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# Banking Hub Success

Opened in late November Barton's new community Banking Hub is the first Hub to be secured by community request.

Just weeks before the last bank in Barton, Lloyds, closed its doors in November 2022 the Town Council learnt it had been successful in being selected as a location for a shared banking hub.

Cllr Nigel Pinchbeck was one of the town councillors heavily involved in launching the campaign to get a Banking Hub, standing outside the then Lloyds Bank with his fellow colleagues for many days getting signatures for a petition as well as having online versions and copies in businesses available around the area.

Soon the Council's success was being recognised nationwide thanks to BBC One programme, Rip Off Britain.

"When the Town Council was approached for a feature on the BBC1 programme Rip Off Britain, it was a chance for us to show how essential banking facilities are to a community such as ours, and with an effective campaign how it is possible to secure a Hub after all the branches have closed," recalled Nigel. "Local businesses were also given the opportunity to emphasise how important a bank is in a busy market town".

"Lloyds Bank was identified as a suitable property for the Hub, with many people walking past and parking available outside. and although lease negotiations took a while there was a lot of interest when the contractors were on site, and I know they spoke to a lot of people. Clearly the building is in a great location with lots of people walking past and parking right outside," Nigel continued.

Since opening the Hub has been busy, not only with counter transactions but also with customers wishing to have



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a face-to-face conversation with their bank. All the banks in attendance have had a lot of customers, Nigel reported.

"We are pleased that the Hub is on track to be one of the busiest in the UK so far. The community has really embraced the return to face-to-face banking, and long may that continue," Nigel went on. "Our work hasn't stopped though, over the coming year we will continue to work with Cash Access UK to improve and evolve the service the Hub provides to improve it

further, and make it a "one stop shop" to try and avoid any need to visit a branch. With the news that Barclays is closing branches in Grimsby, Scunthorpe and Beverley in March 2024, customers may even travel to Barton to use the Hub. We're also optimistic it will increase footfall and help the town centre businesses as people return to Barton for banking".

Officially opened by the Mayor of Barton, Cllr Keith Vickers, the Hub offers a counter service operated by

the Post Office, where customers of all major banks and building societies can carry out regular cash transactions. It also offers a Community Banker service where customers can talk to their own banking provider about more complicated issues with community Bankers working on rotation, with a different bank available on each day of the week: Monday: HSBC; Tuesday: NatWest; Wednesday: Lloyds; Thursday: Santander (pm) and Friday: Barclays. Bank representatives

are present from 9am to 5pm on their allocated day, but break for lunch from 12pm to 1pm.

Banking Hubs are being opened across the UK and are funded and supported by 9 major High Street banking providers: Bank of Ireland UK, Barclays Bank UK PLC, Danske Bank, HSBC UK Bank plc, Lloyds Banking Group, NatWest Group plc, Santander UK plc, TSB Bank plc and Virgin Money.

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## Mayor's New Year Message

It is a real privilege to represent Barton once again as Mayor.

I have been welcomed by so many groups and organisations and have enjoyed finding out about their activities and plans for the future. There is so much good work going on to enhance our community here in Barton.

A recent example is the opening of the Banking Hub in the Market Place giving residents and businesses access to money and banking facilities. We should be very proud as Barton is one of the first places to obtain this facility. The major banks will be represented on different days of the week so advice and help can be obtained about your accounts without having to travel out of Barton.

It is also great to see new business being attracted to Barton but of course that brings its own challenges with regards to our road system and infrastructure. I am pleased that the consultation event has been held regarding the Relief Road including plans for a roundabout at Barrow Road. The scheme is now in the final planning process and once approved a start should be in spring this year. There are also planned improvements to Barrow Road through to the Holydyke Roundabout. This will certainly all contribute to a safer traffic flow throughout Barton.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and community-based clubs and organisations in Barton for their sterling work which all help to make Barton a lovely place to live.

If you would like me to visit your particular club or organisation, please contact the Town Council to arrange. In closing let us all look forward to the planned improvements to make our community of Barton an even better place to live.

**Cllr Keith Vickers**  
Mayor of Barton upon Humber



The Barton Mayor Keith Vickers at the opening of the Premier shop at 9 George Street on Saturday 1st July. Cllr Vickers dropped in to welcome store owner Surinder Mehat pictured with colleague Graham. The shop has created one full time and seven part time jobs. One of many developments in Barton during the current Mayoral year.



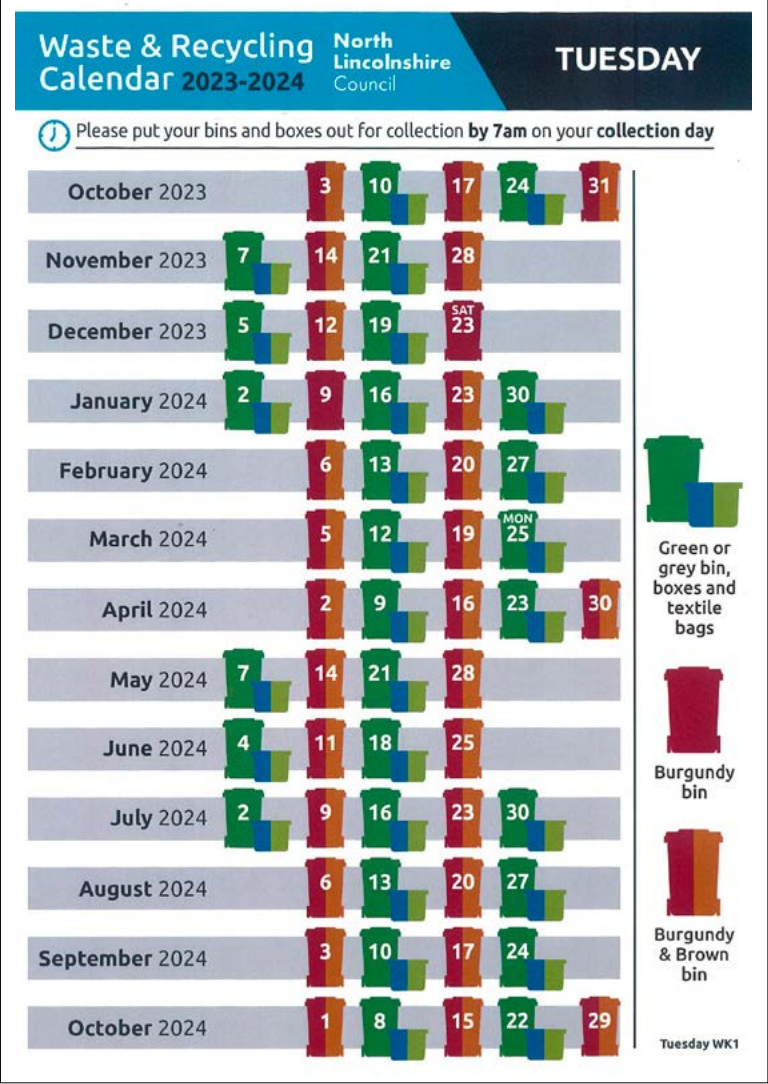
# Barton Upon Humber Town Council Meetings

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

## Barton Upon Humber Town Council forthcoming Committee Meeting dates

January 2024		
Planning	Monday 8th January	18:00
Community	Monday 8th January	18:30
Planning	Monday 29th January	18:00
February 2024		
Full Council	Wednesday 7th February	19:00
Planning	Monday 19th February	18:00
March 2024		
Full Council	Wednesday 6th March	19:00
Planning	Monday 11th March	18:00

**Barton Upon Humber Town Council Office opening hours**  
Barton Upon Humber Town Council office endeavours to open Monday to Friday 09:00 – 15:00 however if the office is closed, the Council staff can be contacted via telephone or by email. Telephone. 01652 633598 or 07983154787/ Email. info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk  
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# The Barton Heritage Project

## Celebrating our town’s rich heritage

The Barton Heritage Project started in 2018 with a partnership between The Ropewalk, Wilderspin & National School Museum and North Lincolnshire Council.

The aim was to shout about the fantastic wealth of heritage sites in our town to promote and celebrate Barton's culture and heritage and increase tourism to the area. The Heritage Open Day festivals in 2018 and 2019 had talks, walks and open buildings enjoyed by thousands of people from around the region. As we looked to expand the project Covid hit and it was mothballed.

The Barton Heritage Project was re-launched in late 2023 thanks to funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, a Levelling Up programme, The Ropewalk and the Barton Tourism Partnership. This funding is being used in Barton Upon Humber to not only increase local knowledge of our heritage, but to also draw in visitors from out of town to celebrate and learn more about our wonderful town.

A team led by Officers from The Ropewalk and Wilderspin now has a Volunteer Coordinator, Marketing Officer, Community Engagement Officer and an Education Outreach Officer. This new team has been formed to work with partners and stakeholders within the town and surrounding areas to put plans in place and extend local and regional knowledge of our heritage.

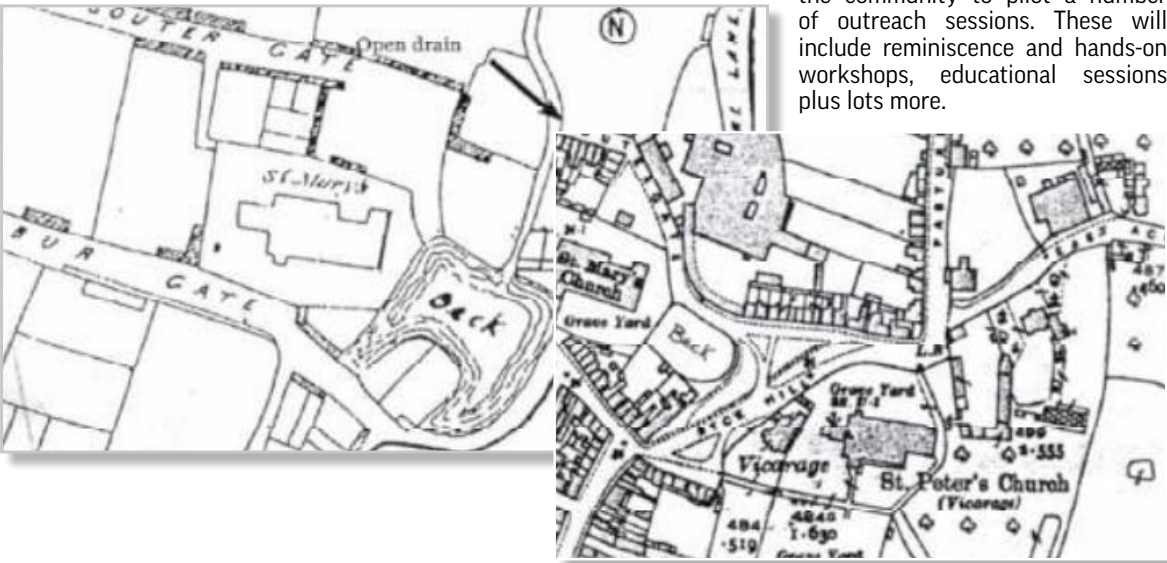
### Diving into the archives

The first project to get off the ground quickly was a dive into the archives. Volunteer Co-ordinator Caroline Edwards who has experience and qualifications in heritage work is running Tuesday morning sessions supporting volunteers to catalogue the Civic Society archives.

Already volunteers have uncovered some very interesting documents, maps and photographs.

One area that is very topical at the moment due to the high water levels is Barton Beck. Reported to have been used for baptisms by St Chad, the Beck has been an important feature in Barton's history.

The 1796 map below, shows that the Beck was larger than it appears now as can be seen in the 1932 map.



Many discussions over the years have been had about the appearance and on August 7 1863 there were discussions to fill the Beck in to make a road! They filled in part of the Beck the following year.



### From the Archives: Alternative parking in the 1960's

This driver was having a bad day! Unfortunately, they forgot to apply their handbrake and as a result their car rolled into the Beck.



### Hands On Heritage

Also on the Barton Heritage Project team are Cheryl Beal, Community Engagement Officer, and Christine Rostron, Education Outreach Officer. While they have only been in-post for a couple of months, they have made great headway in starting to connect Barton's heritage with the local community.

As we head into 2024, Cheryl and Christine will be working closely with various groups throughout the community to pilot a number of outreach sessions. These will include reminiscence and hands-on workshops, educational sessions plus lots more.



The Barton to New Holland railway line will celebrate the 175th birthday of its official opening in March, with Barrow Haven celebrating this milestone next year.

The Corn Exchange in the Market Place officially opened in February 1854 and operated as a Corn Exchange until 1861 when the Trust faced financial difficulties and sold the building to Major George Charles Uppleby, who was Lord of the Manor with the seat at Barrow Hall.

The former Oddfellows' Hall in Barton opened in 1864 and cost just £1,000 to construct (just over £100,000 in today's rate). Built in a Palazzo style by the Good Design Lodge, the building was initially used for meetings with the Oddfellows' Society, but was repurposed in 1911 to become the town's first ever cinema.

### Baysgarth House

As part of the project the partners have been looking at ways to restore and reopen Baysgarth House. Work has been going on behind the scenes with The Ropewalk and North Lincolnshire Council exploring all possibilities for the last two years.

We are delighted to announce that The Ropewalk with North Lincolnshire Council's support was successful with a £250,000 grant application to the Community Ownership Fund. The news, received a few days before Christmas, was a fantastic end to the year. We would like to add a note of caution as there is still some way to go before we reach the required level of funds to make this happen but it is looking a lot more positive.

Fingers crossed the results due from other funders in the spring will mean work can begin in the summer.

**Liz Bennet**  
Barton Heritage Project.

# Wilderspin School Museum

Don't miss the final two Open Days at Wilderspin School Museum this January and February.

Wilderspin is excited to share details of the final two Winter Warmer Open Days this January and February.

Wilderspin School Museum has closed its doors this winter in a bid to preserve energy, with the exception of their monthly Winter Warmer Open Days. Coming up this January and February are the final two instalments in these series of Open Days, and the team will be delighted to welcome visitors for what is sure to be a fun, educational experience for all who attend.

The January Open Day will take place on the 19th between 11am and 3pm and is a celebration of all things handwriting. Visitors will be encouraged to participate in a number of fun tasks centred around the theme of the day such as calligraphy, shorthand, a display about Barton's inventor of shorthand Isaac Pitman plus interactive handwriting workshops in the Victorian classroom. There will also be a talk in partnership with the Barton Civic Society at 2pm about Vere Foster and his contributions to the education system including

his acclaimed copybooks used by pupils across the world to practice their handwriting. Admission to the Open Day is free and includes refreshments, however donations will be received with thanks.

On February 16, the museum will open its doors for families to attend for some half-term fun! Visitors will be able to travel back in time for the final Open Day and immerse themselves in a Second World War themed day. With free admission, visitors can expect to find themselves surrounded by history as they explore what life was like on the home front for residents of the town and the surrounding villages and children evacuated to the safety of Barton. The theme of the day is 'Make Do and Mend', guests will be able to participate in various craft workshops including knitting, crocheting and sewing with some guidance on how to cope "on the ration".

Speaking of the Winter Warmer Open Days, Jean Cannon, Chair of the Queen Street School Preservation Trust, said: "With January and

February being the final Open Days before our official summer reopening, we're all incredibly excited and keen to make them memorable. Our staff and volunteers are working hard to put on a varied programme of events and activities on both Open Days to ensure that attendees have the best possible time!

**These events are also free of charge, but any monetary donations would be gratefully received."**

While the doors may have been closed over the past few months, there has been lots of hard work going on behind the scenes to ensure that all visitors in 2024 have the best possible experience when they visit the museum.

Wilderspin has high ambitions for this New Year, with work currently underway for schools to use the local built heritage in their learning programmes, plus working alongside other heritage venues and organisations to help encourage local residents and visitors to enjoy the town and all it has to offer.

## The Barton and District History Group

The Barton and District History Group held its AGM on the 29th November.

The committee was elected and then a presentation of a short video took place "The advent of the Television". During this presentation, a small quiz (based on television programmes of the '50's and '60's) was offered to the audience. This was won by Paul Chapman who got 7 out of 10 questions correct.

*Our next meeting will take place on March 27 2024. Our program of speakers for 2024 is as follows:*

**March 27th** David Gibson "The History and Development of the Avro Lancaster"

**April 24th** Paul Johnson and Kevin Thompson "Crime and Punishment"

**May 29th** Vikki Arthur "The Waterside Chapel"

**June 26th** To be confirmed ( May be a visit to Elsham Aircraft Museum)

**September 25th** Paul Mann "Doc John's Barton"

**October 30th** Judith Spicksley "Slavery in the Lincolnshire Archives"

**November 27th** A.G.M. & Social.

Heritage 6 should be available for the start of the membership year.

We are still asking for articles from anyone who has some knowledge of local history relating to Barton or one of the surrounding villages. We are happy to give assistance and advice on presentation for publication.

### Examples of content:-

- "Cotto's Does The Nation's Washing"
- Springs of Brigg.
- Tailors Milliners and Cobblers.
- The lost trades of Lincolnshire.

For any additional information, please contact [pjc@pcroton.karoo.co.uk](mailto:pjc@pcroton.karoo.co.uk).

## Ted Lewis Centre - Celebration Dinner

Ted Lewis, who was born on January 15 1940, made Barton upon Humber his hometown so we can be justly proud of his immense reputation during a short life of only 42 years.



An artist from his early years, Ted achieved a Diploma at Hull Art School whilst also playing piano as a member of the Unity Jazz Trad Band. His first novel, All the Way Home and All the Night Through reflected those experiences. As an experienced animator, particularly for the series, Lone Ranger, he became manager of graphics at the Beatles' groundbreaking film Yellow Submarine. Remarkably he was writing Get Carter at the same time.

Ted's writing talent was recognised at Barton Grammar School where he had three stories published in its magazine, the Bartonian. Copies are available at the Ted Lewis Centre which includes the Grammar School Retrospective Exhibition. In adulthood he went on to write seven other novels including The Rabbit which is

based on his youthful experiences in Barton. Recognised as the Father of British Noir, Ted is a major influence on many novelists' work. His novels are for sale at the Centre, Post Office and Barton Shopping Centre.

To commemorate what would have been Ted's 82nd birthday the Ted Lewis Centre is holding a Celebration Dinner at the Wheatsheaf on January 15 from 7 pm. Why not have a drink at the bar in Ted's old watering hole?

**Want to know still more about Ted Lewis's life?** You can enjoy a coffee and discover more about Ted's eventful life at a free illustrated presentation at The Centre on Ferriby Road at 6pm on Sunday night 14th January 2024. First come, first served.

## Museum Accreditation Success

The Wilderspin & National School Museum has been awarded Museum Accreditation status once again by Arts Council England.

The Accreditation Standard is a "pat on the back" for the dedicated volunteers and staff of the Queen Street School Preservation Trust. It's a "kitemark" of assurance which confirms that they're doing the right things as a museum to help people to engage with its buildings and collections and protect them for the future.

Accreditation covers all types and sizes of museums and galleries and there are currently more than 1700 museums participating in the scheme across the UK. Museum Accreditation does this by making

sure museums manage their collections properly, engage with visitors and users, and are governed appropriately. Museums are invited to reapply every five years.



## Friends at Barton

The Joseph Wright Hall's resident drama group pulled off another stunning series of five sensational performances to packed pews of children and adults in November.

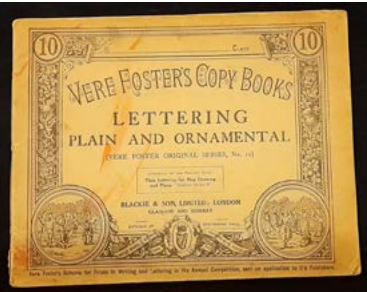
The joy spread further as the shows raised £1,040 for two very worthy Charities: RSPCA Scunthorpe (Lincs North and Humber) and Kidney Research UK. Producer Paul Tate is now mulling over ideas for his next show at Wilderspin in 2024.

## Barton Civic Society

The Civic Society's programme of talks has reached new audiences this year including many newcomers to the town wanting to find out more about the town's heritage and our old buildings and green spaces.

The 2024 programme commences on Friday 19 January with a talk by Jean Cannon about the Victorian philanthropist and educator Vere Foster who worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the Irish poor and improve Irish education from the 1850s. Foster is famed for his copybooks used in schools across the country. The talk starts at 2pm at the Wilderspin School Museum on Queen Street as part of its next Winter Warmer Open Day. Admission is free.


This is followed on Friday 16 February by a talk by Andrew Robinson who will talk about the gardener and landscape architect Lancelot 'Capability' Brown who became the UK's most famous landscape designer of the 18th century. Brown redesigned hundreds of parks and gardens throughout Britain and developed the natural-looking English landscape style that became renowned throughout the world. You can see his work around the country at places like Belvoir Castle, Blenheim Palace and Harewood



House. Closer to home, the estate of Burton Constable in East Yorkshire is another of his creations. The talk will take place in the Joseph Wright Hall at Wilderspin, starting at 2pm. Admission is £4 and free for members. If you'd like to join the Society and support its work caring for our town and sharing its delights with local people and visitors, the easiest thing to do is head online to [www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk](http://www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk) or pick up a membership leaflet from The Ropewalk, Wilderspin School Museum or other Barton Heritage Project partner sites.

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Friends of Barton Parks

Friends of Barton Parks (FOBP) has come a long way since forming in 2016 to work with North Lincolnshire Council to restore Baysgarth Park.

Baysgarth Park had become sad, neglected and under used. After many grant applications the funding resulted in pushchair and wheelchair friendly paths throughout the park, establishment of a park keeper post, the Chad Varah Garden, a green gym and enhanced flower beds. However, the group isn't resting on its laurels (or four green flag awards!) We will be working with North Lincolnshire Council and funders in 2024 to redevelop the play area by Baysgarth House. It would be lovely to see this work completed by the summer.

The group would like to see significant improvements to Bartons other community parks but as a volunteer group tackling all of them at once would be too much so we have decided to concentrate on one park in 2024, Dam Road. The site has suffered from vandalism and is in desperate need of a facelift. FOBP plans to create a growing area, plant some fruit trees, install new paths and play equipment. We will make the area more attractive with planting to screen the boundaries whilst retaining the football pitch and use CCTV coverage to discourage anti-social behaviour. If you live near the park and would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

The Friends Group is delighted that the Dam Road Park development has been awarded £7,500 of Levelling Up funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. There is more great news as Dam Road Park is one of the two chosen causes for the Co-op Fund this year so if you have a Co-op Card please choose this local cause, if you don't have a card and use the Co-op please sign up, it takes a few minutes to do so and costs you nothing but the rewards to local projects make a real difference. The Dam Road project will also be one of the Barton's Tesco Stronger Starts causes for instore voting using your blue token from mid-January to March.



With your help we could make this park a real gem for Barton children to enjoy.

Liz Bennet  
Treasurer FOBP

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Spring in December?

One of the delights of January in the garden or on the allotment, is the days gradually getting longer, bringing hope for the new growing season from the declining days of the old year in December.



You will also start seeing signs of spring, such as snowdrops pushing through and beginning to flower. This normally starts in January as they flower from January to March, although one resident posted a lovely photo on Facebook of some she found in Baysgarth Park on December 18. Not unheard of but unusual. As the seasons seem to be becoming much less predictable, it is also more difficult to garden "by the book". So as the seasons change so must gardeners adapt too.

earnest. Most will be indoors for planting out later – broad beans, early peas, summer cabbages, various salads and tomatoes either in a propagator or on a window sill. I always sow carrots, Amsterdam Forcing and Paris Market in large troughs in February and they make great salad carrots from late May onwards – a good way to get youngsters interested in growing too.

On behalf of the Allotment Society I wish you a productive new year, wherever you grow, and there is a "save the date" event for all the family, for your diary. Saturday August 10 is the Open Horticultural Show – all comers welcome, not just plot holders, for veg, fruit, flowers and cooking sections. Classes for children and novices too. The full schedule will be online shortly. www.bartonallotments.org.uk

Neil Jacques  
secretary@bartonallotments@hotmail.com

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  
Barton Area Group Winter/  
Spring Events

Come and join us and learn more about our local area and the wildlife in it. You do not have to be a member of the Trust to attend any of our events and it's free! For any information, please contact Vernon Chapman or Maureen Douglass as below. Look forward to seeing you!

Saturday Field Trips – Meet at Ness End Farm all 9.00am start unless stated.

For full day trips bring a packed lunch and expect a return time of about 4pm. For half day trips expect a return time of 1pm. You will need suitable clothing and footwear (boots or wellies, warm clothes and waterproofs may be needed, especially in winter). For further information, contact the trip leader who will be happy to help.

Saturday January 20 Half Day New Holland - A trip to New Holland foreshore looking for winter waders and wildfowl including Whooper Swan. Leader/Contact - Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)

Saturday February 17 Half Day Novartis Ings/Pyewipe area - Novartis Ings builds on a gift of 35-acres of land from the departing Swiss pharmaceutical giant, with further support from industrial neighbour Solenis. It has been transformed to create a new wetland habitat. Leader/Contact - Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)

Saturday March 16 Full Day Top Hill Low - Tophill Low is an active Yorkshire Water treatment works built in 1959. It formally opened as a nature reserve in 1993 and features 12 hides spread

across a 300 acre site that flanks the river Hull. (£3.50 per person, £2.50 over 65s entrance fee) Leader/Contact - Vernon Chapman (07939 347373)

Saturday April 20 Full Day Spurn Point - Looking for migrants on our annual trip to Spurn Point. Habitats found here include chalk grassland, mature sand dunes, sandy beaches on the seaward side and mud flats on the estuary side. A Mecca for birdwatchers, many rarities can be spotted here. Leader/Contact Alex Cawley 07722 555302

Indoor Meetings to be held in the Visitor Centre

Contact: Vernon Chapman - 01652 660957 or 07939 347373

Wednesday January 17 7.30pm - 2 hours - Talk on "Florida - The Sunshine State" - Speaker - Mathew Capper, Head of Public Engagement & Communications, LWT

Wednesday February 14 7.30pm - 2 hours - Talk on "A journey in nature conservation" - Speaker - Simon Wellock, Far Ings Warden

Wednesday March 13 7.30pm - 2 hours - Talk on "The history of Woodhall Spa Airfield nature reserve" - Speaker - Kevin James, Warden

OPEN GARDENS 2024

Are You A Gardener?

We are asking because we are looking for people to open their gardens in late June for one or two days or both.

In Barton there are so many hidden gardens. Your garden does not have to be large. We know of some wonderful small gardens in the town. If you have a large or small garden and you think you would like to open it to the public, and would like to support local charities we would love to hear from you.

For further information please contact either Chris Patterson on 07511 674821 or email cllrchristinepatterson@bartontowncouncil.gov.uk or Liz Bennet on 07702 775101 or email liz@the-ropewalk.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wednesday April 17 7pm - 2 hours - Short AGM at 7pm followed by "Troupials, Toucans and Tanagers - A Venezuelan expedition" Speaker - Simon Wellock, Far Ings Warden email vernonchapman2@gmail.com or mdouglass6@hotmail.com Website: www.lincolnstrust.org.uk (Barton Area Group)

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Adventure of a lifetime –  
with your help

Young people in Barton often get bad press – sometimes, to be honest, they earn it. However, these are a tiny but highly visible minority.

We sent Neil King to talk to a group of pupils at Baysgarth School who are working hard to realise their dream of a life-changing trip and to demonstrate what our young people are all about.

Pupils at Baysgarth have been offered the opportunity to explore Borneo on an expedition in 2025. The experience is designed to give young people opportunities to grow in character, build resilience and feel empowered to take responsibility for their own lives.

The idea is that overseas expeditions provide authentic challenges and rich experiences and engage young people like little else. As a result, they're one of the most powerful and effective ways to learn big life lessons, awaken curiosity and gain perspective.

The programme is designed to help students understand the world and their place in it. Through service-learning opportunities overseas, students partner with local community and environmental initiatives to gain a unique insight into some of the world's most significant issues. The new perspective gained provides students with the insight and inspiration to take on an active role in making the planet more equal, fair and sustainable.

The expedition empowers students to grow and learn through challenges as they develop character, build resilience, and improve their well-being. Through responsible travel, young people are supported in becoming active global citizens of the future, with an awareness of the world and their place in it.

The expedition is unlike other school trips in that the young people are in the driving seat, from booking accommodation and transport to managing budgets and liaising with in-country providers. An expedition will develop life-readiness and instil the idea that everyone can be a leader.

One of the most rewarding and valuable elements for a student participating is done before they even step foot on a plane, and that's self-funding their journey – nearly £5,000 per pupil. Not only does self-funding make these adventurous experiences accessible to all – regardless of an individual's financial situation – but it also supports young people in developing essential life skills, from money management and self-motivation to goal setting and record keeping.

And this is where you come in!

It would be great if there were groups, organisations and individuals out there that would like to contribute money to the cause, but it's also about more than that.

The young people are seeking opportunities to use their talents to raise money.

Perhaps you organise an event where they could assist or fundraise? Maybe you have ideas for generating money? Do you have company connections – could your company sponsor the trip? Perhaps you could share your web-based fundraising talents. Could they operate a car wash on your premises? How about letting them provide refreshments at your event? Could you offer a young person a part-time job?

The expedition team are working hard to develop initiatives, but raising £5,000 per place is a massive ask, and they need your help.

Emily Peck told me, "We are already working incredibly hard to raise the funds, but there is a long way to go. If anyone has ideas on what new initiatives we might be able to start or imaginative ways to raise money, we would love to hear from them".

I want to think that an initiative that seeks to produce well-rounded young people and develop future citizens, paid for through the innovation and hard work of those young people, would get all of our support. If you have any ideas that might help them on their journey, contact ashleigh.east@baysgarth.co.uk

Our awesome Mrs Cook

Our awesome Mrs Cook has worked at Castledyke Primary School for 32 years as the Pastoral Manager.

She has supported many families in this time and has fought to get them the support they need. Mrs Cook has been a listening and comforting ear for many parents and has helped to find solutions for them. She is a big part of the Castledyke and Barton community. I am sure you will take this opportunity to join me, in thanking Mrs Cook for her service and dedication to the families of Castledyke Primary School past and present. Enjoy your retirement Mrs Cook, it is thoroughly deserved!

We will miss you!

Mrs Potterton

Headteacher

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Group photo of Mrs Cook and her colleagues.

Well done Darcey!

Darcey Farrow of Barton Brownies has become the first recipient of the Brownie Gold Award, the first gold award achieved by one of Brown Owl's Brownies in the five years that the award scheme has been running.

Brown Owl Sue Wind asked the Mayor Cllr Keith Vickers to present the award on this special occasion. To earn her Brownie gold award Darcey had to earn all six theme awards and then do the final challenge.

The award gave Darcey the opportunity to put everything she'd learned as a Brownie into practice as well as do something for her Brownie friends.

Allen Stichler

Headteacher

Group photo of Darcey and her colleagues.

Water's Edge

As we start 2024, at Water's Edge we have a great variety of workshops and activities to keep the whole family occupied during the colder months.

If you would like to create your very own masterpiece then why not book onto a class with Wendy Bruce and learn to paint using watercolours. With a great choice of subject matter ranging from a Puffin, a wildflower meadow to a Highland Cow there is a class to suit everyone.

On the last weekend of January the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch will be taking place, January 26th to 28th. Call into the centre and pick up a sheet and see how many birds you can spot. On Sunday 28th January we will be holding a drop-in workshop where children can make a birdfeeder.

In February Allen Stichler will return to Water's Edge with a woodcarving workshop, these have proved very popular indeed and we have several more scheduled throughout the year.

We are hosting a new workshop on February 17th with Objectify, an eco-friendly design studio

specialising in homewares. In this 2-hour workshop you will be taught how to make 3 pieces of home decor with Jesmonite using three different techniques - terrazzo, marbling and colour block.

There are also plenty of activities for your little ones; Mini Mallards, our tots group takes place twice a month during term time and Habitat Hunters runs during the school holidays. Both of these groups offer nature themed activities indoors as well as out on the park. We also offer a drop-in Crafty Creations session on Thursdays during the school holidays.

To book onto any of our sessions please call 01652 631500.

All of the dates can be found in this year's events diary. Pick up your copy from the Visitor Centre reception or visit our Facebook page facebook.com/watersedgecountrypark

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Mon 8 Jan and fortnightly afterwards

Internet Café

Trinity Methodist Church 1pm – 2pm

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Free

Wednesday 17 January

Film: Nine Years

The Ropewalk 2pm, 4pm and 7.30pm

Nine Years is a coming-of-age story following a headstrong Bartonian teen pursuing her dreams of a career in music, set in the shadow of the building of the Humber Bridge. Based on real life stories with music by Paul Heaton of The Beautiful South. Built by Fox&Cox Productions and ENON Films

£2

Wednesday 17 January

Talk: Florida the Sunshine State

Far Ings Visitor Centre 7.30pm

Speaker – Mathew Capper, Head of Public Engagement & Communications, Lincs Wildlife Trust

Free

Friday 19 January

Barton Civic Society Lecture: Vere Foster - Philanthropist and Benefactor

Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street 2pm

Having been born into a privileged, aristocratic family, Vere Foster went on to devote his life to the social betterment of the Irish poor in the nineteenth century. Jean Cannon describes how Foster helped emigrants to America, improve educational standards in Victorian Ireland, and promoted better healthcare for the poor.

£4 non members

Friday 19 January

Winter Warmer Open Day ‘In Your Best Handwriting’

Wilderspin & National School Museum 11am – 3pm

A celebration of all things handwriting. Visitors will be encouraged to participate in a number of fun tasks centered around the theme of the day such as calligraphy, shorthand, a display about Barton’s inventor of shorthand Isaac Pitman plus interactive handwriting workshops in the Victorian classroom

Free

Saturday 20 January

Arthur Smith

Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 7.30pm

Often described as the compère beyond compare, Arthur worked as a road sweeper, dustman, market researcher, teacher and advertised chicken burgers in supermarkets dressed as a fox before becoming a fully-fledged playwright, panellist, performer and stalwart of the Edinburgh Festival.

Tickets £22 Box Office 01652 660380

Sunday 21 January

Lovely Hare Watercolour Workshop for adults

Water’s Edge Visitors Centre 10.30am - 3pm

£32 per person

Wednesday 24 January

Film: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 2pm (refreshments available from 12noon) & 7.30pm

Harold is an ordinary man who has passed through life, living on the side lines, until he goes to post a letter one day...and just keeps walking. Stars Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton

Pay on the Door £3 matinee, £4 evening. 01652 660380

Friday 26 January

Barton Ghost Walk

7pm

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

Booking is recommended, tickets £5 are available from [www.sbpayers.co.uk](http://www.sbpayers.co.uk)

Sunday 28 January

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Water’s Edge Visitors Centre 11am – 3pm

Drop-in Activity

£1 per feeder

Tuesday 30 January

Pottery Spoon-Making workshop

Trinity Methodist Church 10.00am – 12.00pm

Use stoneware clay to make two beautiful ceramic spoons, adding patterns and detail and finishing the handle with a leaf or toadstool top. Work will be glazed, fired and returned after the workshop. Materials and refreshments included. Over-60s only part of the Living Later Life Well Project.

£10 Call Jo on 07821 900623 to book.

Thursday 1 February

What-Ho Wodehouse

Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 7.30pm

Award-winning actor and writer Jonathan Goodwin performs in a brand-new comedy, adapted from some of the early writings of P.G. Wodehouse. This is a light-hearted romp guaranteed to lift the spirits and make one forget about one’s cares and worries.

Tickets £13 Box Office 01652 660380

Saturday 3 February

Barton Market

Market Place 8.30am – 2pm

Monthly Market with traders selling a wide range of fresh food, crafts and second-hand tools.

Wednesday 14 February

Talk: A journey in nature conservation

Far Ings Visitor Centre 7.30pm

Speaker: Simon Wellock, Far Ings Warden

Free

Friday 16 February

Winter Warmer Open Day ‘Make Do And Mend’

Wilderspin & National School Museum 11am – 3pm

Travel back in time and immerse yourself in a Second World War themed day. Visitors can expect to find themselves surrounded by history as they explore what life was like on the home front for residents of the town and the surrounding villages and children evacuated to the safety of Barton. Visitors will be able to participate in various craft workshops including knitting, crocheting and sewing with some guidance on how to cope “on the ration”.

Free

Friday 16 February

Barton Civic Society Lecture: Capability Brown.

Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street 2pm

Andrew Robinson who will talk about the gardener and landscape architect Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown who became the UK’s most famous landscape designer of the 18th century. Brown redesigned hundreds of parks and gardens throughout Britain and developed the natural-looking English landscape style that became renowned throughout the world. You can see his work around the country at places like Belvoir Castle, Blenheim Palace and Harewood House. Closer to home, the estate of Burton Constable in East Yorkshire is another of his creations.

£4 non members

Saturday 17 February

Objectify Workshop

Water’s Edge Visitors Centre 10am - 12noon

Learn how to make a Jesmonite Coaster and Pot

£30 per person

Wednesday 21 February

Live Music and Lunch – The Dovetail Trio

Trinity Methodist Church 10.30am – 12.00pm

Performing traditional folk song with a new energy, join Rosie, Jamie and Matt for a morning of all things folk, followed by sandwiches, homemade cakes and a cuppa! Over-60s only part of the Living Later Life Well Project.

£5.00 Call Jo on 07821 900623 to book.

Thursday 22 February

Rainey’s Ragtime Band

Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 8pm

Immerse yourself in the nostalgic melodies of the 1920s and 1930s for a captivating journey back in time, featuring Ma Rainey’s iconic songs and a handpicked selection of beloved tunes from that golden era

Tickets £18 Box Office 01652 660380

Friday 23 February

Mike and Millie’s Winter Wonderland

Ropery Hall, The Ropewalk 2pm

Specifically created for those living with later-stage dementia, this charming show takes the audience on a day trip to the 1960s. Using music, dance, mime and rhyme, the performers from Smashing Mirrors Theatre Company provoke memories and stimulate interaction in a safe and comfortable setting. Join Mike and Millie as they explore a snowy world of icicles, sledging and songs by the fire. And of course, there will be a cup of tea at the end!

A FREE event, although places are limited and tickets need to be booked. Box Office 01652 660380

Friday 23 February

Barton Ghost Walk

7pm

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

Booking is recommended, tickets £5 are available from [www.sbpayers.co.uk](http://www.sbpayers.co.uk)

Saturday 2 March

Barton Market

Market Place 8.30am – 2pm

Monthly Market with traders selling a wide range of fresh food, crafts and second-hand tools.

Sunday 3 March

Puffin Watercolour for adults

Water’s Edge Visitor Centre 10.30am - 3pm

£32 per person

Wednesday 13 March

Talk: The history of Woodhall Spa Airfield nature reserve

Far Ings Visitor Centre 7.30pm

Speaker: Kevin James, Warden

Free

## Venue Information:

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# Barton Bangers



When NEIL KING got the chance to spend time with two of Barton’s unlikely television celebrities, he jumped at the chance.

Anyone who watches “Bangers and Cash” or its spinoff show “Bangers and Cash Restoring Classics” will instantly recognise Brian Gould and Rob Carter – they undertake immaculate restorations on motorbikes.

Neil got to spend time with them and hear how two ordinary blokes with a shared hobby have become television celebrities from a lean-to in Barton.

I met Brian and Rob at what they describe as “Global H.Q.” – a lean-to at the side of Brian’s house –where they transform tired old bikes into concourse winners. The tour of the entire workshop took around thirty seconds, and I was then taken to the “Brain Centre” of the organisation – Brian’s kitchen. Over a brew, we talked about their unlikely rise from obscurity.

Rob and Brian agreed to be interviewed on one condition – that I emphasise that they are not a business, they don’t restore classics for a living, and their restoration work is simply

a hobby. They said it was necessary because they always get enquiries through the show and Matthewsons to help with projects, and they don’t do that.

Brian, originally from Goxhill, moved to Barton over 40 years ago. He worked on the railways as a signman for much of his working life and has been into cars and bikes all his life.

Rob is originally from Scarborough and moved to Barton seven years ago. His background is in restoring classic cars and he was in business for 19 years.

So, how did they meet? Brian told me: “I was restoring a bike and was struggling to find some parts, and a mate of mine with a scrap yard in Goxhill told me that he knew of someone in Barton who might be able to help. He mentioned this guy’s name and gave me an idea where he was in Barton, so I just bit the bullet, went to this address, and knocked on his door. We talked, realised we were interested



in the same things and became friends. Seven years later, here we are.

Brian and Rob told me how two mates doing up bikes in a lean-to unwittingly became television celebrities.

For context, “Bangers and Cash” averages a U.K. audience of 744,000 people, and “Bangers and Cash – Restoring Classics” averages 647,000. The shows are also being sold worldwide, including Europe, the U.S.A. and Australia.

Rob said: “In a moment of madness, Brian and I went down to Peterborough in Brian’s van and bought a Dayton Albatross scooter, a bike about as rare as a lottery win. We decided to restore it together. Little did we know that the project would dominate our lives for the next six months.

When we finished the bike, it was in concourse condition, but we couldn’t get a serious buyer when we tried to sell it. So we took it to Derek at Matthewsons Auctions in Thornton-Le-Dale to auction it.

Having had a classic car business in Scarborough, Rob had known “Bangers and Cash” auctioneer Derek Matthewson for many years. He often works as a volunteer in what Derek calls his museum. (keen-eyed viewers will also recognise Rob helping to handle the phones on auction days).

The scooter was spotted by the producer of Bangers and Cash, who was looking for restorers who could restore motorcycles to a very high standard for his up-and-coming new programme.



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The producers suggested to Rob that they would buy an old bike at auction and asked Rob to restore it. Rob pointed out that he worked with Brian on the restorations, the producers agreed, and that’s how it started.

I asked them what working with a camera crew was like, particularly in a tight space like their lean-to. Rob said, “Because I was volunteering at the auctions, I was used to having cameras around.” On the other hand, Brian told me, “I felt like a fish out of water. I was so uncomfortable; it was just not me, but I persevered, and once we got going with our first project, I started to get used to it. You get to know the camera operator, and that helps.

Filming is a slow process, and I was curious how much time was spent filming a project. Rob told me, “On our first restoration (the Francis Barnett motorcycle), they were with us for 46 hours, producing a 20-minute feature. They are a bit quicker now, but the weather makes a difference because we work out of a lean-to! We can’t do certain tasks in the winter!”

So, which T.V. restoration is the team most proud of?

Rob said, “I love English bikes, and the Francis Barnett was the only English bike we’ve done, so I’d pick that. It was also the only bike that the producers made a profit on.” Brian’s favourite is the Czechoslovakian C.Z. Trail bike. “We put our heart and souls into that one”, he added “The C.Z. sat in a shed for 40 years, and when we’d finished it, it was like a new bike”

Brian and Rob told me the Dayton Albatross was their favourite “off-camera” restoration. The Dayton was a top-of-the-range, hand-built machine built in London; however, the example that Brian and Rob bought was little more than scrap.

Brian told me: “Because they were hand-built, every bike is different, making them incredibly hard to assemble. You couldn’t just swap bits from one to another. There were slight differences.”

The one constant throughout my time with Rob and Brian was the pair’s attitude to what has happened in the last few years due to their newfound celebrity. Firstly, they find it extremely funny – the fact that, and I quote – “two ordinary blokes mending bikes in their shed” should be part of a hit television series amuses them. Secondly, they cannot understand why people recognise them and the reaction that they get – especially at motoring events.

They didn’t believe in “celebrity” until, as Brian said: “Suddenly getting around Tesco started to take a lot longer. People love to come and



chat. It’s got to a point where I recognise a certain look on people’s faces and know that they are going to start a conversation”. Rob said: “All of this stuff puzzled us. I nearly died of embarrassment when someone asked for my autograph!”

It seems that you can’t over-estimate the power of television, even when it’s a relatively niche programme.

Bangers and Cash had its first live event this year, and Brian told me: “We got to the show a few hours before it was due to open, and we turned up in the van. A crowd mobbed us, and we couldn’t get the bikes out. One bloke had come from Northern Ireland just to meet us.” At this point, there is a shaking of heads, shrugging shoulders and looks of bemusement.

Finally, I asked the guys what they were planning for the future. “We are in the middle of a new restoration for the programme at the moment, but after two years of constant restoration, we could do with a bit of a rest.” After that, if they want to return to do more bikes, we’ll do them.”

I came away from the interview with a new sense of how eccentrically the world works. Two mates, mending bikes in a lean-to in Barton, can end up on the telly and seen across the planet.

Rob and Brian take the whole thing in their stride, and I’m pretty sure they will go along with it as long as they can get back to the lean-to and get their hands mucky again!

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# Goxhill and Barrow Scout Group

In respect to the Scouts' new hut project, evidence is still being collated to support our National Lottery bid, gathering estimates from various trades persons and businesses.

Additionally, the group is still keen to hear from any local groups or organisations who would be interested in using the new facility when it is completed.

On the funding note the group has been successful in gaining support from Tesco and our project goes to "in store voting" in January until March 2024. It would be great if you would be able to support our project and vote for us when visiting the store.

Sadly, due to a change in personal circumstances, our Explorer Leader Chris Harris is having to step down in the New Year. If you are interested in taking up a challenge and becoming a Leader, please contact me.

In the last few months, the Group has supported: the Goxhill Memorial Hall Remembrance Service (next year we will be back in Barton); the Barton Christmas Lights switch on and Lantern Parade and the Barrow

Methodist Hall Christmas Tree Festival.

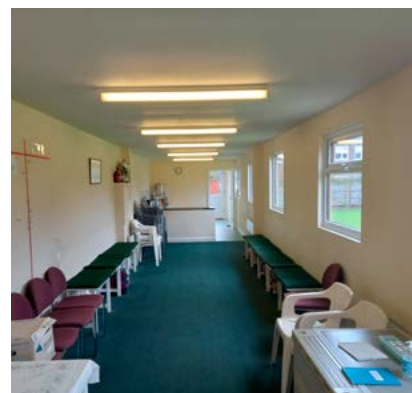
So, what have our young people been up to?

Beavers have been working on their Communication, Fitness and Creative badges making Christmas decorations. They also attended a District Campfire session and a Christmas party.

Cubs have been cooking, making wet felting materials and making Christmas gifts and decorations as well as taking muddy walks along the Humber bank.

Scouts and Explorers have been completing First Aid training with LIVES instructors and achieved their Level 5 Emergency Aid qualification. We also raised and donated £100 to LIVES for their assistance to the Group. We have also been involved in cooking and on a couple of night hikes on and around the Humber bank.

## Barton Brigg Road Bowls Club update



Writing this article in December when it is either very cold, icy or wet does make me wonder if we will ever have warm sunny days for outdoor bowling.

However, our green will open mid-April as usual and work to keep it in good condition still goes ahead. We have recently bought a new mower so the green should be in excellent condition – not sure about the players.

Come and join us for our roll up/practice sessions on Monday and Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm. You will be sure of a warm welcome. It is amazing how many folks who have never played the game, come and have a go and discover the enjoyment. I particularly like it because you don't need a partner.

Bowls etc will be provided but you need flat shoes. See you soon we hope.

Here is a photo of our clubhouse which cannot be seen from the gate on Park Avenue.

## Barton Chess Club news

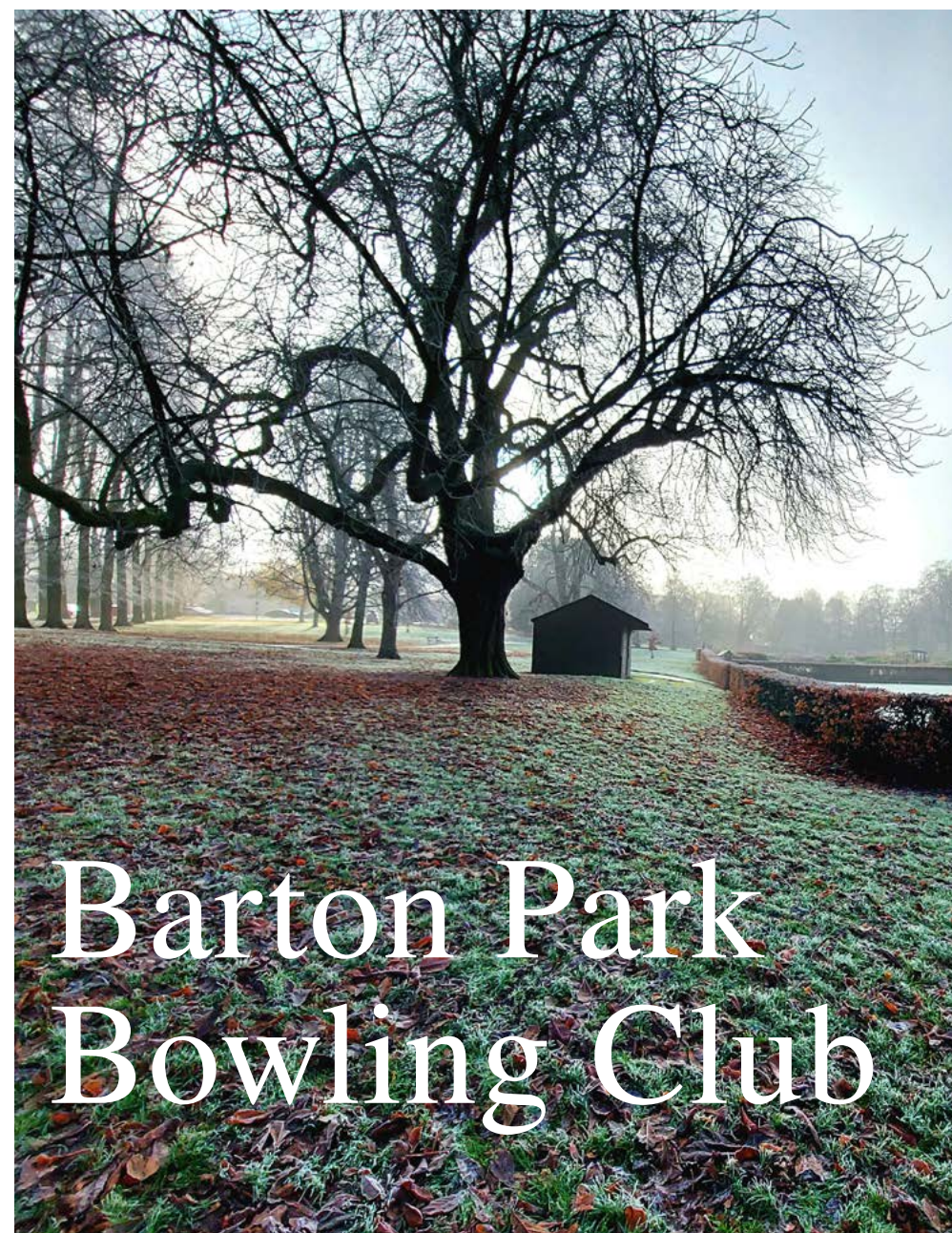
On the 29th October 2023 our club president Robert Crawshaw died. He was a kind generous person who was a former Barton Club Champion.

Here he is the white player v John Day of Scunthorpe.

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Barton Chess Club Meets at the Corn Exchange Club, Market Place, Barton at 7.30pm on Monday evenings. Adult players of all levels are welcome but we cannot cater for juniors at the present time.

Our membership secretary is  
**Mick Robinson**  
07597 320659.



# Barton Park Bowling Club

Mid-December finds Barton Park Bowling Club on the cusp of the old and the new, the end of one year and the beginning of the next.

We can both look behind to the season past and forward to the coming season ahead with pride and enthusiasm. Not only pride in our success on the green but pride in the successful integration of new players young and old alike, pride in welcoming newcomers with the warmth and friendship that forms the cornerstone of the club's ethos, a warm welcome to all whatever the shape, size or age; or of any ability in the sport if any at all!

On occasion when walking my dog Duggy on his regular morning perambulation around the park, in conversation with other dog walkers I hear similar words to these "I have seen the bowlers playing on the green and thought about having a go".

Please don't just think, come on down to a roll up and have a go, surprise yourself! Rollups will take place regularly throughout the season, all are welcome. Check our column in the Bartonian or our Facebook group Barton Park Bowls. Additional information can be obtained from the Club Secretary Ian Papworth: ianpapworth@gmail.com

Alongside playing bowls the club holds various social events throughout the year. Up next will be a Race Night. Last year's deluxe race night event was a huge success, very well attended, and included many of our friends at Brigg Road. A great night was had by all! Watch this space....

# Mayor christens Barton Town Short Mat Bowls Club's new bowls mats

To celebrate Barton Town Short Mat Bowls Club's brand new, bright blue bowls mats, the Club welcomed Barton Mayor Cllr Keith Vickers and his wife to The Hub, on Maltby Lane, for our Open Evening in mid-November, and invited him to bowl the first wood.

Also present was the President of Humberside Short Mat Bowls Association Eva Dayes, as well as a good turnout of all club members proudly sporting their new Club T-shirts, kindly sponsored by Barton Lions Club (photo 2).

Formed just over a year ago, the Club started out at the Baysgarth Leisure Centre, but moved to The Hub in September, with borrowed mats which had seen better days! However, after applying to North Lincs Council Community Fund earlier in 2023, we were delighted to be awarded a grant to help the Club purchase two brand new bowls mats.

Midway through the evening we had a surprise visit from Barton constabulary, who were duly invited to try out our mats (photo 3), confirming that the long arm of the law was right on the Jack!

Although very recently formed, we have attracted a very diverse membership, our youngest just five years old, several teenagers and young adults to keep our older members on their toes, a bowler in his electric "Bowls Royce" wheelchair, and a delightful young lady with learning difficulties. We believe our membership is genuinely inclusive.

Prior to our Open Evening we also welcomed nearly 20 youngsters from the Barton After School club, who also share The Hub, to try our new mats. One of our aims for the club, is to attract more young people to the sport, and we are already liaising with several local Barton schools.

The club runs sessions at The Hub most Tuesdays 6.30-8.30pm from September to March – come and join us.



# Park Run



New Years Day Baysgarth Park parkrun hit a new record with 217 participants.

The weekly event brings visitors from all over the country to Barton and local businesses are certainly noticing a boost to their Saturday trade. To acknowledge the huge achievement developing and operating the event Barton Civic Society Chairperson Neil Jacques is pictured left awarding a Good Mark Certificate to Mark Nettleton and Sarah Atkin representing the parkrun volunteer team.



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# Join our Fostering Family

Could you make a difference in 2024 – Join our Fostering Family. Any of us can foster a child or young person, if they have a big heart to care.

## Could this be you?

North Lincolnshire Council is part of a fostering film project, 'Any Of Us', which it is hoped will help to challenge misconceptions about fostering and break down barriers, enabling any person who wishes to become a foster carer to be able to do so.

The film tells the story of Chloe who is looking for a foster family and three very different people who all show fundamental attributes of a foster carers in incidents from their daily lives.

Nationally there is a shortfall of over 7,000 foster carers in the UK.

Foster care enables children to remain connected to their family and community. Within North Lincolnshire, the fostering service strives to ensure that children stay in their local areas when they are unable to live with their birth families or relatives.

Harley Young aged 15 of HY Racing, whose parents are foster carers believe they are a true inspiration, and said: "My parents are my role models. They've opened my eyes to the world."

"I didn't think I'd be emotional about being in a foster family – I already feel I've experienced guiding others and want to share this experience."

The North Lincolnshire Council fostering team would like you to consider being a part of our fostering community, whether as a foster carer or by being fostering friendly.

Local businesses, employers and organisations including The Ropewalk, John Leggott College, Ongo and The Cookie People have become Fostering Friendly alongside the Council to show their support and champion fostering in the community.

Could you join our fostering family? You can find out more about being

fostering friendly or enquire about fostering and supported lodgings on the North Lincolnshire Council website: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/fostering>

You can also join the team at its next online information evening on Wednesday January 24 from 6.30pm-8pm. Register to attend via Eventbrite – details are on the website.

Watch the 'Any Of Us' film by accessing the QR code and see Chloe's story and how her foster carer makes a true difference to her life and future.



# BARTON AREA FOOD BANK

After many delays, we are happy to report that our new store has finally been erected, although there is still quite a long way to go before it is fully functional.

There have been several delays due to the weather and tradespeople not always being able to coordinate timings with each other, which is fully understandable. The building needs to dry out before a group of volunteers can begin to install all the fixtures and fittings, but we can now say that progress is being made at last! So hopefully in the next "Bartonian" there will be even better news.

Our three day store collection at Tesco again went very well, so we do thank everyone in Barton and the surrounding villages for all their support. We are hoping that this is the last time we shall have to store all the food and toiletries we received in our garages to be

transported up to our present store as space becomes available. The items donated have meant that we have two to three weeks respite from buying food to top up the donations we receive.

It was not only the three day Tesco collection which boosted our stocks but other individuals, organisations and companies. Several kind donations of money and food have already arrived at the time of writing this article, and more has been promised nearer Christmas.

Thank you everyone who helped us in 2023, and we look forward to working with many people in 2024.

# Voluntary Car Scheme

Do you struggle to get to your medical appointments – or get your weekly shop?

Humber & Wolds Rural Action (based in Barton) delivers a Voluntary Car Scheme across North Lincolnshire, which helps people with genuine transport difficulties over the age of 18 get to important appointments such as doctors, hospitals, dentists, clinics, support groups, local shops etc.

Our volunteers give their time freely but charge a mileage rate of 45p per mile to cover the cost of fuel and other vehicle running costs. Drivers will wait up to an hour and a half at a destination, but this can be flexible if more time is required. All our drivers are DBS checked.

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and 12pm – there is an answer machine facility if lines are busy. We will be very happy to discuss your requirements with you and register you with the scheme.

Humber & Wolds Rural Action need more volunteer drivers and we are looking for drivers in Barton. If you enjoy driving (or know someone who does!) and would like to give something back to your community, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Carole Foster on 01652 637700 or email [voluntarycarservice@hwrrc.org.uk](mailto:voluntarycarservice@hwrrc.org.uk).

You choose how much time you wish to volunteer, and all expenses are reimbursed.

# The Case for a one-way system in downtown Barton

In a recent survey of the people of Barton, their major concerns were traffic volume, speeding and parking.

An idea which has been thought about was the creation of a one-way system in the town centre.

If George Street continued through to King Street and the intersection of Burgate all traffic would flow through which, could allow some parking in front of the Surgery. If Burgate, High Street and Hungate all flowed out towards Ferryby Road, additional parking could be created by the Red Lion and if Chapel Lane was one way towards George Street more parking could be created at Junction Square.

Vestry Lane could also be included with traffic only flowing onto the A1077.

With such a shortage of parking in the town, these 15 to 18 additional



spots would be most appreciated by businesses, residents and visitors coming to shop and eat in Barton.

Residents of Barton have all experienced queues on King Street nearly every day of the year whilst every night we have the issue of the takeaways and restaurants on High Street as cars double park, as there is nowhere to park.



One-way systems exist in both Beverley and Brigg and contribute to a good flow of traffic with ease of parking.

The Civic Society has endorsed this proposal as it leads to a better quality of life for all concerned. We are keen to hear of your thoughts as we start the promotion of this plan. Please contact me at: [ianlawless@btinternet.com](mailto:ianlawless@btinternet.com)

Article by Ian Lawless, Environment Subcommittee Barton Civic Society

# Watercolours and Wi-Fi at Trinity Methodist Church!

On Wednesday, January 24 from 10.30am to 12.00pm, the Living Later Life Well project is hosting an exhibition of watercolour paintings from the groups who have enjoyed classes with artist Wendy Bruce in 2023. Come and view a selection of the paintings created by the groups, all new to the world of watercolour painting, chat to Wendy about her work and other classes, and enjoy some light refreshments.

The watercolour painting classes have been wonderful, enabling people to develop their skills and confidence, and some beautiful pieces have been created. Please join us at this free event to celebrate the work of local people learning a new

skill in later life! In 2024, we are hosting a fortnightly 'Internet Café', where you can bring your tablet, laptop or smartphone (or borrow one of our tablets), connect to our Wi-Fi and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. We plan to have a volunteer at each session who will support you to make the best use of your device, from showing you how to use the Internet, to booking GP appointments, to staying in touch with friends/family. Importantly, it's a chance to get out of the house in January and enjoy some good company. Sessions will be fortnightly from Monday, January 8, 1.00pm to 2.00pm. No need to book, just turn up!

Both activities are based at Trinity

Methodist Church, Holydyke, DN18 5PS. The Living Later Life Well project runs activities for people aged 60 and over, to reduce loneliness and social isolation in our older community.

Our programme includes exercise classes, craft workshops, guitar sessions, a Book Club, coffee mornings, trips and more! Newsletters are available from Trinity Methodist Church and various outlets around Barton, on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/LivingLaterLifeWell](http://www.facebook.com/LivingLaterLifeWell) or by emailing [jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com](mailto:jo.marwood.bartontrinity@outlook.com) or call 07821 900623.



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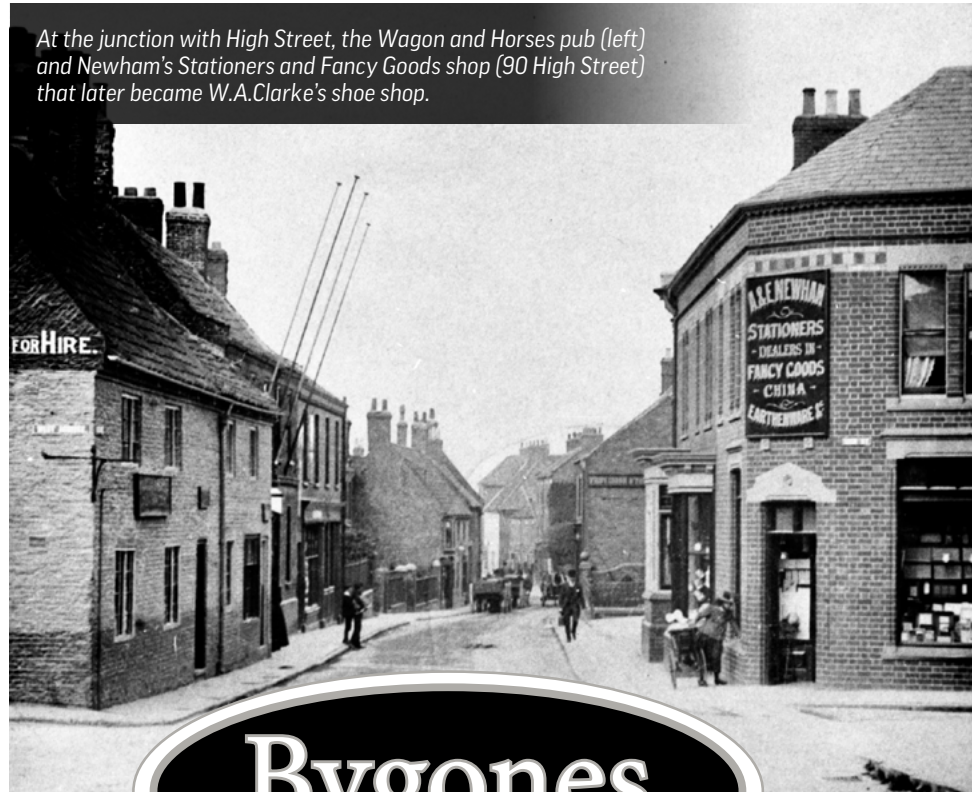
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There is no Sunday service during this period

At the junction with High Street, the Wagon and Horses pub (left) and Newham's Stationers and Fancy Goods shop (90 High Street) that later became W.A.Clarke's shoe shop.



J.J. French, chemist shop, decorated ready for the 1953 Coronation.



Numbers 37 and 38 were built in the 18th century as a mansion house with extensive grounds. In the 19th century it was used by the Temperance movement, serving non-alcoholic drinks, acquiring the name "Cocoa House", as an alternative to drinks served in local public houses. At the beginning of the 20th century when Fleetgate was becoming a premier shopping street, the house was divided and two shops were built in the front garden. These were at 37 Lyon Ironmonger then Dickinson Painter and Decorator and Turnbull Hardware. No. 39 was Burton's High Class Grocer, followed by Temple's Grocers and Hart's Grocers.



# Bygones Fleetgate

For many years Fleetgate was one of the main shopping streets in Barton.



Built in front of Cocoa House are Turnbull's Hardware and Hart's Grocer's shops in the 1960s.

Frank Sanderson outside his Fleetgate Sub-Post office



Fred Canty's clothing stores in 1927, before the shop front was replaced by a large modern shop frontage.



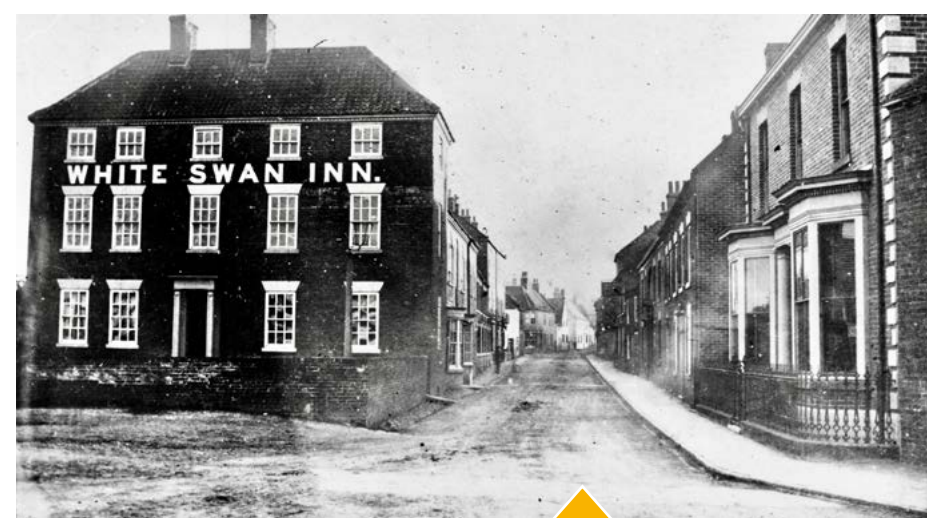
A.H. Thompson Furnishings and Carpet shops were found on both sides of Fleetgate. Mather's shoe shop is in the centre of the picture.



Clipson's, hairdressers, newsagent and tobacconist shop in 1925.



Fred Clipson, standing in the doorway of his shop in 1981, celebrating the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.



A 19th century view of The White Swan Inn and Fleetgate. The pavement on the right hand side of Fleetgate was the first flagged pavement to be laid on a Barton street.



Nat Mather's Boot and Shoe Maker and Repairs.

This WB supermarket was built on the site of the Star Cinema in 1971. It later became Fine Fare and moved to Market Lane, where the Co-op is now.



J.W. Rowley had a sweets, grocery and tobacconist shop on the corner of Newport, pictured here in 1960. It was demolished in 1968.

A horse drawn vehicle outside Lacey's grocers shop in Fleetgate.



A. Dickinson grocery shop on the corner of Dam Road and Fleetgate. It became Melias in later years.

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- 07.02.24** Seminar “*Dispelling the Myths of a Funeral Director*”
- 16.02.24** We will be hosting our Bereavement Café
- 24.02.24** Launch of our poetry competition “*What does Spring Mean to You*”
- 06.03.24** Seminar “*Dispelling the Myths of a Funeral Director*”
- 04.03.24 – 10.03.24** We will have a Memorial Blossom and Post Box in the Office for people to post messages to their mothers/mother figures.
- 18.03.24** Funeral Plan Open Day
- 21.03.24** In conjunction with National Poetry Day, we will be naming our winners of the Poetry Competition.
- 25.03.24** Sunflower Planting

*Wishing you all a New Year filled with love, strength, and the comfort of your treasured memories. Together let’s make 2024 a year of resilience, growth and unity.*

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**Obituaries**

**Emily Robinson**

The death has occurred at the age of 99 of Mrs. Emily Robinson.

Although Emily lived the first thirty years of her life in South Ferriby, and the last seven in Cross Hill House Care Home in Barrow, the intervening 62 years were all spent in Barton, in the same house on West Acridge which Emily and Len bought on their wedding in 1955. The semi detached house was built by local builder Horace Foster, who had a yard at the west end of West Acridge and who operated quite a sizeable business.

After early years at South Ferriby junior school, Emily moved to Barton Grammar School in 1935, just four years after it opened. The headmaster was Mr. Boulton and Emily was friendly with his daughter, Margery. She was taught English by Henry Treece, who she remembers as being “very Bohemian”, and other teachers included Freddie Manning and Alice Raby. As well as doing well academically, Emily was good at sport, and played in the Grammar School hockey and rounders teams. She also developed a love of tennis from this period, and continued to be an avid follower of Wimbledon right up to the year of her death. She did well enough to stay on into the sixth form, but this was during the war years and required the carrying of a gas mask at all times. Emily recalled one evening when cycling back to Ferriby from Barton when a German bomber flew very low directly over her and Miss Usher, a Ferriby School teacher, and they both had to dive into the ditch to take cover.

After sixth form, Emily attended Lengden’s secretarial school in Grimsby, gaining qualifications in shorthand, typing and other office duties. This led to a job in Brigg with E.H.

Smith. Ironmongers, where Emily continued to work until her marriage. It was considered taboo in those days for a married woman to go out to work, so Emily became a full time housewife, looking after the home in West Acridge while Len worked at Fisons Fertilisers in Immingham. Housework in those days was much more demanding, with no dishwasher, automatic washing machine or central heating. Monday was always wash day, and all the clothes would be hung out to dry down the garden. There were two coal fires which had to be made daily through the winter months, involving much carrying of coal and sticks etc. The only heating in the bathroom was a paraffin stove, with the fuel being bought in a can from Potts store in the Market Place, and later from Canty’s in Junction Square.

Groceries would be ordered and delivered weekly, from both Temples on Fleetgate and also Charles Day’s on Newport, until the first large supermarket, Russells, opened on the site of the old Star Cinema on the corner of Fleetgate and High Street, now occupied by Fleetgate Hardware. All bills had to be paid by cash – the rates at the Urban District Council Offices on High Street, electricity at the showroom on East Acridge (later King street) and gas at the showroom on Dam Road, on the site of the old Town Gas works. Newspapers were delivered from Grassby’s on Fleetgate (morning) and from Fred Clipson’s (Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph). GP services were provided initially at the Kirk / Gilmour practice on Burgate, and then from the late 1950s in the building which is still today Central Surgery. Dr. George Gilmour was the family doctor until he retired in the mid-sixties and was succeeded by Dr. John Dickinson. Emily and Len did have a television, a small Murphy set, bought from Canty and Clark in Junction square. They did not aspire to owning a car until the 1970s – Len never drove but Emily had gained a licence during the war. Life was mostly spent in Barton, but on summer Sunday afternoons they would often walk across the fields to Ferriby to visit Emily’s family.

Son Andrew was born in 1958 and this gave a new focus to their lives, but much of Emily’s life revolved around the Methodist Church. Her family in South Ferriby had always been ardent Methodists, and Emily taught in the village Sunday



School as well as attending regular services at the Wesleyan chapel on Farishes Lane. The move to Barton, however, brought a change of allegiance and both Len and Emily became very involved with the Trinity Methodist Church on Holydyke. As well as attending Sunday services their social life revolved around the chapel, including such things as coffee mornings and the Young Wives group. Emily had many friends among the chapel congregation, and would often keep an eye on any members who had fallen into ill health. Much of her life was spent in helping others, including Len who suffered with heart disease from the age of 40, and who died twenty five years ago. Prior to his final illness Len was for many years secretary of the Barton Lodge of the Odd Fellows Friendly Society, and Emily would assist him in much of the clerical work that this entailed.

Emily and Len’s lives became refreshed with the birth of grandchildren – Tom in 1984 followed by Rosie in 1991. There were many days out, often to Normanby Park or Cleethorpes. After Len died in 1998 Emily’s life changed, but she drew strength from her many friendships in the Chapel family. She became plagued with arthritis, needing two replacement knees and one new hip. After the second knee operation Emily went in to the care home at Barrow for six weeks’ respite care, but then decided to remain for what was to become a seven year stay. She made many friends in the home and was popular with all the carers, who loved to sit in her room for a rest and a chat.

Emily had a long life, and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

**Andrew Robinson**  
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