

R38 Airship Crash, continued...

3 miles out, we kids took a pack-up for dinner. It must have been a fine day and we would be eating dinner outside at that time to see it passing over house tops in the distance. Leaving our dinner several of us ran up the street and down Westfield Road, passed Dales shop to the end of the road where we stood on a field gate and watched it pass low somewhere over New Holland Road toward Barrow. I cannot remember who the other kids were. In the press it said when it passed Grimsby it was surrounded by RAF planes which were faster so they were flying circles around it, some horizontal and some vertical going over the top though I don't recall any being seen when it flew between New Holland and Barrow, for we had a good view. In the following days I recall the adults talking about it and the press reports, it was said it had crossed the 3 mile Territorial Limit without permission to cross the UK, some said it was spying and other reports said it had got lost, some even said it should of been shot down, however it caused a sensation and I feel lucky I saw it. A year later, on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1937 it caught fire when it was attempting to dock at the mooring mast at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey, USA, it crashed and burnt out with the lost of 35 lives, out of the 97 persons on board. This finished the passenger service of airships for the future.

*Ron Parker,  
July 2008*

Barton Upon Humber Civic Society  
Up-Coming Events

**6/7 September**

*51 Fleetgate Open 10am - 3pm.*

**13 September**

*Civic Society Day Trip.*

Tour of Howden by members  
of Howden Civic Society

**17 October, 7.30pm, Barton Assembly Rooms**

*East Yorkshire Coast Revisited*

**with Richard Clarke**

Change and continuity.

History and landscape.

**21 November, 7.30pm,**

**Barton Assembly Rooms**

*The Vikings in Lincolnshire*

**with Dr Kevin Leahy**

Until recently it was possible to argue that the Viking take-over of Lincolnshire in 877 consisted only of a change in management. Recent work has provided evidence for large-scale migration to Lincolnshire.

**28-29 November, 51 Fleetgate**

*Christmas Festival, Open day.*



Autumn Season at **The Ropewalk's Ropery Hall**

Films, music, comedy and theatre lovers will not be disappointed with this autumn's programme at Ropery Hall at The Ropewalk in Barton upon Humber.

Classic versions of Arsenic and Lace and Far from the Madding Crowd are just two of the films being screened alongside modern day classics including No Country For Old Men which gets the film season underway on September 11.

Music concerts this autumn include Scunthorpe born Martin Simpson, Dave Swarbrick's Lazarus, and, just before Christmas, a special seasonal celebration – Frost and Fire - with England's first family of folk, Norma Waterson, Martin Carthy, Eliza Carthy and Saul Rose.

Comedy fans are not forgotten with Norfolk's very own Sid Kipper, The Knicker Lady, Mark Steel and the Singing Sous Chefs all taking a turn on the Ropery Hall stage, while the South Bank Players will be performing Father's Day in September and pantomime Captain Hook's Revenge in mid-January.

The full programme of events in Ropery Hall for the autumn is available on [www.the-ropewalk.co.uk](http://www.the-ropewalk.co.uk)

**The Gander**

**needs your help!**

Please let us know about any activities taking place in Goxhill, or anything villagers are involved in elsewhere.

We need photographs of Goxhill old and new, which may be printed in the newsletter and will go on the website.

We need your memories of the area in times past, your stories of former residents or significant events, the history of your home if it's been standing a long time.

We are not asking for commitment, maybe only a few minutes, but we do need your help.

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