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# BARTON ARTS 2002

This year Barton Arts Week is proud to welcome two of Britains leading classical pianists. In a rare local performance, Alkborough based pair Anthony Goldstone and Caroline Clemmow will appear at St. Mary's Church to open the arts week on Saturday June 29th. The duo, who have performed in numerous major festivals and concerts all over the world are delighted to be invited to play on their doorstep.

The nine-day programme of events also features old favorites such as the ever-popular Art at St. Peter's, now in its 7th year, with the number of artists entered already topping 100. Back by popular demand will be Barton Open Gardens, which this year will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. Heartbreak Theatre return with a Shakespeare in the Park performance of

Richard III. New additions to the week should raise the tempo with an exciting evening of Flamenco music and dance, followed by a night of comedy.

As in previous years other groups and organisations will be holding events to coincide with the arts week including Trinity Methodist and St. Mary's Garden Parties, exhibitions at The Ropewalk and Chink in the Wall, crafts & music workshops for children and Jubilee the Barton Civic Society Victorian Street event.



Full programme details of these and many more opportunities to experience live entertainment in your town will be available first from the Civic Society and Barton Arts joint coffee morning at The Assembly Rooms on Saturday 11th May. Look out for the leaflet at outlets around Barton or contact Barton Arts on 01652 637487.

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BARTON'S JUBILEE EVENTS

## JOHN FRENCH MBE

**On the 20th February of this year John French received his M.B.E.** from The Prince of Wales at the Investiture in Buckingham Palace, "For services to the Community of Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire". When approached to provide information for an article for the Bartonian regarding his Award, John was his usual modest self and could not understand why such an article was needed!! I did however get a quote from him, "I was proud to receive the M.B.E. at Buckingham Palace as a representative of Barton-upon-Humber. It was overwhelming to be recognised in the New Year Honours List; I am even more overcome at all the messages of endorsement I have received. Barton is a lovely town, and I am delighted that it is thought I might have been of some use; this is reward enough. I thank all my friends and family, including those who are now not with us, for their example, support and encouragement. It is on their behalf that I accept the honour."



*John French at Buckingham Palace receiving his MBE left to right Charles French, Millie French, John French, Elizabeth Hopper*

John a Barton man born and bred, has been a member of Barton Civic Society for 30 years, serving as chairman for many years and now vice-president.

He started his working life at Barton Urban District Council in 1964 as an environmental health officer after attending Castledyke Primary School and Caistor Grammar School. John worked in local government for over 30 years, and also was a member of Barton Town Council for seven years.

John is now retired, but keeps himself busy with his work for the Civic Society, which has involved clearing up unsightly areas in the town, and planting trees and shrubs to improve the townscape, as well as attending meetings. John also works hard for the Church, where he has undertaken positions of Churchwarden, Secretary of the Parochial Church Council, and Chairman of the St Mary's Men's Society. He was part of the team of bell ringers until he sustained broken ribs.

John was instrumental in bringing English Heritage experts to examine 51 Fleetgate, ensuring that it was acquired by the Glanford Building Preservation Trust, and renovated with aid of grants from English Heritage. An amateur historian, John also studied the early history of a group of Victorian buildings in the town centre, as a result he was a founder member of the Queen Street School Preservation Trust.

John is also involved in encouraging tourism, and spends a lot of time acting as a guide, showing parties of visitors round the town, and telling them about it's history.

# BARTON TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter the following competition (s)

- Best Garden Competition
- Hanging Basket Competition - Private House
- Hanging Basket Competition - Business Premises

(delete where appropriate)

Name.....

Address.....

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THE JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS THIS YEAR, EARLY JULY & LATE AUGUST.

Please return completed forms to:

Barton Town Council  
Council Office  
Assembly Rooms  
Queen Street  
Barton upon Humber  
DN18 5QP

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY FORMS 10th JUNE 2002**



## BARTON YOUTH CENTRE FOOTBALL CLUB

ARE LOOKING FOR A MANAGER NEXT SEASON TO RUN THE UNDER 9/10's TEAM, AS THE CURRENT MANAGER WILL MOVE UP TO THE NEXT AGE GROUP WITH HIS TEAM. INTERESTED ?? PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB SECRETARY VAUGHAN FOSTER ON 635611

### Email Your Events to:-

Bartonuponhumber@btinternet.com  
To have them included in the  
"What's On" section of the Barton  
Web Site

### THE WEATHER IN BARTON DURING 2001

Some 681 mm (26¾ ins) of rain fell on Barton during the year 2001. This was some 100 mm (4 ins) less than in

2000 – the year of the floods – and brought to an end six years continuously rising total rain fall:  
1995 – 491 mm, 1996 – 532mm, 1997 – 542 mm, 1998 – 588mm, 199 – 649 mm and 2000 – 788 mm.

Monthly average temperatures in °C were – high first, low second – as follows:

January 4.5—5	April 12.25-4.5	July 22.5--14	October 16—10
February 7.5—1	May 17—8	August 23.5--14.5	November 10—4
March 9—2.5	June 20—11	September 17—11	December 6—0

The year's hottest day was on 15 August when a temperature of 31°C was recorded; the coldest on 22 December when, during the night, the temperature dropped to -3°C.

# Queen Street School Mural

The 24 new panels, which have been erected on the front of Queen Street School, are a result of work with a ceramic artist, Alex Hallowes and Barton schools over the past 18months. Funded by the Community Heritage Arts & Media project (CHAMP) a Barton Single Regeneration Budget project the stunning clay tiles were designed with input from the 3 Barton primary schools and then made by Year nine pupils from Baysgarth School. Art teacher Sarah Valentine worked closely with the artists and made sure the work was fired over the summer holidays last year.

The decision to work with clay was made after CHAMP produced the video on Tile making in Barton set in the Blythe Tileyard. Clay and the production of brick and tile features in the history of Barton and using it as a base for the mural gave school pupils experience of a new material . The children's designs are based around subject areas such as biology, geography, history etc.

David Jackson of the Queen Street School Preservation Trust was pleased to accept the temporary murals which it is hoped will be incorporated in the development of the school in future years.



Clr Neil Turner Chairman of the Barton Regeneration Partnership (left) with David Jackson and children from Castledyke Primary School at the unveiling of Queen Street School Mural Monday 25th February 2002.

All articles intended for inclusion in the Bartonian must be checked for accuracy eg 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.

## Farewell from the Barton Regeneration Team



I am privileged to have been Barton Regeneration Officer for the past eighteen months. The role has been demanding, diverse and thoroughly enjoyable. I have had the pleasure of working with some wonderful people as individual members of Barton's community, members of voluntary and community groups, visitors to the town and my colleagues.

The vision of the Regeneration Partnership was

- a community which is self sustaining, vital, vibrant and safe with excellent prospects
- a town that is fully inclusive and able to meet and care for the diverse needs of all citizens, reversing neglect and serving the wider community
- a confident community which is able to take advantage of sustainable economic, environmental and social opportunities in order to release the true potential that the town offers
- a town liberated from its industrial legacy of waterfront dereliction and contamination
- a model of 'best practice' regeneration for other small towns facing serious structural change

The many projects that have been funded through the regeneration programme have ensured that Barton has come a long way towards reaching that vision. With the strengths of this community I believe that Barton will continue its renewal and invigoration. It is a great place to live and work and it is attracting more visitors annually.

My thanks to Neil Turner and the Regeneration Partnership for all your hard work and dedication. I am also grateful to Barton Regeneration Project Managers, Co-ordinators, workers and colleagues in North Lincolnshire Council and Barton Town Council for your support.

Good wishes for the future to the Civic Society, The Tourism Partnership, Bits n Bobs, Teentalk, Barton and District Healthy Living Project, VANL, Barton Chamber and all other voluntary groups with whom I have had the pleasure of working.

The Barton Regeneration Team was part funded by the Single Regeneration Budget, European Regional Development Fund, North Lincolnshire Council, Humberside TEC and Barton Town Council

Jane Paine

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## **Barton & District Neptune Swimming Club**

*The Secretary of Neptune Swimming Club has written to us to pass on the following information:-*

As the current Secretary for the Neptune Swimming Club I have been asked to write to you with regard the disbanding of the Club on 19th March 2002.

The Neptune Swimming Club is a voluntary Club set up approximately 40 years ago to help the children of Barton and the surrounding villages to learn to swim, and has become a bit of a tradition in the Town. I remember attending the lessons as a child and now both my children do the same. This is the case for many of the families using our services at the moment.

Over these 40 years the Club has seen many children and committee members come and go, and I think all would admit they have benefited from the experience.

Unfortunately, despite the best efforts and dedication of the current Committee members, and especially the teachers, the Club can no longer continue. We have struggled for many years now to attract sufficient teachers and helpers to keep the club running in a professional and safe manner.

As a Club we would like to thank all those people who have helped us over the years, not just the committee members and helpers, but also the local businesses who have contributed in different ways. We would especially like to thank the late Elsie Wiles who as a founder member continued to support us long after she officially resigned from the running of the Club, and in fact up until she passed away.

Jayne Burman  
Secretary

# Down The Garden

I sat in my living room the other day (in February when this was written) and an adult vine weevil decided to alight on my knee, a mistake on its part, but it illustrated how the general warming of the climate has extended the range and seasons of pests. Vine weevil has progressed from relative obscurity to number 2 in the charts of the top ten garden pests. Slugs and snails still hang on at number 1. Symptoms of weevil attack include poor growth, wilting and death of the plant. On examination large white grubs will be found amongst the compost, they will have devoured the plant roots. Adult weevils eat notches in the leaf edges. Apart from the weather, vine weevil seems to prefer peat-based composts, I've found that using soil based with a dressing of largish gravel does deter them. There are chemical compost additives on the market, but some concern has been shown about health risks. Organically, nematodes are available to water into the compost; these invade the body of the pest and dispatch within a couple of days.

With this being the Queen's Golden Jubilee Year there has been a plethora of new introductions of plants to celebrate this anniversary, including 'Gracious Queen' a golden rose specially commissioned for charity and introduced by James Cocker & Sons. A Dahlia called 'Golden Jubilee' by Taylor's Bulbs, Rudbekia 'Golden Jubilee' by Webbs, and Robert Mattock has produced a number of container roses including 'Royal Bride', 'Crowing Glory' and 'Her Majesty'. If you do put in some new roses try to avoid a site which has already been used for roses, or they could suffer from rose replant sickness. Try underplanting with garlic, which is said to deter aphids.

## New varieties to try

The first yellow impatiens (Busy Lizzie) to go on the market, New Guinea 'Vision', has been developed, but will not be available generally until next year, a pity it would have gone down well in this golden year. On the edible side, the R.H.S. have been trialing a multisweet sweetcorn which is claimed to have higher sugar levels and a thin core to the cob, giving a greater percentage of grain, I look forward to the results with interest.

Sutton's have introduced a new courgette 'El Greco' a disease resistant F1 hybrid with good flavour and recently given the Award of Garden Merit.

Dobies offer new tomatoes suitable for hanging baskets including 'Tumbling Tom Red' and sharper flavoured 'Tumbling Tom Yellow'. Other introductions include a deep purple podded French bean 'Purpiat' and 3 Swiss chard cultivars; white stemmed 'Silverado', orange 'Fantasia' and 'Bright Yellow'.

We are growing Scorzonera hispanica 'Duplex' for the first time for a number of years. Also known as black salsify, sown now it can be grown for its edible roots (said to taste like oysters, though I don't know if they have the same effects), or left to over winter in the ground, cut back the foliage to 1" above the crown and earth them up to about 6". The shoots will be ready by March for cutting and can be used like 'chicons'.

'The Garden Centre' which first appeared in 1961 has in many cases become rather distant from actual plants, and the ones they do sell are often shipped miles, it's a pity as there are some very good nurseries about. Locally why not try the Palm Farm at Thornton Curtis, well worth a visit just to look at the palm garden. Westshores Nursery in West Street, Winterton is another, with a large variety of grasses to choose from.

Gardens to visit: Howick Hall Gardens, Alnwick, Northumberland, 2 miles North of Longhoughton off the B 1339.

Castle Drogo, Drewsteignton, Nr. Exeter. (N.T.)

Garden Websites; R.H.S.- [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk) Hardy Plant Society- [www.hardyplant.org.uk](http://www.hardyplant.org.uk)

"That veteran of Virgils I recall, Who made a kitchen garden by the Galaeus, On derelict land, and got the first spring, From airs and buds, the first fruits in the fall, And lived at peace there, happy as a King." C. Day Lewis.

Remember, the most important thing in the garden is somewhere to sit.

Enjoy your garden.  
Jim Dowdy

# BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL

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## BARTON UPON HUMBER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

2ND April 2002

Dear Sir / Madam

Notice is given that the Annual Town Meeting will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Queen street, Barton upon Humber, on Wednesday 24th April 2002, commencing at 7-30 p.m.

Yours faithfully

Town Clerk

## AGENDA

- 1 Prayer
- 2 Welcome by Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. D.Pearson
- 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 concider the Barton upon Humber Town Council Annual Reports for 2001/2002, previously circulated with the April 2002 issue of the Bartonian:-
  - (a) Community Regeneration Committee. ( Councillor R. Stokes )
  - (b) Environmental Regeneration Committee. ( Councillor Mrs. J. Oxley )
  - (c) Finance and General Purposes Committee ( Councillor Mrs. W. Witter )
  - (d) Barton SRB Committee ( Councillor N. Turner )
  - (e) Relief Road Working Party ( Councillor D. Cressey )
- 6 Questions for Humberside Police
- 7 Questions for North Lincolnshire Council
- 8 Further suggestions for Barton Regeneration
- 9 General questions from the floor \*
- 10 To concider 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 assist if, prior to speaking you would give your name. A copy of the Annual Report is enclosed and copies will be available

# BARTON UPON HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORTS 2001/2002

### **Community Regeneration Committee**

#### **Chairman Councillor Robin Stokes**

The activities continued to grow within the remit of the Community Regeneration Committee of the Town Council during the past year, and inevitable circumstances forced the Committee to introduce new elements into events. These new elements have given us the opportunities to advance the much-desired active participation of Barton residents, and organisations to the benefit of us all, it has also provided us with the means to improve and polish events for the enjoyment of a wider range of people.

The Committee used to opportunity owing to the forced absence of the reindeer through Foot and Mouth Disease, to introduce the theme parade that proved to be a success well beyond that originally envisaged, this gives us the chance to improve that idea for future events.

The Barton Bike Night, last year continued to grow into what is now regarded as one of the jewels in Barton's crown. The committee is determined to ensure the success and future of this event, and has already taken steps to this regard.

The Picnic in the Park once again proved to be as popular as it ever was in spite of the inclement weather. One had only to witness the people staying in the deluge of rain to watch the entertainment with plastic bags, newspapers and anything to protect themselves from the weather to realise just how popular this event was to us all.

The forthcoming year will see the Queens Golden Jubilee celebrations, and the Committee has decided to bring forward the Picnic in the Park to fit in with this special time. Plans are already well in hand to make Barton's Jubilee in the Park a special day for all to take an active part in this one in a lifetime event.

The lighting of the national Beacon celebrations are already taking shape, Barton being registered by the Council as one of the Beacon points spread around the British coastline.

It is only by the active participation and work of all those involved in our organisation that we are able to give to our residents of whatever age events for all to enjoy.

I wish to offer my sincere thanks to my Vice Chairman Councillor John Oxley for his tireless and active help and support he has given to me and the Committee, without his help my work would have been far more difficult and less enjoyable than it has been to me. I also offer to the Committee my thanks for all they do in an effort to ensure the success of all our activities throughout the year, it is they not I who give our residents reasons to stay and be proud of our town, and it is they who help to make Barton a better place to live in.

My thanks also go to the Town Clerk, Ruth Hibbert and her Deputy, Carol Clark, for their tireless work throughout the year in the engine room of the office.

The one downside of last year was when I chaired a meeting of my committee also attended by members of the public, one member of the public who questioned the value of events in Barton, stated, "Why should the ratepayers of the town provide facilities for the young of the town who do not contribute financially by paying rates?" that statement, was in my opinion the most negative and selfish view I have ever heard for it is my firmly held opinion we as Councillors have a duty to provide our young with things to do, and events to enjoy wherever possible, and as far as I am concerned we do not do enough in this respect, but whilst I have any say through my office as Councillor we will continue our efforts, I will not allow such criticism to deflect me from this resolve.

Finally after much thought and deliberation, I have decided to retire as Chairman of this Committee owing to my deteriorating health, I believe it is time to pass my duties to a more fit and energetic person who will hopefully continue to build on the foundations we have laid. I shall continue to work as Councillor as long as I am permitted, in the background, towards the values I will always hold for the people of Barton.

Thank you to all of you who have given to me the enjoyment I have experienced by your participation in our events over the past years.

## **Environmental Regeneration Committee**

### **Chairman Councillor Mrs Janet Oxley**

This year has seen good progress with our on-going projects such as bulb-planting, street nameplates, hanging baskets, planter's etc.

We have also continued our entry into Yorkshire & Humberside in Bloom with even more success. We entered our War Memorial and the Silver Birches Caravan Site in their individual categories for the first time, both doing very well.

The bulb-planting project this year took place on 27<sup>th</sup> October last, at the Water's Edge site, and on Ferriby Road. I hope that you will join me in agreeing that the displays this year throughout the town look superb.

The Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition Presentation night was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September and our guest presenters were Doug Stewart, of Radio Humberside and Sue Hoy of Normanby Hall. The gardeners' question time was superb and my congratulations go to all the prizewinners and particularly to the overall winner, Mr Paul Whittington. I hope that more of you will enter the competitions this year as a splash of colour makes a huge difference to the town.

We have seen this year the co-option of a number of interested members of the public from the Civic Society, Barton Lions and Barton Rotary Clubs. The more the merrier, and many thanks to these new members and also to the magnificent efforts put in by the long-standing Committee members, I thank them for achieving so much this year and look forward to seeing the results of their future efforts.

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## **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

### **Chairman Councillor Mrs Wendy Witter**

The Town Councils Accounts are public documents and can be viewed at the Council Office in the Assembly Rooms between 9.00am and 1.00pm on Monday to Friday. In line with Local Government legislation they are audited annually by our assigned Auditors Robson Rhodes, who gave us a clean bill of health for our 2000/2001 accounts. Our own Audit Group carries out quarterly audit trails on your behalf and we thank them for their diligence. New legislation will result in changes to the way our accounts are prepared and audited in future. Mr I Glover kindly stayed on to under take our budget documentation and to prepare the accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002, after this our new Town Clerk and Finance Officer, Mrs R Hibbert will take over this responsibility.

Mrs Hibbert's job also includes the management of the Assembly Rooms and in this the Assembly Rooms Sub-committee will support her. Investigations are already underway to ensure that we meet Health & Safety, Fire, Licensing regulations and Disability access requirements. Our reviews will include the present charges and letting conditions, improvements to make the facilities more user friendly and a strategy for the future.

We have appointed a new caretaker Mr Ian Bromfield, and thank him for his hard work.

Like all organisations, we seem to be bombarded by legislation which require us to document procedures and adopt policies for a wide range of activities from personnel, Health & Safety, risk assessment to financial and equal opportunities. All this takes time, which means that we have had to increase our staff hours. However, we are looking to review our ways of working and will need to consider very carefully our present activities and any extra responsibilities we feel that we would like to undertake.

My thanks to our members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, its sub-committees, Mrs C Clark, Mr I Glover and Mrs R Hibbert for their support and hard work.

## The Barton Regeneration

### **Councillor Neil Turner (Chair)**

The Single Regeneration Budget (SRB), which in 1996 we were, it is fair to say, very lucky to get, is finally at an end. I have to say that over the last six years chairing the partnership tasked with developing the successful bid and delivering the projects it produced has brought both satisfaction and frustration in equal measure. Nonetheless overall the original aims have been met and I am confident that when the final evaluation of the scheme, which has to be done under the funding rules, is complete, the scheme will be shown not only to have delivered, but with value for money. It is worth reflecting on the original bid and how SRB works. In 1996 when the then new North Lincs Council decided to support a bid for Barton, a series of events and workshops were set up through the summer looking for both consultation and project ideas. The highest profile went to the organised groups, built environment and tourism were high on the agenda. There were few people outside of local authority and voluntary sector calling for support for youth, drug awareness, social issues, unemployment, training and the too long neglected housing in some areas of the town. These were of course what Government wanted to see at the heart of any scheme. Of the wards that make up Barton Parish; Park and Bridge, Park in 1996 at least had far and away the highest deprivation indicator scores. Indeed, Park ward had the highest in North Lincs outside of Crosby. This was largely because of Caistor Road estate and to a lesser extent Overton Court. Bluntly, a bid would have not succeeded without largescale support for Caistor Road. Of the money spent on the estate around a quarter is SRB, by the way, the rest is from Housing budgets. Interestingly the Civil servants questioned whether we'd put *enough* money in for the estate.

There have been clear improvements in the appearance of the town because of the SRB money, 51 Fleetgate, the old Clinic, the High Street scheme, the Ropery, the Central Garage car park, Youth Centre improvements, the Resource Centre and many smaller though visible schemes. In the old clinic, Connexions, now a model for other areas and the Child centre, the Baysgarth fans project, these are just examples of our involvement and financial support.

The Queen Street School now looks set fair for a resolution because of SRB support in putting together a Heritage Lottery Bid, out of which it has gained stage one funding, meaning that the emphasis has shifted in favour of success. Too often to mention here, over the years we've been asked to support different schemes, and it sometimes has felt as though the regeneration scheme has had a finger in every pie in the town at one time or another.

Watersedge deserves a separate mention, if only because it is so important to the Town and therefore has been to the scheme, over a million pounds of Landfill Tax Credits has been drawn into the site because of SRB and the main funding for the reclamation work was freed because it came under the scheme.

Finally, the many people who along with the partnership members have volunteered their time to make all of this happen, including the members of the Residents Associations, Senior Alliance, Chamber of Trade, Wilderspin Group, Champ Trustees and all other groups formed under the scheme, I would like to thank formally.

## First Annual Report of the Relief Road

### **Working Party**

The Working Party met for the first time on February 4<sup>th</sup> this year. It identified a strategy for resolving the problems in Barton caused by increased traffic throughout the town. Short and long term measures have been listed. Initially the drive will be to reduce the problems on the existing network while examining the need for a relief road. If an relief road proves an appropriate solution then the Working Party will investigate alternative routes and sources of funding. It is recognised from the start that a wide range of interests will need to be involved given the complex nature of Barton's industrial / residential mix, its geographical location, the local socio-economic structure and lastly its environmental and historical prominence

At present the major source of complaint relates to the movement of large lorries through the town, or more accurately, to the noise they generate and to the movement of light vehicles at times of shift change. In respect of the noise the Council has already contacted some of the Utility companies with a request to make good the more noticeable rattling ironware at various locations along the route of the A1077 through the town.

Members of the working party are to carry out a walking survey of the A1077 route (on Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>) to locate and reference defective reinstatements so the owners can be made aware of the disturbance caused and the need for urgent maintenance.

Local industry has been contacted and asked for their help in working with the Working Party. North Lincolnshire Council will be contacted with regard to road safety issues and for assistance with identification of reinstatement owners.

Robert Patterson  
(Councillor)  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2002

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Full Council** - Council Chamber, Baysgarth House

15 April, 1 May, 8 May (Annual Meeting), 20 May,

5 June, 17 June, 3 July 2002

**Community Regeneration** - 10 April, 12 June 2002

**Finance & General Purposes Committee** - 15 May 2002

**Environmental Regeneration** - 29 May 2002



## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE HOPPER EMPLOYEES?

My thanks to everyone who responded to my request for information on the Elswisk-Hopper Company in the last edition of the Bartonian. I still have several people to talk to, so if you are waiting for me to call, please be patient. If you have information and have not called yet, please do so. I was fortunate to be loaned this photograph by Audrey Cole, whose father is pictured sitting at the front on the right, holding a dress case. This had been presented to Freddie Hopper, the son of the founder, by the staff on his twenty first birthday. It last appeared in a local paper in 1972, 60 years after it was taken outside the entrance to the Hopper Cycle Works and a year before Freddie died. The plaque he is holding states:

"We the undersigned being members of the staff and foremen of Messrs. F. Hopper & Co. Ltd. St. Mary's Works, have great pleasure in offering you our heartiest congratulations on the attainment of your majority and would be pleased if you would accept this dressing case as a token of the high esteem in which you are held by us.

We also wish to express the hope that you will enjoy good health and prosperity and be spared to spend many happy returns of the day with us."

The list of names tallies with those pictured, so if you can identify anyone, please let me know. So far I have firm identities on eight:

Fred Hopper 7<sup>th</sup> from left, first row.

Henry Cole, cross-legged, right side.

Thomas Henry Bate, extreme right, second row, whose son E.G. Bate, sent in the photograph in 1972.

Bill Tomlinson, 4<sup>th</sup> from left, second row.

C.W. Shakesby extreme right, front row.

George Franklin 4<sup>th</sup> from left, back row.

Joseph Small 2<sup>nd</sup> from right, third row back.

Harry Pond 3<sup>rd</sup> from left, front row.

Barratt 5<sup>th</sup> from left, front row.

The full listing is as follows:

A.E. Wilson	28
W.D. Toogood	13
C.F. Pardoe	5
Albert A. Barratt	24
P. Flower	12
R. Houghton	4
F. Barratt	24
William Hill	11
Walter W. Edwards	4
H. Pond	18
T.F. Bennett	10
F. Toney	3
J.F. Curtis	17
Thomas Blackburn	9
A. Roberts	3
F.G. Robinson	17J. Overton 7W.
Tonks 3	F. Doughty 16 G. Wall
7	G. Tonks 3
C.W. Shakesby	16 A. Wall 7
W. Archer	3 G.H. Lambert 16
B. Cook	7 A.F. Grubert 2
F.C. Johnson	16 R. Morton 7
W.E. Slack	1½ William Tomlinson
16F. Cash	7 T.H. Bate 1
George White	16 J.E. Kember 7
W. Flower	½ P. Skinner 15
George F. Franklin	7 William Lincoln ½
A. Johnson	15 F. Sellars 6
Henry Cole	2
Joseph Small	15 G.E. Gastall 6
G. Curtis	2 H.T. Davenport 13
C.J. Long	5

The listing is taken from a postcard of the plaque shown in the photograph, with a full list of signatures. These are very clear, but I may have misread some of the initials. The numbers can only be the donations given, in old pennies, so Joseph Small, who was foreman of the assembly shop, was sufficiently well paid to be able to afford 1s 6d, or 7½p in "new" money. Young Henry Cole, aged 12 at the time, gave 2d, probably a big slice of his week's wages! We know that in 1913, as a junior clerk, Henry was paid 7s per week. In the same week, Joseph Small was paid "2 2s. It does not sound a lot, but £1 bought a lot of things in 1912.

So, get out the family albums and see if you can identify a grandfather, or great grandfather. This is such a good photograph that I would like to include it in the book I am working on, if possible with all the faces named. Call me on 01652 633363 or email me at [ndland@btinternet.com](mailto:ndland@btinternet.com). Note, in the last Bartonian, the "m" was missed off the email address, so apologies to anyone who tried to get in touch electronically.

Nigel Land

# **The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust - Barton-upon-Humber Area Group**

## **INDOOR MEETINGS**

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

**Wednesday 24 April 2002** Annual General Meeting followed by a talk/slide show by Miles Hopper on a subject of his choice.

**Thursday 19 September & Wednesday 25 September 2002** John Kneeshaw - *South Africa*

**Monday 21 October 2002** Sue Roades - *Wildlife and the Law*

**Tuesday November 2002** Roger Parson - *Bees and other Beasts*

**Wednesday 11 December 2002** Members Slide Evening

## **SUNDAY FIELD MEETINGS**

These normally commence at Barton Market Place at 9.00am, and usually return between 4 and 6.00pm. Bring a packed lunch, also it is a good idea to have with you suitable footwear and clothing. Anyone requiring a lift or further information should telephone the nominated leader.

**7 April 2002** Spurn. Leader - John Robinson (01652 634673)

**19 May 2002** Bempton. Leader - Chris Potts (01469 531088)

Special Field Meeting Saturday/Sunday 8/9 June 2002 Strumpshaw Fen - Leader John Kneeshaw (01652 634673). Further details will be announced at a later date. If you are interested please ring John on the above number. Booking for this trip is essential if you require accommodation.

**23 June 2002** Roches Abbey - Leader: Martin Broadbridge (01652 632895)

**14 July 2002** Rievaulx - Leader: John Coley-Smith

**15 September 2002** Gibraltar Point - Leader: Chris Potts (01469 531088)

**13 October 2002** Venue to be decided on the day.

**10 November 2002** Venue to be decided on the day.

## **SATURDAY MORNING MEETINGS**

Meetings will be led by John Kneeshaw (01652 634673) and normally start at 9.30am at the venue unless otherwise stated.

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.

Highlights from last Winter's programme included Kingfishers, Whooper Swans and a Short eared Owl.

Do not worry if you do not know a Dunnock from a Dunlin, there will always be someone able to help out and hone your identification skills.

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

**20 April 2002** Far Ings Nature Reserve - Meet at the Visitor Centre car park, Far Ings Road, Barton.

**5 October 2002** Far Ings Nature Reserve. Meet at Far Ings Visitor Centre Car Park.

**9 November 2002** Brough Haven. Meet at 9.00am at Far Ings Visitor Centre Car Park.

**14 December 2002** Water's Edge Barton upon Humber. Meet at Water's Edge Car Park, Maltkiln Road, Barton.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Saturday, Sunday & Monday 4, 5 & 6 May 2002** Optics Weekend at the Far Ings Nature Reserve, Far Ings Road, Barton. "Lambers of Lancaster" will have telescopes, binoculars etc on display and for sale. You are able to "test drive" most items from one of the reserve's hides. 9.00am - 5.00pm.

**Sunday 5 May 2002** Dawn Chorus followed by breakfast. Meet at the Far Ings Visitor Centre Far Ings Road, Barton at 4am. Breakfast £2.50

**Saturday 15 June 2002** National Moth Night at Far Ings Nature Reserve, Far Ings Road, Barton 8.30pm until late.

**Saturday 3 August 2002** Moth Night and Supper at the home of Chris and Mavis Potts - Orobanche, Stothard's Lane, Goxhill. Advance booking requested, please telephone 01469 531088. 8.30pm until late, tickets £4.

## **MACMILLIAN CANCER RELIEF**

Raised over £500 at their Annual Event at Proudfoot Superstore on Saturday 15th December 2001, with music provided by Mr Cyril Doughty on his organ.

Cyril would like to thank all the shoppers who supported them this year.

### **Barton Civic Society**

Barton Civic Society is arranging several open days for the public to visit 51 Fleetgate. There is much to see in this building and you can get a good understanding of what domestic life was like in the early 1900's, as well as seeing how an ordinary home has developed since the early 1400's. Both St Peter's and Castledyke Schools have arranged visits to 51 Fleetgate in recent months and the children seemed to have enjoyed the experience. So please note the open days in your diaries and come and enjoy, at no cost, this fascinating historic building.

EVENT	DATE
<b>OPENING TIMES</b>	
Local History Week	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00am – 3.00pm
Barton Arts Week	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>
June	10.00am – 3.00pm
National Heritage Week	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>
Sept.	10.00am – 3.00pm 10.00am – 3.00pm
Christmas Festival	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov. 5.00pm – 9.00pm
Nov.	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10.00am - 3.00pm

### **WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

#### **Buildings and People:**

#### **The English Country House C3208720**

Christopher Smith

The modern country house visitor is usually struck by the magnificence of the architecture, the beauty of the landscape and the wealth of objects inside. These houses were always built to impress; from the Norman Conquest to the reign of Victoria; they developed as showcases of power and status. The course will look at how and why they evolved, who lived and worked in them and why they offer a unique insight into English social history. These will be an opportunity to make one or more visits to country houses.

Thursday 6 weeks

11 April 2002 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Providence House Holydyke Barton on Humber

# **On The Barton Beat**

Welcome to another edition of 'Barton Beat'. I am PC 862 Dave Atkinson and I will be writing articles in the future for this publication. Firstly I would like to thank PC Tony Douce for his good work in the past and wish him a long and happy retirement when he finishes some time in May.

As most of you will be aware we now operate a policing system involving Local Policing Teams or LPT's as they are commonly called, so Barton is now Barton LPT. For local reasons Inspector Griffiths has kept to the beat areas as before with Barton Town as B213 area, Barton now has seven dedicated constables who are myself, PC 769 Howard Lowe, PC 1602 Jo Szynal, PC 1399 Rob Hutchinson, PC 1877 Lisa Thirkettle, PC 1537 Steve Watts and of course Tony Douce who as I mentioned is close to his retirement.

For those not familiar with the system we operate with regard to crimes or any extra police action I would like to explain. When a crime is reported in Barton it is initially recorded on our 'Command and Control' system, an officer then visits the victim of the crime if required and all details recorded on a paper report. If further enquiries are necessary then this is submitted to our supervision who will allocate it to an officer, not necessarily the officer who made the initial visit. Other non-crime matters are similarly dealt with, but the original officer will usually follow up any enquiries without further recourse to supervision. It goes without saying that if you have a problem then let us know because 'We can't fix it if we don't know it's broke'.

In future articles I will be covering particular problem areas in depth, such as underage drinking, youths causing general annoyance, criminal damage involving graffiti and any traffic enforcement campaigns.

I hope to have a successful relationship with The Bartonian in the years to come.

PC 862 Dave Atkinson.

## **BAYSGARTH SCHOOL STARTS A NEW ERA OF SUCCESS**

### Best Ever Exam Results for Barton upon Humber

Some outstanding, individual achievements. The school achieved its highest A\*-C pass rate at GCSE with 47% of pupils gaining 5 grades of C and above. This was together with 96% pupils gaining more than one GCSE.

The A level average score was 19.5 points making Baysgarth one of the top performing sixth forms in the area. It is not surprising that we have our largest ever 6th Form this year.

### **Mayor opens £1 million new facilities**

Major building and refurbishment at Baysgarth were opened by Councillor Margaret Simpson, Mayor of North Lincolnshire, in January 2002, including a new Art Block, 2 Modern Language Labs, New dining hall, extended Library and a weather protected, social area. These new facilities are to increase the accommodation at the School, after the closure of the old Lower School buildings and bringing all pupils onto one site. The Annexe has been fully refurbished as the English Department, with new classrooms, a 20 strong computer suite and a multi-media studio.

### **First for Hi-Tech Teaching Aids**

Baysgarth is one of the first schools in North Lincolnshire to use interactive white boards to help deliver the curriculum. These are in Science, Maths, Geography, Languages and ICT with more planned for September. A great boon for teachers and pupils alike. We have doubled our computer facilities to 4 IT suites, linked to the RM Network with a fast broadband internet access. On-line learning has also taken off with 180 pupils accessing their GNVQ courses through the internet.

### **Taking Expressive Arts out to the Community**

Head of Expressive Arts, Ian Barber, has won New Opportunities Funding to enable Baysgarth to take Arts Workshops out to ten primary schools in our area. A magnificent achievement for Baysgarth and an exciting prospect for the children in Barton and village schools.

All this, on top of the successful Ofsted Report in 2000, shows how much Baysgarth is committed to continually improving the quality of education for all its pupils.

For further information, contact **Mr.F.Salt**, Head Teacher.

### **A History of Barton upon Humber Grammar School 1931 – 1975**

A book detailing the history of Barton Grammar School was launched on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2002. Written and compiled by Enid Brice it has been published by the Barton SRB project, CHAMP. Enid explains in the introduction to the book that, *'While visiting a Barton friend in August 1999, I learned from the Town Council's publication, The Bartonian, that research into the history of the town's schools, initiated by CHAMP at the Baysgarth House Museum, had brought to light no official records of Barton Grammar School.'* This started two years of research and writing which has led to the newly launched book.

Much of the archive material used for the book has now been donated to Baysgarth Museum by Enid Brice and is available to view by contacting Helen Danson at CHAMP on (01652) 632318. The book, priced £9, is on sale at Newtons Printers and The Ropewalk. The archive material, both photographic and documentary, is now in the Museum (although they may of course not yet be ready to have it available to the public).

# BARTON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE EVENTS

BARTON  
upon  
HUMBER  
TOWN COUNCIL

JUBILEE IN THE PARK  
IN  
BAYSGARTH PARK

MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2002 1pm - 5pm

PROGRAMME OF FREE EVENTS to include:

Punch & Judy Shows, Jugglers, Kites Workshop, Children's Disco

Pony & Trap Rides & Dancing Demonstration

Also refreshments & ice cream will be available.

Football Competition hosted by Barton Youth Centre F.C.

First Aid cover by St Johns

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

IF YOU KNOW ANY COUPLE THAT  
LIVE IN BARTON WHO WILL BE  
CELEBRATING THEIR GOLDEN  
WEDDING THIS YEAR, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE TOWN COUNCIL  
AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT  
ALL COUPLES WITH A  
BOUQUET OF FLOWERS TO  
CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL  
OCCASION.

ON THE EVENING OF THE 3rd  
JUNE 2002

THE BEACON AT THE  
VIEWING AREA ON

WATERSIDE ROAD WILL BE  
LIT AS PART OF

A CHAIN OF BEACONS BEING  
LIT AROUND THE

COUNTRY TO CELEBRATE THE  
GOLDEN JUBILEE

## St Mary's Church

To celebrate the Queens Golden Jubilee **Songs of Praise and Flower Festival**

A weekend of Music and Flowers Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Tickets for the Preview Evening for the Flower Festival are available at a cost of £2.50 including wine or coffee. The church will be open from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May to view the flowers. Refreshments will be served all day.

Songs of Praise will be at 6.00pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. If you have a favourite hymn, let us know the name and reason why it is your favourite. A form is available from St Mary's Church or a member of the Social Committee and a box will be left there to collect your requests. Please return the forms by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Come along and join in the singing and enjoy coffee and cakes afterwards.

Further details from Auriol Trubshaw 01652 633302

**Barton upon Humber Civic Society**  
**Jubilee!**

**A Victorian Family Day in Queen Street**  
**Sunday 30 June 12.00 noon – 4.00pm**

As part of Barton Arts Week 2002, and to mark the Golden Jubilee this summer, the Barton upon Humber Civic Society is once again inviting you to journey back in time – not to the 1950s but to the 1850s – to the reign of another long-serving monarch – Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

A special feature of this year's event will be a display of children's entries in our Golden Jubilee Competition. Children in Barton's schools will be invited to design a crown fit for a queen and to encourage them to think about some of the main changes that happened during the reign of either Queen Victoria or Queen Elizabeth.

Our plans currently include:

- ◆ Street entertainment for children including Victorian face painting, traditional rides and Punch and Judy
- ◆ Barton Arts Open Gardens from 2pm – 5pm
- ◆ Have your photograph taken in a Victorian studio or in the town stocks
- ◆ Open buildings
- ◆ Street music
- ◆ Sales stalls including Victorian crafts, bric-a-brac, beeswax candles, plants and flowers
- ◆ Miniature steam engines
- ◆ Victorian tea garden
- ◆ Children's Crafts
- ◆ Victorian Schoolroom and laundry experiences
- ◆ Guided walks
- ◆ Traditional Victorian Street toys – with tuition!
- ◆ Free treats on the train from Cleethorpes to Barton provided by the Friends of the Barton Line
- ◆ Pony and trap rides

We hope you will join in on the day and add to the atmosphere by coming along in Victorian dress.

For more information please contact Ian Wolseley  
(01652 632928)

**Barton upon Humber Flower Club**

The Barton on Humber Flower Club will be selling flowers and plants, arrangements at the Victorian Family Day in Queen Street Sunday 30 June. Please come and support them.

**TOWN AWARD 2002**

The Town Award winner for 2002 is Mr Dennis Cox, he was presented with his award at the Mayor's Civic Dinner on Friday 22nd March 2002. Dennis was nominated in recognition of his tireless work for over forty years with Barton Town Football Club, raising funds and supporting the upkeep of the club. Other local people to be nominated this year all received a Certificate of Merit in recognition of their nomination, they were:-

Ms Eileen Holden, Mr Cyril Doughty, Mr John Lawrence, Mr Maurice Stewart, Mr John French MBE and Mr Michael Bennett.

**Letters, Articles, Comments, Praise, Blame, Adverts, all these - and anything **YOU** want to see or hear about in the next issue of the *Bartonian* should be sent (by the **1st June 2002**) to: The Council Office, Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton-upon-Humber. DN18 5QP. Tel: 01652 633598 Fax: 01652 637763 email [ivan@bartontc.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:ivan@bartontc.fsnet.co.uk)**

**IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN IT?**

## Friends of the Barton Line

Everyone is welcome to the following events. Enquires and bookings on 01724 721397. Do join in and have fun.

### Tuesday 23rd April

Group outing by train to toast St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday at the celebrated Tap & Spile real ale inn on the banks of the river Freshney in Grimsby.

Depart Barton at 18.03 for 19.00 arrival at the inn. Return on the 21.08 from Grimsby Town arriving Barton at 21.48. Each pays their own. Return rail fare £4.50. No need to book, just come along on the night.

### **Saturday 4th May**

Vintage 1957 Bedford SB coach trip to Waltham Windmill and the Lincolnshire Wolds Railway for private steam train ride.

Depart Barton on the 9.58 train to Grimsby Town to board our private coach for the day. Arrive back at Barton at 17.48.

Refreshments available at both the windmill and the railway.

Train fare to Grimsby £4.50. Coach and admission to steam railway £12.00. Please book immediately if you want to go.

*Forget the football, come to FotBL!*

### **Saturday 1st June**

Free treats on the train to celebrate our Queen's Golden Jubilee. Depart Barton at 9.58 & 11.58. No need to book, just come along with the kids and a Union Flag!

### **Sunday 2nd June**

Summer Service Lunch at the Yarborough Arms, Ulceby station. Depart Barton station at 10.55. Please book with us to be included in our party. Each pays their own. Rail fare £3.30.

### **Saturday 15th June**

Free afternoon visit to New Holland pier courtesy of NH Bulk Services to commiserate on 21 years of closure. Depart Barton station at 13.58, back at 15.48. Booking with us is essential.

### **Saturday 22nd June**

Free Ramblers' Association walk along the Viking Way via the Humber bank to South Ferriby then inland to Barnetby. Depart Barton station at 10.00am and return either by 450 bus from South Ferriby at 12.05 or by train from Barnetby at 16.22 changing at Haxby (pub open all day) for the 1724 to Barton.

### Sunday 30th June

Free treats on the train to celebrate our Queen's Golden Jubilee and to encourage visitors to come and enjoy the Civic Society festivities at Barton 12.00 – 4.00. Depart from Cleethorpes at 12.56 and return from Barton at 16.03. No need to book but bring the kids and a Union flag!

## **Barton Town Council Members**

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*you think that they can help you with anything then please*

*contact one of your Town Councillors:*

### **Bridge Ward**

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Members serving on North Lincolnshire Council

Cllrs. Appleyard. Sidell. Vickers.

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**Tel 01652 633598 Fax 01652 637763**

**email ivan@bartontc.fsnet.co.uk**

# **Jacob's Well Appeal**

I have been working supporting this Christian charity for the past twelve years. However, many people within our local community will possibly be unaware of the charity and the international work that it undertakes. Hence my being moved to write this article.

The Jacob's Well Appeal was set up many years ago by Dr Beryl Beynon (a General Medical Practitioner) and her husband, Peter. It is based at the Jacob's Well Christian Bookshop in Beverley, East Yorkshire.

It exists to provide an outlet for charitable aid, such as medicines, clothing and food, to the poorer Eastern countries and, more recently, the so-called, Third World countries. The aid is usually delivered in lorry containers, by road, driven by volunteers from the charity.

## **Examples of its work during the past year are as follows:**

1. Since 1990 Jacob's Well has worked in the Spital de Copii Hospital for handicapped children in Siret, Romania where 500 children had their home.
2. Work in Afghanistan has been continued for some years. Even prior to the repercussions of the atrocities of September 11th 2001, the World Food Programme was predicting that 5 million Afghans would die of starvation, disease and the cold this winter. This figure will now be surpassed since the effects of the war. It was therefore even more rewarding to know that, through hard diplomacy, a container of mostly medicines (worth £140,000) and a 46 Kilo box of blood grouping serum for the Kabul Central Blood Bank was successfully delivered to Kabul just before the bombing started. The charity continues to work closely with the Red Crescent Society in getting aid through the various road and border blocks, to the benefit of the population of Afghanistan.
3. Recently the charity has been able to register a branch in the Ukraine. This will enable aid to be got through the almost impregnable Ukraine customs.
4. In the summer of 2001, a container was sent to the SOS charity in Poland, with some aid for the flood victims.
5. During 2001 two containers have been delivered to Bulgaria, one to Pazardjik and one to the Transport Medical Institute in Sofia. In December 2001, a request was received from the Agency for International Aid to continue our help for this country, as there is great need at present.

## **Assistance to the charity comes from all directions:**

For example, prior to a trip to Afghanistan last year, with the words of the World Food Programme's warning predicting starvation for 5 million Afghans ringing in the ears of Dr Beynon, Weetabix sent the charity two trucks full of Alpen and Weetabix. The Lord's words "I was hungry and you feed me....." spring to mind.

## **Charity at Home:**

The charity runs a Day Centre and Rehabilitation unit in Beverley. Through this unit, older children within the community are integrated into voluntary work within the community. In this respect, Lloyds/TSB Foundation has agreed to fund a part-time volunteer co-ordinator to increase the work amongst the disabled and those with mental illness.

## **How You Can Help:**

Sadly, we are not allowed to re-cycle unused drugs and dressings etc. for the NHS! Therefore, all unused items returned to the dispensary at the Central Surgery, Barton on Humber are packaged up and I deliver them to the Jacob's Well charity. (I can only say 'thank goodness for the Landrover Discovery' as the load is often a considerable one!) However, I am aware that what I take is a mere token of what is thrown away or returned through the local chemists rather than to the surgery. I would therefore ask all residents of Barton upon Humber and the surrounding villages to return their unused drugs, dressings and appliances to the dispensary at the Central Surgery from where, I can assure you, they will be sent to some very deserving causes.

Thank you for your anticipated support. I will endeavour to keep you updated on the work of the Jacob's Well Appeal through these columns in the future.

Yours in Christ