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Barton Celebrates Arts and Heritage

Following from the success of two previous historically themed days over the last three years, Barton Civic Society will recreate the sounds and sites of Medieval Barton this Summer. On Sunday 20th June between 11am and 4pm the area surrounding St. Peter's Church will come alive with street theatre, crafts, demonstrations, stalls and historical characters with plenty to do for all the family. Refreshments will be on sale throughout the day at Tyrwhitt Hall provided by Trinity Methodist Chapel as part of their annual garden party.



Barton Arts Garden Party 2003

Barton Arts Week 2004 follows hot on the heels of Medieval Day starting on Saturday 26th June and running for 9 days until Sunday 4th July.

Highlights

of the week already confirmed include veteran jazz musician Humphrey Lyttelton and his band. Performing in Barton on Saturday 3rd July, Humphrey will be a familiar name to many and it is with great pleasure that Barton Arts welcome a musician of his calibre to the town.

Other performances include festival regulars Heartbreak Productions who will perform Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. The Scottish Play was the first Shakespeare production Heartbreak brought to Barton eight years ago and they promise a moving and dramatic adaptation. For folk fans the addition of Vin Garbutt to this years programme will be a rare treat. Vin is one of the best known performers on the folk scene and one of the most sought after. His song writing is witty and powerful, tackling thought provoking issues which others prefer to avoid, and he is an accomplished guitarist and fine whistle player.

In addition to all this there will be garden parties, open days, open gardens, bell ringing, Youth Concert Band performance, concerts, comedy, visual art exhibitions and much more.

The programmes will be available at the joint Barton Arts and Barton Civic Society Coffee Morning to be held in St. Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 8th May. Also on sale will be Medieval costumes and ideas of how to make your own, so there will be no excuse for modern dress on the 20th June.

Some of the tickets for Barton Arts Week have a reduction if purchased before the end of May, and are already on sale with the tickets for all other events at The Ropewalk, Davis Electrics and Barton Local Link.

The 2003 Festival was made possible by grants from Barton Town Council, Kimberly-Clark, W.M. Codd Ltd, Bridge Travel, The Ropewalk, HSBC, Barton Catwalkers and North Lincolnshire Council. Without them the Arts Week would simply not happen, and we hope to obtain support again for 2004.

So gather your strength and prepare to overdose on culture brought to you in the comfort of your own town. Don't miss out, come and experience live entertainment for yourself.

For further details and ticket booking contact Barton Arts on (01652) 637487



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The local
Committee of
Macmillan
Cancer Relief
continues to



receive the generous support of people through a range of fund raising events being held throughout North Lincolnshire. The current Appeal which began in early 2003, has been received with great enthusiasm by the Committee and local supporters as funds are being raised for the specific aim of placing new Macmillan post-holders within North and North East Lincolnshire. These posts include a Macmillan Nurse and Macmillan lead and support GP's. The focus continues to be the raising of local funds for local services.

The grand aid system continues to be available for cancer patients and their families to help with the provision of essential care, services and equipment. This facility enables financial assistance to be given where the need is greatest.

Future activities of Macmillan for 2004 will include the "Swimathon" in April, the "Macmillan Mile" in May and the "The World's Largest Coffee Morning" in September. As a local Committee we shall be holding a Quiz Night in April, in June there will be a Gold Day at Ashby Decoy in Scunthorpe and a musical evening in a walled garden in Grayingham. In September and October "Light up a Life" will take place for the fifth year running with the tree-lighting ceremony being held in late October. This event continues to grow each year as people remember loved ones at this special time of year.

We attend a number of Supermarkets throughout the year, you may have seen us at Proudfoots in December!

If you would like further information on any of the events or would like to participate in any way please contact either Margaret Goodhand on 01469 530639 or Andrew Binns on 01724 711848.

British Couple Donate to Special Olympics

Carl and Joyce Proudlove, a British couple, on Friday 21 November donated the sum of £500 to Special Olympics The Gambia (SOTG) at a ceremony held at the Senegambia Beach Hotel.

The donation was received on behalf of the organisation by the acting chairperson, Mrs Michelle Sagarr Mendy. She hailed the couple for their outstanding

contribution to the development of Special Olympics for the past three years through the provision of sports items and cash.

This collaboration led people of their hometown Barton-Upon-Humber in North Lincolnshire to engage in fund raising activities through Car Boot Sales.

During the last 2003 Special Olympics in Dublin, the couple were with the Gambian delegation throughout the games.

In view of the solidarity demonstrated, the couple were given the title 'Alpha

Dear Sir/Madam,

After publishing our 'Gambian' football photo could you kindly include this picture and article from the local 'Gambian' paper just to thank everyone and to let them see that the money collected does go to 'The Special Olympics The Gambia'.

Yours thankfully

Joyce & Carl Proudlove



Gambian football photograph in issue 30—July 2003

Baa', meaning the big people.

Present at the ceremony were board members, representatives of voluntary organisations, parents and athletes from the three programmes.

Yusupha Cham

All articles intended for inclusion in the Bartonian must be checked for accuracy e.g. dates etc before submission to the Editor. No responsibility will be taken for inaccurate information published. All articles must include a contact name and address.

BARTON PARK BOWLING CLUB

We urgently require new members to make up a team for the forthcoming season.

All interested persons welcome from beginners to seasoned bowlers.

Please ring Don at 01652 661086 for further details

Barton Tourism Partnership

Barton Tourism Partnership meets monthly to discuss ways in which to promote Barton on Humber to visitors. Thanks to funding from Barton Town Council and support from North Lincolnshire Council the partnership is able to carry forward many of the ideas generated by the group. The partnership comprises of representatives of local groups and businesses as well as local residents. Current members include representatives from Barton Carnival, Barton Arts, Barton Civic Society, North Lincolnshire Council Tourism Section, Barton Town Council and the local Chamber of Trade to name but a few. If you are interested in finding out more about the group or would like to join please contact partnership secretary Melissa Cook at The Ropewalk on 01652 660380 or email Melissa@the-ropewalk.supanet.com

After the successful distribution of 10,000 colour leaflets promoting Barton's event programme last year the partnership have again funded Barton Events leaflet 2004, which is now available at many outlets around the town. The leaflet is full of local run events so don't miss out – pick up a copy today.

Just a taster of what is on offer is listed below

Beer Festival	4th, 5th & 6th June
Medieval Day	20th June
Barton Arts Week	26th June - 4th July
Bike Night	7th July
Barton Carnival	17th & 18th July



Your Museum Needs You!

This is the message for the people of Barton from the trust, which is intending to re-open Baysgarth Museum at the end of May. At the time of writing we are still negotiating with North Lincs Council, but are confident that a settlement can be reached which will put the Museum in local control. We have wide support from the community, people from all sectors have expressed support for what we are trying to do and get physically involved.

There are lots of opportunities for people of all ages with a few hours to spare each month. Initially the need is for people to help as guides and attendants, but if that doesn't appeal there are other tasks that will need your help. Full training will be given and as time moves on we are hoping to develop broader curatorial training.

The announcement that North Lincs Council were to close Baysgarth Museum led to a huge outcry and indeed the fastest produced and most effective petition in my recollection. It

seemed to us at CHAMP that as an established trust in the town in the arts and heritage area we could facilitate a resolution to the problem. We therefore approached North Lincs, and the result is that we are restructuring CHAMP in order to manage the Museum with the community. To begin with the plan is to open Baysgarth House just at weekends.

Not just a rescue effort, the museum has suffered under investment for years so we see this as an opportunity, we can apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund to install a lift for disabled access, as part of a bid to develop the Museum. There are already a lot of ideas around that could make the house a vibrant part of community life, but all are welcome. We would like to hear from anyone or indeed any local group who would like to get involved in shaping this bid

So, please grasp this rare opportunity to save a unique building and collection for future generations. **633363**(Nigel Land) or **635365** (Neil Turner) to register your willingness to help.

Neil Turner Chairman of CHAMP

Charles Hunt & Sons

I am seeking information on my great, great, Grandfather Charles Hunt (born Lowestoft 1814). He was a brewer who lived in Priestgate whilst his son Charles Hunt lived in Holydyke and had 10 children.

They ran a family grocers, butcher, wine and spirit shop in George Street from the 1870s through to at least 1913. They were listed as mineral water manufacturers at Glebe Farm, Barrow Road in 1922.

I would welcome any information on this family and can be contacted on 01753 859947 or email chris.hunt@operamail.com

Thanks

Chris Hunt

(Old Windsor, Berkshire)

Down the Garden

Garden Talk

The garden year has started particularly well for us, apart from storm-damaged fencing, with the 'lasagne' planted pots of bulbs providing an excellent show. Remember if you have followed this example that as the flowers fade nip them out and give the plants a liquid feed to ensure another good display next spring. Suttons have a new range of spring bulbs for novice gardeners, which include growing instructions, fertiliser and a leaflet 'Taking the mystique out of bulbs'. Gladioli can be planted out now and if you have a heavy soil it is worth putting a layer of gravel in the bottom of the planting hole to improve drainage and help reduce the risk of rotting.

Like many of our garden problems the latest *Phytophthora ramorum* has originated from abroad, in this case California. Known as 'Sudden Oak Death' it is a fungal disease related to the potato famine in Ireland. So far it has not been found on English oak, which has a thicker bark than its' American cousin, but it has effected *Rhododendron* and *Camellia* species. Several major gardens including 'The Lost Garden of Heligan' have been effected leading to clearance and

burning of infected plants. Let's hope the boffins soon come up with a treatment. Further info from www.defra.gov.uk/plants/oak.htm

All is not doom and gloom however with gardening vying with angling to become the most popular pastime. Dr Hessayon has released a new book in his Expert series to cope with this trend (available from 1st June). 'The Garden Revived Expert' is aimed at those with an existing garden which could do with a bit of updating as opposed to those starting with a virgin plot.

Why not brighten up your salads this year with some salad herbs. They can be sown from late March either in open ground or in troughs. For the latter use a soil based compost which will retain moisture better in warmer weather. Try biennials like Celery Leaf (a relative of flat leaved Parsley), leaves have a light celery flavour and the seeds can be also used in salads or in soups. Also suitable are annuals like Red Orache which has young leaves maroon in colour with a dry spinach taste, older leaves are better cooked. Mizuna is great for a 'cut-and-come-again' herb, with fresh flavoured bright green leaves. Winter Purslane is similar and the flowers can also be used. Coriander and one of my favourites Rocket are well worth trying. We have been picking Rocket right through the winter from our Norfolk garden. Seed suppliers include: Home & Garden Seeds, Tel. 01353 699889 www.homegardenseeds.co.uk and Jekka's Herbs Tel. 01454 418878 www.jekkasheerbfarm.com There is still time to plant out shallots; parsnips. broad

beans, carrots, radishes, peas and spring onions can be sown every few weeks to give successive crops.

The lawn can be raked with a spring-tine rake to remove thatch and aerated with a fork to improve drainage. The grass will grow better and be more equipped to fight off weeds and pests and diseases. Try not to cut the grass too short especially when the weather is hot, it will resist drought far better if it is not scalped. Don't forget that lawn clippings make an excellent mulch around the base of shrubs and fruit bushes provided chemicals haven't been applied to the lawn.

The 2004 edition of The National Gardens Scheme yellow book, listing gardens open for charity is just out and well worth the £5.99. For the first time it includes allotments in inner city areas. www.ngs.org.uk

The RHS gardens at Harlow Carr, Harrogate are worth visiting this year as in conjunction with the BBC they are opening seven new gardens designed to illustrate the past 200 years of garden styles. The gardens will be the subject of a new television series, www.rhs.org.uk

"And, as it works the industrious bee
Computes its time as well as we!
How could such sweet and wholesome
hours

Be reckoned but with herbs and
flowers!"

'The Garden' : Andrew Marvell

Enjoy your garden
Jim Dowdy

Barton – upon – Humber CIVIC SOCIETY

Following the successful Victorian Days in 2001 and 2002 planning is now well underway for our Medieval Family Day will take place in and around **St. Peter's Church on Sunday 20th June**. The provisional times are 12 noon – 4pm.

There will be street entertainment, stalls and activities for adults and children – all with a medieval flavour.

If your group would like to take part please let us know what you would like to do.

Stall space is free although a donation to Barton Civic Society would be gratefully accepted.

It would be appreciated if Medieval clothing could be worn (more advice to follow) even if the nature of your stall doesn't quite fit the period 1066 -1500!

Refreshments will be available.

If you would like to join the Society for a day of hysterical history please contact:

Ian Wolseley, 139, West Acridge, Barton upon Humber,
North Lincolnshire DN18 5AH

Tel. 01652 632928 email routemaster@aol.com
before May 20th 2004.

Baysgarth School welcomes new Head - Colin Saywell



"The short time I have been Headteacher of Baysgarth School has certainly confirmed my initial impressions of its undoubted strengths, and immense potential for further development, building upon those strengths. I consider myself most fortunate to have been appointed to a school at the heart of its community and with the values that I feel are so crucial to secondary education today.

My main concern will be to build upon the successes of 2003, with the emphasis very much upon continued development of teaching and learning. Specialist School Status will undoubtedly support this approach and we are currently consulting staff, governors, pupils, parents and members of the wider community as to the specialism that would best meet the needs of Baysgarth's pupils. Our submission for specialist status has to be with the DfES by October of this year, along with the small matter of raising £50,000 sponsorship that will release nearly half a million pounds of funding from the DfES, over the next five years. I am sure you will be hearing more about our fund raising efforts in the coming months.

The school is also seeking to enhance its current links with Barton and the surrounding community. By doing so, the curriculum becomes more relevant to our pupils and the school is in a stronger position to support the continued learning of people of all ages.

I am originally from Lincoln and Baysgarth is the sixth school in which I have worked. I live near Caistor and have done so for 18 years. I am passionate about

Lincolnshire, from the Humber to the Wash, and feel it is a tremendous part of the country in which to live.

I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to your local newsletter and will keep you in touch with developments at the school."

Colin Saywell – Head Teacher

Dr. Jaggs-Fowler – Guest Speaker at Prize

Giving

The successes of last year's GCSE & A Levels were celebrated at the recent Prize Giving, along with Year Awards for Effort, Attainment and Community, plus Subject Prizes sponsored by local businesses, Governors Awards for 2 pupils from each Year and the Head Teacher's Awards for Academic Excellence and Service to the School. We are grateful to Dr. Jaggs-Fowler who gave out the prizes and delivered such an inspiring speech. The audience was further entertained by songs from Jennifer Jaques and John Peart.



Baysgarth 6th Form – THE BEST IN NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE!

Based on last year's average A Level points score of 286, Baysgarth's 6th Form beat all others in North Lincolnshire, including John Leggott, and was well ahead of the National Average, according to the tables published in the Scunthorpe Telegraph. Laura Tuplin, who got 5 A's and has gone on to Cambridge, said, "I can't understand why students travel to other schools when Baysgarth can provide such a good atmosphere for learning." She said her success was down to the support she received from the teachers. Mike Cope, Deputy Head at Baysgarth said, "We were delighted with our A Level results last year, we have some very good students and they work extremely hard. Although we are only a small 6th Form we have a very good contact with our pupils and this is obviously producing the results."

Work Based Learning Event

The Event, reported on Radio Humberside, was the official opening of Baysgarth's new Connexions and Work Based Learning Centre, by Jenny Couch – the Area Connexions Manager. It was also to celebrate the successes of Y10 & 11 students who have benefited from the extra support and who had previously struggled to succeed at school. Representatives attended the Event from the LEA, The Prince's Trust, local colleges, employers, youth, health and careers services and the DfES.

Baysgarth Arts

The list of successes in the Autumn Term included the Baysgarth Youth Theatre performing an adaptation of Macbeth at Hull New Theatre. An outstanding dance/drama performance at the Futuredrama Festival, at the Baths Hall Scunthorpe. A fantastic Talent Show with over 100 pupils reduced to the 17 acts on the night. The winners – "The Hollywoods", a group of Y10 dancers, and the runner up, singer John Peart, go on to the area finals organised by the Scunthorpe Telegraph.

This term sees an attempt to go one better than last year's second place in Rock Challenge, and in March, "The All New Sister Act II", the first major musical production for several years, is set to be another spectacular performance.

Positive Behaviour Management

Baysgarth has now become the lead school in the area pioneering this new way of thinking and working with young people. Baysgarth hosted Peter Hook and Andy Vass, both national experts in Coaching Winners, as part of the schools professional development & training programme. This Positive Solutions approach is based on building relationships, rather than relying on power and presence, to resolve issues. The school through this approach places an increased emphasis on recognising and celebrating success, setting clear boundaries and maintaining a regular and positive contact with parents.

"Baysgarth School gets better and better!"

Book Review

The Later History of Barton-Upon-Humber - Part One. *The Church in Late Medieval Barton-Upon-Humber* by Geoffrey F. Bryant published by the Barton-Upon-Humber Branch of the Workers' Educational Association (2003 price £5.00)

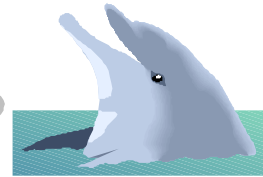
This book is the second of the WEA series to be published on the history of our town from 1086 to 1900. After an introductory chapter dealing with the town and its church (yes) before 1086 the book looks firstly, at what is known of

the history of the Christianity in Barton up to the Reformation and secondly at the developing architecture of St. Peter's and St. Mary's churches. Not only will the reader learn about our town's particular church buildings but will given a background knowledge of the organisation of the English Church, its staff, its liturgy and services and the various styles of ecclesiastical architecture which appeared in late medieval England, the book is profusely illustrated with line drawings and photographs.

Copies can be obtained from the author at 8 Queen Street or from Newton's Printers or the Ropewalk.

Barton Dolphins

Swimming Club for People with Disabilities



Hooray! We're up and swimming!

By the time you read this article, Barton Dolphins Swimming Club for people with disabilities will be up and swimming at Baysgarth Pool every Thursday, 7 till 8pm.

The committee has been working hard for several months to get the rules and regulations agreed and to raise initial funding.



Anyone wanting to join the club or ask any other questions should contact Julie Harrison on 01652 637639 or just come along to the club to see what happens and you can join up on the day. Members will pay a small fee for each session plus an annual membership fee, which at present is £5.00 until it is clear how the club's finances are running.

Helpers would also be very welcome – people to swim alongside the members in case of difficulties, or to watch from the side. Helpers can swim for free, although to keep the club running, if they want to pay it would be very welcome. Able-bodied members would also be very welcome to help the group with fund raising activities as a lot of funding will be needed in the future to pay for pool hire and to keep the group running.

Baysgarth Pool has a hoist (modelled by a helper in the above picture!) which will be available for members to use, and it will be possible to use floats etc. if you can't already swim.

Barton Dolphins would like to thank Baysgarth Pool and Andy Bagshaw of North Lincolnshire Council for all their help in getting the group up and running. We couldn't have done it without them!

BARTON'S ENTRY FOR THE YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2004

SPRING JUDGING BETWEEN 29th MARCH—16th APRIL

SUMMER JUDGING BETWEEN 5th JULY—23rd JULY

Front gardens in Residential Areas are included in the Judging Criteria, PLEASE help Barton to Jump up the results table.



Barton Lions Environmental

work: We are involved with improving the Environment working along with other groups and are members of Barton Town Council Environment Committee helping to improve our local environment.

We are also involved with the RECYCLING of goods and deal with the following items:

Spectacles: They are collected, sorted, cleaned, graded and sent with working parties like Vision Aid Overseas to the third world. We estimate we have sent in excess of 20,000 pairs over the years.

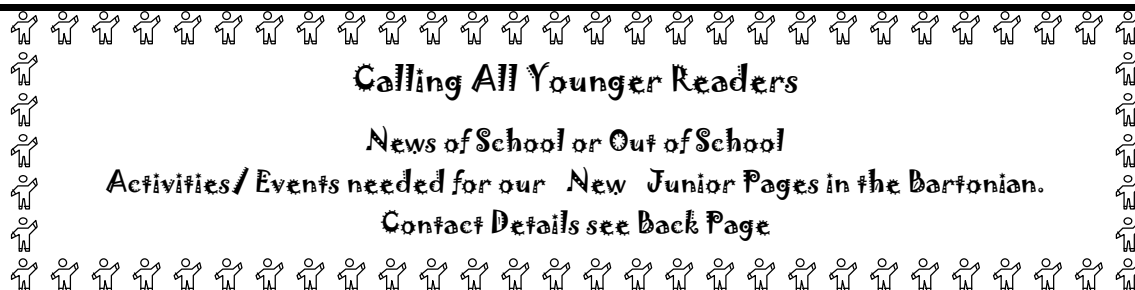
Hearing Aids: These are repaired and sent to third work countries.

Mobile Phones: These are recycled and monies raised go toward Wateraid.

Contact: Lion John Walker at: Smith and Walker Optician, High Street, Barton or any Lion Member.



Lions John Walker and Alan Todd clearing out Barton Haven



Calling All Younger Readers

News of School or Out of School

Activities/ Events needed for our New Junior Pages in the Bartonian.

Contact Details see Back Page

VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE

The Voluntary Car Service (VCS) are delighted to announce the launch of their new service linking the south bank of the Humber to Castle Hill Hospital on 15th January 2004.

"The Linc"

is a wheelchair accessible Toyota Previa, which will accommodate seven passengers, plus driver or 4 passengers, 1 wheelchair, plus driver.

This vehicle will be driven entirely by volunteers, and will make two return journeys a day to Castle Hill hospital, six days per week.

The project was approved through the Rural Transport Partnership with the funding for this project being secured from the Countryside Agency in partnership with the Voluntary Car Service and the Primary Care Trust, and has been awarded "National Demonstration" status by the Countryside Agency.

The fare for a return journey will be £2 per person. The service will be prioritised for patients with appointments first, but any spare seating can be taken up by visitors.

The service will operate from Barton-upon-Humber, but will be open to all residents of North Lincolnshire, who have difficulty with transport.

For further information or to book a seat please telephone 01652 636292. Bookings will be taken between 9am – 12 noon Monday to Friday. A minimum of 24 hours notice is required.

The VCS aims to promote independence and improve the health and social welfare of the more vulnerable residents of North Lincolnshire by alleviating some of the problems associated with rural isolation, social exclusion and poverty. It works towards achieving this by providing a safe reliable and affordable voluntary transport service for those residents of rural North Lincolnshire who experience genuine transport difficulties, i.e. those residents who have not got access to, or are unable to use, other forms of public or private transport.

To ensure that the VCS remains affordable, the core administrative costs of the service are not passed on to passengers. However, as our organisation does not have access to a regular source of income, we rely on grants and donations to cover our administrative costs.



Voluntary drivers left to right—Michael Hills, Brian Watson, Jeremy Crook & Roy Hackett

Barton

Beat

Inspector Brett Rutty

Officers from the Barton Local Policing Team (LPT) cover an area of approximately 140 square miles from South Killingholme in the South, to the River Humber in the North and across to the River Trent in the West. Over the last few months " calls for service " to the Police have averaged 850 per month.

CRIME ISSUES

As far as Crime is concerned, we continue to concentrate our efforts on the priority crimes of House Burglary, Vehicle Crime and crimes involving Violence. With the support of Detectives from our Priority Crime Team based at Scunthorpe Police Station many good arrests have been made resulting in terms of imprisonment being imposed by the Courts and an improvement in our detection rates, particularly for House Burglary and Vehicle Crime.

The numbers of reported Vehicle Crimes have risen recently over the whole of the LPT but Barton does appear to be a Hot Spot area for this type of offence.

I would like to remind motorists to take particular care when leaving your vehicle unattended, even for only a short period of time, to ensure they take valuable items, hand bags, brief cases and mobile phones with them or, if that is not possible, to lock them out of sight in the boot or glove box.

Most vehicle crime occurs when vehicles have been parked up for the night. If you can't put your vehicle in a garage please try and park in a well lit area where it is over looked by houses.

Anti-social Behaviour

A large proportion of the calls for service concern anti-social behaviour such as drunkenness, abusive and threatening language and minor damage being caused to both private and public property. However, by far the most common cause of concern is the fear of crime and feelings of intimidation caused to residents and passers-by by large groups of young people.

Of course I understand that young people want to spend time together in groups but when they engage in anti-social behaviour or their mere presence in large numbers causes fear to other members of the community it becomes a problem and one that we all have a responsibility to address. This is not something the Police can tackle alone. Teenagers need to be aware of the impact their behaviour can have and I am asking them to be more considerate towards other people living in the community. I am also seeking the support of parents. Do you know where your teenagers are on an evening? Are they playing in the park, at the Youth Club or round at a mates house? Or are they hanging around on street corners, blocking the pavement outside the local shops or gathering in the bus shelter, preventing more senior members of the community from using those facilities?

Please talk to your kids about the issues and help us to drive the message home that we ALL have to live and work in the community and we ALL have a shared responsibility to make the community a safer place.

Humberside Police is committed to providing a Highly Visible Police presence in the community. Officers from the Barton LPT will challenge anti-social behaviour and speak to teenagers. I will be sending letters to parents where their children have been engaged in such activity.

Officers at Barton LPT are supported by a small but dedicated team of Special Constables who give up some of their spare time to serve the community and we are actively seeking to recruit more members.

JOIN THE SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

Special Constable are part time volunteer police officers with similar powers and duties as their regular colleagues. They are men and women from the local community who want to help the police in making their community not only safer but feel safer. Special Constables who have many diverse skills and abilities to bring to the role have a very important part to play in providing reassurance in the towns and villages of North Lincolnshire, they really can help to make a difference. They are particularly valuable in dealing with anti-social behaviour and the kind of crimes that can blight some areas and make local people feel uneasy.

Special Constables are attached to an LPT usually of their choice, depending on whether they want to work in their own or a neighbouring community. All special Constables receive similar training to regular officers covering criminal law, police powers and procedures, communication skills, officer safety and first aid. The training takes three months, delivered at the Police Training Centre in Hull one evening per week and on 4 weekends. There is then 10 weeks of on the job training with a regular officer or an experienced Special Constable. This is usually 4 hours per week at mutually convenient times. Once the initial training is complete, Special Constables join their LPT and become eligible to claim under the terms of the Special Constabulary Allowance Scheme.

Under the scheme an allowance of £1500 per annum will be offered to all Special Constables in Humberside Police in return for the performance of 4 hours a week operational duty. This is in addition to the expenses payable for travel and refreshments.

The procedure for joining the Special Constabulary involves completion of an application form, medical clearance, completion of initial recruitment test, vetting checks and finally an interview.

To find out more information a dedicated telephone line with trained staff is available from 0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday has been set up to deal with questions or applications from members of the public. If you are between 18 and 55 and would like to join or just to find out more about the Special Constabulary please call [01482 808172](tel:01482808172) or call at Barton Police Station.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL

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BARTON-UPON-HUMBER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

1st April 2004

Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice is given that the **Annual Town Meeting** will be held in the **Main Hall, Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton-upon-Humber**, on **Wednesday 21st April 2004**, commencing at **7.30 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Hibbert
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. **Prayer.**
2. **Welcome by the Town Mayor, Councillor E Longbottom.**
3. **Apologies for absence, if any.**
4. **To note that Notice of Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Paragraph 14(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.**
5. **To receive and consider the Barton upon Humber Town Council Annual Reports for 2003/2004, previously circulated with the April 2004 issue of the Bartonian: -**
 - (a) **Community Regeneration Committee**, (Councillor Mr J Oxley);
 - (b) **Environmental Regeneration Committee**, (Councillor Mrs J Oxley);
 - (c) **Finance and General Purposes Committee**, (Councillor Mrs W Witter);
6. **Questions for the Humberside Police.**
7. **Questions for the North Lincolnshire Council.**
8. **General questions from the floor. ***
9. **To consider the Barton Town Bus Service, (Min Ref: 453(a)(ii)/177).**
10. **To consider any items for discussion or report at the discretion of the Chairman.**

PLEASE NOTE: * If it is your intention to raise a matter please give prior written notice to the Clerk or Chairman before the meeting.

It would also assist if, prior to speaking, you would give your name.

BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS 2003/2004

BARTON COMMUNITY REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor John Oxley

This Committee's aims are to help Barton to become an even better place to live and to stage events that will bring people to visit Barton. Over the past few years we have seen how successful the town has been in attracting people both to visit the town and more importantly to make their homes here.

The Bike Night organised by Town Award winner 2004 Malc Bennett continues to be a fantastic success with many thousand of bikers visiting the town.

Barton Arts Week Committee continue to have more success with their project which includes a tremendous range of different events.

Barton Civic Society, following their successful Victorian Days are this year organising a Medieval Day which will mainly be held in the Beck Hill area.

The Barton Carnival goes from strength to strength as does the Bonfire and Fireworks display organised by Barton Lions.

The Town Council support all the above events. We will return to the previous format for Picnic in the Park to be held in Baysgarth Park. This is a local event intended to give parents a break during the summer holidays. This will be held on Sunday 8th August.

The main event for the committee is, of course, the Christmas Festival which continues to grow in size and visitor numbers. Visitors continue to travel long distances to see our festival. As you can imagine the amount of legislation continues to rise and requires a great deal of time and effort to complete. Last year we were once again hit by the rain but hopefully this year will be different.

I would welcome anyone who may have some time to spare to join the Committee, maybe bringing some fresh ideas or just to spend an hour or two to act as a Marshall during the festival.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my fellow Committee members for their support and hard work and particularly my thanks to Councillors Pete Davis and Alan Todd for their exceptional efforts. I would also like to thank Town Clerk Ruth Hibbert and Deputy Town Clerk Carol Clark for their outstanding work during the year. Thanks to the general public for supporting the Town's efforts and look forward to your continuing support this year.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor Mrs Janet Oxley

2003/2004 has been a busy year with our ongoing projects – bulb planting, hanging baskets, street nameplates, tree planting, planters, etc. This work will continue during the next year with the help of other groups who are now co-opted members of the committee. Special thanks to Barton Civic Society, Barton Lions and Barton Rotary Club.

The Committee continuously work looking into and resolving environmental problems in and around the town e.g. damage to highway verges, traffic calming measures, litter, dog fouling, public conveniences, grass cutting, weeds in the streets – the list is endless. However, to resolve these and many other problems we rely on a good working partnership with North Lincolnshire Council and have always received good responses from them. A special thanks to Michelle Button and her team at Local Neighbourhood Services for their prompt responses to problems and their gallant efforts in cleaning the graffiti from areas in the town.

We have again entered the Yorkshire & Humberside in Bloom Competitions and look forward to favourable results. The displays of hanging baskets and planters, the neatly cut grass and the absence of litter from the streets not only improves our chances of becoming a top town but also improves the environment for the people who live here.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all the Committee members for their support and their enthusiasm and effort in achieving so much this year. I look forward to seeing the results of their future efforts.

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Chairman Councillor Wendy Witter

The volume of documentation to support the decision making process of the Town Council continues to rise, however, the Finance and General Purposes Committee has been focusing during the past year on consolidating the Town Council's statutory and financial requirements.

Elected Members of the Town Council, and Co-opted Committee members are required to comply with the adopted Model Code of Conduct, and undertake to declare individual interests in any agenda item for discussion. This Register of Interests is retained at the Council Office.

In compliance with audit procedure, the annual budget details are published in a separate leaflet, circulated with the North Lincolnshire Council tax demand, and the Final Accounts 2001/2002 can be viewed Monday to Friday between 9a.m and 1p.m.

The Town Council has undertaken a full review of its' employment policies, and improved it staff appraisal and performance review procedures. In this year employed support has been provided to a North Lindsey College administration trainee, and training for existing staff to support the Town Council's decision to move forward as to "Quality Council" status has been identified.

Progress on the proposed refurbishment of the Assembly Rooms has been disappointingly slow, but the deadline of October 2004 to comply with the Disability Discrimination Access to public buildings requirement must be met. The Committee will continue to progress this wherever possible, through the use of local businesses.

My thanks are extended to Members of the Committee for their contributions, and the Town Council staff for their valued support.

254—Service Changes from 3rd May 2004

- ◆ New Service links East Acridge and Norman Close to Town Centre
- ◆ From Superstore bus serves Fleetgate on all routes
- ◆ Revised Timetable

Barton Town Bus Service 254

From 3rd May 2004

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only

Bowmandale and Tofts Road to the Town Centre

	am	am	pm		am	pm	pm
Bowmandale.....	9:07	10:47	12:17	Superstore.....	10:40	12:10	12:40
Tofts Road.....	9:13	10:53	12:23	High St.....	10:43	12:13	12:43
Market Place, Kwiksave.....	9:16	10:56	12:26	Market Place, Newsagents.....	10:45	12:15	12:45
High St.....	9:27	10:58	12:28	Bowmandale.....	10:47	12:17	12:47
Superstore.....	9:31	11:02	12:32	Tofts Road	10:53	12:23	12:53

Runs via Bowmandale, Millfields, Tofts Rd, Forkedale, Warrendale, Tofts Rd, Ferryby Rd, Holydyke, Market Place, Whitecross St, Burgate, High St to Superstore. From Superstore runs via Fleetgate.

Eastfield Road & Meadow Drive to the Town Centre

	am	am	am		am	am	am
Eastfield Road, Baysgarth View	9:18	9:46	11:16	Superstore.....		9:40	11:10
Meadow Drive	9:21	9:49	11:19	Market Place, Kwiksave.....	9:16	9:44	11:14
Market Place, Newsagents.....	9:25	9:53	11:23	Eastfield Road, Baysgarth View	9:18	9:46	11:16
High St.....	9:27	9:55	11:25	Meadow Drive	9:21	9:49	11:19
Superstore.....	9:31	9:59	11:29				

Runs via Eastfield Rd, Caistor Rd, Meadow Dr and Barrow Rd, Market Place, George St, King St and High St to Superstore. From Superstore runs via Fleetgate and Holydyke.

Westfield Road to Town Centre

	am	pm		am	am
Westfield Rd, Western Dr	10:34	12:04	Market Place, Kwiksave		11:49
Superstore.....	10:40	12:10	Market Place, Newsagents	10:24	
High St.....	10:43	12:13	High St.....	10:26	
Market Place, Newsagents	10:45	12:15	Superstore.....	10:30	12:00
			Westfield Rd, Western Dr	10:34	12:04

Runs via Westfield Rd, Western Drive and West Acridge to Superstore. From Superstore runs via Fleetgate, High St, Burgate and Whitecross St to Market Place.

Far Ings Road to the Town Centre

	am	am		am	pm
Humber Road, Far Ings Road.....	9:38	11:08	Market Place, Kwiksave	10:56	12:26
Superstore.....	9:40	11:10	High St.....	10:58	12:28
Market Place, Kwiksave	9:44	11:14	Superstore.....	11:05	12:35
			Humber Road, Far Ings Road.....	11:08	12:38

Runs via Dam Rd, Humber Road, Far Ings Rd and Waterside Rd to Superstore. From Superstore runs via Fleetgate and Holydyke to Market Place.

Norman Close to Town Centre

	am		am
Superstore	10:15	Superstore	11:45
Norman Close	10:21	Market Place, Kwiksave	11:49
Market Place, Newsagents	10:24	Norman Close	11:52
High St	10:26	Superstore	11:58
Superstore	10:30		

Runs via Butts Road, Pasture Road, East Acridge, Norman Close, East Acridge, Beck Hill, Whitecross St, Market Place, George St, King St and High St to Superstore. From Superstore runs via Fleetgate and Holydyke to Market Place.

BARTON TOWN COUNCIL

Barton Town Bus Survey 2004
SERVICE 254

We would like your views regarding the Barton Town Bus Service

The bus operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and links the Town Centre with the following areas;
Bowmandale and Tofts Road, Eastfield Road and Meadow Drive, Westfield Road, and Far Ings Road.
A new link serving East Acridge and Norman Close will be introduced in the near future.

Q1. Are you satisfied with the Bus Service?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q2. Does the Service depart on time and arrive on time?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q3. Is the driver helpful?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q4. Are the routes covered to your satisfaction? (if 'No' please answer Question 5)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q5. What alternative route would you like included?

Q6. Please tell us of any problems you have with the Local Town Bus?

Please return this questionnaire to Barton Town Council, The Council Office, Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton-upon-Humber, North Lincolnshire, DN18 5QP

Name.....

Address.....

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All information will be treated in confidence

TOWN AWARD 2004

The Town Award winner for 2004 was Mr Malc Bennett, who was presented with his award at the Barton Town Mayor's Civic Dinner, which was held on Friday 5th March 2004.

Mr Bennett was nominated in recognition of his work organising the Annual Barton Bike Night in July each year.

Other local people who were nominated this year all received a Certificate of Merit in recognition of their nomination, they were:- Shaun Couldstone, Mr R Cash, Mrs V Smaller, Mrs G Stanley, Mr C Doughty, Miss W Fowler, Mr M Kirkby and Mr P Kirton (posthumous)

TOWN COUNCIL-BEST KEPT GARDEN/ HANGING BASKET COMPETITIONS

The 2003 winners of the above Competitions were:

**Mrs A Gardiner 8 Birchdale—Best Kept Garden;
Mr P Whittington 98 Bowmandale—Best Hanging
Baskets(Private House);
The Volunteer Arms Whitecross Street—Best Hang-
ing
Baskets (Businesses)**

The Judges commented on the very high standard of all gardens and hanging baskets, but added that entries were down this year, and still need more entries from the business section.

Entry forms for the 2004 Competition are available from the Town Council Office on Queen Street, and will be published in the July issue of the Bartonian.

The weather in Barton during 2003 – back to normal?

Some 539.25 mm (c. 21¼ ins) of rain fell in Barton during the year 2003. this was 305.5 mm (c 12 ins) less than the total rainfall in 2002. This quite dramatic decline followed some seven years of steadily rising rainfall (see table). It should be noted that the average annual rainfall in Barton since 1995 has been 628 mm, so, the 2003 decline in rainfall was not just a dramatic fall from the 2002 total, it was also a significant fall from the average. In 2002 over 100 mm of rain fell in each of four months (July, October, November and December) – the highest monthly total in 2003 was the 91 mm in June. The driest monthly total in 2002 was April's 25.75 mm – in 2003's blazing August only 6.75 of rain fell. The driest spell during the year was in the 43 day period between March 12 and April 24 when rainfall totalled a miserly 4.5 mm. The most rain recorded in one day was the 38 mm which fell on 30 June and this did in fact beat the 2002 highest total of 32 mm on 29 December.

The effects of this 2003 water shortage have been clearly seen at Barton Beck. For months in 2002 and just into 2003 the artesian springs were pouring out enormous quantities of water and the Beck overflowed. During most of 2003 the Beck has been bone dry and the springs non-existent.

The highest recorded temperature in 2003 was 28°C on 10 August and the lowest minus 2°C on 30 December.

Recent annual rainfalls (in mm):

1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
491	532	542	588	648	788	681	844	539

Monthly rainfall totals (in mm):

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2003	78.75	23.75	18.75	39.75	48	91.25	48.75	6.75	36.5	40.25	55.25	51.5
2002	38.5	48.25	26	25.75	61.75	82.75	101.75	54.75	31.25	132.75	111.5	129.75

Geoff Bryant and Maureen Welch

LINCOLNSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

The Barton Upon Humber Area Group

EVENTS PROGRAMME - 2004

Indoor Meetings

All Indoor Meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held at the Far Ings Visitor Centre, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber. Admission to all events is free, refreshments are available and the Trust Shop will be open. Everybody is welcome.

Wednesday 28 April	AGM followed by a Talk/Slide Show on the Groups visit to North Wales during June
Thursday 16 September	John Kneeshaw - "Corsica: In search of Napoleon".
Wednesday 22 September	Repeat of Show on 16 September
Wednesday 20 October	Brains Trust
Wednesday 17 November	John Coley-Smith - "Namibia: The Land God made in Anger".
Wednesday 15 December	Members' Slide Evening

Sunday Field Meetings

These normally commence from Barton Market Place at 9am and usually return between 4 and 6pm. It is advisable to bring a packed lunch and it also a good idea to have with you suitable footwear and clothing. Anyone requiring a lift or further information should contact the nominated leader. Everybody welcome.

18 April	Rufford	Leader—Martin Broadbridge (01652 632895)
16 May	North York Moors	Leader—John Kneeshaw (01652 634673)
20 June	Duncombe Park	Leader—John Coley-Smith (01482 655107)
18 July	Crowle Waste	Leader—Tony Norminton (01652 657683)
19 September	Gibraltar Point.	Leader—John Robinson (01652 633430)
17 October	Spurn	Leader—Chris Potts (01469 531088)
14 November	Old Moor Wetlands	Leader—John Coley-Smith (01482 655107)

Saturday Morning Meetings

Meetings will be led by John Kneeshaw (01652 634673). All the meetings will start at the venue at 9.30am.

These short walks cover only two to four miles over a period of two to three hours whilst avoiding any strenuous stretches and are therefore suitable for most people young or old. The sites are chosen to enable us to enjoy some of the wide variety of birds to be found in the Barton area with, hopefully, the occasional rarity thrown in.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to ring John who will be only too pleased to help.

9 October	Far Ings	Meet at Far Ings Visitor Centre, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber.
13 November	Whitton	Meet near the Church at Station Lane, Whitton
18 December	Pasture Wharf	Meet at the Fisherman's Car Park, Sailing Pit, Pasture Road North, Barton

Special Events

Saturday, Sunday & Monday 1, 2 & 3 May - Optics Weekend at the Far Ings Nature Reserve, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber. Lamberts (Lancaster) Ltd are binocular and telescope specialists and will have these and other items on display and for sale. You are able to "test-drive most items from one of the reserve's hides. 9am to 5pm.

Sunday 2 May - Dawn Chorus followed by a Light Breakfast at Far Ings Nature Reserve. Meet at the Far Ings Visitor Centre, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber at 4am. Breakfast - £2.50

Saturday 22 May - Moth and Bat Night at Far Ings Nature Reserve, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber. 9pm until late.

Saturday 7 August - Open Garden at 'Orobanche', Stothard's Lane, Goxhill: The home of Chris and Mavis Potts. Garden open from 2-6pm, entry £2 (accompanied children free).

Saturday 7 August - Moth Night and Supper at "Orobanche", Stothard's Lane, Goxhill, from 8.30pm until late. Tickets £4, advance booking is requested, please telephone either Chris or Mavis on 01469 531088.

Saturday and Sunday 11 & 12 September - Optics weekend at Far Ings Nature Reserve, Far Ings Road, Barton upon Humber. Lamberts (Lancaster) Ltd will have binoculars, telescopes etc on display and for sale. 9am to 5pm.

Sunday 10 October Fungus Foray at Swallow Vale led by John Coley-Smith. Meet at Swallow Vale near Great Limber at 10am.



Following on from the letter by Mrs J Holmes in issue 31 (November 2003) regarding children rolling eggs in Barton at Easter, Mrs V Dukes has kindly supplied the above photograph showing local children in 1975? Rolling eggs in Baysgarth Park

BARTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

In Baysgarth House at 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th May 2004

Wednesday 12th May 2004

(Mayoral Meeting)

Monday 17th May 2004

Wednesday 2nd June 2004

Monday 21st June 2004

Wednesday 7th July 2004

Web Production by
John Pullen

Don't forget to visit
www.bartonuponhumber.org.uk

BARTON LIONS



In September 2002 Barton Lions were contacted by Central Surgery to inform us that a child had been born in a local village who needed several operations in order to enable him to walk. These operations could only be carried out at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London and could Barton Lions help with travel costs.

We agreed to do so and gave the family 2 return rail tickets from Hull.

Many more operations were required and Mrs Ann Caldwell of Westfield Road raised a large amount of cash by organising a sponsored cycle ride over the Humber Bridge. Lions organised several raffles and sales of cuddly pandas from stock. Our local MP Shona Mclsaac gave a generous donation. When we had enough money we approached the manager of Hull Trains who agreed to supply a large batch of Open Return Tickets to London. These were given to the baby's parents for their use as required. The child underwent an 8 hour operation with the parents staying in a Trust House for a week and then during the next six weeks took turns in returning home to visit their other child who is 3 years old.

The operations so far have been a great success and the child has taken his first steps but he will need much more surgery in the coming years.

Barton Lions are proud to have been given the chance to help this family and remove the financial worry from their lives. However none of this work can be achieved without the kind generosity of the people of Barton and District who support our fund raising activities.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the ongoing travel expenses for this good cause please contact:

Lion Colin Pearson
East Acridge House
Barton.
DN18 5HH
Tel: 01652 632549



Lion Tony Pearson and Ansar Uddin at The Raj
Charity Curry Night. Photographer Lee Beel

BARTON ON HUMBER CIVIC SOCIETY

The Society has a very comprehensive programme of events for 2004, see below, for which we must thank the efforts of Eileen Coombe, our new programme secretary.

This year we are reviving the annual outing, which will take place on Sunday 18th July, to the adjoining properties of Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey in North Yorkshire, with the bus leaving at the unprecedented hour of 8am! This trip along with all other events is open to all, whether members of the Society or not, so if you would like to join us for an enjoyable day out, please contact Eileen on 632957.

Our big event this year is the Medieval Day, on Sunday 20th June, centred on Tyrwhitt Hall and St. Peter's Church, which will follow the format of the previous Victorian and Jubilee Days. Please watch the press for further details of this event.

Our annual general meeting is scheduled for Friday, 9th July, and by popular request we will welcome back Dr. John Ball with his perennially popular slides of historical Barton.

Whilst on the subject of our programme I should like to thank our previous programme secretary, Maureen Welch, who retired last year after many years in the post. It is thanks to Maureen that the Society has been able to present such a wide programme of events in the past, and I am pleased to say that she has agreed to continue as a committee member.

The Society continues to monitor planning applications, to award good marks for meritorious projects, and to safeguard the heritage of the town. New members are always welcome – if you would like to join please contact Nigel Land on 633363.

Andrew Robinson, Chairman

Barton-upon-Humber Civic Society 2004 Programme

1 May	51 Fleetgate open 10am – 3pm	10/11/12 September	National Heritage Week 11/12 September, 51 Fleetgate open, 10am-3pm. Sunday 12 September, Humber Bank Heritage Walk Andrew Robinson: meet Waters Edge 2pm
Saturday 8 May	Civic Society/Barton Arts Coffee Morning Bring & Buy, Plants, Cakes, Books, Raffle 10am – 12 noon, St Mary's Hall		
Friday 21 May	Illustrated Medieval Calendars Maureen Ille, 7.30pm, Assembly Rooms	Friday 24 September	Mystery Objects Quiz – Sarah Plant Normanby Hall, 7.30pm, Assembly Rooms
Sunday 20 June	Medieval Day Tyrwhitt Hall & St Peter's Church	Friday 15 October	Farming in Lincolnshire Rev. Alan Robson, Agricultural Chaplain 7.30pm, Assembly Rooms
26 June - 4 July	Barton Arts Week 26 June, 10am – 3pm 51 Fleetgate open	Friday 15 October	Keels and Sloops of the Humber -slide show Brian Peeps, 7.30pm, Assembly Rooms
Friday 9 July	Annual General Meeting Historical Barton – Slide Show Dr. J Ball – 7.30pm, Assembly Rooms	26/27 November	Barton Christmas Festival Fri 26 Nov: 51 Fleetgate open 5pm-9pm Sat 27 Nov: 51 Fleetgate open 10am-3pm
Sunday 18 July	Civic Society Day Trip Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey Please meet outside the Fire Station, Holydyke, 8am		

Scouts Need Beaver Leaders

The 3rd Barton Scout Group has been running for over 20 years with the two sections for cubs aged 8 to 11 and the Scouts from 11 to 15. Within the next 6 months the group would like to organise weekly meetings for the most junior section of the Scouting family, the Beavers. These are youngsters aged 6 to 8 years.

We know that there are quite a few youngsters who would love to join this section but we need a leaders and helpers. The section would meet one night a week during normal term times for an hour in the early evening. The night and the exact times are open to the availability of the people who would be willing to help.

To get the new venture off the ground we need at least one person who would be willing to lead the section and take out a Scout Warrant. If you feel that you could then please contact John Pullen on 632811 or email to para9@btinternet.com



The Barton Lions Beer Festival

The Barton upon Humber Lions Club
8th Annual Beer Festival
will be held at:

**The Ropery, Proudfoot, Barton,
On Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June 2004.**

By kind permission of Ian Proudfoot and Store
Management Neil Terry and Anne Robinson.

As in previous years there will be a wide selection
of real ales, ciders, lagers, wines and soft drinks,
great entertainment at all sessions featuring live
local bands and food from the Lions catering unit.

**A free shuttle bus will operate between the
Market Place and the Beer Festival on the Friday
and Saturday evenings.**

You made the 2003 Beer Festival a huge success.
The Barton Lions look forward to your support in 2004.
See you there!

Friday	5pm – 11.30pm
Saturday	1200 – 11.30pm
Sunday	1200 – 5.00pm

Friends of the Barton Line

The diverse political events currently affecting the local railway have prompted us to write this brief update for the benefit of non-members of the Society.

On 1st February this year the prestigious TransPennine Express (TPE) service (including the Cleethorpes – Manchester route) was taken over from Arriva Trains Northern (ATN) by FGK – a consortium of First Group plc and Keolis SA from France. The franchise is billed to run for eight years with a possible extension for five years.

The rest of the Northern Rail network (including the Barton line) remains in the hands of Arriva until September. However, in practice the driver and guard duties are frequently interchanged between the Barton and Manchester services and so to facilitate this the Barton trains are now run by FGK under contract to ATN. The new franchisee for Northern Rail (and thus the Barton Line) is expected to be announced by the strategic Rail Authority (SRA) in April selected from either First or a consortium of Serco and Netherlands Railways. The franchise will run for up to eight and three quarter years, the last years being subject to performance. FGK may continue to run the Barton service for the new operator.

The SRA is keen to see rural railways such as ours revitalised and developed further and has appointed Chris Austin as executive director for Community-Rail Development. The discussion process is being launched with a Consultation on Community-Development Strategy in late February – with a deadline for responses at the end of April. The aim is to make these lines more attractive to potential users by improving the services and facilities (including integration with buses), to provide better value for their subsidies by reducing overheads, and to improve their environment by encouraging more positive and proactive involvement from the communities they serve. This is where organisations such as ours can help significantly and FoBL has already sent a raft of requests for the Barton line in response to the SRA's call for suggestions. Sometimes we feel like cursing the train operator (and FoBL tells them so!) but here is a chance to be positive and forward thinking and to make our voice heard in high places.

More locally North Lincolnshire Council has commissioned Pell Frischman to produce a Transportation Study for Barton. The railway related proposals for this include improvements to the Transport Interchange at Barton and a new passenger halt and freight sidings at Falkland Way. Open discussions and exhibitions have started to be held to gauge the opinions of the general public. We would like to see far more substantial improvements at the Interchange than those proposed by Pell Frischman and have made suggestions for inclusion in Barton Civic Society's discussion document. In essence the plan is to create a roundabout, relocate the bus stands and car park further back and provide much enhanced facilities for the travelling public. Looking much further ahead there have been thoughts on a microfranchise (self governance) for the line and even a conversion to light rail with slower but more frequent services continuing onto the streets of Grimsby and

Cleethorpes but these ideas are purely imaginary at the moment.

It is gratifying to note that in general passenger numbers on the Barton line continue to rise. However, the fiasco of the December and other cancellations prompted us to send a formal complaint to the SRA. Ominously FGK have so far shown no improvements in reliability on our line although these are still early days. ATN had their shortcomings but are widely recognised as being the most improved and open of all the Train Operating Companies. They have publicly professed their intention to continue to improve their services right up to the handing over to the new operator. We have established several effective contacts with the management most of whom we hope will continue in their posts under the new parent company.

We hope that this brief bulletin has been of interest. If you would like to join us (members are kept constantly up to date for £5 per year) or just contact us please write to 47 Eastfield Road, Barton, DN18 6AW of telephone 01724 712397 or email Bartonrail@aol.com. Further information can be found on our website at <http://beehive.thisisscunthorpe.co.uk/bartonrail>

Anthony Berridge

During 2003 Barton Lions had many functions raising a large amount of money—this is thanks entirely to you, our supporters.

Some of the groups who received donations were as follows:

Barton Rugby Club £300;
Barton Operatic Society £200;
Special Bicycle for an autistic child in Barrow £500;
St Andrews Hospice £1820;
Holiday for 2 disabled Barton residents £530;
Lions Youth Programme £300;
Holiday for 2 elderly residents £220;
Barton Dolphin Club £100
Special food for child replaced a robbery £100
Bowmandale School £3500
Retinitis Pigmentosa Society £200

This help was just a taste of the wide variation of groups you have helped us to help.

This coming year some of the events we will be holding are as follows:

Easter Egg Draw—see your local Public House

Beer Festival 4—5—6 June at Proudfoot (courtesy of their management)

Barn Dance 3rd July at Wootton Grange (courtesy of Mr Jackson)

Golf Day 5th July at Elsham Golf Club

We shall have our Catering Unit at Barton Bike Night on 7th July, Picnic in the Park on 8th August, Christmas Festival on 26th & 27th November.

Any group or society requiring our Catering Unit please contact Lion John Oxley Tel 01652 632064.

Please continue to support Barton Lions in order that we can help the people who need it.

Many thanks Barton Lions
Lion John Oxley

Hon. Sec.

ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Having a Party ?

Why not come to the
Assembly Rooms
Barton's No.1 Party Venue

Main Hall Committee
Room

Community Rate £5.63 £4.38

Local organisations carrying out their
normal activities including classes,
meetings etc

Standard Rate £8.13 £5.63

Local organisations fund raising
activities,
social functions etc. Private hire for
parties & receptions.

Commercial Rate £11.25 £8.13

This applies to business users.

Kitchen with full facilities £5.63

Tariffs are quoted at an hourly rate

Bookings please contact:

The Council Office
Assembly Rooms
Queen Street
Barton
DN18 5QP

Tel: (01652) 633598
Fax: (01652) 637763
email: bartontownclerk@tiscali.co.uk

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Dam Road, Barton. Tel: 01652 632299

Barton Town Council Members

*If you think that they can help you with anything then please
contact one of your Town Councillors:*

Bridge Ward

G.E. Appleyard [C]	25 Bowmandale	Tel. 01652-632105
Mrs A C Clark [I]	10 Western Drive	Tel. 01652-634152
D C.Cressey[L]	79 Providence Cres	Tel. 01652-634774
D M Cressey [L]	79 Providence Cres	Tel. 01652-634774
P.N Davis [I]	82 High Street	Tel. 01652-632652
M R Kirkby [C]	1 Council Terrace	Tel. 01652-636386
L.J.D. Oxley [I]	17 Warrendale	Tel. 01652-632064
Mrs J.E Oxley [I]	17 Warrendale	Tel. 01652-632064
Mrs M. Sidell.[C]	12 Birchdale	Tel. 01652-632512
C.H.F. Coulsey [C]	28 Pitman Avenue	Tel. 01652-632999
K. Vickers [C]	Horkstow Road	Tel. 01652-633951

Park Ward

Mrs L M Cressey[L]	18 Holgate Court	Tel.
Mrs C Gibson [C]	14 Butts Road	Tel.
C T Hind [C]	3 Norman Close	Tel. 01652-633085
E. Longbottom.[L]	64 Meadow Drive	Tel. 01652-632103
M.W.S. Osgerby[L]	19 Barrow Road	Tel. 07939-416905
R.L. Patterson [C]	2 Beck Hill	Tel. 01652-634853
Mrs D. Pearson.[I]	16 Barrow Road	Tel. 01652-632249
A.M.Todd [L]	8 Orchard Close	Tel. 01652-634539
N. Turner [L]	3 Caistor Road	Tel. 01652-635365
J P Vickers [C]	29 Harvest Avenue	Tel. 01652-636262
Mrs W. Witter.[I]	6 The Bridges	Tel. 01652-632675

C = Conservative I = Independent L = Labour

Members serving on North Lincolnshire Council
Cllrs Appleyard, Sidell, Vickers

You can also write to the Town Clerk at:

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