

In June this year I was flooded out of my home, an experience I shared with a number of other people in the village. I would like to give my sincere thanks to friends and neighbours who came to my aid. My son and daughter-in-law were in the Scottish Highlands at this time and travelled back as soon as they could be contacted.

My thanks to Barry and Linda Gilbert, Mr and Mrs Geoff Sandy, and Shirley and Mandy Akester. Their help and support saw me through the first twenty-four hours. Without them I don't know what I would have done. I was also grateful to Ray and Sharon for providing me with accommodation at Mayfield at such short notice. I would particularly like to thank Barry and Linda; I stayed with them for a week until I could get back into my own home. During this period my son and daughter-in-law made the place habitable. They received invaluable help from Brian and Pauline Hopper of North Killingholme.

I am grateful to be living at home, although there is still much disruption at the time of writing (mid-October), tiled floors in lounge and bathroom have been taken up and no carpets and very little storage space. My thoughts are with those families who are still unable to return to their houses and indeed have no prospect of doing so until the New Year. My grandson and his family are in this state. I hope, as all of us do, that provisions are made to ensure this dreadful and heartbreaking situation never happens again.

Lastly, may I thank everyone who wrote, telephoned or called to give their support and sympathy. These thoughtful people meant so much and gave me the heart to battle on.

Thank you,  
Madge Austin (94).



Do you have the courage to come with the South Bank Players on an entertaining evening exploring the history and mystery of Barton-on-Humber? Learn about some of the goings-on in past times with spooky guides who will introduce you to ghostly characters from long ago.

As dark nights draw in and chills hang in the air you will visit scenes of hauntings, the site of a Saxon burial ground and hear spine-tingling tales of local traditions such as wife-selling. Meet the ferryman, the distraught wife, the midwife, the Scots invader and the Napoleonic prisoner, all with poignant stories to tell.

Watch out for the wandering monk and the lady with the violets; meet the tatterfoal, undergo ran-tanning and discover the cause of a child's screams.

If you are brave enough to venture into the dark shadows in the streets, graveyards and alleyways of Barton-on-Humber you will experience a fascinating and informative journey into the myths and legends of this historic market town. We dare you to join us!

GHOST WALKS cost £3 and start at BAYSGARTH HOUSE at 7.30 p.m. on:

Wednesday 30 January 2008  
Wednesday 27 February 2008  
Wednesday 26 March 2008

Wrap up warm, bring a torch and spend an hour in the company of spectres who are 'dying' to meet you. And afterwards, if you wish, you can engage with spirits of a different kind in the local hostelryes.

