

Church News

Now that Revd Michael Matthews has been licensed as our vicar the PCC would like to arrange a welcome party for him and his wife Stephanie. So on Saturday December 11th from 3 – 4.30pm we are inviting parishioners to drop into the village hall for tea and cake. Whether or not you have already met Michael and Stephanie, please come and say hello and welcome them to Barton.

Parish Magazine Mailing

Any ex-parishioner can receive copies of the parish magazine for 2011 by sending 10 postage stamps to: Mrs J Page, 2, Mailes Close, Barton, CB23 7BQ

St Peter's Coffee Morning – October

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped. We raised £230 for church funds and over £200 of Christmas cards were sold for Save the Children Fund. It was good to have Tear Fund goods on sale too.

Anne Coulson

St Peter's Quiz Night – October

This highly enjoyable and well supported event raised a very creditable £368. The winning team was from the Drama Group, with a team from Barton Gardeners a very close second. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the evening such a success.

Jean Ricketts and Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church News

Once again the Advent Bible Studies are under way, the dates are 2nd, 9th and 16th December. Please note that they are 2.30pm this year to make it easier for people to come. Thanks to all who lead and participate.

Our Carol Service is on the Morning of the 19th December and on Christmas day we will have a short service at 10am. There will be no service on Boxing day, Sunday 26th. On 9th January we will be joining with St Peter's for an epiphany service, see below.

2011 will be an important year in the life of the Church and of our Minister in Training Elizabeth Pinder-Ashenden. Elizabeth has been with us for the past two years as part of her training to be a Baptist minister. That training comes to an end in June and her time with us is due to finish at the end of August. Please Pray for Elizabeth as she takes exams in January and as she seeks out God's will for the next stage in her ministry. Also pray for the Church that we may be guided in our plans for the future.

Epiphany Carol Service

In January there is a joint Carol Service with St Peter's and the Baptist Church for

Epiphany on 9th. The service will be held in St Peter's at 4pm and will be followed by a tea in the Baptist Church at 5pm. Epiphany is the time when the Church celebrates the visit of the Wise men to see the infant Jesus, so if you have a favourite Carol suitable for the occasion please let me know and we will try and fit it in. Do come and join us, see if we can raise the roof at St Peter's.

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

On Wednesday December 8th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall we have our Carol Service followed by a Christmas Tea. The speaker this year is Pat Heap. ALL ARE WELCOME.

At our January meeting on Wednesday 12th, 2.30pm Richard Parker will be telling us about World Vision and in particular about "Sponsorship of Children".

Mary West

Parish Jottings

Budget 2011-12 & setting of precept

Councillors are fully aware that everyone is going through times of financial stringency. The Parish Council has always spent frugally and kept low reserves. However, the low level of precept compared with neighbouring villages has made it difficult to provide improvements for parishioners. It was decided to set the precept for 2011-12 at £15,000, an increase of £4.89 per band D household. This is the money for operating costs given to Barton by South Cambs, raised as a very small part of your Council Tax.

Barton BeaVers & small works

The Haggis Farm path nettles have been trimmed and some tree guards removed. The School Lane parking bays have now been created and the water chamber lowered. John Boocock was complimented and thanked for his work.

Disabled signs at the Village Hall

Those with disabilities who wish to have a parking space reserved should contact event organisers to make use of the "parking for disabled" signs now available.

"Take the damned poo home!" "and don't leave it!!"

There has been too much dog mess left on all parts of The Leys and the Recreation Ground. It is particularly a hazard in the children's play area. Please use the dog walks and clear up after your dog, similarly on footpaths around the village. We do realise culprits may be from elsewhere!

A603/M11 bridge overnight closure

The joint replacement scheme/diversion has been postponed to 10-24 Jan. There will be diversions for motorists. It will still be possible for cyclists and

pedestrians to get through.

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 December and Tuesday 4th January, both at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

[Patrick De Backer 262577 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:Patrick.DeBacker262577@btinternet.com)

Please visit the Village Website www.barton-cambs.org.uk/ for details of Francis Burkitt's commemorative book of Rupert Brooke's Grantchester and for the Adult Education programme at Comberton Village College.

Village News

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who has donated wool for the Barton and Comberton Sheltered Housing Knitting Group. We are very grateful and are now busy knitting it up for various charities.

Dot Ross and Joan Spencer, Allens Close

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Collection 2001

Thank you all very much for your help, and support during the 2010 Poppy Appeal. Very many thanks to our collectors, and the owners of the establishments where static boxes were placed. The Barton Collection amounted to **£1082.85**. In addition, there were a number of Gift Aid envelopes from which tax will be reclaimed, and this should add **£52 +** to the collection.

The Legion as always is assisting the needy ex-service men & women and their dependants. Any lady or gentleman wishing to know more about membership, or associate membership of the Royal British Legion please get in touch with Rodney Richmond.

Thank you all very much.

Cornie Thorne 263610

Barton Lunch Club

Friday December 3rd Friday January 7th 12.30 for 1pm. In the village hall. For cancellations or reservations please contact Anne Coulson 262666. If anyone would like to assist with cooking at any time please let me know.

Anne Coulson

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The November meeting was a fascinating insight into the work of the Forensic Science Service, given by Mr Chris Hollick. He had worked on some well known cases and it was a most interesting evening.

The next meeting is of course the Christmas party on 14th December. Members should bring a plate of finger food to share, a glass for Alison's punch, and a wrapped lucky dip gift to the value of £3, please don't forget to bring extra if you bring a guest.

On 11th January, Veronica Bennett will talk on Gardens and The National Trust.

Sue Clemo

Barton Gardeners

Our **Christmas Mince Pie & Coffee Morning** will be on **Saturday 4th December**, from **10am to 12 noon** at the **Village Hall**. Everyone is welcome and entry is free. Come and enjoy a seasonal get-together and browse the stalls laden with interesting and varied gift items. We have some of your favourites and added some new ones to tempt you. Plus a great Festive Raffle. You can also renew your membership or join the Barton Gardeners, if not already done so

Happy gardening! Sue Edwards

Barton Playgroup

This half term has focused on festivals with the Playgroup children learning everything from Diwali to Thanksgiving and then Christmas. They will be experiencing Indian food, dressing up as Native Americans and rehearsing their own Christmas play. Father Christmas is expected to interrupt his busy schedule to attend the children's party at the end of term.

For the under-5s, come along to our **Toddler Group on Monday afternoons from 1.15-3.15pm** (term-time only). There is a huge range of toys and soft play equipment to play with – ideal for these cold, wet afternoons. Entrance and refreshments costs £2 per family.

Jaszia Lindon

BRIG – Autumn Coffee Morning 13th November

This event raised the excellent sum of £692 – Thank you! The cards & calenders were a great success raising £304. These popular items can continue to be bought from Mary Macdonald (262378) and outlets: Conkers Stores, The Hoops, the White Horse Inn.

Christmas Quiz Sheet: This is a great way to pass time with family or friends over the Christmas season. Price £1 a sheet. Return by 8th January for a chance to win a bottle of Champagne. Available from me and outlets, as above.

Meta Greenfield, Secretary 262005, 114 High Street

Pavilion Construction Starts

We are delighted to say that funding is now in place for construction to start on the new pavilion (more details next time). Thanks to everyone who has helped. Contractors are due on site on Monday December 6th. Please will parents ensure that children keep away from the building work for their own safety.

Barton Friendship Club

On Tuesday the 7th December we have our Christmas lunch starting at 12.30pm. We then meet again in the third week in January, Tuesday 18th Mrs Rosemary Baker will be giving us an illustrated talk on Stained glass windows. All are invited to this talk.

Brian West

Neighbourhood Watch

There have been a few thefts in Barton recently, mainly of valuable items left in cars. Please be careful not to leave anything of value in your car as thieves can break in wherever the car is parked.

There have been reports of high-pressure selling of burglar alarms and other security equipment recently, and the police advise us to get at least 3 quotes, and look for companies that are accredited by NSI (National Security Inspectorate) or SSIAB (Security Systems & Alarm Inspection Board).

Barton is rated by the police as an average crime area at present. The detection rate is less than 30 percent, so we need to do what we can to prevent crime and keep our property safe.

Bev Edwards

John Bowen Productions

Tickets are on sale from Monday 6th December, for the “PIE & MASH SUPPER” evenings. Not only will supper be served by the “Barton Belles” but “The Jay-Bees” will present “MUSIC HALL TO MUSICALS”. So come along to the Village Hall, Barton, on either Thursday 27th, Friday 28th or Saturday 29th January and enjoy being entertained by some old and new friends.

Tickets at £11 from Judith Bowen C-262186. Vegetarians can be catered for (please inform us when booking) and fruit juice will be provided but please bring your own wine or beer.

AS USUAL, WE SHALL BE DONATING ALL PROFITS TO THE N.S.P.C.C

Aladdin comes to Comberton!

Comberton Players will be performing Gillian Gresham’s pantomime *Aladdin* on Friday 10th December at 7.30pm and Saturday 11th December at 2.30 and 7.30pm. Come along to the Village Hall and see the story of Aladdin and his beautiful Princess Emerald unfold. Will their love triumph over the evil Abanazer? Will the Prime Minister keep the Emperor entertained and which Genie really is the most powerful? All will be revealed in this story of sparkles, glitter and music! Tickets are £6 (£4 concessions) available from Cindy on C-262867.