



2023 BARTON CIVIC SOCIETY Programme

Talks take place at the Wilderspin & National School Museum
in the Joseph Wright Hall, Queen Street [DN18 5QP].

There is car parking and facilities for disabled visitors.

For up-to-date information visit:

www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk.

Admission for Civic Society members is free.

Non-members £4 unless shown otherwise.

Friday 17 February, 2pm

The Blow Wells of Barton and the Lincolnshire Fringe

Blow wells are a distinctive feature of the Lincolnshire landscape especially towards the Humber Estuary. Villages have grown around water springs emerging along the Lincolnshire Wolds, and farming practices have been influenced by access to water bubbling up from blow wells. **Michael Oates** explains why they are peculiar to our region and shares the secret of one of Barton's blow wells!

Please note this is an afternoon meeting.

Friday 17 March, 7.30pm

Local Heroes

For a town of Barton's size we have more than our fair share of places linked to famous people. A panel of speakers including **John French, Nigel Land, Monty Martin** and **Trevor Millum** outline the great achievements of their local heroes famed for their inventions, novels and innovations. Come and find out who their mystery heroes are!

Friday 21 April, 7.30pm

Humber Landscapes

How have physical geography and people shaped the Humber landscape we see today? Landscape historian **Richard Clarke** explains the geomorphology of the wider Humber region and the changes brought about by human activity, including more recent conservation interventions.

Friday 19 May, 7.30pm

Protected Areas in the UK - Past, Present and Future

Around a third of land in the UK should be protected for nature by the end of the decade. **Dr. Jack Hatfield** examines the varied histories of protected areas like the nature reserves in Barton and around the Humber and outlines the unprecedented challenges they face.

Friday 16 June, 7.30pm

Rescue and Reclamation

The landscape legacy of two local industries comes under the spotlight: From Chemicals to Conservation is the story, told by **Stuart Garfoot**, of how Waters' Edge Country Park was created from reclaimed industrial land left behind by a century of chemical and fertilizer manufacturing around Barton Haven. **Simon Wellock** then shifts the focus in Bricks to Bitterns to the abandoned clay pits along the Humber bank, left behind by Barton's brick and tile manufacturers but which became the wildlife sanctuary we know as Far Ings National Nature Reserve.

Friday 21 July, 7.30pm

Following **Barton Civic Society's Annual General Meeting** at 7.30pm, **Humber Bank Industry** is about the industries that once flourished along the Humber bank. Brick, roof tile, cement and chemical manufacturing have left their marks which, as **Andrew Robinson** shows, can still be seen today by the keen observer. *The talk starts at 8.15pm following the AGM.*

Wednesday 16 August

Visit to Beverley

Did you know that this East Yorkshire town was once an Anglo Saxon "Beaver Clearing in the Woods"? There's probably much else for you to discover about this thriving market town on our doorstep. Dominant over all is the gothic majesty of the Minster – a survivor of Viking destruction and fire. St Mary's Church is "*one of most beautiful parish churches of England*" (Pevsner). Residential and retail areas have replaced the once thriving industrial heartland, which included a ropery, shipyard and tannery. The visit includes guided tours and an opportunity to explore, shop and find refreshments! Full details will be available in the summer.

Friday 8 – Sunday 17 September

Barton Heritage Open Days

This year's programme aims to acquaint new residents with the heritage delights of our town, as well as showing them off to visitors from further afield. Full programme details will be available in the summer.

Friday 8 September, 7.30pm

Barton Heritage Open Days - Made in Barton

Two conspicuous buildings are the starting point for this look back at products manufactured in Barton which were a household name and sold around the globe. The quarter-of-a-mile long brick building which is now The Ropewalk was once part of Hall's rope factory. **Liz Bennet** tells the fascinating story of the building, its close ties with Hull and its link with the first ascent of Everest. Our focus then shifts to the former office building of cycle manufacturer Hoppers which began production in Barton in 1890 and went on to become one of the main cycle producers in the country. **Nigel Land** outlines the intriguing history of Elswick-Hopper and the surviving evidence around the town of its operations in Barton upon Humber.

Friday 20 October, 7.30pm

Church & Chapel

A look at two prominent religious buildings in the town: **Kevin Booth** of English Heritage returns to Barton to speak about one of the best-known Anglo-Saxon buildings - the magnificent Grade 1 listed St. Peter's Church. This was the town's former parish church and is now both an archaeological and architectural treasure trove. Then **John Pullen** turns our attention to the imposing Trinity Methodist Church building which replaced an earlier chapel on the site that had become too small for the growing congregation. Opened in 1861 this enormous building was the headquarters of the Methodist Circuit so had to be capable of holding very large congregations.

Friday 17 November, 2pm

Safeguarding the Past – Shaping the Future

For over fifty years the Civic Society has tried to encourage a sense of civic pride and public interest in the good appearance of our town, its buildings and open spaces. This has required working in partnership with individuals such as home owners and other organisations including the local councils' planning and environment departments. We have brought together a panel of experts and people with experience of navigating planning regulations or who are custodians of listed buildings to discuss the challenges of conservation.

Please note this is an afternoon meeting.

