

Barton Heritage Open Days Programme 2017

7th – 10th September

Far Ings National Nature Reserve

Guided Walk

Thursday September 7, 11am - 12.45pm

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, 12pm - 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 www.champltd.org

Victorian life at Baysgarth House

September 7, 12pm - 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 and Sunday 10 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

The Barton Carnival will be taking place in Baysgarth Park so the guided walk has had to be cancelled. It will be rescheduled for 2018.

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. Guided tours at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. There is also 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 and let us know which of the two tours you'd like to join. 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 to be confirmed

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.