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In 1241 Edward 1st (Longshanks) granted Barton Stacey a charter that allowed the village to have a yearly Fair. 2016 is the 775th Anniversary of this charter which is argued to be the oldest surviving Fair in Great Britain.

Plans are already underway for next years Fete which will celebrate this momentous occasion with a Medieval themed Fair

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BARRY EASTMAN



Barry Eastman was born in the Old Post Office at Stoke Charity and was christened Robert Barry Eastman in the local church. His Mother would not have Robert shortened so Barry became his accepted name which has caused confusion ever since.

He lived in Stoke Charity with his Mum, older brother Ron and Dad who worked on the local cress beds. They moved to Barton Stacey in 1944 when Barry was 18 month old, and moved into No 2 the Gardens. Their Grandmother moved next door to No 1. Barry's Dad bought both houses for the grand sum of £600!

Barry says his childhood was free and idyllic, swimming in the river, making rafts, playing cricket and getting into mischief. This all changed when at the age of 10 there was a huge influx of children into the old village school from the new quarters in Roberts Road and surroundings. The children in Barry's age group who were due to go onto further education and senior school etc were shunted up to a temporary annexe in 'D' Camp under the strict regime of Mr Bull who terrified all the children.

Barry's best friend John (who's mother Kate worked for Mrs Talbot senior) spent a great deal of time at Church Farm in Kate's cottage making a nuisance of themselves. When they were fifteen they got hold of an air rifle and decided to use the Talbot's rain gauge as a target from John's bedroom window. As Barry had gone home when the damage was discovered, John took the blame – more of this story later.

Barry left school in December 1957 and started work with his dad and older brother Ron at Kennedy and Kemp in Longparish on the 31st of December 57. His younger brother Adrian was to join them later.

Barry met his wife Pat through his work. His workmate, Trevor was Pat's brother. When he discovered that Barry was keen on his sister he arranged for them to sit together at the Gaumont in Southampton (now the Mayflower) where they went to see the likes of Tommy

Steel, Cliff Richard, Frankie Vaughn and Lulu etc.

Pat and Barry were married at Wherewell in March 1964 and celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last year by going on a cruise down the Mekong River and onto Cambodia.

Barry was a welder by trade and when he finished his apprenticeship he constantly had to keep ahead of the game by increasing his skills as technology changed.. Barry and Pat adopted their two children Samantha and Paul and settled into family life living in various houses in the village. The heavy work took his toll on his back and he had to have a disc removed after suffering a month in traction. Barry could no longer cope with the physical work of welding so he moved into admin with his company's approval. He was office based for 10 years.

In 1986 Barry and fellow workmate Trevor Rowe were made redundant. They were fed up working for others so decided to give it a go working for themselves. They bought a shed on the Harewood Forest Industrial Estate to set up Eastman and Rowe Ltd and never looked back.

Remember the water gauge shot with an air pistol? It was when running the welding company that the present Mrs Talbot's husband came to Barry to ask him to weld his lawnmower. When he came to collect the repair and pay for it Barry told him – "Remember your mums old water gauge? I think I owe you for that. Have this weld on me!" 40 years is a long time to be in debt!

Barry's brother Adrian introduced him to Plasma cutting. Barry at that time didn't even know how to switch on a computer and thought he would be out of his depth. Everything just clicked and he spent the last 7 years of his working life on the Plasma cutter and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Barry eventually retired from Eastman and Rowe in 2009. He enjoys travelling. On his 70th birthday he and Pat sailed along the Panama Canal. They have also sailed the Amazon; visited India; Thailand; Borneo; the Massia Mara; Rockies and Norwegian Fjords to name but a few. One of his favourites was visiting daughter Sam when she was living in California where he toured the Napa Valley wine growing area etc.

Having been a busy worker all his life he was looking for something to occupy him in his retirement. That was when he decided to do the Eastman family tree. He has found this both interesting and rewarding with the American Eastman links to Eastman Kodak and Linda McCartney nee Eastman. He has also been part of the Parish Council and Fete over the years and still runs the coconut shy.

We wish him a long and active retirement!

Interview by Cheryl McCracken



Come and find out what VDS is all about and what it means for Barton Stacey.

Work is progressing and the first draft of the statement will be presented at a workshop in the village hall on Sunday 26th July.

There's a chance to win a case of wine by estimating the length of the Parish boundary and we're also accepting entries for the 'What Barton Stacey means to me' competition.

History Quiz Answers:

- 1. The Old Plough.
- 2.2010.
- 3. From the pub that once traded there.
- 4. The bend in The Street at the Electricity Sub-Station.
- 5. The War Memorial in the Church erected in 1917.

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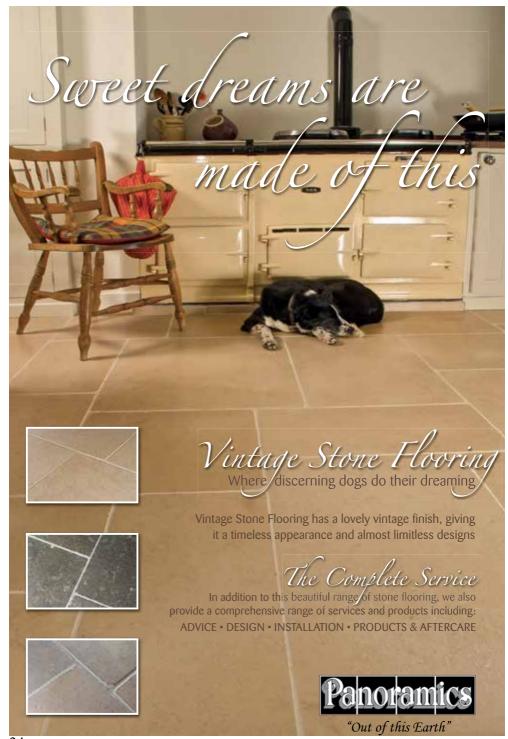
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2. Goods donations

If you are donating plants, jams, cakes, bric a brac etc you can still gift aid these items. Simply complete a gift aid form and then the items are sold by us on your behalf. We will then tell you the amount that was raised from selling them and you can giftaid that money raised.

Both types of form can be found on the back page of this programme - however, if you cannot find one, just ask a stallholder on who will direct you to the appropriate person or approach a fete committee member and we can organise this for you.

Important: you must be a UK tax payer and pay at least as much tax as you gift aid in total to any organisations in a year for a claim to be valid.

Last Year's Fete

What we raised!.....

2013 was one of our most successful years ever. It is always hard to do year on year comparisons as costs change, however our takings last year were significantly up on 2012. The increase in contributions to All Saints Church was by almost £650, meaning you helps us raise £6,250 all of which is then spent on maintaining the fabric of All Saints Church.

Out of this sum £1,000 which was kindly gift aided by fete goers and stallholders alike, this meant we earnt an additional £250 paid by the taxman. So please do so again this year as this is a valuable addition that we may as well make use of for very little effort!

The money raised in 2013 was decided to be used towards the repairs of the listed wall surrounding the churchyard and this work is ongoing, so funds are desperately needed to ensure our wall remains intact for centuries to come.



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