

COMMUNITY WORKING PARTY REPORT 2013/2014

CHAIRMAN: COUNCILLOR ALAN TODD

The Working Party aims to make Barton a better place in which to live and work by staging events and assisting others with donations such as Barton Bike Night and Bonfire Night. Picnic in the Park was held on the 4th August 2013, another well attended event with fine weather. I am grateful to Co-op for sponsoring the races, Councillor John Oxley for his commentary and all Councillors that helped make it such a successful afternoon. This year's event will take place on Sunday 3rd August 2014, between 1pm to 4pm in Baysgarth Park. The Christmas Festival held on 30th November 2013 was well attended; comments received from those attending were favourable. Children from our local schools submitted pictures depicting Christmas and two winners were chosen to assist the Mayor to switch on the Christmas lights.

This year's Festival will take place on Saturday 29th November and will comprise the Community Parade with the Reindeer along with the events stage featuring Viking FM. My personal thanks go to the all members of the Working Party for their hard work and involvement with this event. Finally I would like to thank the members of the Working Party for their support and hard work during the past year. I would particularly like to thank my vice-chair Councillor John Oxley and Councillor Jon Evison for their tireless efforts, our Town Clerk Shirley Richards and Deputy Town Clerk Carol Clark without whom the Town Council could not function. Last but not least, I would like to thank you the general public for supporting the Town Council's efforts and look forward to your continuing support this year.

ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY REPORT 2013/2014

CHAIRMAN: COUNCILLOR JOHN OXLEY

This past year has been busy for the group with everyone working hard for both residents and visitors to improve the environment of the town.

The Working Party's membership includes both Town Councillors, Barton Lions Club members, Barton Rotary Club members, Barton Civic Society members and North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services all of whom work together to improve the town's environment.

The group have worked together throughout the year to improve many areas of the town e.g. damage to highway verges, litter, dog fouling, grass cutting and the general appearance of the street scene. We work in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council in continuing to improve the general appearance of the town. With thanks to their Neighbourhood Services team.

Our bulb planting this year, which contained daffodils, crocus, snowdrops and aconites, was spread over various areas of the town and it is at this time of year that you, the townspeople, can see the benefit of the time and effort which went into the planting. Baysgarth Park is beginning to reap the benefit over the past few years of both the Group and the Barton Rotary Club's efforts with bulb planting.

The Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competitions this year was poorly supported, particularly in the private garden and basket category. This is very disappointing as we do offer good cash prizes and certificates and hold a very good Presentation Evening. I would hope to encourage everyone in the town to enter all the town competitions in every category for this year as 2014 is the 100th Anniversary of the First World War and it would be fitting to commemorate this by filling the town with flowers. The entry forms can be found in this edition of the Bartonian so please enter.

I offer my thanks to all members of the group for their excellent efforts in achieving so much during the past year.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT 2013/2014

CHAIRMAN: COUNCILLOR MRS WENDY WITTER

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is charged with monitoring the Council's finances getting the best value for money for all its expenditure, complying with local authorities financial regulations, and generally dealing with all matters which do not form part of the remit of either the Community or the Environment Working Parties. The Council's workings are audited by external Auditors, and our 2012/13 Accounts were given their seal of approval in May 2013, the 2013/2014 Accounts will be Audited in April 2014. We would like to thank Ms Richards and Mrs Clark for their diligence in the day to day implementation of the Council's decisions.

The 2014/2015 Budget proposals were presented to the full Council at its meeting on 5 February 2014, implying a 0.63% reduction in the precept for a band D property, and the proposals were approved in due course by all councillors present. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in the detailed preparation of the Budget, involving careful scrutiny of all expenditure in the light of the current financial climate, the reducing Grant element from North Lincolnshire Council and the statutory requirement to have sufficient in Reserves to comply with financial regulations, against the wish to maintain services. It was stressed that extra careful scrutiny of ongoing expenditure would be required during the coming year as our Reserves cushion had been reduced by unpredictable events, and not only is the North Lincolnshire Council Grant reducing, but is reducing year on year, and whilst the Town Council received some support from domestic council tax, they receive none from tax on businesses. For a full breakdown of the 2014/2015 Budget, please apply to the Town Council Office, view on our website, or access at the library in Providence House. A copy of the budget leaflet is also shown on page 16.

The way ahead for Barton is exciting: we are a very unique and special town, and there are many opportunities on the horizon, a new school, upgrade of another one, a new theatre in the pipeline and the new WREN factory offering business and employment opportunities. We must retain our special identity, but it requires us to seize the challenges, and to come up with new ideas, new projects, new partnerships and new ways of finding funding.

With thanks to the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for their work in support of the Committee, and to all those Councillors involved for the time and effort they devote to our proceedings and decisions.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 2013/2014

CHAIRMAN: COUNCILLOR MRS WENDY WITTER

The Planning Committee meets every 3 weeks in the Assembly Rooms, Queen Street on Mondays at 7.00pm. The notice of meeting giving a list of plans to be discussed is to be found on the notice boards outside our office at the Assembly Rooms at least 3 days prior to the meeting. It can also be found on our website www.barton-upon-humber.org.uk/bartontowncouncil The details of a particular plan are published on North Lincolnshire Council website www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/planning and follow the links to search and comment on planning applications. During the past year we have passed comment on 127 planning applications from Barton and the surrounding area. Our aim is to encourage development which meets the needs of the town, now and in the future, is safe and sympathetic and respects those directly affected.

Permanent Members of the Planning Committee are Councillors Mrs Ann Clark, Frank Coulesey, Mrs Jean Mason, John Oxley and Mrs Wendy Witter. However other councillors and members of the public do come along and contribute to the discussion. We welcome everyone, particularly those likely to be effected by a proposal, to come along and share their concerns and their local knowledge which we can draw to the attention of North Lincolnshire Councils planning department.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL Budgetary Information

Both North Lincolnshire Council and Barton-upon-Humber Town Council provide services for the community. The following information details how the precept and grant levied by the town council is spent on local community services and facilities.

Barton-upon-Humber Town Council is committed to maintaining and improving the quality of service it provides, and endeavours to ensure that these services are delivered in a cost-effective manner.

Service Provision:

The Town Council precept and grant is used to provide the following main service classifications:

(a) Community

Publication of 'The Bartonian', provision of the Christmas Festival, Christmas decorative lighting, the Christmas tree, Picnic in the Park event and donations to local organisations. Financial support to Barton Arts, Barton Bike Night, Barton Lions bonfire & firework display, Barton Tourism, Senior Alliance, public conveniences, maintenance of the town clock and the town centre CCTV system.

(b) Environment

Organisation of 'Best Kept Gardens/Hanging Baskets Competitions' and presentation evening, town entry into regional competitions, provision of hanging baskets, planters, public seats, notice boards, litter bins, bulb and tree planting. Support for provision of the town bus service.

(c) Public Halls and Recreation

The Assembly Rooms located in Queen Street, Barton, are leased to CHAMP Ltd, a charitable organisation.

(d) Town Centre CCTV System

The Town Council manages and operates the Town Centre CCTV camera system in conjunction with Humberside Police Authority. This is a joint initiative between Barton-upon-Humber Town Council, North Lincolnshire Council Safer Neighbourhoods and the Barton-upon-Humber Chamber of Trade.

(e) Other

Provision of the Town Council central administration and establishment, the Town Council office, mayoralty and the Annual Town Award. The Town Council considers and comments upon local planning applications to the local Planning Authority, North Lincolnshire Council, and provides local residents with an opportunity to view current planning applications.

Planned Expenditure:

<u>2013/2014</u>			<u>2014/2015</u>	
Gross	Net	Service Class	Gross	Net
£	£		£	£
45,260	42,060	Community	45,260	41,760
12,342	12,342	Environment	12,192	12,192
20,760	20,760	Public Halls	19,560	19,560
66,330	66,250	Central Administration	67,090	67,010
16,385	16,385	Establishment Charge	16,235	16,235
4,250	4,250	Other	4,250	4,250
<u>165,327</u>	<u>162,047</u>		<u>164,587</u>	<u>161,007</u>
	<u>162,047</u>	Town Council Precept*		<u>161,007</u>

**Precept is 0.63% reduction on year 2013/2014 for a Band D Property*

Expenditure in 2014/2015 from Reserves:

In addition, the Town Council has earmarked funding in 2014/15 from reserves for the following:

Town Centre CCTV Provision:	£6,500
Assembly Rooms Repairs:	£5,000
Cemetery Railings:	£3,300
Town Clock Service/Repairs:	£600
Other Earmarked Reserves:	£3,750

Budget/Precept 2014/2015:

The Town Council will maintain the level of services it provides in 2014/2015. Due to changes in the council tax base and a grant contribution from North Lincolnshire Council, the council tax charge for a Band D property will be reduced from £45.76 in 2013/2014 to £45.47 in 2014/15.

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DID YOU KNOW?

In emergency situations, such as the flooding in December 2013 the emergency point and crisis centre where local residents should go in Barton is **BAYSGARTH LEISURE CENTRE IN BAYSGARTH PARK.**

Baysgarth Leisure Centre telephone number is **01652 632511** or visit **North Lincolnshire Council's website** www.northlincs.gov.uk for information

Barton Town Council Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition Winners 2013

Best Kept Large Garden - Mr Newmarsh & Ms High, Tyson Close

Best Kept Cottage Garden - Mr Boyes, Dam Road

Best Kept Hanging Basket - Mr Boyes, Dam Road

Best Kept Business Hanging Basket -The George Inn, George St

At the presentation evening winners received a trophy, certificate and gift voucher from 2013/2014 Mayor of Barton, Councillor Janet Oxley and Richard Clarke Chairman of Barton Civic Society.

Each year the Civic Society contributes towards the cost of the prize money.

The runners up were:

Best Kept Large Garden Private House – Mr Dent, Far Ings Road 2nd Place.

Best Kept Cottage Garden Private House –Mrs Johnsen, Overton Court 2nd Place, Mrs Jennison, Beretun Green 3rd Place.

Hanging Basket, Private House – Mr Dent, Far Ings Road 2nd Place, Mrs Johnsen, Overton Court 3rd Place.

Hanging Basket, Business Premises – The Old Mill, Market Lane 2nd Place, The Wheatsheaf, Holydyke 3rd Place.

Each of the runners-up received a certificate and prize money.

All entrants received a Certificate of Merit in recognition of the hard work undertaken.

The judges were Councillors John Oxley & Frank Coulsey and last year's winner, Paul Whittington.

Theatre at Ropery Hall

Company Gavin Robertson returns to Ropery Hall on Friday, May 23, with the story of Mata Hari who was said to be the most notorious female spy in history.

To many she remains the unfortunate victim of a hysterical section of the French press and public determined to root out evidence of a non-existent enemy within, a scapegoat attractive as much for her curious profession as for her crimes. Dancer, lover, confidante and courtesan, an hour before her execution she reflects upon the events that have led her to face the firing squad on the morning of 15th October 1917.

Katherine Hurst stars in this one-woman tour-de-force .

A month later, on Friday, June 27, European Arts Company return with a dramatisation of the libel and criminal trials of Oscar Wilde. Thursday February 14 1895 was the triumphant opening night of The Importance of Being Earnest but less than 100 days later, Wilde was sentenced to two years hard labour.

So what happened during the trials and what did Wilde say? Was he persecuted or the author of his own downfall? And what really occurred in Worthing? Using Wilde's own sparkling words, we can feel what it was like to be in the company of a flawed genius as this less than ideal husband was suddenly reduced to a man of no importance.

Both performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £11 in advance or £13 on the door. For more information visit www.roperyhall.co.uk

BARTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP

The committee met early in January to discuss arrangements for this year. As reported in our AGM last November, we have had to make some changes here.

Because of the increase in room hire charges for the use of the museum, we are moving to the St. John Ambulance HQ in Fleetgate. However, because this room is not available on Wednesdays, we are rescheduling our meetings so that they fall on a Thursday.

We are very pleased to welcome two new members to our committee, Darren Stockdale and Rodney Clapson. The work of the committee has also been reorganised, owing to the retirement of Nigel Land as secretary. Peter Croton will set the agenda for our monthly meetings and minute them; Linda Brown will keep our membership list up to date, as well as looking after our finances; Darren Stockdale will compose the posters for our public meetings, and Ramona Percy will edit our newsletters. Two members will share the job of distributing posters and newsletters.

Our evening talks programme has now been finalised and is as follows:

27 March: Recent Excavations at Thornton Abbey, by Hugh Willmott.

1 May: The Great War: Stories of Soldiers from the Barton Area, by Chris Bailey.

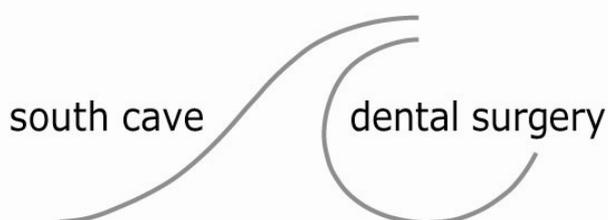
29 May: A visit to the Church of St. Lawrence, Thornton Curtis, conducted by Geoff Bryant.

26 June: Churches on the Edge - a whistle-stop tour of the Wold Churches, by Stuart Sizer.

25 September: Chalk Quarries & the Whiting Industry in the Barton area, by Richard Clarke.

30 October: Transport in and around Barton in the C.20th, by Brian Peeps.

Admission is free to members, but there is a charge of £2.50 to non-members. The membership fee is £5.00 for the year and anyone interested may either join at the door on the evening of one of the talks or by contacting our membership secretary, Linda Brown, at 11, Highfield Crescent, Barton-on-Humber, DN18 6AQ (tel. 01652 637935).



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Rotary Club of Barton-upon-Humber

An Arts and Crafts Exhibition is to be held in the Lecture Hall, Holydyke, in Barton, on May 17th. Local artists and craft makers are invited to display and sell their work - further details from "The Rotary Club of Barton-upon-Humber" website, from which you can contact us and make a request for space. There will be a small charge for tables or display areas and space is limited.

Club members and partners helped people who suffered flooding in their homes in South Ferriby and Barton. Eight members partners organised and sorted the large amount of clothing, cleaning materials and food handed into Ferriby Village Hall. At the villagers' request, Santa, helped by Barton Rotarians, was able to attend to switch on the Christmas Tree lights and make a "no collection" tour of the village. The help is on-going as needs arise.



Sorting the massive donations of clothes and cleaning goods at South Ferriby

So far, 25 cycles and 14 wheelchairs have been collected by the club. They are sent to be refurbished in prisons and then distributed to people who need them in the UK and third world countries. We are still collecting these, please phone John Fagge 01652 618615.

Five Rotary ShelterBoxes, each containing a ten person tent, cooking equipment, tools, sleeping bags, etc. providing homes for the people of the Philippines have been sent. A collection was held at Tesco and the Co-operative stores which raised enough to pay for two £590 boxes. St Mary's Church Ladies Group paid for another and donations from the Spinners and Weavers Guild, Bowmandale School, St Peters School and East Halton School provided a fourth. Barton Rotary Club paid for the fifth.



Jack Pearson & Eleanor Ransford hand over one of two cheques from pupils of Bowmandale School, to help the Philippines ShelterBox appeal.

The club's busy Christmas included collections around the town, Low Villages and supermarkets with Santa. This raised money for St Andrew's Children's Hospice in Grimsby and the "When You Wish Upon a Star" charity, both helping children suffering from life-shortening illnesses. They each received £750.

Barton Rotary Club - doing great things in Barton and the surrounding villages since 1977

The choir of The John Harrison School in Barrow, along with Barton Town Band, provided the entertainment for the annual Barton Rotary Club Christmas Concert. About ninety OAP's from Barton and the villages, were transported to Baysgarth School Hall by coach and car, where they were also served with supper.



Barton Town Band & Barrow School Choir entertain at the Christmas Concert for OAP's



Some of the children at Bowmandale School who filled Rotary Shoeboxes.

Generous local schoolchildren, have again filled 175 Rotary ShoeBoxes which were delivered to Romania. Members visit the schools to tell the children about the boxes which are then collected ready to be sent to Eastern Europe.

Forty-eight Christmas Day dinners were cooked and delivered to elderly people who would be on their own on Christmas Day, by members of Barton Rotary Club. They were distributed within the town and surrounding villages.



Rotarians cooking the OAP Christmas Dinners

Barton Rotary Club donated £250 to help pay for a specialised chair for Tom Birkett (21) of Barton. The chair has been specially made for Tom, who has



been severely disabled since birth. It has good support and helps to relieve pressure points. So far, since July, Barton Rotary Club has made donations of £4537, almost all to local good causes, plus the ShelterBox payments mentioned above.

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