

## **Barton Heritage Open Days Programme 2017**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Far Ings National Nature Reserve**

#### *Guided Walk*

Thursday September 7, 11am - 12.45

Find out what there is to see and hear while walking around the rustling reedbeds of Far Ings National Nature Reserve. Lose yourself in the nature of the Humber's marshes as you learn how they were created out of the industrial clay pits that once occupied the Far Ings site.

### **Baysgarth House Museum**

#### *The Life of the Wright Taylor Family*

September 7 – 10, 12 - 4pm

Join us to explore the life of the Wright Taylor family at Baysgarth House Museum through displays, trails, guided tours and more! Trails from Thursday to Sunday, costumed interpretation, and tours Saturday and Sunday. Times tbc. Refreshments and free parking available (subject to availability). See more on our website at <http://www.champltd.org/>

#### *Victorian life at Baysgarth House*

September 7, 12 - 4pm

A chance for visitors to find out about life at Baysgarth House Museum in the Victorian era.

### **The Ropewalk**

#### *Film Archive Shorts Night*

Thursday September 7, 7.30pm

Visitors will get a unique opportunity to enjoy a free evening of short films about Barton's industrial history, including 'The Ropewalk', an interesting new film made in 2000.

### **Hidden Histories Family Trail**

Saturday September 9, 10am and 11am

This free guided walk for families is designed to take people back in time and make them feel part of Barton's history with the help of the town's new Hidden History phone app, not to mention historical characters, a secret garden and short stories that bring the past to life. It starts at the Wilderspin National School Museum and ends at The Ropewalk, lasting about two hours including stops and many surprises. All you need is good footwear, a sense of adventure and a hunger for historic adventures. Avoid disappointment by booking on (01652) 635172.

### **The Ropewalk**

#### *Guided Tours*

Saturday September 9, 10.30am and 2.30pm

Set within a Grade II Listed former ropeworks, this regionally acclaimed arts centre features exhibition galleries, a craft gallery, a coffee shop and The Ropewalk Museum, paying tribute to Hall's Barton Ropery and its workers. The tours last approximately one hour. Children's self-guided tour is available. Telephone (01652) 660380 to book. Admission is free.

### *Children's Quiz*

Saturday September 9 and Sunday September 10,

A free children's guide and quiz sheet about the Ropewalk's history is available over the weekend to get children interested in the past and present of this unique building.

### **Joseph Wright Hall**

#### *Open Building*

Saturday September 9 and Sunday September 10, 11am – 3pm

This huge and ornate chapel was opened in 1867 and had seating for 600 people. The Chapel was one of renowned architect, Joseph Wright's most impressive buildings and is now one of his last surviving works. After substantial renovations and additions, most of the gallery, together with virtually all the beautiful windows and the ceiling and organ chamber arch plasterwork survive. The first-floor gallery of this Grade II Listed Building is open for viewing with members of the Queen Street School Preservation Trust on hand to outline plans for its restoration and reuse. Admission is free.

### **Wilderspin National School Museum**

#### *Train up a Child*

Saturday September 9, 11.30am – 2.30pm (at half hour intervals)

Samuel Wilderspin, infant educator, or one of his agents, will lecture in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, now the Joseph Wright Hall, on Queen Street. Mr. Wilderspin's pioneering teaching methods will be outlined in short lectures at half hour intervals between 11am and 2.30pm, as well as being demonstrated in the adjacent National and Infants' School. Admission is free.

### **Baysgarth Park**

#### *Barton Carnival*

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 12pm – 5pm

The historic two-day event promises to be a great weekend for families and will feature entertainment including a traditional Fun fair, Bouncy castles, performances by The Black Eagles acrobatic team and Granny Turismo as well as dance shows by Rushbys Dance and Fitness and much more.

### **Baysgarth Park**

#### *A Stroll in the Park*

Saturday September 9, 2pm

A guided walk of Baysgarth Park, the former parkland and gardens of Baysgarth House that once belonged to the Nelthorpe family (1620-1792). The house where the walk commences is now a museum. Booking is advised – telephone (01652) 635172.

The walk lasts approximately one hour. Stout footwear is advised. Refreshments are available in Baysgarth House Museum. Car parking and toilets are available in the park.

### **St Peter's Church**

#### *Open for Viewing and Guided Tours*

Sunday September 10, 10am – 3pm

This famous Anglo Saxon tower, and medieval nave and chancel are archaeological and architectural treasures. Guides will be on hand and there is an exhibition of medieval life. Admission is free by kind permission of English Heritage.

### **Wilderspin National School Museum**

*Comic Capers - Desperate Dan at 80 with an appearance by Ken Harrison*

Sunday September 10, 10am – 4pm

Desperate Dan, the rootinest tootinest wild western desperado ever to be drawn, made his first appearance in the first issue of *The Dandy* in December 1937. Come and share your memories of children's comics to help celebrate his eightieth birthday with the help of Ken Harrison!

### **Tyrwhitt Hall**

*Open for Viewing*

Sunday September 10, 2pm -4pm

A rare opportunity to see the medieval timber framed Great Hall. The building is associated with Barton sculptor, singer, and choirmaster Philip Pape. The guided tour, starting at 2pm and 3pm depending on numbers, lasts approximately 45 minutes. Places may be limited so it is essential to book to avoid disappointment – telephone (01652) 635172. Admission is free. Last admission 3.30pm.

### **Pitman Puzzle – Pick up from The Ropewalk and Wilderspin National School Museum**

Isaac Pitman developed the most widely used system of shorthand, now known as Pitman Shorthand 180 years ago while he was employed as teacher at the British School on Queen Street in Barton. To mark the 120th anniversary of his death, grab a puzzle sheet from the Wilderspin Museum or The Ropewalk and find the Pitman Puzzles at a number of the venues taking part in this year's Heritage Open Days. Solve enough and you could win a prize.

### **Barton Library, Providence House**

*Open for viewing, display*

Dates and times TBC

Barton's Library will be putting on a display about the colourful history of Providence House, the building that houses it. The building has been a home for a family of philanthropists, a refuge for orphans after the war and a scene for the grisliest of deaths. Now, the library is a great place to learn about history, and this weekend is no exception.

### **Heritage Open Days Schedule**

#### **Thursday September 7**

11am to 12.45: *Guided Nature Walk* - Far Ings National Nature Reserve

7.30pm: *Film Archive Shorts Night* - The Ropewalk

#### **Friday September 8**

The Ropewalk, the Wilderspin National School Museum, Baysgarth Park and Far Ings Nature Reserve are open as usual.

**Saturday September 9**

10am – 12.30pm: *Hidden Histories Family Trail* - Wilderspin National School Museum

10.30am and 2.30pm: *Guided tours and free children's quiz* - The Ropewalk

11.30am – 2.30pm: *Train up a Child lecture* - Wilderspin National School Museum

11am – 3pm: *Open building* - Joseph Wright Hall

12pm – 5pm: *Barton Carnival* - Baysgarth Park

2pm: *A Stroll in the Park* - Baysgarth Park

**Sunday September 10**

10am – 3pm: *Open building with guided tours* - St Peter's Church

10am – 4pm: *Comic Capers: Desperate Dan at 80* - Wilderspin National School Museum

10am - 4pm: *Open as usual with free children's quiz* - The Ropewalk

11am – 3pm: *Open Building* - Joseph Wright Hall

12pm – 5pm: *Barton Carnival* - Baysgarth Park

2pm -4pm: *Open Building* - Tyrwhitt Hall

Programme details are being constantly updated and maybe liable to last minute changes.

More details will be advertised on the following websites as well as those of the venues themselves:

Barton tourism - [barton-upon-humber.org.uk](http://barton-upon-humber.org.uk)

The Barton Civic Society - [bartoncivicsociety.co.uk](http://bartoncivicsociety.co.uk)

Heritage Open Days - [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk)

Heritage Lincolnshire - [heritagelincolnshire.org/heritage-open-days](http://heritagelincolnshire.org/heritage-open-days)