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Welcome to our Winter Newsletter and may the Parish Council take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TRAFFIC CALMING

After many years of campaigning Barton Parish Council has finally succeeded in its discussions with North Yorkshire County Council and shortly at each end of the village new signs and road markings will be put in situ with a view to slowing down the through traffic thus making Barton a safer place.

We are also attempting to persuade the NYCC to also extend the 30mph speed limit signs on Church Lane near the playing fields as we feel that this stretch of road poses a huge danger to the large number of children who use the playing fields. Hopefully a survey will illustrate our concerns and action will follow. Watch this space.



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POWER FAILURES IN THE VILLAGE.

We are in the process of collecting data for NEDL with regards to the length, date and time of the fairly frequent power failures

that the village has been suffering recently, so if anyone has any dates and times etc with regards to the power cuts then please pass them on the Parish Council who will in turn forward the information to NEDL who are looking into the situation.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S "KEEP WARM, KEEP WELL"

This is a campaign that gives people advice on keeping affordably warm and healthy during winter. It also provides information About home improvement grants and how to heat your home efficiently with extra advice on how to reduce and pay your fuel bills. A Government funded Warm Front grant of up to £2700 (£4000 in off-gas areas) can install energy-efficient cavity wall and loft installation and solid fuel, gas, electric or oil central heating. Warm Front will also replace existing boilers or make repairs. A Warm Front Grant could help you save up to 40% off your fuel bills. Warm Front grants are for people who live in their own property or rent from a private landlord. If you are over 60 or have a disability or long-term illness or have children under the age of 16 or are pregnant with a Mat 1 certificate contact the Warm Front team to find out more. If you rent your home from a housing association or a local authority you cannot apply for a Warm Front grant but should contact the Energy Saving Trust to find out about other grants and discounts available.

For more information you can ring
Freephone 0800 316 2814 for Warm Front
grants.

Freephone 0800 512 012 for Energy
Saving Trust.

Winter Fuel Payment information line
08459 15 15 15.

Or contact your Local Authority enquiry
line.

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR.

We still have a casual vacancy for a
Councillor on the Parish Council. We meet
the last Thursday of each month (except
December and August) in the Committee
Room at the Village Institute. If you feel
that you would be able to give your time
freely and you would like to make a
difference to the village in any way, please
talk to one of the Councillors or contact the
Clerk for more information. Don't be shy it
is your village!

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN.

This is a document produced in
conjunction with North Yorkshire County
Council. The aim of the plan is that an
initial response to a major incident will
normally be provided by the police, fire
and ambulance services who will call for
assistance from local authorities as
appropriate. Experience has pointed to the
need for communities at Parish level to

have procedures in place for incidents
when the emergency services may require
assistance.

The aim of the plan is to provide a single
source of local information to enable your
community to organise a response to an
emergency.

To this end we are asking the community if
they are willing to provide information to
be used in Bartons emergency plan, for
example are there any people in the
community who could need special help in
an emergency? Are there people with
special skills or knowledge such as
medical training? Any voluntary
organisations who in an emergency could
provide assistance e.g local knowledge,
first aid, food preparation, carrying
messages and visiting the elderly. Are
there any radio amateurs out there who
could provide help? Who has resources in
the community that could be utilised in an
emergency such as cutting equipment,
power saws, winches, building tools,
timber, boarding, taupaulins, bricks sand
cement. Generators, rope, fuel, solid fuel,
gas cylinders, lighting equipment, electric
cable etc. people with available resources
for livestock/pets. Have you campbeds or
alternative cooking facilities available for
use in the community which does not rely
on mains power supplies e.g. solid fuel
cookers, agas, bottled gas stoves, gas
barbeques. Any one who is willing to help
and be included in the list of
helpers/contacts of Barton's Emergency
Plan please contact the Clerk on 467984

for more information. Thank you for your
assistance.

DOG FOULING

This is still a problem in the village and
once again we ask not only dog owners but
everyone to take responsibility for keeping
our footpaths and verges free from dog
litter.

We are now helped by a new law which
came into force in April 2006. The Clean
Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005
in broad terms enables District Councils,
on behalf of Parish councils, to issue
Fixed Penalty notices of up to £75 to those
who are observed failing to clean up after
their dogs.

The Parish Council supports this law and
we ask for the cooperation of everyone in
the village to make it a cleaner place to live
hopefully without having to resort to law.

There are litter bins conveniently situated
throughout the village but if anyone has
any ideas or suggestions of what more can
be done please pass your comments to the
Parish clerk or to any Parish Councillor.