, low tide meant the ferry seemed to sail almost to Spurn Point before turning back on itself. At those times the on-board bar seemed to do a roaring trade!

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## Face to Face meetings

As restrictions ease Town and Parish Council meetings have reverted back to face to face. Legislation that had permitted Town and Parish councils to hold remote meetings was not extended, meaning that all meetings scheduled after May 7 2021 could no longer be held virtually.

Barton Town council has successfully held its first full council meeting on Wednesday June 2 2021, providing access to residents virtually. Technology will be implemented to enable forthcoming meetings to be live streamed on YouTube ensuring that residents who are unavailable at the time of the meeting are still able to view the meeting for up to a week afterwards.

Residents will be encouraged to continue to join meetings virtually whilst restrictions remain in place to aid social distancing of councillors and staff.

### New Councillor

A warm welcome was extended to Councillor Soozy Evison at the Full Council meeting held Wednesday June 2.

Councillor Mrs S Evison is a returning councillor to Barton Town Council after the May 2021 election at which she was voted on to the council. The Town Council looks forward to working with Councillor Mrs S Evison.



A Barton resident for over 25 years, I have been actively involved in running playgroups, conducting and tutoring Barton Youth Band, performing with and managing the Barton Town and Community bands and Barton Musical Theatre.

I teach music for North Lincolnshire Council, have taught brass and woodwind and led choirs in all the local schools and have also held a teaching assistant role at Bowmandale Primary as school music specialist for over ten years.

Along with my husband and children, I have enjoyed my involvement with Barton Bike Night, Picnic in the Park, Christmas Festival, Arts Week etc., and as a town councillor, I look forward to continuing to ensure that Barton remains a thriving and prosperous community.

Cllr Soozy Evison

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All information was correct at the time of going to print 8 July 2021

## The Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competitions

The Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket competitions will be judged by a panel of volunteers on Wednesday July 14 and Wednesday August 11.

Results will be published in the September edition of the Bartonian and an awards ceremony held that month.

### Barton Town Council purchases equipment

Barton Town Council assisted the Barton Baggers in its campaign to rid Barton of its litter.

The Town Council purchased equipment, which is on loan to the community group to aid them to have an even greater and far reaching impact on the town. The Town Council would like to pass on their thanks to the Barton Baggers and wish its members well with their continued hard work and commitment to Barton.

## Who does what?

The question is often asked, who is responsible for services in Barton, is it Barton Town Council or North Lincolnshire Council? Below is a quick guide.

Barton Town Council	North Lincolnshire Council
Provide and maintain hanging baskets in the town centre and flower planters around the town	Highway maintenance including potholes, roadworks, street lighting, mud on the road and road markings and signs
Additional litterbins and dog bins around the town	Domestic, Public and Commercial waste bins & recycling. Emptying litter and dog bins.
Maintain grass cutting on highway verges and some amenity areas within the town boundary (not parks, schools & areas maintained by housing association companies)	Public Parks including provision, maintenance, equipment, grass cutting and gardening
Maintain town clock at St Mary's Church	Baysgarth Museum and Baysgarth Hub
Organises Christmas Festival Event and responsible for the Barton Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights	Car parks including the provision of, charges and enforcement
Financially support additional opening hours of the Town Public Convenience in the Market Place	Public conveniences including opening hours, cleaning and maintenance.
Own the Assembly Rooms Grade II listed building (public hire of rooms is the responsibility of CHAMP Ltd)	Planning permission, application and appeals. Building control services
Organise Picnic in the Park summer event	Council tax including housing benefit
Organise Best Kept Garden and Basket Competitions	Environmental Health including food safety, environmental permits, safety issues in the workplace, event safety advisory group, housing conditions
Funding for community and environmental projects within the town	Children's services (including but not exclusively - children's centres, safeguarding, adoption, fostering, children's homes and careers advice)
Financially support local events e.g. Bike Night, Lantern Parade	Adult services (including but not exclusively - adult social care, mental health support, rehabilitation and re-enablement, home care, carers' support, advocacy services, safeguarding)
Financial support to North Lincolnshire Council towards funding the Town Bus Services	Running the Town bus service
Public benches on the Humber Bank and around the town	Licensing, trading standards and regeneration of North Lincolnshire
Noticeboards at the Assembly Rooms and Baysgarth House	Environmental crime including dog control, pest control, environmental nuisance, noise control, and safe and clean streets
Responsible for awarding grant funding to community groups upon successful application	Educational support
Produces six editions of the Bartonian magazine in collaboration with Barton Tourism Partnership	

To report issues on any of these services please contact Barton town Council on 01652 633598 and [info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk) or North Lincolnshire Council on 01724 297000.

Alternatively you can report issues to North Lincolnshire Council via their website [www.northlincs.gov.uk](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk) or by [emailing customerservice@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:emailing.customerservice@northlincs.gov.uk)

**If you notice anything let the responsible authority know. If they don't know about it they can't do anything about it.**

Feedback and comments about this edition of The Bartonian or ideas and articles for future publications can be posted to Barton Town Council at The Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton upon Humber DN18 5QP or emailed to [deputyclerk@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk)

### SPOTLIGHT ON

# Barton Sailing Club

Just take a stroll down to the bottom of Pasture Road, cross the railway lines and amble down the tree-lined road past the fishing ponds. You will come to somewhere known by locals as the Yachting Pit - it's formally called Barrow Mere. This is the home of the North Lincolnshire and Humberside Sailing Club, and we have been finding out what happens down there.



We interviewed Caroline Scuffam, the Media Officer for the club whose son and stepson have been windsurfing at the club for the last five years. Caroline has been volunteering on the committee for the previous 18 months.

Caroline told us: "We are an RYA (Royal Yachting Association) affiliated Sailing Club and RYA accredited training centre. We are a family-focussed club, owned and run by the members."

So what facilities are there on the site?

The club is open 24/7, 365 days a year for its members. There are changing, shower and toilet facilities and a clubhouse with an honesty bar. There is a good range of beginner equipment suitable for new starters and instructors who can guide new beginners. The centre runs various courses for members of the club from the training room.

I was interested in where the club members came from. Caroline said: "We have over 180 members from all over North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and East Yorkshire, some from further afield.

The majority of our members live fairly close to the club. We are a very friendly club with a wide range of ages and abilities."

The club offers a wide range of activities, including windsurfing, sailing, canoeing and stand-up paddleboarding. The club welcomes members from complete beginners to experienced sailors. Many of the club's windsurfers have competed nationally and internationally. Some have become national instructors, but the club's ethos is simply to encourage kids and adults to have fun, with an emphasis on safety.

Caroline told us: "We also encourage members to get involved in the maintenance and running of the club as we are all volunteers. Members help out on safety cover whilst children are on the water, painting, grass cutting and general DIY."

It's not just about the sports, though - the club does have a social life.

Caroline explained: "The last 18 months have been quite difficult due to Covid. We have social events like our summer barbeque,



end of training season junior events, and our Christmas party in a normal year. Every Saturday sees our dinghy sailors racing, and we are involved with T15, regional windsurf competitions over the summer months."

I asked Caroline a few details about getting involved in activities at the club. The obvious question was "Do you need to have your own boat?" Caroline replied: "You can hire boats, paddleboards or windsurf equipment. Eventually, you will probably want to buy something to enable you to use it more! We also have a good range of wetsuits and buoyancy aids so you can try the sport before you buy anything."

That being the case then, is it an expensive sport to be involved in? "It can be, there is a huge range of equipment, boards, sails and boats to choose from, but there is also a good second-hand market which members can advise you on."

If that sounds good to you and you want to know more, Caroline advises people to email [admin@nlhsc.co.uk](mailto:admin@nlhsc.co.uk) for more information or message the Facebook page

Any potential member must be a confident swimmer. Junior windsurfing training is on a Wednesday, and junior dinghy training on a Thursday evening between April-September.

Caroline has been concerned about young people using the lake in warmer weather for swimming. She pointed out: "This is incredibly dangerous due to the underlying weed and objects on the bottom of the pond which swimmers can get caught in. She went on: "It also takes a while for the water to get warm over the summer months meaning swimmers can be at risk from hypothermia.

*We would urge any young person or parent to not come swimming at the lake and instead take advantage of the leisure centre."*

# Barton Museum at Baysgarth House

North Lincolnshire Council Museum Service is opening Baysgarth House on Saturdays and Sundays during July and August.

While the building is undergoing extensive maintenance work the two downstairs temporary exhibition rooms that face onto the park will be the only part open to the public. Barton Volunteers will be acting as stewards in the rooms, on hand to answer questions and chat about the two shows. One exhibition will be celebrating Barton Carnival, the other the Humber Bridge with an exhibition of photographs and memories.

If you have any photos you could contribute that could appear in the Barton Carnival exhibition please bring them along. You might be able to help date some of the pictures or put names to faces.



The museum will be open 10am to 4pm at weekends except on Sunday July 11, 18, 25 and August 8 and 22 when the doors will close at 2pm to accommodate the Performance in the Park theatre shows.



## News from the Workers' Educational Association (WEA)

The WEA is a national charity which has been providing a great variety of adult education for well over 100 years in this area and elsewhere. Whilst much of its focus will be on improving people's skills, learning English and helping them change direction, gain employment or start a business there are also classes for education for adults just for the sake of education "cultural studies".

In Barrow upon Humber and Barton upon Humber both towns have had WEA branches for decades. As public funding for cultural studies and adult education more generally has been reduced keeping some form of face-to-face adult education has been especially difficult.

The Barton Branch of the WEA has obtained permission to restart classes at Wilderspin National School, Queen Street, Barton, in their excellent educational facilities in a COVID secure way.

On Saturday June 19, Mandy Fenton, came and gave us an enjoyable afternoon on "Where did Art Begin" and on Saturday July 17 Simon Tomson will be speaking on "The Art of the Luttrell Psalter". In the autumn term Simon will return with a six-week, course on Wednesday afternoons on "Archaeological Air Photography" from September 15 (C3678650). Mandy will return also with a five-week, course on Monday afternoons on "Artist Focus" where participants will learn a little about five famous artists and their work week by week.

To complement these face-to-face opportunities there is a wide range of other classes, elsewhere and on line with use of your own computer and Zoom and Canvas. Search wea.org.uk/ find a course to find out more information and then ring 0300 303 3464 to enrol or do so on line.

Ursula Vickerton for Barton WEA a part of registered charity 1112775 E & W

# Getting to the Point

For most people this phrase means to be direct but in Barton if you are discussing the point you are more likely to be talking about the north end of Barton at the end of the long trek down Waterside Road. Over the last 12 months there have been many changes down Waterside which are attracting a lot of attention.



*"Kelly's ice cream certainly seemed a favourite and they have a great selection of flavours, so I decided to go for it."*

Waterside Road might be a dead end in that the road stops abruptly at the river but there are so many reasons to travel down its length. For one since the late '70s it has been the best place to view the vast iconic feet of engineering, the Humber Bridge. If you are a fan of traditional crafts the sights and sounds of the boatyard are always of interest as skilled crafts people produce and restore all manner of sea faring vessels. The rusting boat ribs and aged shed has a charm and beauty to it.

There are new ventures popping up along its length. The Sloop has changed hands and the old lady has had a makeover. Re opened at the end of June the new sign and interior look splendid but we won't dwell on them this time as Neil King is putting together a full article for the September issue.

The Eco Serenity project has developed a Community Farm in the yard and land behind Barton Upholstery. With a stock of hens and pigs the project aims to give people hands on experience of animal husbandry and growing your own food. The Farm Shop is still in its infancy but fresh eggs and Blyton ice-cream are always on offer alongside other staples. The founder Andy Douce has a vision which involves a lot of hard

work but he and the volunteers are getting stuck in and the changes are visible every week.

Carrying on to the Humber wall the beautiful Waterside House now has an ice-cream parlour in the garden running alongside the road. Run by Jojo Martyn she explained how the venture came about: "I moved to Waterside House a year ago. After losing my previous business due to the pandemic a friend suggested starting up an ice cream business. I'd already started works on the garden so I decided to research it".

She continued: "Kelly's ice cream certainly seemed a favourite and they have a great selection of flavours, so I decided to go for it. At the moment I sell 12 different flavours of ice cream, this can be in a cone, a tub, single scoops, multiple scoops or sundaes, I also sell lollies and doggy ice cream!!" And Jojo is not finished yet. "There are still many things I'd like to add to enhance the ice cream experience, so it's very much a work in progress. I've been so overwhelmed and grateful for the support of people here in Barton and its business community".

For more details have a look at Waterside Ice Cream on Facebook. So what's at the end of the road? A lovely old building. Now known as



The Old Boathouse, it was formally the Coastguard Station opened by the then Duke of Edinburgh in 1880. From the early 1900s the Coastguard Service in Barton began to be run-down. In 1919 the Coastguard Station was in poor condition and the boat was not seaworthy and by the early 1920s the station had closed. During the Second World War it was used by an army unit. Left empty for some time looking lost and unloved this brick built building at the very edge of Barton has a new purpose and has metamorphosed into The Viking Way Café.

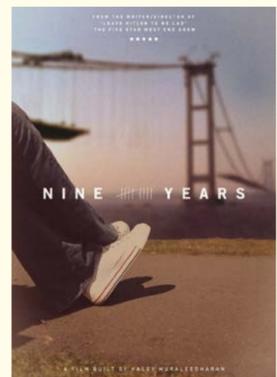
With the best view over the Humber to be found in the area the team led by Joe Irving and Darren

Liz Bennet Cattle has started to create a new café bar with plans to develop the waterfront area into an attraction for local people and visitors. The ideal spot to take a break from a Humber Bank walk, to finish a Humber Bridge walk or to start on the long Viking Way. The Old Boathouse is the beginning of that national walk and has taken its name. Plans for more seating and regeneration of the area are taking shape, another one to watch into 2022. And in case you are wondering, yes they also sell ice-cream. Here's hoping for a hot July and August when we can all get out and support these exciting new ventures.

## Nine Years

You may notice some unusual activity in Barton at the end of August.

For a few days Barton will become a film set as a play written by a very talented daughter of Barton Haley Muralee (nee Cox) commences filming. Haley was awarded BFI funding to Nine Years, based on the construction of the Humber Bridge take one step closer to the big screen. Haley gives us a taste of Nine Years.



The coming of age story of a sixteen-year-old girl pursuing her dreams of a career in music, set in the shadow of the nine year build of the Humber Bridge is based on real life stories with music by Paul Heaton of The Beautiful South.

It's 1972 and scrappy teen Joodi 'Jules' Tagore dreams of leaving her small town on the south bank of the Humber for a music career with her mate Paul. News of the build of the Humber Bridge is on everyone's lips, sucking everyone around her into its construction.

As years go by and the town falls deeper in love with the bridge, Jules wins and loses in the record industry, in gigs, in love, but the ultimate fight is against what the bridge represents to her; a symbol of the control yielded by distant power brokers. When the bridge

has the audacity to take her Dad, she must make a choice; to follow her dreams or reconcile with what she has ultimately become.

With the 40th anniversary of the Humber Bridge, Haley wanted to tell a story of the people directly impacted by it.

This story is deeply personal to the production team, most of who grew up in North Lincolnshire where the story is set. Haley's Auntie regaled her with stories of working in the canteen and delivering tea up the bridge towers. From the interviews it is clear that on both sides of the bridge there is still an immense sense of achievement and pride towards this structure.

## Barton Bike Night 2021

The 24th Barton Bike Night is cancelled this year.

The Barton Bike Night committee had a determined ambition to hold the event this year on Saturday September 11, but I have to be honest with people - as things stand because of COVID restrictions - the Bike Night is not feasible as we are unable to form an appropriate risk assessment going forward.

Just to elaborate the event regularly attracts more than 20 000 visitors to the night and unlike most events Bike Night is a free event open to everyone, and as a result we have no gates, tickets, seating or attendance control measures available to us. That makes number limitations/crowd control measures very costly and difficult, if not impossible, all of which are required by present and future COVID precautions.



We have worked hard to overcome this but when you include personal liability due to limited insurance cover and community nervousness surrounding the event no one can accept that risk.

Be assured however that the event has good support from sponsors going forward, an enthusiastic team and a determination for the 24th Bike Night to go ahead in July 2022.

Have a great summer  
Jon Evison Barton Bike Night Committee

# The Ropewalk

Barton's Cultural Quarter of a Mile!



It's all change at The Ropewalk and staff and volunteers continue to develop and improve Barton's Cultural Quarter of a Mile. The Ropewalk Coffee Shop has increased in size with a new counter with extra space for even more of our delicious cakes. Ropery Hall has had a much needed lick of paint thanks to Codd's Decorators who will be tackling the rest of the building this autumn. We have an air extraction system and new flooring in Ropery Hall and have even installed a shower backstage for the performers.

Films have started again but on the new day of Wednesday with a 10.30am show and at 7.30pm. The 10.30am show is followed by a meal and a chance to chat. Attendees to the first showings said it was the best £5 they had spent in a long time!

After the summer we will be gearing up for a very full programme of music, theatre, film and comedy as many shows that have been postponed will hopefully make it to our stage.

Full details are on our website [www.the-ropewalk.co.uk](http://www.the-ropewalk.co.uk) or pick up a Ropewalk Magazine when you are passing. For enquiries or to book a show or workshop ring 01652 660380 or email [info@the-ropewalk.co.uk](mailto:info@the-ropewalk.co.uk)

## Ropewalk Museum

In June we took delivery of a lovely piece of our history. A gentleman in Surrey contacted us to offer us a

Hall's Barton Ropery samples board.

It had belonged to his father, Captain Matthews who following a career in the Merchant Navy, worked at the Yacht and Commercial Rigging Company in Isleworth, London from 1958 until 1966. Yacht and Commercial Rigging was a customer of Hall's Barton Ropery and the wire and the rope board was used as a visual aid for marketing to explain the various different types of wire and cordage to customers.

Hall's Barton Ropery was their main supplier of the wire and rope. Later when the Yacht and Commercial Rigging moved to Doncaster the Wire and Rope Board was given a new home at the offices of Kim Products in Redhill, Surrey where it remained until the company was sold to Beaufort Sea Survival in 1996, whereupon it was moved to the private residence of Captain Matthews. His widow moved out of the family home in 2021 and the board finally came home to The Ropewalk some 70 years after it had left.

We'd like to say thank you to Duncan Matthews for offering the board to us, and Lindsey Dear who answered the call for someone in the Surrey area to transport it back to us. Lindsey who lives just a few miles from Duncan was only too happy to do so when she visited her mum Gill in Barton. You can see it in the museum now!

# Barton's Performance in the Park is Back!

Live theatre has returned to Barton's Baysgarth Park this summer with the town's Tourism Partnership staging a full summer programme of family shows in Baysgarth Park.

Two performances down, July's third performance on Sunday, 25, sees open-air specialists The Pantaloons on a voyage to an enchanted island full of adventure, romance, magic and... monsters in Shakespeare's *The Tempest!*

The Pendle Storytellers Theatre perform that all-time favourite *The Railway Children*, on Sunday August 8 and *The Pantaloons* return on August 22 with *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen's witty and romantic masterpiece that is one of the best-loved stories of all time, this time in a delightfully innovative and hilarious new open-air adaptation.

The final performance is on Monday, August 30 when *The Pantaloons* perform its own anarchic spin on Kenneth Grahame's classic caper involving Mole, Ratty, Toad and Badger on a wild adventure filled with motorcar madness, wicked weasels, exciting escapes and plenty of messing about in boats.

Funded by Barton Town Council and Barton Lions the shows take place in front of Baysgarth House Museum during July and August all starting at 2pm. Bring a chair or a rug, a picnic and a friend. Just turn up and choose your spot on the grass and enjoy the show. Although the shows are free, donations are always welcome as it helps us increase the number



of shows we can put on. Parking is limited to disabled parking in the Museum car park but there is plenty of on-road parking on Brigg Road and up at the Baysgarth Hub.

\* We are fully committed to putting on these shows if it is safe and legal

for us to do so, complying with any guidance from the government at the point we are given the go ahead. Performances are supported financially by Barton Town Council and Barton Lions.

## Wilderspin - Summer Re-Opening

Thursday to Sunday from July 22, 10am to 4pm

Discover a re-telling of the Wilderspin Story with new displays, and historical classroom settings illustrating the history of the Barton Church School, including a new Wartime Classroom.

### Summer guided tours

(45 minutes) at 1.30pm on:

- Sunday July 25
- Sunday August 1
- Sunday August 15

£5 per person. Please telephone to book. (01652) 635172

### Face to Face

Experience at first-hand what it was like to be at school at different times in the past. Children (and grown-ups!) of different ages are allowed - so bring the family. Class sizes are limited and "pupils" must be registered in advance.

These 30-minute lessons begin at 1.30pm so don't be late! There will be time following your lesson to play in the Yard, explore the new Museum or have tea in the Old School Canteen.

### Heritage Open Days 2021 - Untold Stories

Friday 10 to Sunday September 19, 10am to 4pm, free

Discover our new displays telling the fascinating stories of Samuel Wilderspin and the Barton Church School - and share your own schooldays memories as part of the Lincolnshire Heritage's Untold Stories celebrating the history of Lincolnshire and the unheard voices that don't usually get a lot of attention.



### The Teacher is Abroad in the Land

Samuel Wilderspin began his pioneering work in 1820, spreading Infant Schools throughout the British Isles. Ian Wolesey explores the travels, trials and tribulations of this itinerant promoter of Infant education as he journeyed by road and sea just as the railway age dawned. Part of Barton upon Humber Civic Society's Annual Programme.

Friday October 15 at 7.30pm, Joseph Wright Hall, £4/£2 (Barton Civic Society members free)

# The Making of Get Carter

Director Shoots his new Feature Film in Barton

Bartonian Ted Lewis wrote nine superb novels of which Jack's Return Home was turned into *Get Carter* and Plender into *The Serpent*. Film maker and script writer Anthony Klinger, recently visited Barton so he could see for himself the locations Ted Lewis used as an inspiration. Essential scenes on the Humber Bank and later at the Ted Lewis Centre were filmed by Klinger's unit as well as by local TV and the event was shown on Look North during the visit.

"My father, Michael, was so excited with Ted Lewis's novel he paid over £140,000 in today's money for the film rights" said Tony. "I was privileged to be on set with Michael



Caine and other starring actors. We selected as Director, the inspired Mike Hodges, who chose the North East as *Get Carter's* location because Lincolnshire was less seedy!" Hodges has justifiably been elected a Life Member of the Centre.

Filed iconically arriving, at Scunthorpe Railway Station just as Jack Carter had in the film, Tony was welcomed by Monty Martin, CEO of Barton's Ted Lewis Centre. Klinger and his film crew visited one of Ted's early workplaces and the adjacent hotel where he found inspiration for *Get Carter's* pub scenes and then they came to Barton. "I'm so pleased to be here so I can soak up the atmosphere and record how Ted Lewis saw his stories evolve. As a noted film buff, Ted seemed to visualise each narrative in celluloid, which is why Mike Hodges was able to use so much of the book in his screenplay."

Tony Klinger, who is also Patron of the Ted Lewis Centre, filmed the final words of denouement in Jack's Return Home/*Get Carter* against the forbidding Humber mud flats. Then his three-camera team recorded Ted Lewis's story in the Centre including Monty Martin's presentation of the original *Get Carter* script, Lewis's diary in which he is recorded having finished his first novel. Also filmed were Ted Lewis's sketches, fine art



and jazz

Tony commented: "This is a very comprehensive collection - very much a National Archive - displayed clearly to the public in an entertaining way. I just loved the Heritage Experience showing recreations of not only where Ted wrote but the scenes he wrote about."

The Ted Lewis Centre, a charity run by volunteers, is to be found at the Ferryby Road/Holydyke junction, open on Sundays from 10am to 4pm (14 years or over) or to groups or researchers by arrangement. The Ted Lewis Barton Trail, novels and music are available to purchase including two local autobiographical novels uniquely published by The Centre.

[www.thetedlewiscentre.org](http://www.thetedlewiscentre.org)

# SAVE THE DATE!

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Barton Baggers

Barton Baggers ran a competition before Easter for children to design two posters asking people to keep Barton tidy and another to advertise The Barton Baggers.



Judge Oliver Mussett of Barton Cricket Club chose Matilda Moore's colourful poster to advertise Barton Baggers and Hayden Money's poster to ask people to Keep Barton Tidy. All the prizes were kindly donated by Barton Cricket Club.

Barton Baggers have used Matilda's super hero as part of our Keep Barton Tidy posters along with Haydens slogans "Slam dunk the junk" and "Be part of the solution not the pollution" have been used along with other posters that are featured on the bin stickers which are being paced in some of the litter hot spots we have identified for a trial period.

There is currently one in the layby on Gravel Pit Lane and there will be bins placed in the A1077 layby approaching the Humber Bridge, one at the Picnic Area on Barrow Road and another at the end of Westfield Road.

It is hoped that people will use these bins and save us having to spend so long litter picking in these areas allowing us time to cover more areas.



The Barton Baggers will be responsible for emptying these bins so we are monitoring them on a regular basis.

Karen and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barton Building Supplies, South Humber Industrial Supplies, Ian Codd Decorating, Cafe 20, Barton Freemasons, Barton Lions, EG Garages, Barton Town Council, Liz Bennet, Beth Willoughby and Amie Alissa Watson for supporting us and providing us with litter picking equipment as well as all

our wonderful volunteers who are doing a fantastic job keeping Barton looking neat and tidy. We have been completely overwhelmed with the response from the community and all the lovely positive comments we receive from people while we're out and about.

We are also extremely grateful to people who alert us to any areas that particularly need attention.

We may not be able to get there ourselves immediately due to both working full time but we will make sure someone attends as soon as possible.

Maggie Troop



## Barton Community Band

BCB is planning to re-open after lockdown and have a vacancy for a percussion player.

We would also welcome any brass players interested in coming for a blow with the band. Rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Corn Exchange, Barton Upon Humber.

Finally, BCB has some exciting engagements coming up for this year. So if you are interested in having a blow, joining the band or even learning to play please email the band secretary Stuart Ross at [secretary.bartoncommunityband@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.bartoncommunityband@gmail.com), or call the band chairperson Liz Blandford 07939 556461 for further details.





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# Barton & District Athletics Club



Barton & District AC is a friendly forward-thinking club based in Barton upon Humber, offering all ages and abilities the chance to participate in athletics.

We have a rapidly growing road running and endurance group catering for all abilities and a thriving junior section. The road running section of the club meet on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm. Please visit our website [www.barton-district-ac.co.uk](http://www.barton-district-ac.co.uk) for details on the various groups and meeting places during the current regulations.

There is currently a waiting list for the junior section, our website has more information. Many of our athletes compete regularly throughout the UK in different events from cross country to ultra-marathons and from track and field to sports hall athletics. BADAC organise a few events throughout the year including a

cross-country in Baysgarth Park and the very popular Deepdale Dash 10k. We are a very inclusive, friendly club and everyone is given a warm welcome. Do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or if you'd like to attend a training session. Please email [badacnews@outlook.com](mailto:badacnews@outlook.com)

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# Barton Town Football Club

Barton Town Football Club is gearing up for another season in the Northern Counties East League Premier Division, and is looking forward to welcoming fans back to the Easy Buy Stadium.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last two seasons have been curtailed and seen the club unable to play many games. However with the Government's plan to lift restrictions on July 19, we are preparing to welcome fans back to the stadium on a match day.

There is a new management team in former Grimsby Town professional players Nathan Jarman and Danny North. They have come in and are assembling a squad capable of challenging at the top of the league. The squad is a mix of local lads and young, hungry players ready to take the club to the next level and really put the town on the map.

In terms of the local community, we are excited to welcome KCOM to the club as our official Community Partner. We will be hosting events with the telecommunications giants and working with them to better the local community.

Barton Town is lucky it has a loyal and dedicated army of volunteers who work hard to ensure the club runs smoothly and is something that the town can be proud of. Without their hard work the club simply wouldn't be able to function. If you would like to become a non-league volunteer please get in touch with us. We are always looking for help and any help given is always appreciated.

The club is also very privileged to have a large array of sponsors, with both local and national companies all being generous enough to support Barton Town. Whether the sponsor is big or small is irrelevant to us, we aim to treat each and every sponsor



with the same respect and duty of care. Again without these we simply wouldn't be able to serve the town with a football club.

With fixtures due to be released in the coming weeks, please keep an eye on our website [www.bartontownfc.co.uk](http://www.bartontownfc.co.uk) for any news and updates regarding games.

We can't wait to welcome you all back to the club. If you need something to whet the appetite, there are a host of home friendlies throughout July.

### Home Friendlies

Saturday 24 July - vs Frickley Athletic - Kick Off: 3pm

Admission Prices: Adults £6, Concessions £4, Under 18's £3, Children Under 5: FREE.

While Barton Town is primarily a football club, it also hosts parties and events.

The AP Robinson Sports Bar is always available for hire for your event. Be it a party, wedding reception, wake,

the club will always do its best to cater for any event and is now hosting events again in a COVID-safe manner. Please get in touch with Venue Manager Sophia via email at [sophia@bartontownfc.co.uk](mailto:sophia@bartontownfc.co.uk).



## Barton Rotary Club

### Can you help?



The Rotary Club needs volunteers to help at some of our events.

Volunteers would be added to our existing list of "Friends of Barton Rotary Club" and would be asked to assist at events such as the Humber Bridge Half Marathon and those at Christmas, including Santa's tour of Barton's streets, delivery of Christmas Day dinners to elderly people in Barton. We are already planning our usual Christmas events and hoping that we will be allowed to hold them. Venues have been booked and it's "fingers crossed" that we will be serving you again in the festive time.

# Wildflower bank

Flowering for the first year the wildflower bank has been created out of a large compost heap in the south section of the park that had to be moved to accommodate the new paths.

A brilliant use of what would have been a large problem; instead of moving the compost it was landscaped and re-used! A great solution that looks great and good for the Park's wildlife too. North Lincolnshire Council staff and Friends of Baysgarth Park will be planting more seed this autumn to ensure it has a really good show in 2022.



# Friends of Baysgarth Park

It has been another busy couple of months in the park with lots of local residents enjoying the changes in the trees in the park and the flower beds of the Chad Varah garden.

The Friends of Baysgarth Park (FOBP) has been busy behind the scenes on maintenance jobs and planning for future development.

The call for bin sponsors in the May Bartonian was very successful and all seven of the wooden bins now have sponsors details proudly displayed on them. Thank you to Joan & Ollie, Internetty, R D Newton, Lucy Dog Groomers and Barton Veterinary Centre. Another 10 bins are on order and will soon be sited ready for more sponsors so do get in touch if you would like to show your support for the park and advertise your company at the same time. As soon as the new bins are in place the very tatty old ones will be removed.

A team of Barton Volunteers joined FOBP garden designer Andrew Robinson to plant a bed just inside the main entrance gate off Preston Lane. The planting scheme has been chosen to reflect the corporate colours of the sponsors Euronics and owner Paul Vickers came along to show his support.

The group hopes to plant more perennial beds in the park with sponsorship to give a wider variety of species of plant, colour and interest throughout the year. In a few weeks volunteers will be planting another section with dahlias. Andrew is a fan of the plant and has grown far too many this year so is donating enough to fill a sizeable bed which will bring some late summer colour to the east side of Baysgarth House.

What's next? Later this year the group hopes to install a green gym, and new flower beds at the Caistor Road and Eastfield Road entrance, paint the railings at the Eastfield Road entrance and replace the sorry looking gate. Next year will be a big year for the group as we work with North Lincolnshire Council to upgrade the children's play area. Members of FOBP will be attending the Performance in the Park Sundays, so pop along and have a chat with us, sign up to help or let us have your ideas. Liz Bennet FOBP

## Baysgarth Park Children's Play Area

Through community engagement and lots of interest in Baysgarth Park, the Friends of Baysgarth Park has a five year plan, constantly updated, to continue to enhance the Park so it continues to be a premier place to visit, play, exercise and enjoy.

Following a number of comments from residents the group has been working with North Lincolnshire Council to secure funding for an upgrade to the play area. I am delighted to announce that the funding will be available in 2022 to upgrade and develop the site. Over the summer at the Performance in the Park events the Friends will be discussing with all interested parties what type of equipment would be most popular from examples like the schemes shown. We would like to cater for all ages

in different sections and we look forward to hearing your thoughts.

As the chairman of the Friends of Baysgarth Park I'd also like to thank everyone involved in helping us achieve our number one goal of making sure Baysgarth Park was once again at the required standard to be awarded Green Flag status meaning it's one of the best parks in the UK.

Chair Friends of Baysgarth Park. Cllr Paul Vickers

# Baysgarth Park Run

Parkrun is a free, weekly, timed 5km event for walkers, runners and volunteers which takes place every Saturday morning at more than 2000 locations in 22 countries across five continents.

The parkrun aim is to work towards creating a happier, healthier planet and with this is mind a group of volunteers, some of which are members of the local Barton and District Athletic Club are preparing to launch one of these 5km events at Baysgarth Park in the future. We require volunteers to step forward to assist each week in roles that range from car parking duties to marshalling and pre-race briefing. All volunteers would be welcome,

if you can only commit to one Saturday morning every 6 weeks, we would still love to get your name on the rota. These events are unable to go ahead without a large number of committed helpers to build the parkrun community.

If you are interested in assisting with these events, please email badacnews@outlook.com or contact Club Chairman Mark Nettleton.

# Our George's Bench

George sadly died at home on April 30 this year, and his passing had such an impact on the community of Barton and still does today.

The family decided that we wanted George's memory to live on and his friends got together and came up with the idea of a bench in honour of George.

The bench has been made by Adam Rostron owner of ADR Fabrication, and Adam has kept us updated all the way through the building of the bench, in terms of design etc. We didn't want a traditional bench with a name plaque and dates. So, we have designed the bench with the words GEO on the back rest.

George left school at the age of 16 and joined the British Army Foundation College at Harrogate, where after passing out he joined the Yorkshire regiment (1 Yorks) based at Warminster, where he served for the next four years before he left in 2018.

We approached Paul Vickers about possible locations for the bench which included the Humber bank etc, Paul indicated that Baysgarth Park was looking for a bench to be



positioned by the Redoubt Copse, 17 oak trees that were planted in Baysgarth Park, to commemorate the loss of the 17 Barton men who lost their lives on October 13, 1915, when the charge was made on the Hohenzollen Redoubt, near Loos, France. It was a no brainer, a perfect site, whereby family, and friends

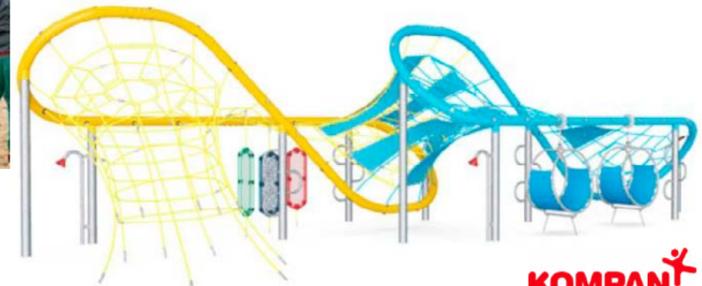
could sit, reflect and remember George.

On behalf of all the family we would like to thank Paul Vickers, and the Friends of Baysgarth Park for their help and understanding at this difficult time.

Adrian C Ellis

Baysgarth Park North Lincolnshire Council

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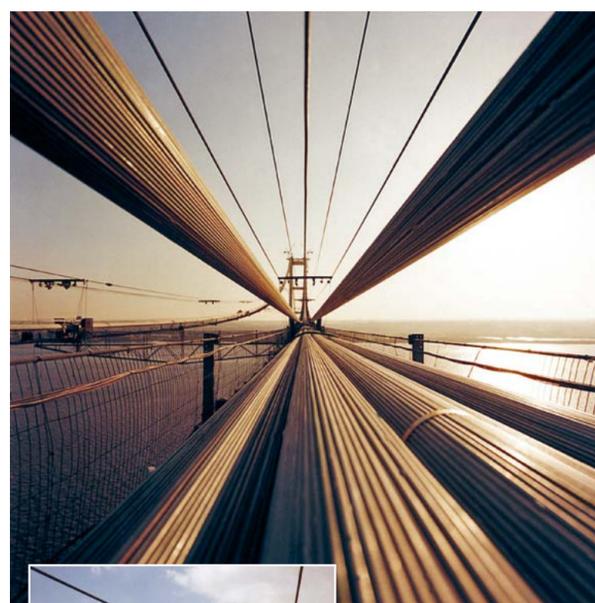
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# The Humber Bridge

## A day for Barton to Remember



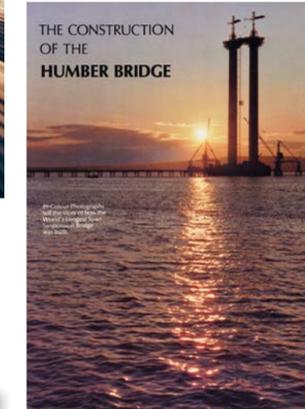
Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opened the Humber Bridge on July 17 1981. Following the ceremony at Hessle, she was driven across the bridge, watched by many flag waving and cheering school children, to visit a large exhibition featuring northern Lincolnshire companies at Barton.

Groups were waiting on Barton's streets for a glimpse of the Royal couple, who were introduced to local dignitaries on arrival at the exhibition.

Photographed by David Lee Photography for the Evening Telegraph and the Lincolnshire Times.



The Red Arrows mark the opening of the Humber Bridge



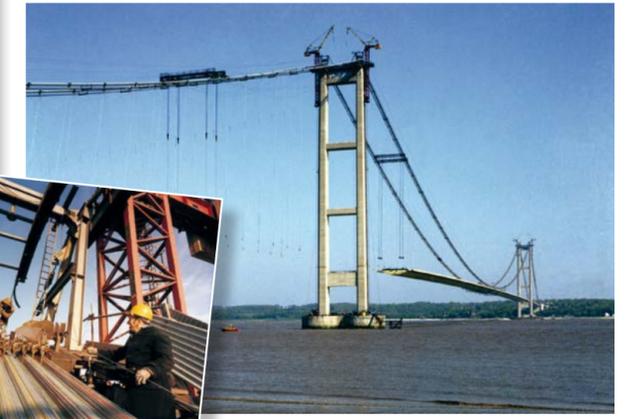
The construction pictures are included in the David Lee Photography book "The Construction of the Humber Bridge". It contains 89 of the official progress photographs taken over a 10 year period, priced £19.95, and obtainable by phoning 07968 168161.

Each cable comprises 14,949 parallel galvanised wires which are divided into 37 strands, compacted into a circular shape.

Spinning the Cables. A workman catches each wire and lays it into the cable

Each of the 14,948 strands of wire are laid into the saddle at the top of the tower top

Built of reinforced concrete, the towers were slip formed. The working platform was continuously jacked-up with new steel and concrete being added.



Working from the shop and from the middle of centre span, the deck takes shape. The final section was lifted on July 17 1980



Awaiting the Queen on Ferriby Road



Awaiting the Queen on Ferriby Road corner



Her Majesty with members of the Barton and District Handicapped Society



Bereton schoolchildren waiting to see the Queen



The Queen receives a bouquet of flowers from the Barton Salvation Army May Queen, Karen Cherry, as she arrives in Barton.



The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh are introduced to COUN Peter Hearn, Mayor of Glanford Borough Council. From the left of the picture are, Michael Brown MP, Frank Webb, Clerk to Barton Town Council, Barton Mayor COUN Michael Pearson.



Barton councillors and families greet the Queen



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### Barton upon Humber Lions Club CIO



Hopefully soon we can really get back to "normal" and you will be pleased to know that we are planning events for the latter half of 2021.

Such a shame that again we missed out on our annual Beer Festival but we hope to be at Picnic in the Park on the last Sunday in August, Barton Bike Night on Saturday September 11 and from there will be looking forward to Bonfire Night and Barton Christmas Fair. Santa can get his boots out too in December once he has serviced his sleigh!

We are always looking for volunteers to help us at events, so if you have some spare time and wish to lend a hand, please do get in touch. Who knows, you may even fancy becoming a Lion!

We are in the process of adopting Barton upon Humber Train Station so you may see us down there maintaining the area. Hopefully our efforts will be appreciated on the line. Station adoption has been one of the many successes of the community rail movement. More than 1,000 adoption groups have been formed nationwide. As well as engaging thousands of people in volunteering, bringing people together and creating pride in station and community, these groups play a critical role in making their stations welcoming, pleasant and attractive places. Often their work extends beyond basic upkeep, incorporating community gardening and food growing, local arts projects, and workshops and visits with children and young people. Some of our Lions have been helping with the town's vaccination programme, marshalling and making sure everyone gets through safely and timely.



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More than six million Message in a Bottle kits have been distributed

by Lions Clubs International (MD105) British Isles to people with conditions such as diabetes, allergies, disabilities and life-threatening illnesses.

Lions Clubs are able to provide Message in a Bottle within their local communities free of charge thanks to fund-raising and generous donations from the public and businesses. It is not just vulnerable people who benefit from Message in a Bottle. Anyone with health conditions could have an accident at home.

The Message in a Bottle kit includes a form, where personal and medical information is detailed. This is placed in the bottle (with its distinctive green branding), which is stored in the fridge. Two stickers are provided: one for the fridge door and the other for the inside of the front door of the premises.

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# Eco Serenity Community Farm

Our progress day on the late May Bank Holiday weekend was a real success raising more than £2,500 towards the development of the site.

As we are now developing well, and site progression is expanding, we need more help onsite. **Are you:**

- Looking for new challenges?
- Looking to develop new skills?
- Have a passion to help build and shape the direction of the community farm?
- Have a few hours a week to help a little - day/ evening/weekend?
- Just want to get out more?

Then pop in and see us. We need volunteers to plant and water vegetables, run the shop, act as site tour guides and help to develop and maintain the site

If the above has caught your eye please get in touch and we will arrange a full site tour, so you can learn more.

**Andy Douce** Eco Serenity Community Farm, Waterside Road.



Top: The Mayor and Mayoress of Barton Cllr Ben and Carly Troop, pictured at the Eco Serenity Community Farm progress Day on May 30, photo-bombed by Penelope the pig

Above: The Mayor of Barton Cllr Ben Troop with Andy Douce cutting the ribbon



Above: Eco Serenity Community Farm volunteers

# Linking the Landscape

Recently we have been celebrating the joy of new fledglings at Far Ings.

Three young bitterns have been seen exploring the reed beds, something to be celebrated as these birds are still so rare, and we hope there are more to come from other nests. Recently seen also are young bearded tits, little grebes, goslings and a flight of young swallows testing their wings for the first time. The exuberance of late spring and early summer has also been evident in the lush growth of cow parsley and hogweed amongst the flowering grasses and the emergence of butterflies and dragonflies.



Wonderful though our nature reserves are, a safe haven for many birds and animals, they cannot function to help nature recover unless there are wider links across our landscapes to allow wildlife to flourish and spread. It has been a joy to see road verges, parks, gardens and other spaces in the local area growing long grass and wild flowers and to see how people are taking time to notice the bees, beetles and other insects that are drawn to these areas. More insects provide more food for the birds and animals that need them to feed hungry youngsters. The swifts that are filling our skies with their screaming cries for a few short weeks in summer depend on insects that they catch during their acrobatic flight and on safe nesting places in our buildings.



I was talking to someone this week about hedges and how important they are to act as highways across the landscape for birds and animals, as wildlife does not understand our human land boundaries. Planting trees, hedges and wild flowers are some examples of how our local communities and communities across the country, are coming together to help make their local areas a bit wilder and to link up with neighbouring communities. Communities working together can help to create bigger, wilder landscapes that can be enjoyed by people and provide a home for a greater wealth of wildlife.

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# Water!

Water seems to be a bit of a theme for these articles about the Allotments.

Now, thanks to a grant from North Lincolnshire Council, we need not be so fixated by rain fall. The sinking of the borehole by SIS Drilling, was completed in less than two days in early June and we now have access to plenty straight from the ground. (as long as the water table doesn't drop too much!) It took just 15 minutes to fill one of the 1000 litre containers from the borehole. The next stage is to pump water to containers at the top and bottom of the plots to give everyone easier access to a steady supply.

Despite hoping not being fixated by water, I can say May was a very wet month with nearly 90mm of rain. At the time of writing, June looks to be following April by being incredibly dry. May was also a cold month discouraging plants from growing, so many are several weeks behind their normal progress.

**Tomato Tip**  
The books tell you to pinch out the side shoots on most tomato plants. As you can



see from this photo, here's one I missed earlier. When they reach this size you can still pinch them out, but instead of composting them, plant them in moist compost, and with a bit of luck they will take root and you will have another tomato plant bearing fruit after its parent has finished.

### Peat Free

The Government has finally decided to ban the sale of peat based composts from 2024 after many years of a failed voluntary scheme to stop using it.

Peat is a huge store of carbon, and disturbing peat bogs which take thousands of years to create, is a significant contributor to climate change. Peat only became fashionable as a medium for growing in the 1960s.

Before then people made their own loam based compost by combining soil with the sort of compost you can make in your home compost bin. Peat is inert and must have artificial fertilisers added to it to make it a useable growing medium for plants.

Some biologists argue that this make the modern gardener reliant on artificial fertilisers, rather than using crop rotation, green and animal manures and compost from rotted down vegetation to supply nutrients to their plants.

I have been using peat free compost for years and getting some excellent results from it. It is increasingly available from local garden centres.

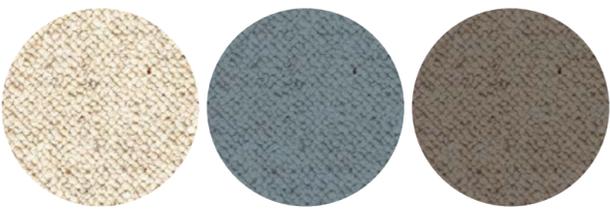
The Town Council has just decided to require future contractors for hanging baskets and planters to grow their plants in a peat free compost, in an effort to further reduce their carbon footprint.

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# A different path to good health

Over the last few years, the NHS has tried new ways to help people be healthy and happy. One approach called "Social Prescribing" has proved remarkably successful, and now it's available for people living in the Barton area.

Social prescribing is when a person visiting a G.P.'s surgery is recommended activities delivered by voluntary and community groups to supplement medical interventions. Examples include sports and physical activity, meditation groups, support groups and volunteering.

Doctors can refer some of their patients to a social prescribing specialist or link worker. They can then suggest local groups to improve their health and well-being.

Social prescribing is targeted at a range of patients, including those who are socially isolated and those with long term physical and/or mental health conditions

Evidence suggests that social prescribing can improve people's health and well-being and reduce workload for healthcare professionals and demand for secondary care services.

We spoke to Melanie Hunter, the Social Prescribing Link Worker based at Barton Central Surgery, to find out more.

We asked Melanie about her role.

"Our aim is to help people be active, support their mental well-being, be socially connected and live well and independently. We just want people to be healthier!"

So what is Melanie working on at the moment?

"Currently, I'm working with a lot of people who are struggling with isolation and loneliness due to the pandemic and referring them to telephone befriending services such as AGE UK and Re-engage." She added, "NHS Volunteer Responders have been fantastic. They have offered support to vulnerable or isolating people for shopping calls and transport services and taking people to and from appointments like their Covid vaccine."

I asked Melanie what sort of issues was suitable for the social prescribing service to address.

Melanie told us: "Managing stress, alcohol and drugs, caring for relatives, creating a healthy lifestyle and living with health conditions can all be helped by our programme. She added: "We don't set any barriers, and if someone is feeling unwell, we are always willing to try and help"

She went on: "Sometimes day to day issues can impact people's health, and we want to help people to tackle these."

What sort of issues can you help with?

"We can help with housing issues, money worries and signpost people to support groups and so on."

Activities and opportunities currently available in the area include:

- Guided walks
- Befriending
- Helping with Brownies
- Driving or making deliveries
- Helping in community cafes
- Distributing the Bartonian
- Helping to plan events
- Marketing and social media
- Stewarding at vaccination clinics
- Walking football

And loads more. The Ropewalk is now planning many cultural activities that people can be referred to, and the social prescribing link worker is always looking for new opportunities.

As well as directing people to sports and social activities, the programme also promotes volunteering as a positive activity. Volunteering can help you make friends, learn new skills, advance your career.

Giving to others can also help protect your mental and physical health. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a vast amount of time out of your busy day.

It all sounds very well in theory, but can this sort of activity really have positive effects? We asked some people who regularly volunteer in the Town.

### Dave Sadler

**What voluntary work do you do?** The volunteering I do is for vaccinations at the surgery, at the Salvation Army charity shop, and at The Ropewalk (shortly, hopefully also delivering the Bartonian!)

**How often you do it?** I work at the Salvation Army shop once a week, and the other activities are as and when needed.



**What motivated you to undertake volunteering?** After retirement and moving here seven months ago from Hertfordshire, I met lots of new people. It gives me a purpose to my week. I find out a lot about the area and give something back to my new community.

**Do you think volunteering has a positive impact on your well-being?** It has a very positive impact on my well-being - I get enjoyment from all I do and look forward to it each week.

**Would you recommend it to others?** I would definitely recommend it to anyone who has time to spare.

### Cherry Harris

**What voluntary work do you do?** My first volunteering opportunity locally was for a new project that is being developed called Petsville Farm. My other volunteering role came through Barton Volunteers at the Ropewalk via Liz Bennet. It's with Hull & East Yorkshire MIND charity in response to their plea for volunteers for the Humber Bridge Project.

**How often do you do it?** At the farm, I can work as many hours as I like (it isn't open yet). When I finish training, I expect to be on duty at the Bridge once or twice a week for a couple of hours at a time.

**What do you get out of it?** After retirement, one can feel lonely and isolated. I get a sense of positive well-being from volunteering knowing that I am making a difference inspires me more. But primarily, I volunteer to help others.

**Do you think volunteering has a positive impact on your well-being?** Volunteering can improve depression and help self-esteem. I would recommend volunteering with others. You get to know others and understand the community you are living in better.

**Would you recommend it to others?** I recommend volunteering to anyone that has some spare time. Volunteering builds and strengthens a community. You make connections with the people you are helping and build friendships with other volunteers. You will meet new people and improve your own social isolation - especially after COVID restrictions.

### Karen

**What voluntary work do you do?** I steward at Covid vaccination clinics, steward at Performances in the Park, and Front of House at Ropery Hall and Bartonian delivery. As and when required, I Steward at Covid vaccination clinics.

**What motivated you to undertake volunteering?** I work for the NHS and have been involved with recruiting volunteers for the Covid vaccination programme in North East Lincolnshire. I wanted to support my local community.

**What do you get out of it?** A sense of community, service and duty. I like meeting new people and learning about them.

**Do you think volunteering has a positive impact on your well-being?** Yes, it brings personal fulfilment and purpose outside of work.

**Would you recommend it to others?** Yes, definitely. I've even signed my husband up for Bartonian delivery!

### Sabrina Jones

**What voluntary work do you do?** I do various volunteer work, including: room guide at Burton Constable, queue marshal at various vaccination centres, home visitor for home start and as a reader for a blind newspaper.

**How often do you do it?** Most jobs ask for around a few hours a week, but they vary. It's possible to be working for only a few hours every three months (delivering the Bartonian) or every day if you wish, as say a queue marshal. Usually, I commit to a half-day or day a week for each job.

**What motivated you to undertake volunteering?** I retired 8 years ago and have a lot of time on my hands. I decided I needed to do something. I wanted to do things I found fun. Sometimes volunteering jobs last for only a few months if they are time or subject-specific, like the 2017 City of Culture or local Christmas projects. Sometimes they just keep going.

**What do you get out of it?** I get social contact, the type I miss from work. I take the jobs I think I'll enjoy. The voluntary jobs give me social contact and the feeling of a job well done. There is also the knowledge I've helped someone in a small way. It's also fun and immensely satisfying to become involved in projects. For example, volunteering in the vaccination centres has been a privilege. I always come away tired but smiling. All I'm doing is pointing the way, but it's fun.

**Do you think volunteering has a positive impact on your well-being?** Yes definitely. I come away smiling. Whatever the job, it cheers me up and gives me a boost.

**Would you recommend it to others?** Yes, I recommend it. There's a job for everyone. Outside there's Working at nature reserves or gardening. Inside there's office work or people work. There will always be something you enjoy. The hours you give are flexible and easily increased if you want more.

### Helen Dukes

**What volunteer work do you do?** Mostly working on the bar at Ropery Hall events

**How often do you do it?** One or two nights a week, excluding the summer when the venue is closed

**What motivated you to undertake volunteering?** I received an injury which prevented me from training as hard, so asked Liz if she had any volunteering ideas to fill some time, otherwise it would have been eating chocolate in front of the TV

**What do you get out of it?** I really enjoy talking to people (my job is in a quiet office or at home), getting a feeling of wellbeing from doing something for the community - a little known fact is most small venues would not exist without volunteers, so I'm a very small cog in a countrywide scheme. I love being able to watch all the acts on stage and I really enjoy doing bar work as a contra to my day job.

**Do you think volunteering has a positive impact on your well-being?** Definitely, I'm quite a bouncy person and love being part of a super tight knit team who all love what they do with a passion a plenty. It certainly lifts the spirits every time.

**Would you recommend it to others?** Yes. I know I wouldn't be able to do some types of volunteering, but I've found the one that really suits me. So look around and find one that suits. Liz sends out a monthly email with any positions that come up - short term, long term or just a one off.

If you would like to know more about volunteering opportunities in Barton or would like to volunteer, contact Liz Bennet [liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk](mailto:liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk)

For more information about social prescribing, just ask your G.P. or contact Melanie Hunter - [melanie.hunter3@nhs.net](mailto:melanie.hunter3@nhs.net)



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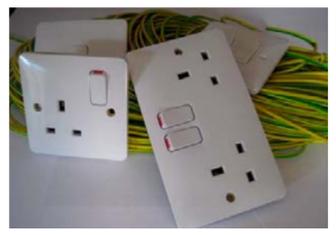
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in him producing a book, The Construction of the Humber Bridge, which is still available. The company has also photographed many of the major projects around the region including the motorway network on both sides of the Humber, both from the ground and the air, new hospitals in Grimsby and Scunthorpe, and the rebuilding and later demolition of the Nypro and ACC fertiliser works.

Having taken over the running of the family business following David's retirement, Michael, his son, has recorded the expansion of the Humber ports along with the continued investment of the Humber oil refineries and power stations as well as work around the country for many local, national and international clients.



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Keeping the business in the family Claire's husband Wayne joined the company in 2012 and continues to be a valued member of the team helping Rob with the butchery and serving in the shop.

Over the years the business has had to make changes in order to continue to provide for the people of Barton and surrounding area. Over the last few years, they have expanded the range of meat products on display in the shop, giving a much greater choice to their customers throughout the seasons.

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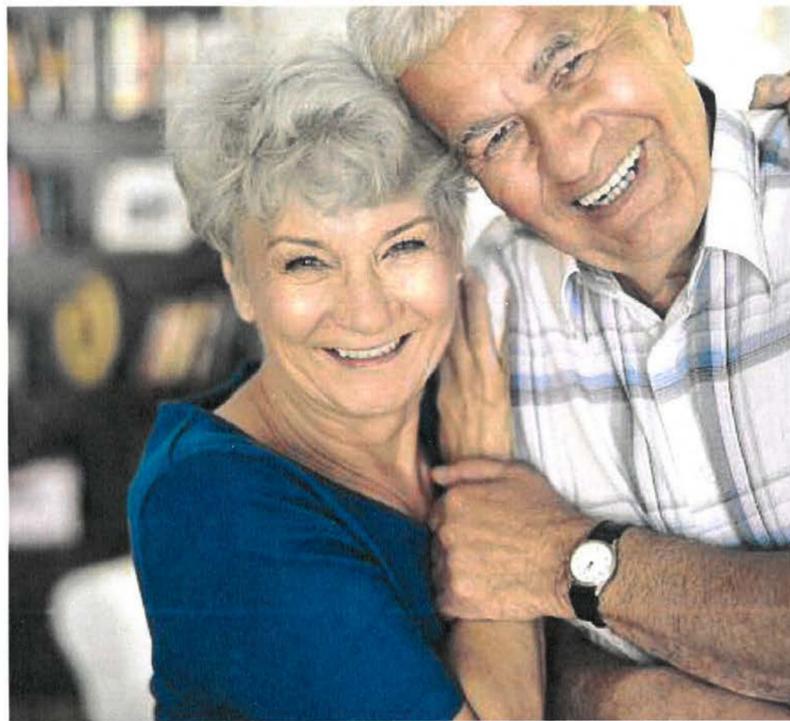
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## George Charles Ellis

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Born at Scunthorpe General Hospital, the second child of Adrian and Carol Ellis and brother to Amie, George went to Bowmandale Nursery before attending Castledyke Primary School from age four to 11 years of age where he forged new relationships with friends that have continued right to the present day including Ben and Aaron.

His education continued at Baysgarth School until he left at age 16 and in those five years Adrian got to know the headteacher, Colin Saywell, quite well! Football was a passion of George's and he soon became a very good goalkeeper playing for both the school, and Cemex on Saturday mornings.

As George's school years came to a close, he decided to join the Army, and after passing all of the selection exams and medical, Adrian and Carol proceeded to take George, with ironing board and many other items to the Army Foundation College at Harrogate where he was joined by hundreds of other young soldiers all with their ironing boards tucked under their arms.

George's first few months at Harrogate were definitely a challenge both for George and the Army. Having his mobile taken away from him, having to do as he was told, wear what he were given, tidy up after himself, were words and actions new to most 16 year olds.

Once George got accustomed to Army life he started to enjoy all that faced him, and one of the proudest days of Adrian and Carol's lives was seeing George pass out after 18 months at Harrogate, with all the other Mums and Dads looking for their sons or daughters as they paraded onto the drill square.

George joined The Yorkshire Regiment (1 Yorks) that was based at Warminster Barracks in Wiltshire, a return journey back to Barton he made for the next four years with Ross Amner, who had joined shortly after George.



Whilst serving with 1 Yorks George became a Lead Hand with Quebec company Mortar Platoon, fondly known as The Warpigs. He did two tours in Battas, Suffolk, Canada for three months on each occasion which he thoroughly enjoyed as he was able to put all the training he had learned into practice on the battlefield with his mortar platoon. He also completed another tour in Poland.

In 2017 George decided that it was time to leave the Army and underwent re-training in telecommunications, before leaving the military in September 2018.

After leaving the Army he first went backpacking visiting Asia, including the following countries, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand. His skills that he had learned in the Army certainly helped him overcome language and planning challenges. As the money ran out he got a job as an English Teacher.

It was a family holiday in Kenya when younger that made George aware of poverty endured away from the tourist attractions and throughout his life he would always stick up for those less fortunate than him, and help

others when needed.

When he returned back to the UK in January 2019 George started work in the telecommunications industry. He soon got a job as a telecoms pole engineer, and the next nine months saw George working alongside Ryan, Josh and Joel in different parts of the country, connecting households with the latest fibre broadband.

Several jobs followed until he joined ARN shortly before his death.

Before then he had met Katie who went on to become his partner making a home with George in a cottage in Barrow, and after moving in he learned new skills, which included cleaning, cooking and tidying up and shopping. Through Katie George developed a love of Scania lorries. As a couple they would often take off on a Sunday, to the Dales or the Humber bank and walk, taking a picnic with them.

George was a keen sportsman and football was his passion and as well as playing for his school team, Cemex, and other local clubs he supported Hull City and Manchester United.

George leaves behind his parents Adrian and Carol, sister Amie and partner Katie. The massive tributes and turnout for the Celebration of his Life reflected how popular and loved he was. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

The family would like to thank all friends and family for their support since George passed away, and everyone who was part of George's Day on May 26 2021.

## MARTIN VICKERS

Member of Parliament for the Cleethorpes Constituency

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Geoff Bryant and bell ringing

Geoff Bryant first learnt to ring church bells as a youngster in Halifax, along with his brother John, where there was a strong local band at All Souls, Haley Hill. In fact, this was one of the best local bands in the country in the 1950s and 60s which achieved a number of ringing firsts. Geoff later studied at LSE, in London, and was prominent in the prestigious College Youths bell ringing society. His tutoring for the Workers Educational Association (WEA) got in the way of bell ringing but he later took up the hobby again when he retired from full time employment in the 1990s.

When I started bell ringing in Barton in 1998, the band of ringers was very much depleted in numbers and the bells at St Mary's were in danger of falling silent. Geoff did a lot to change fortunes around and he was able to coach a large number of recruits over the years, plus organise numerous ringing excursions to local towers along the way. Being able to handle a bell (potentially a few tons of moving metal on the end of a long rope) is not an easy skill to master and there were a few hairy moments with flying ropes! However, Geoff's patience was next to godliness and he was able to coach even the most challenging of pupils.

Geoff's interest in bell ringing took on a new angle in 2004 when he proudly acquired a set of gleaming new handbells from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London. Handbell sessions then became a regular fixture at the Bryant household. Hand bell ringing requires even more skill than tower bell ringing, with two bells being rung to patterns (changes) at higher speed. Once the handbell group in Barton was up to scratch, public performances became a regular fixture at a number of events. On one occasion, at Victorian Day, we all dressed up in tuxedos, with Geoff wearing an artificial beard for good measure!

Geoff was instrumental in leading efforts to restore the bells at St Peters church for the millennium and was able to take on the difficult task of raising funds and pacifying English Heritage, who naturally did not want unsightly rope guides ruining their 10th century church. It was a memorable occasion when the bells at St Peter's were rung for the first time in decades on the stroke of midnight, with fireworks going off all around!

Geoff and his wife Ro did much to make the band of ringers feel welcome after ringing on Sunday mornings, with ample provisions of tea and cake. Such was the warmth in the Bryant household, that the numbers for tea and cake grew bigger over time, often calling for the rearrangement of furniture to accommodate the crowd.

Geoff was a great friend to many and contributed a huge amount to bell ringing and to numerous other aspects of town life and it is an impossible task to sum up his contributions in a few short paragraphs. Needless to say, he will be sorely missed by all.

Footnote: The Barton bell ringers rang half-muffled for Geoff's funeral to mark his passing. Half-muffling means a leather muffle is placed on one side only of the clapper of each bell so that there is a loud "open" strike followed by a muffled strike, which has a very sonorous and mournful echo effect.

Richard Hopper



In loving memory of Geoff Bryant

My Dad, Geoffrey Freeman Bryant, was born in 1934 in Halifax and lived there for his childhood with his father, an engineer/millwright his mother, who I only ever knew as a dinner lady and his younger brother John.

His main interests were camping, walking, rugby playing and bell ringing, the latter of which he started to learn in the late 1940s with a group of friends from the All Souls Church Youth Club. He read Economics at University College London (not by choice, in those days you took a degree in the subject you achieved most highly at A-level) and when he finished his degree he 'vowed never to have anything to do with Economics ever again!'

He did his National Service mainly as part of the Royal Army Education Corps and on leaving the Army he taught in

a Secondary Modern school for a short time. In 1967, he made the move to Barton to be a Tutor Organiser for the WEA (Worker's Education Association) and it was for his endeavours in this role that he was awarded an MBE in 1998.

His first marriage gave him two daughters - myself, Sarah and my sister Lesley. He was a wonderfully attentive father who never saw problems, only gave solutions and support. He was a proud grandfather to my children Hannah and Mathew and Lesley's daughter Daniela along with her children (his great grandchildren) Roxanne and James.

He met his second wife, Ro, through his lectures and his work at Lyveden excavating a pottery-making site. Together they were heavily involved in the local community, and loved

Geoff did many remarkable things in his life one being his historical research into a wide variety of topics, these leading to publications which now stand as an enduring legacy.

As an extension of this personal achievement he encouraged a group of local people to research and write a series of books under the collective heading of Barton Book Series. In each case Geoff was the editor, and although he left no stone unturned in correcting texts it has resulted in these being quality books which meet university bookshelf quality. The ones still not sold-out may be viewed on the books for sale at The Ropewalk.

These, and Geoff's own publications (three of which involved tracing the recent family history of a considerable number of local people), are a testimony to his eminence both locally and regionally. It is to be hoped that both North Lincolnshire Council (at the Library in the Park) and Barton Civic Society see fit to put together a Geoff.Bryant library. In furtherance of this they may be helped by reference to the Barton Bibliography, available on-line. Richard Clarke

With the death of Geoff Bryant, Barton has lost – among so much more – a widely respected historian.

Since his arrival here in the late 1960s, he became fascinated with Barton's wealth of archaeology and its rich history, quickly becoming increasingly involved with both.

He was a founder Member of Barton Civic Society and very soon served on the Executive Committee, becoming its Chairman, and worked hard to safeguard the town's outstanding heritage and promote its future.

His well-prepared and clearly presented Workers' Educational Association (W.E.A.) and other public lectures on archaeological and historical subjects always enthralled a large audience, and his guided walks round old Barton and especially St. Mary's and St. Peter's churches were always very popular – fortunately, his last walk round St. Peter's was videoed

for a time when he was unable to continue.

Geoff was an outstanding author who has written many history books about Barton and other subjects, I never cease to be overwhelmed at the sheer volume of meticulously researched and carefully presented work resulting in the publication of numerous books and papers, a few of which include: 'The Early History of Barton', 'The Domesday Book', 'The Church in Late Medieval Barton', many guides to local churches, 'Barton Remembered 1939-1945 – Part One 'Lest We Forget, Part Two The Home Front, and Part Three Those Who Came Back'. (And he helped edit Part Four, A Doctor's War - Tom Kirk's Diaries).

This is a staggering achievement! But not only did he produce an invaluable

record, he encouraged and supported others to research and write, notably, 'My Childhood Playground' by Ron Newton, and an impressive series of eight books on 'The Later History of Barton' which he edited, wrote Part One, and a section on the Brick and Tile Industry – another subject of which he was passionate!

No wonder that Barton can quite rightly claim to be one of the most researched and recorded towns in the country!

Geoff lived his life to the full, always willingly giving his time and his knowledge. His enthusiasm for a variety of subjects was infectious! We have lost a remarkable man, but we can treasure his huge legacy!

Thank you Geoff. Keith Miller

John French President Barton Civic Society

Geoff Bryant

I knew Geoff for 43 years: he was one of the people who made me welcome in 1978 when I arrived as Keeper of Archaeology at what was then Scunthorpe Museum. He was always a help and encouragement and his deep knowledge and enthusiasm for Barton on Humber will leave a lasting impression. Geoff's work and his kindness are known to everyone; he was an inspirational teacher with a fundamental belief in the value and importance of Adult Education. His many publications did much to promote the history and archaeology of Barton; they were always both accessible and scholarly giving access to topics such as the intricacies of the Domesday Survey or the development of church architecture. Geoff was a deeply learned man whose opinions and wisdom I greatly valued, his academic achievements were recognised in 1980 when he was elected a Fellow of the highly prestigious Society of Antiquaries of London. It saddens me that I won't again be able to give him a call and receive, the following day, a load of photo-copies telling me all that I needed to know. I will miss him.

Dr Kevin Leahy, FSA, MCIFA. Archaeological Finds Specialist National Adviser, The Portable Antiquities Scheme Honorary Visiting Fellow, School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester

In memory of Geoff Bryant

Geoff was there for me right from my arrival in North Lincolnshire in 1975, when he was on the Humber Archaeology Committee which employed me on my first proper job, as archaeological Sites and Monuments officer for South Humberside. And it was Geoff who initiated me into the world of local adult education through his WEA evening classes, Barton day-schools and the annual conferences at Horncastle he organised, with lectures by the leading authorities on a wide range of history and archaeology.

And then came our own work together, puzzling over the medieval development of Barton, disentangling the architecture of Saint Peter's and Saint Mary's and other local churches, and working on publications together - most memorably Land, People and Landscapes, the book honouring Rex Russell. In later years I marvelled at Geoff's prodigious output of books and articles which have contributed so much to the town and community.

And throughout it all there was Geoff's friendly welcome, his laughter, his curiosity, his canny observations and challenging questions, and his great enthusiasm and commitment to history and community and to a just society. Chatting about heritage or contemporary politics, the time in his book-lined study would speed by.

Especially evocative is an early memory of working on one of Geoff's experimental Romano-British pottery kilns at Hoe Hill tileyard. Geoff had already gained national recognition for his earlier experimental kilns at Barton, and this was the last of the series. Over the weekend the clay-built kiln took shape and was filled with dozens of replica pots, then covered with a clay dome, fired up with wood and sealed with wet clay. Working there together on the Humber bank with Geoff and his local WEA stalwarts (Froude Russell, Marjorie Chambers, Vera Chapman, Chris Knowles, John French and Ron and Elsie Newton), hands and faces smudged with clay, was a fantastic introduction to the area and to friendships that would last for many years.

Thank you Geoff. Keith Miller

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Barton Churches Together

We have continued to meet by zoom and share joint activities and how we are managing in our individual Churches to return to worship under the Government rules and regulations under the COVID emergency which has continued for 15 months.

St Augustine Webster is managing two COVID secure Masses a week and two periods for private prayers. St Mary's now has four Covid secure services each Sunday and is open daily for visits in daylight hours. The Salvation Army is glad to report its new larger shop has opened in the west/top end of High Street and it also plans to restart its playgroup in June and is exploring how best to restart face to face worship, whilst recognising the on line worship via Facebook and zoom each Sunday is going well. Trinity has also had times for private prayers and face to face activities will gradually return.

The Good Friday morning shared service in St Mary's (our largest COVID Secure Church) went well with a good variety of music, readings and forms of worship shared. There were also services on the evening before the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, in person at St Mary's and via Zoom organised by the Methodist Circuit. Both were well supported and gave our community opportunities to come together and mark a life of service for the Queen, Country and Christianity.

Trinity had an outside Messy Church, in the area on Chapel Lane, inside the railings with activities for families to enjoy on Wednesday, June 2 during half-term. The Community Kitchen operated by The Ropewalk in conjunction with Trinity and

funded by WREN, Barton Town Council and The Ropewalk, had provided more than 20,000 meals and finished at the end of April.

Various mental health charities and health organisations are working with the Humber Bridge Board to provide immediate suitable help for those in an acute crisis. The Humber Bridge annual sponsored walk for Christian Aid, will not happen 2021. Other plans are being developed so please visit the Christian Aid Web site.

The Barton Churches Together Homeless project, gratefully received £1,000 from Barton TESCO's Bags of Help. Each Church has some emergency items and we aim to provide immediate help for those who are homeless and signpost to help in North Lincolnshire Council and elsewhere.

Picnic in the Park run by Barton Town Council will be on Sunday, August 29 and the group hopes to have a stall with Children's Craft Activities, with offers of help welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Rev Liz Brown on her recent appointment as Parish Priest for Barrow and Goxhill and we are looking forward to meeting Rev Sally Long, the new Methodist Minister on September 1 2021.

Ursula Vickerton for Barton Churches Together

Dates for your diary

Performance in the Park, Baysgarth Park Sunday July 18 2pm Bash Street Theatre presents The Cameraman

Ropery Hall Friday July 24 8pm Martin Taylor & Alison Burns

Ropery Hall Saturday July 25 8pm Andy Parsons

Wilderspin National School Museum Thursday July 29 1.30pm Mr Wilderspin's Infant School

Performance in the Park, Baysgarth Park Sunday July 25 2pm The Pantaloons present The Tempest

Wilderspin National School Museum Saturday 7 August 1.30pm Miss Baxter's Victorian Classroom

Performance in the Park, Baysgarth Park Sunday August 8 2pm Pendle Story tellers present The Railway Children

Wilderspin National School Museum Thursday 12 August 1.30pm Mrs Wilson's Wartime Classroom

Wildlife Day 2021, Waters' Edge Visitor Centre & Country Park Sunday, August 15, 10am

Wilderspin National School Museum Saturday August 21 1.30pm Mr Wilderspin's Infant School

Performance in the Park, Baysgarth Park Sunday August 22 2pm The Pantaloons presents Pride and Prejudice

Wilderspin National School Museum Thursday 26 August 1.30pm Miss Baxter's Victorian Classroom

Wilderspin National School Museum Saturday 28 August 1.30pm Mrs Wilson's Wartime Classroom

Picnic in the Park, Baysgarth Park Sunday, August 29 Annual free event organised by Barton Town Council

Classic Car Show 2021, Waters' Edge Visitor Centre & Country Park Sunday August 29 10am

Performance in the Park, Baysgarth Park Monday 30 August 2pm The Pantaloons presents Wind in the Willows

Ropery Hall Friday September 3 Charlie Dore

Ropery Hall Saturday September 4 John Shuttleworth's Back! COMEDY

Ropery Hall Thursday September 9 Keith Christmas

Wilderspin National School Museum Heritage Open Days 2021 - Untold Stories Friday 10 - Sunday September 19, 10am - 4pm, free

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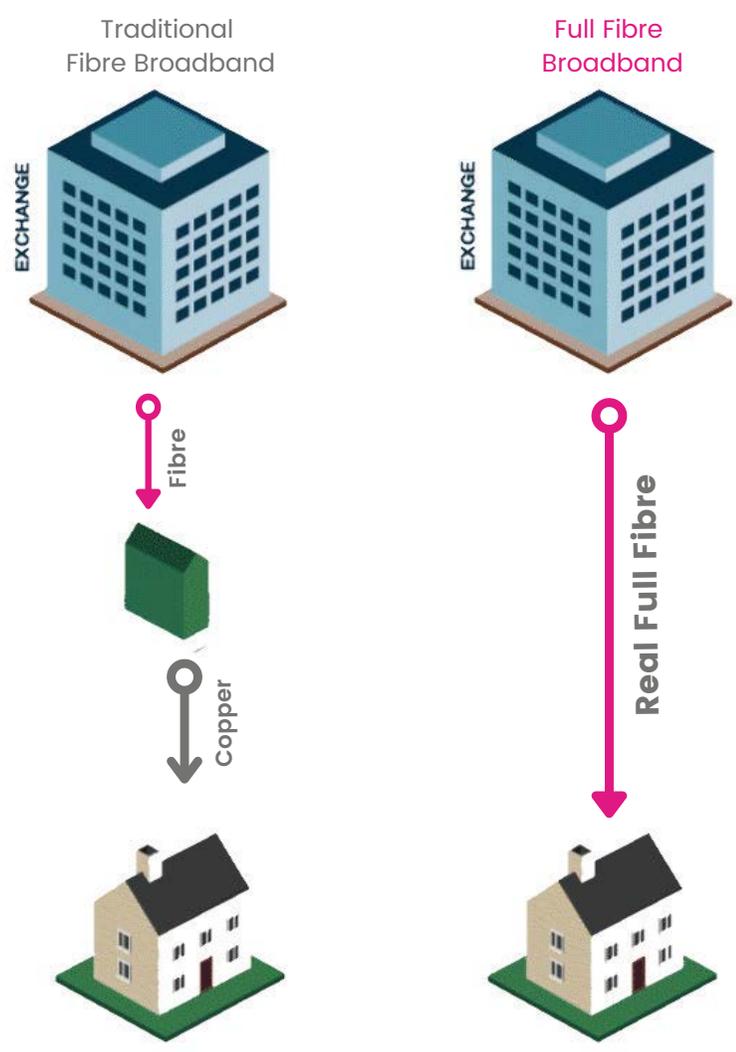
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