

Dear All,

As I write this article we are a few days away from the general election, when we will each help to shape the future of the nation in our choices at the ballot box. When you read this article we will know who will be governing the country and carrying the responsibility of shaping that future in a just and fair way. It will be the end of one period of government and the beginning of a new term.

This piece is also about other endings and beginnings. It marks the end of my term as the curate to the local team of churches after four very happy years, including a period of being the lead minister in Barton. This has been a time of great encouragement, experiences and growth, and a time I will look back on with great fondness. We have appreciated the kindness and friendship of Barton villagers during this time.

One of the recent highlights of this time has been the Generous Slice coffee shop, which took place between 8.30 and 10.30 in late April. This was such a happy time for people, old and young, to share time together over excellent coffee and sumptuous cakes and breakfast fare, with toys available for the very young.

The next Generous Slice will be on 15 June between 8.30 and 10.30. Mark it in your diary and start your day with a visit!

Many people have been kind enough to ask us what we will be doing next. It has been great to know that people have our welfare at heart, both in supportive words and prayer.

This leads us to the beginning. From the end of the summer, I will be working in a non-church context, alongside serving the Church as a minister in a voluntary capacity.

This means, happily, that we won't be going far as I will be a self-supporting minister within the local team of churches, including St Peter's Barton, once the summer is over, hoping to move into the area at some point soon.

So this letter begins with a number of endings and ends with a numbers of beginnings. May God bless them all.

With great fondness, Corin

Church News

Coffee, biscuits and chat in St Peter's Church; Saturday 6th June, 10am-11.30am

Please do come along and have a chat with friends and neighbours, maybe buy a second hand book or two for your holidays. No charge for coffee.

Summer Songs of Praise, 4pm, Sunday 14th June

A joint service with the Baptists in St. Peter's Church at 4pm will be followed by tea in the village hall. Please join us if you are free.

Safari Supper, 20th June

Once again we are organising a peripatetic feast, giving you a chance to meet friends and neighbours in the village and enjoy excellent hospitality in various homes. The plan is that each pair coming offers a course of their choice, Starter, Main, Dessert, for up to 8 people and depending on numbers one or two couples may offer aperitifs to start or coffee and chocolates at the end. The price is £15 per person offering starter or dessert, and £7.50 for those offering a main course. Booking is essential and forms are with Barbara Tomes, 262692 or Anne Coulson 262666 and are available in the church. The closing date for booking is 9th June.

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church

In the life of a church, it's good to have continuity and variety. We continue with our Bible studies looking at the book of Daniel, on Wednesdays 3rd and 17th at 7.30pm, meeting at the church. Our Tea and chats are on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd. Do come along and meet others from the village over a drink and piece of cake. The foodbank collection point is open at these times. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important work. It's good to be able to help others in a very practical way.

The men's breakfast this month is on the 20th at 8am in the pavilion. Our speaker will be from the Emmaus charity at Waterbeach. This is a great chance to meet local men, enjoy a breakfast together and listen to an interesting speaker. If you would like to know more, please phone.

On Sunday 14th, at 4pm we will be joining with St. Peter's for our summer songs of praise. It's a lovely chance for the churches to meet together and then enjoy a good tea in the village hall after. It is open to everyone, so please come along.

Ken Jones (262583).

Barton Christian Fellowship – Farewell Garden Tea

After much prayerful consideration, the committee has decided to close down the Barton Christian Fellowship. The last meeting will be held in the garden of Six Houses on Wednesday 10th June at 2.30pm.

There will be a Bring and Buy sale for the Barnabas Fund, supporting persecuted

Christians. There will also be a Bring and Share tea. A gazebo will be there for protection against bad weather.

We would like to thank all those who have supported the group over the years in a variety of ways and invite you to join with us on 10th June.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

Election Results – Parliamentary

Heidi Allen has been elected as the Member of Parliament (MP) for South Cambridgeshire after winning the seat on 7th May.

Heidi Allen	Conservative	31,454
Daniel Greef	Labour	10,860
Sebastian Kindersley	Liberal Democrat	9,368
Marion Mason	UKIP	6,010
Simon Saggars	Green	3,848

The turnout: 73.37%.

Heidi Allen writes:

I am absolutely delighted to be able to write to you as your new Member of Parliament! In the early hours of 8th May, I was elected to represent every person, every business, every school and organisation in South Cambridgeshire and I can't tell you how proud that makes me.

During the election campaign I tried to meet as many people as possible and convey to them that if successful, I would always be approachable, available and crucially listening. I come to politics from business having worked in both the public and private sectors and more recently running my own firm. In my working life I discovered that the best decisions I made were as a consequence of listening to the people who would be affected by those decisions.

I want to carry that ethos forward, so if you are worried about anything, need my help, want to talk to me - please feel that you can. You can call my office on 01954 211444, email me heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk, write to me at 153 St Neots Road, Hardwick, CB23 7QJ or you can tweet me @heidiallen75. I am here because you put me there, and I will NEVER forget that.

With very best wishes, Heidi

South Cambridgeshire District Council Results

A third of the seats on the District Council were up for election, 19 in total. The overall district election turnout was 71.37%.

Barton Ward:

Francis Burkitt	Conservative	978
Anna Gomori	Green	298
Janet Shepherd	Labour	233
Turnout:		76.22%

The Council remains Conservative controlled and the new political make-up of the Council is:

Conservative	38
Liberal Democrats	11
Independent (group)	6
Independent (non-group)	1
Labour	1

Parish Council results

The parishes of Barton – 77.59% turnout

Coton – 74.89% turnout

Foxtton – 75.66% turnout

Hardwick – 73.12% turnout

Each elected nine new councillors. You can find the detailed results at scambs.gov.uk.

Barton Parish Councillors

Bev Edwards (*Chair*), Andrew Friend, Hugh Greenfield, Lorraine Mooney, Margaret Penston (*Vice-Chair*), Mike Radford, Nigel Siddall, Sarah Thomas and Barbara Tomes.

Congratulations to them and commiserations to the others who generously took part in this democratic exercise.

Electrical Waste Kerbside Collection

Do you have electrical items that you no longer use or want? WISER Recycling will be conducting a collection of household Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) on Monday 8th June. Electrical items will be collected in the morning by WISER vehicles. They will collect any electrical item (including non-working) from hairdryers, videos, microwaves, to televisions and fridge/freezers – basically, anything with a plug on.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS ‘KERBSIDE’ BY 10am – IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE AVOID PLACING OUTSIDE THE EVENING BEFORE. If you are unable to move your larger items outside, please contact 01480 464 111 – and Operatives will attend your property to assist.

Hedges grow so fast

Please make sure that hedges and plants do not obstruct footpaths.

A plea from a dog lover and responsible owner.

I really don't want to make any trouble, but on many occasions, I've come across people with their dogs off leads. Last week two children, one on a bike and one on foot, when I asked if the little girl would put her dog on the lead, she said sorry, but her brother who was running ahead had the dog's lead. On Sunday afternoon I was walking along the footpath at the back of Kings Grove, when a small dog came running up the path towards me, no one was with it; it proceeded to attack my small elderly dog biting at her back, I picked my dog up, the dog jumped up my legs to get to my dog. I had to kick it off.

At that point the dog's family appeared with another dog, also off the lead. I told them what had happened and asked them to keep their dogs on leads; I had no response, not even an apology! I was very shaken up, my little dog also shaken up and gratefully only a mouthful of hair missing, but fine now.

One another point, there seems to be someone leaving bags of dog mess along the Kings Grove path.

Notice board

Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond.

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 2nd June 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

FOUND by the village pond – small leather purse. Contact 262095

FOUND on New Road – Nurse's watch with personal engraving. This item has been taken to Parkside Police Station.

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 5th June 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall

Advance booking is essential as we do need to know numbers. For more information, reservations /cancellations/offers of help etc. please contact Anne Coulson. 262666.

BRIG AGM Wednesday 17th June 7.30 for 8pm in Barton Sports Pavilion*

The committee welcome you to come and hear how the pavilion is being used. Do join us for wine and nibbles before the meeting. Ideas and suggestions for new activities are always welcome.

Meta Greenfield, Secretary of BRIG



Barton Village Day 11th July

This year's event commemorates the end of the Second World War and life in the 1940s. There will be an archive display of village life in the 40s and we encourage you to bring along artefacts, photos or documents that you would like to share. There will be 40s dancing and music, fancy dress, a display of wartime military vehicles and a cocktail bar serving the specially-created VE Cocktail!

The maypole will return this year (Hurray!) along with favourite events – Pet Show, children's dancing display and the Tug of War and many sideshows and stalls to entertain you. Grand Draw tickets will be on sale soon.

Play Group and School are creating a children's corner with two small bouncy castles and other play equipment. They'll have some gazebos for protection from whatever weather we get, but do bring your own gazebo if you like, so you can have a comfortable base for the day and into the evening – set-up from 8.30am.

If you can offer help in any way – with equipment, organisation or just moving stuff around, on the day or beforehand, we'd be very grateful!

Also back this year is Guy Robinson's band. If you'd like to book a table for the evening, please specify where you'd like to be – main marquee, side marquee, gazebo. There will be the usual bring-your-own barbecues which will be lit and ready from 6pm, as well as the burger van and Indian street food from Inder's Kitchen. Fingers crossed for another brilliant Village Celebration!

Lorraine Mooney, for the Village Day Committee

Barton WI

At our Resolution Meeting Dr Duncan Forsyth, Consultant Geriatrician at Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge spoke on 'Failing to Care'. His wealth of experience and knowledge of caring for Dementia and Acutely Confused patients made us realise the complicated procedure for assessing each patient's needs. We all saw the 'Health Check List' for continuing care by which all patients are assessed. It became evident that even trained medical experts find it difficult to decide when health care should become social care. He went on to explain that changes to NHS and Social Care legislation are continually assessed by various organisations. Dr Forsyth gave us valuable insight into complex and important issues.

The June Meeting is an Open Meeting all welcome. The speaker is Jenny Gibb ‘A Turkish Shirley Valentine’

Kathryn Wake

Barton School

At school, we held our own Elections this year and the Year 5/6 class was split into different groups to represent different political parties, not of their own choosing. Their task was to find out about the education policies of that particular party and to write a speech and deliver it to the whole school. Their persuasive writing skills had to come into play! After the rest of the school heard each speech, every child was given a voting paper and put it into the ballot box. Every vote was carefully counted.....the Green Party won. Perhaps what swayed the vote was the fact that the Green Party were advocating the ‘No SATs policy’!! Well done to that team.

Our ‘Outdoor Spruce Up Day’ was a huge success, with a large number of parents and children, laden with spades and forks and even trailers for the rubbish. The pond area was cleared and a firm area was formed for the children to stand at the edge and also some logs were placed to form a seating area. Other areas were cleared and the Robin class fence was painted. A great team effort!

The teachers and pupils in Year 6 have worked incredibly hard leading up to the SATs week, which has now finished. They will now be turning their thoughts to the residential trip to Grafham Water, along with the Year 5s. After half-term, rehearsing for the summer production will also be on the agenda with lots of singing practice and line-learning.

All pupils will be doing swimming the second half of term, as our swimming pool opens. We are just so lucky to have the facility in our school and for the children to have 2 swimming lessons a week in small groups. What a privilege and what fun! I’m sure you will hear splashes all around the village.

We are looking forward to preparing some items for the Village Day on 11th July and joining together as a Barton Community.

Claire Coulson

Neighbourhood Watch

It was encouraging to hear that the police were satisfied when they surveyed our village during their recent exercise. They reported that most Barton residents are taking good precautions to keep their property safe.

However, we must not be complacent as crime figures in Barton are variable. Three crimes were recorded in January, none in February but six in March. At the time of writing, things are quiet in Barton but there is still criminal activity in other villages nearby.

At this time of year, house burglary is still an issue (even during the day), shed burglary and theft of garden tools is a concern, oil thefts are ongoing, and people are stealing items from locked cars and vans.

Please do what you can to protect your property, so you are less likely to be a victim of the ever-alert criminal fraternity.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton WWWI

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm in the White Horse Pub. Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com for more information or just turn up on the evening.

Claire Wright

Barton Open Gardens – Sunday 7th June, 2pm-5pm

Four gardens will be open to raise money for the NGS: 114 High Street, Farm Cottage, 31 New Road and The Six Houses. BRIG will serve tea in the Village Hall. There will be a plant stall at Six Houses. Do come and view a delightful selection of different gardens and raise money for good causes. Combined admission £5; children free.

Meta Greenfield, Village Organiser

Barton Gardeners

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make the **Plant Sale and Bacon Butties** morning such an enjoyable and buzzy event. A great number of plants found new homes to care for them. Thanks to all the helpers: those on the day and those who have been working in their gardens and greenhouses to supply the plants, and to the catering team who worked extremely hard to keep up with demand. A **special thanks** to all who attended and supported us. This important fund-raising event raised over £500 which will go towards staging the **BG Show** at Village Day on 11th July, Spare Show Schedules will be available at Abi Stores, if required.



Thank you, Sue Edwards 262479

Barton Playgroup

A new piece of play equipment has sailed its way into the Playgroup garden - our very own pirate ship complete with helm, mast and a bright red flag! Many thanks to Richard from Burwash for putting it together!

The children have started to learn about painters and different styles of painting, and are enjoying creating their own masterpieces!

For more information about Barton Playgroup or if you would like to see the fun things the children get up to, please have a look on our website www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk



Wendy Guest

Barton Energy Group

A very successful meeting was held in Coton on April 29th to discuss Renewable Heating. Over 50 residents of several South Cambridgeshire villages attended, including Barton.

Heat pumps and biomass boilers were discussed. These can replace oil and electrical heating, and can save money because they are supported by regular government payments to encourage people to use renewable energy. Several residents in Barton have installed heat pumps. There is also a large biomass boiler at Burwash Manor which will be used to heat the shop units, marquee and farm house. At present, the biomass boiler uses coppiced willow produced in Grantchester. There is also a large wood store on the farm which will be used at a later date, to reduce the cost still further.

Barton Energy Group will keep you informed about developments such as this, but please contact me or Michael Radford if you would like further details.

Bev Edwards

Barton Friendship Club

On 5th May we celebrated our 64th Birthday Tea with excellent entertainment from Big Ron Tee. He gave us country music from the fifties, sixties and seventies.

Our next meeting is on 2nd June which will be a Cream Tea at the White Horse.

Richard Parker

Forget-me-not Friends

Drop-in

Helping to make Barton a Dementia friendly community.

The White Horse Inn.

10.30-12 noon

Tuesday 16th June

A calm oasis to chat and chill for those living with dementia and their carers.

Tea and coffee available at the bar – biscuits too.

The group will meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

For more details contact Ruth Bond (262985) ruth.bond52@gmail.com

Comberton Library

Monday: 10am-1pm, **Wednesday:** 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm **Friday:** 2pm-5pm **Saturday:** 10am-1pm

We have had many customers asking about the recent Library Service Review and its implications for both Comberton Library and Cambridge Central. If you don't already receive a monthly newsletter via email from Cambridgeshire Libraries please ask a member of staff to register your details and we'll keep you up to date with changes.

Calling all teenagers... we would love to have some help listening to local children about all the wonderful books they read this Summer during the annual Reading Challenge. Would you be able to volunteer for a few hours over the Summer break? Or perhaps you could help with a craft session? Volunteers make a huge difference to library staff running the Reading Challenge and are much appreciated! Ask a member of staff for more information.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 1st, 15th, 29th June, 13th July (10.30-11am)

Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too! Some parents have expressed an interest in making the sessions weekly and possibly including a story some weeks. If you are interested in volunteering to help us increase our sessions please ask a member of staff for details.

Comberton Reading Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the library, between 10.30 and 11.30am. If you are interested in joining a fun and lively chat about a wide variety of titles, ask at the library for details.

For discussion on 3rd June: *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid.

Hilary Spargo, Comberton Library

Comberton Sports and Arts – Events in June

Dates	Events	Tickets and further info
Sat 6 th	Red Cross Make Your Move Dance Event – Fundraiser for Red Cross	http://www.redcross.org.uk/Get-involved
Fri 12 th	Custard Comedy	Tickets £5.50 early bird/ £6.50 later bird / £8 phone / £10 on the door. http://www.custardcomedy.co.uk/comberton.html
Sat 13 th	Class of 2005 Reunion	
Sun 14 th	Jill Bridger School of Dance Showcase	http://www.danceschool.biz/
Sat 20 th	Coton FC Trophy Night	http://cotonfc.org/
Sat 27 th & Sun 28 th	Stage Right Dance Showcase	http://www.stagerightstudio.com/
<p>For more information about any of our shows please contact Richard Brown, Arts Development Manager, Comberton Village College - 01223 264444 / rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk</p>		

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – Think twice before jumping into water this summer

Would you jump into a river, lake or any other open waterway on a hot sunny day? Do you know what hazards lie beneath the water? Or how cold the water is? Your fire service has pledged to deliver water safety education to every school in Cambridgeshire following the tragic death of a teenage boy last summer. But there is only so much we can do, and we're calling on parents, carers and peers to talk to each other about water safety.

Some things to remember:

- You do not know what hazards lie beneath the surface of rivers, lakes, canals etc.
- Strong undercurrents can be tough to conquer, even if you know how to swim.
- Cambridgeshire's waterways are cold - even on the hottest days of the year - and this has a dramatic effect on your body's ability to swim and get yourself out of trouble, should you get stuck.
- If someone is in trouble, call 999 immediately. Do not hesitate to call the emergency services and give clear details of your location.

To contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk or call 01480 444500 for enquiries.

East Anglian Air Ambulance – Host a Tea Party!

This year we are celebrating a special anniversary; 15 years of saving lives! Over the past 15 years we have carried out more than 16,000 missions across East Anglia and have achieved many great things which we want to celebrate with all our supporters, staff and volunteers who make it happen.

We would love you to get involved in our celebration year and host a tea party at 15:00 to raise vital funds for East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA).

We can supply you with everything you need to get you on your way including posters and invitations. You can even buy tea pots, tea towels, aprons and bone china mugs, what more do you need? Visit <http://www.eaaaorg.uk/tea-15-00-r/> or call 0845 066 9999 to get your fundraising kit today. Together we save lives.

Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF) – June Events

Wildflowers at Wandlebury: Sunday 7th June – 11am-1pm

NB: booking is essential for this event which is for adults only: £7 (£6 members)

Hinxton Watermill Open Day: Sunday 7th June – 2.30pm-5.30pm

Cambridge PPF members can visit for free. Non-members: Adults £3, children £1. No booking required.

Local Natural History and Wildlife Exhibition – Conversazione

Friday 12th June – 1pm-6pm and Saturday 13th June – 10am-5pm

A free, drop-in event held in the University Department of Zoology.

The History of Wandlebury: Thursday 18th June – 7pm-8pm

This event is aimed at adults and older children. Booking is essential: £4 per person (£3 members). Meet at the visitor car park for a prompt 7pm start.

Midsummer Walk and Cream Tea at Coton Countryside Reserve: Sunday 21st June – 1pm start

NB: Booking is required for the walk through the Reserve. Suggested donation of £3 per adult and £2 per child.

Bourn Mill Open Day: Sunday 28th June – 2pm-4pm

Cambridge PPF members can visit for free. Non-members: Adults £3, children £1. No booking required.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, free to members.

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Comberton Academy Trust – 3K Race for Life & Family Fun Day

20th June, 11am – 2pm, Comberton Village College

3K Race for Life for all ages, male and female

Followed by lots of activities raising money for

Cancer Research

and Ally Brennan Trust

Entry cost is £5 per runner.

Following our 'race for life' we will have a number of sign up activities available for all ages including: trampolining, tennis, football, badminton, U5's fun run, rounders, refreshments and lots more. All money raised from our Race for life will go directly to Cancer research. All proceeds raised from our family fun day will be donated to the Ally Brennan Trust Fund.

For more information visit www.combertonvc.org. To enter our 'Race for Life' or to sponsor our runners, visit our just giving page at

www.justgiving.com/CombertonVillageCollege

Hope to see you there.

