


Dear All,

The greenery of the gardens and hedgerows has now given way to the riot of colours in the flowers and in the activities of Summer. There are, new lambs in the paddocks, the drone of lawnmowers and of the Duxford Spitfires; and the sunshine that tell us that the Summer Fete is here.

 'Fete' is a French and a Caribbean word for "Party or Festival". Throughout the world it is used as an opportunity to Celebrate and to have a real good time, as a Community. In our Village we have many Fetes (Churches, Village, School, and Gardeners, all wrapped up together). The displays of flowers, fruit and veg., in all forms and shapes, stalls, tombolas, teas, drums, melting ice-creams, the wearing of strange hats, and feeling silly. (and much more). We have music and share food and drink, made and given by our neighbours and friends. It's a great way to celebrate about being together in the sunshine. Barton is unique out of all our local Villages in rolling it all together into a wonderful mixture of togetherness, without worrying about what makes us different. That must be an ingredient to make a really good party.



Please do enjoy and enter into the fun and togetherness of this Fete season. Perhaps on holiday, or at home with family and friends, and to fully enjoy the brightness, love and warmth the Summer brings.

Very best wishes Michael, Vicar

Church News

Saturday Coffee Mornings.

We will be serving coffee in church from 10 to 11.30am on Saturday August 7th and September 4th please drop in for a relaxing drink and biscuit and a chat with other parishioners, no charge for coffee and we should have some second hand books for sale.

Sponsored Cycle Ride – Saturday 11th September

This event is now called Ride and Stride to encourage walkers as well as cyclists! The aim is to raise money both for our own church and also for Cambridge Historic Churches Trust. The idea is to visit as many churches as possible (choose your own route) and get sponsorship for each church visited; this is a good day out so why not go with a friend.....! Anne Coulson will have the forms shortly to enable participants to get as many sponsors as possible.

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church News

On September 19th Edward Foster will be coming to talk to us about his time in Malawi. Edward is in his gap year before going off to University. As part of that year he has spent three months helping at an orphanage in Malawi and finding all sorts of useful things to do. It will be great to hear what he has to say. Come and join us for tea at 5pm followed by Edward's talk.

Elizabeth will be away for three weeks at the beginning of September visiting Churches in Brazil as part of her college training.

Both St Peter's and ourselves will be taking part in the nationwide "Back to Church" Sunday on the 26th September. If it is sometime since you last went to Church, this Sunday would be a good opportunity to come again. You will be very welcome at either church.

Harvest

Recently as part of our Harvest celebrations we have filled Food Parcels or collected donations for "Harvest for the Hungry". This year they are asking for donations only as it is more economic because it enables food to be bought locally in the country being supported, thus saving transport costs. It also helps the local economy and enables them to supply food over the winter. If you have given either parcels or gifts in the past and would like to give a donation this time please let me have the money by the end of September. £10 is the approximate cost of filling a box.

If, however, you would like to do something practical we will be collecting tools for "Tools with a Mission". Such tools are collected sorted and sent to projects in Africa and elsewhere. Tools cover everything from Adzes and Axes to Vices and Wheel-nut spanners. Tools for Gardening, metalwork, repair and maintenance, woodworking tools and those for wood turning and anything related to sewing, including machines, cottons, pins, needles, buttons and fasteners. These will form part of our Harvest display at our services which will take place on 3rd October.

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

On Wednesday August 11th at 2.30pm we have a Garden Meeting at 12 Haslingfield Road. The Bring and Buy stall will be in aid of the Leprosy Mission, and there will be a bring and share tea.

On Wednesday September 8th at 2.30pm we are back in the Village Hall, when Deryn Coe will be talking about the Arbory Trust. Visitors are always welcome.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Report:

Fiona Whelan sent a written report, as she was ill. The Parish Council will respond to the consultation over the **Library service**. With £2.2m having to be saved by the end of the year, some very sweeping cuts are going to have to be made to the services currently provided. From October Barton will receive monthly visits from the Mobile Library on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Any views should be forwarded by 16th August to ally.clarke@cambridgeshire.co.uk.

The Government has been announcing massive cuts - the County Council has already seen about £6m in various guises cut from the current year's budget. This can only mean further cuts will be coming to services this financial year. She is concerned about the effects of the cuts on staffing levels at Addenbrooke's and Occupational Therapy provision throughout the County. Currently the Government is rushing ahead with plans for Outstanding Schools to become Academies - but the details of what exactly this would mean for children and local communities are not very clear to Officers or Councillors. The funding implications are that it would make it easier for a secondary school to be built in Cambourne and run by Comberton VC, but the impact on students is not clear.

District Councillor Report:

Francis Burkitt that the A and B road speed limit Review No. 29 A603 + B1042 had been published for consultation. It recommended a new 50mph limit from Barton to the Cambridge boundary. We feel that a reduction of 10 mph would be safer on all stretches of the A603 in Barton. Further information on the speed limit review is available on this link

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/speed/speed> and also our Council's response is shown on the village website. Do by all means write in to the County Council, if you wish to see a reduction in speed. Or contact Richard.Preston@cambridgeshire.gov.uk ..

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Lorne Williamson (ex-Barton) outlined the role of governors at Addenbrooke's as a representative of residents and patients and encouraged us all to enrol as members. He answered questions which included proposed reductions in nursing staff, the lack of dietary care for elderly patients, problems at discharge caused by pharmacy delays and the notion that the hospital was top-heavy with management. He insisted that the quality of Addenbrooke's was high. Advances in medical technology and the higher age of the population bring increased costs. The site is due to double in size by 2020, the more patients you see in specialities, the better the outcomes. Addenbrooke's remains a tertiary and international centre

of excellence.

Your councillors on the beat

They will be walking around the village from 6pm on Tuesday 3rd August.

Notice board and website

Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board outside Conkers or on <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>

Next Council meetings: Tuesday 7th September 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

[Patrick De Backer 262577 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:Patrick.DeBacker.262577@btinternet.com)

Village News

Christian Aid Collection

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this collection. The splendid sum of £800 was raised.

Hugh Greenfield

Barton Lunch Club

Friday August 6th 12.30 for 1pm. and **Friday September 3rd** In the village hall.

For cancellations or reservations please contact Helen Newstead 262543 for the August lunch and Anne Coulson 262666 for the one in September.

Anne Coulson

Village Day

Very many thanks for all the support shown for our village day on July 10th. It was a great day, many people came and the weather was hot, hot, hot. The show tent looked splendid, there were lots of painted faces and a variety of stalls. The evening barbecue proved very popular once again.

So much planning and hard work goes into this event by so many people, which helps to make it such a happy occasion and we are very grateful to the school for allowing us to use their premises. Thanks too to Maggie Edwards for opening the show this year. If you enjoyed the show and would like to help next year PLEASE let us know, we would love to have more volunteers!

Best wishes for a happy summer

Sarah Pitchford for the Joint Working Committee 262756

Burwash Manor Charity Ball

The Ball Committee are very pleased with there results of The Summer Ball, Saturday 26th June. £5,000 was raised on the evening and these proceeds will be shared between Barton Recreation Ground Improvement Group and Softpower SEN Project, Jinja Uganda.

The donation to BRIG will go towards the cost of a new Slide and Activity Mound in the recently refurbished playground and the donation to Softpower will go towards a special 'outreach' vehicle. Please access the website: softpowereducation.com, to see all of the wonderful work being done by them.

Our very grateful thanks to all attendees of the Ball who so willingly emptied their pockets and to all those who so generously donated Raffle prizes and services and to our near neighbours who tolerated the increased sound levels on this occasion.

Sue Radford 264674

Groomability at the Village Day

As one of Barton's newest businesses, we showcased the 'Groomability Mobile Dog Grooming' van at the Village Day. We wanted to thank all those who showed an interest in our venture and marvelled at our dog grooming parlour on wheels.

Thanks also to those who entered our 'Name the Groomability Dog' competition, which was won by John Boocock choosing the independently pre-selected name of Mungo.

Our activities raised the sum of £23.75 for the 'Arthritis Care' charity.

Belinda & Martin Lloyd

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The July meeting was a talk by Hannah Bennett on Arthur Rank House. Hannah told us about the wonderful work that they do with people suffering from terminal illness, providing both practical care and emotional support for patients and their families. One of their leaflets says "We cannot add days to people's lives but we can add life to their days", which sums up their philosophy. Hannah's role as fundraiser and event co-ordinator is obviously a busy one, they are hoping to raise £1 million this year.

The August meeting is in the garden of Ruth Bond, and we are back in the Village Hall for the September meeting, which is Keith Baldwin, "What a Laugh", a healthy look at laughter, including a chance to indulge in a chuckle or two.

Sue Clemo

Barton CE School

It hardly seems possible that as I write this we are approaching the end of another school year. We are currently preparing for our usual end of year activities. The children of KS2 are preparing for our musical extravaganza 'More Songs from Stage and Screen', following on from our successful performance last year. This year the children are performing songs from The Sound of Music, Mary Poppins, The Wizard of Oz, The Lion King, Aladdin and the more contemporary We Will

Rock You and Saturday Night Fever. Several of the children are stepping up to sing solos (not to mention a couple of the staff – we really are a ‘singing school’!) and all of the children are taking part with enthusiasm. It will be good training for them as in January we are taking a group to sing in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena, which will be a fantastic experience for us all.

We are also preparing to say goodbye to our Y6 children as they move onto secondary school and they are looking forward to their Oscars Evening, hosted this year by Sue Radford in the Burwash Manor Marquee, perfect surroundings as I am sure you will agree. Other events before the end of term include Sports Day followed by our FOBS Family BBQ, and the annual Leavers’ Service on the last day of term.

As I look back over the year, we reflect on many things, especially our international focus. As well as the many activities in school, we have welcomed many visitors. Our recent International Week got off to a great start with some trainee teachers from the University of South Carolina, a link we have which is now in its third year. We are also looking forward to hosting some Japanese visitors, young students who visit Cambridge each year and spend time in school, teaching the children various Japanese activities. Our international focus supports us in our fulfilment of Community Cohesion as the children become more aware of the world beyond their own locality.

We have this year published our Travel Plan. The whole school took part in Walk to School Week and we have recently been accepted onto the Safer Routes to School programme which will hopefully support us in ensuring that the parents, children and staff are able to make informed choices about modes of transport to increase the health and fitness of the children and create a greener environment.

On behalf of the whole school community may I wish you an enjoyable and restful summer.

Sue Carpenter, Head Teacher

This poem was runner up in the County Council Walk to School Week Poetry Competition.

On my Way to School today

Every morning we get in the car
To get to school, though it's not very far.

There's so much traffic along the roads
Cars, vans bikes, lorries, loads and loads.

Sometimes they all just go too fast,
Or the traffic is jammed and we can't get past.

We get to school and there is nowhere to park,
I really have to hurry, so I don't get a late mark.

Then we had a week when we walked to school,
The sun shone brightly and the breeze was cool.

We walked through the fields, listening to birds,
Or biked on the path, it was too great for words.

We arrived at school with rosy cheeks,
I wish every term we could have 'Walk to School' weeks.

Aimee Y5

Barton Playgroup

Barton Playgroup said goodbye to 8 of its children in July at a special Leavers Party. We wish these children good luck as they head off to big school or pastures new! It has been another great year for the Playgroup. The staff continues to provide a wonderful environment for pre-schoolers, and the Committee and parents have worked hard to raise funds to provide new resources for the children.

Summer Holiday Blues? – Whatever the weather, come along to Barton Playgroup's Toddler sessions **every Tuesday**, 10-11.30am over the summer holidays (27th July to 31st August inclusive). Come rain or shine, there are activities aplenty to entertain the children, giving grown-ups an opportunity for a natter. Entrance and refreshments is just £2 per family. Primary aged siblings welcome when accompanying pre-school children.

If you will have a child over 2 and a half years old in September, you may be interested to know that there are currently places available at the Playgroup. This small, intimate Playgroup provides an excellent pre-school experience for children. We have great Ofsted results and fully-trained, experienced staff. Please contact Carrie Cope on 01799 531751 / 07762 487650 for further details and to arrange a visit.

Jaszia Lindon

BRIG

Stall at Rock Festival 5th - 8th August We are having a fund raising stall at this event courtesy of the Rock festival organisers.

We will be selling donated books, CDs, Vinyl records art work Bric-a-brac & costume jewellery. **Please have a hunt around for unwanted items & donate them to BRIG to sell to raise funds for the new pavilion.**

Please deliver to Meta Greenfield, 114 High Street, or ring Meta on C-262005 to arrange collection. **Items needed before 4th August. Thank you for your help.**

Engineering Football club (who play at Barton). Some members are running in the Wimpole Half Marathon in September. They are donating part of their sponsorship to BRIG. **Offers of sponsorship to Tim Nichols at**

engineering_fc@yahoo.com

BRIG - Safari Supper – September 25th

A date for your diaries! - Following the success of last year's supper, we are repeating this event on September 25th. We plan to gather at the beginning of the evening, then go to different houses for each course of the meal and re-assemble at the Village Hall at the end of the evening. Tickets are £12 per head for diners. Each pair of participants are asked to host one course, (hosts of main courses get a reduced ticket price of £6), and you will join different guests at different houses for each course. Further details will be on the notice boards nearer the time, but tickets are available from Helen Newstead (C-262543) or Mary MacDonald (C-262378). Book early to avoid disappointment.

Barton Calendar 2011 BRIG Committee will produce another Calendar for 2011 after last year's success. So out with your cameras & start taking pictures. Again the theme will be Barton activities but may include pictures of Barton as well. All pictures need to be submitted to Margaret Penston (C-262465) by mid-September.

Meta Greenfield, Secretary

Barton Friendship Club

In June, 31 of us (including some from Comberton) went to Toft Golf course for a cream tea. It was delicious and following the tea, we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon sitting outside watching the wildlife. Earlier in the month Richard Parker entertained us with his “Royal Reminiscences”. In July Brenda Disbrey had us sailing up the Danube, a fascinating experience.

On 3rd August we have Ken Savage talking about Village Signs and on the 17th August we have a games afternoon. Our first meeting in September (7th) will be a mystery tour, leaving Great Close at 11am. On the 21st September we have another games afternoon.

Brian West

Barton Gardeners

A very brief report on The **Village Day Show** follows (If you would like to see a fuller version it will be in the next edition of the **Barton Gardeners' Newsletter**). Fantastic weather, if a bit too hot for the proceedings. A wonderful display of flowers, fruit and vegetables with particular mention for the excellent quality and quantity of flower arrangements and handicraft. We certainly gave the judges a difficult task. **Thank you** to all those of you who entered the show. Entries were up on last year, which is great. An enormous **THANK YOU** to the Committee and their helpers for their valiant and strenuous efforts to stage the show and the ever successful evening BBQ. If you enjoyed yourselves and would like to help next year, please get in touch with me – remember ‘many hands make light work’!

Our next meeting will be held at the Village Hall **at 7.45pm on Thursday, 16th September**, when **Bryan Righton** will be coming to enlighten us on the secrets of good composting. Bryan made his first compost when he was 10 in 1944! and has a wealth of experience, with a particular interest in growing vegetables on his allotment. Everyone is welcome – Guests £2, Members free.

Happy gardening! Sue Edwards

Neighbourhood Watch

We have had a few crimes in Barton recently. Unfortunately, some of these have not been reported to the police: in my experience, they have been reacting quickly to reports of possible crimes and it would be helpful if you report any suspected crime so that the police can record it and we can then press them to act to keep our crime levels as low as possible.

Most reported crimes in Barton recently have been in Wimpole Road. All but one of these has been a car crime. The other was the theft of a large quantity of oil from a domestic tank, which is a very distressing incident. Please make sure that your tank is secure. It may also be helpful to ensure that any surrounding vegetation is cut back, to ensure that your tank is visible to others so that a thief cannot easily get to it without being spotted.

A fake charity collector has also visited Barton recently. The police came out promptly when notified but were unable to trace the caller. They said that he is probably a member of a gang called the "Nottingham Knockers" who move quickly from village to village and are difficult to catch. They are not violent but may be intimidating to vulnerable people. They have fake identification and rely on people's good nature to give them money. This is claimed to be a charitable donation (in this case a Dyslexia charity), but benefits the criminals rather than any charity. In some cases, two people act together and one distracts the householder whilst the other burgles the house. It would be best not to make charitable donations to callers that you do not recognise, but make donations direct to the charity.

Thanks to those who have reported incidents recently. We need to be on our guard to try to protect ourselves from crime whenever we can.

Bev Edwards

Comberton Library

Make one Giant Leap into Comberton Library this summer in the children's Summer Reading Challenge. Read 6 books over the summer, collect stickers and join us for fun craft sessions. Every child who completes the challenge will receive a Space Hop medal and certificate. It's all free – register in the library from the beginning of July and pick up details of the special sessions.

This year's Reading Challenge Presentation Ceremony will be on Saturday 11th September at 3pm when highly acclaimed storyteller, Andy Hawkins will be presenting the medals to the children.

Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts

Earlier in the afternoon on 11th September, from 1.45 – 2.45 hear the hilarious poems and rhymes of Roald Dahl brought to life by Andy Hawkins.

Tickets for this event are £2 and are available from the library – early booking is recommended as numbers are limited.

Engage in the Morning

In June we were treated to a fascinating talk by Chris Jakes on the local history of Cambridge with particular emphasis on the Comberton area.

On 6th August, Sue Williamson will be coming to talk to us about “What makes us read”. This is a free event for adults. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Barton Bowls Club – Advance Notice

The Bowls Club plans to have its next jumble sale on Saturday 2nd October in the Village Hall. Jumble may be left at 114 High Street or 7 King's Grove during September or brought to the Hall on the morning of the sale.

Ruth Ennis

Mobile Library – Advance Warning

Because of the financial restraints now coming into place, the Mobile Library will only visit us once a month. Even then, unless a sufficient number of people use it, the service may be axed altogether. The message is “Use it or lose it”. From October the library van will come to Barton on the third Thursday of the month.

Evening with Batman & Robin: Friday 6th August, 8pm – 10pm

An evening safari in search of bats, owls, badgers and moths at Lark Rise Farm, Barton. Entry including refreshments: £5 adults; £4 ‘CRT Friends’; £2 Children. Please call The Countryside Restoration Trust to book your space. C-262999. info@livingcountryside.org.uk

Harvest Celebration Sunday 26th September, from 11am

Lark Rise is dripping with fruit at this time of year, so Friends are invited to come along for a harvest feast followed by light refreshments. There will also be trailer rides and a special church service at St Peter's in Barton at 2.30pm with guest speaker Kate Hoey MP. For more information, please contact The Countryside Restoration Trust. C-262999 info@livingcountryside.org.uk