

## ***Dear Friends,***

A friend of mine was talking about waffle church recently. Another friend quipped, ‘Isn’t that what happens in every church on a Sunday?’

Waffle Church it turns out is a gathering of people who explore what God is about and what God might be doing in their lives and their communities. They do this in a coffee shop over waffles and an appetising range of toppings!

This conversation raises some intriguing questions:

- What is church?
- What is relevant about church?
- Is it of any great importance anyway?

Without taking up too much space in the magazine, here are some thoughts...

The word ‘church’ has many meanings. It’s most concrete one is ‘a building’, although St Peter’s church building is more stone and mortar than concrete! However, ‘church’ can also mean a gathering of people. ‘Church’ as a living group of people seeking to learn about God, God’s importance, God’s love for all and how they might show this in the communities they are part of.

If exploring how to serve and love our communities as an expression of God’s love is important and valuable, then so is church as people. In a world that operates at breakneck speed, the love of God can be the jolt we need to slow down, look around and appreciate the natural world and all that inhabit it. This might involve entering the church building, whether on a Sunday morning, when, in the framework of a service, much is shared that is relevant to life. No waffle, unless one (or more) is served after the service.

It might involve going into the church building when it doesn’t have people in it, but is still steeped in the love of people who have worshipped there for centuries. It may be coming along to Generous Slice, where we gather for tea, coffee, breakfast and welcoming hospitality. It may be sitting on a bench in an open-minded state of relaxation or a contemplative walk across the fields. It may be in ways that have yet to be revealed.

*Rev’d Corin Redsell*

## **Church News**

*From the registers:* Interment of Ashes. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Kay Bridge.

### **Churchyard mowing**

We are still looking for two volunteers willing to take on small areas of the churchyard to mow during the summer season. There is a mower at the church and the job is not very time-consuming, only 30-45 minutes every two weeks or so. If you could help us please get in touch with either Anne Coulson 262666 or Hugh Greenfield 262005. As ever we are very grateful to all who help us keep the churchyard tidy.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** is once again the Cambridge Historic Churches Trust annual fund raising **Ride Drive and Stride**. If we have cyclists being sponsored, half of the money raised is for our own church and half for the trust.

Would you like to help St. Peter's fund raise? The plan is to visit as many churches as you like and get sponsorship for each church called on.

Anne Coulson will have all the details. 262666

**Generous Slice Cafe is back on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** in the village Hall from 8.45am. Tea, coffee, toast, croissants etc, and time to catch up with friends after the summer holidays!

### **Harvest and Gift Day Weekend**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** An evening of Music for Harvest. 8pm. by Vox Cantab – returning to Barton to sing for us. No tickets needed but there will be a retiring collection and refreshments.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September** is Gift Day and more details will follow

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September** Harvest Festival 9.30am All Age Worship

**Harvest Supper 30<sup>th</sup> September 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** Arranged by Barton WI. Tickets priced at £15 will be on sale from mid-August, available from Helen Newstead 262543. Open to all, so do join us for a most enjoyable evening, a tasty meal and musical entertainment.

*Anne Coulson*

### **Village Day Ducks**

What A Delightful Display of Ducks there was at Village Day. Thank you to everyone who took the time to produce such magnificent birds.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Coffee Morning at St Peter's, 10.30-11.30am.**

St Peter's Cafe Corner returns on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August for an unmissable morning of conversation and company as well as coffee. Books for sale too.

Then on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September the Cafe Corner will host **St Peter's Book Fair**

The sale of books will continue throughout the day with light lunches and afternoon tea also served.

Awaiting final confirmation is the appearance of guest authors who will read from their work and/or give a short talk. Please see posters, and St Peter's and Village websites and facebook pages for more information.

This is organised with the village Telephone Box Library. Books for sale will be gratefully received nearer the date!

*Ruth Bond 262985/07787 538983 ruth.bond52@gmail.com*

### ***Barton Baptist Church News***

Are you a sticker? Do you persevere with someone or something despite all the ups and downs, problems, failures etc? Or do you find it hard to see a project through to completion particularly when there are disappointments and people let you down? It is not always easy being part of a Christian community as there are many mundane jobs which never seem to go away! Here at Barton Baptist we have a number of people who for many years have applied themselves to conscientiously doing the mundane tasks of running the church. One such lady is called Sheila who has followed the Lord's example of loving others and meeting the needs of those living in her community. She has lived in Barton for 37 years and has attended Barton Baptist for almost as long. How thankful we are to her and to the many other people living in Barton who, like Christ, seek to show His love by giving and serving others.

During the month of August we do not continue with the Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings. In September we will start a new series of Bible Studies on the book of Ruth. The Prayer Meetings will recommence on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

*Alison Foster*

### ***Parish Jottings***

#### ***County Councillor Lina Joseph***

Her latest full reports can be accessed on the parish website.

At our July meeting she explained the need for CambsCC to be prudent in spending because it needed to make £100m of savings; she highlighted the need for foster carers and talked about early prevention remedies for NHS and mental health problems. She is making contact with local headteachers to make herself fully aware of education matters and has also been appointed to the Natural Cambridgeshire board.

#### ***City Deal consultations***

Please keep your eyes open for any developing news either through the Cambridge News or the Cambridge Independent or the website. The City Deal has been renamed the Greater Cambridge Partnership. [www.greatercambridge.org.uk](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk)

Barton Councillors continue to be involved with discussions.

#### ***Hedge trimming adjoining footways***

Time please to remain vigilant about getting those hedges and trees trimmed. That will make life so much easier for those walking around the village. Kindly sweep up afterwards because the cuttings can block drains and cause bicycle punctures. Thank you to so many who have done the job promptly this year.

### ***Dog fouling***

This remains a problem in many parts of the village, both on footways and on the Recreation Ground. Please use the Dog Walk along one side and clear up afterwards!

### ***Bin collections***

Some bins were not collected by SCDC on the correct day in recent weeks. Do leave your bin out because they are then usually collected the next day. There is usually a tweet shown on the front page of the South Cambs website which tells of missed collections. [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk) *also shown on parish website*

Wednesday 2 August	black
Wednesday 9 August	blue and green
Wednesday 16 August	black
Wednesday 23 August	blue and green
Thursday 31 August	black
Wednesday 6 September	blue and green
Wednesday 13 September	black
Wednesday 20 September	blue and green
Wednesday 27 September	black

### ***New Environmental Champion for South Cambs***

The Conservative Group at South Cambridgeshire District Council has appointed local farmer **Tim Scott** as the Environmental Champion for South Cambs.

Tim – the District Councillor for Comberton – farms in Comberton and neighbouring areas, including for the Countryside Restoration Trust in Barton.

“We all have a responsibility to look after our environment,” he says. “People and the environment are inextricably linked – and understanding and protecting it is utterly vital for everyone and everything which inhabits it, from the wildest wood, narrowest stream and smallest insect all the way up the food chain to mankind.

“Part of my role will be to work with planners to advise on how the environment can be protected and enhanced when planning applications are made and plans for South Cambridgeshire are being discussed.

“My great concern is the natural environment tends to be undervalued in our economy and decision making, nationally and locally.

“We are fortunate South Cambridgeshire is based on a series of mostly small settlements linked by highly productive farmland and complemented by compact industrial estates and high-tech industries which do not gobble vast tracks of land – too easy, though, to overlook the importance and value of the environment.

“While ‘South Cambs Limited’ is highly successful, we have to fix the overbearing pressures on road space and the housing shortage. The new Mayor has ambitious plans to ease congestion and the District Council is working hard to ensure new houses are in the right places.

“Our gently rolling countryside, complete with the wildlife it harbours, has evolved over centuries to give us our unique landscape. This living countryside gives our residents and the many tourists who visit a feel-good factor, which is priceless – but without good stewardship it can be destroyed and lost forever by a mere flick of a pen.

“Preserving and enhancing our environment is my passion and I am very proud to represent South Cambs in this field. I will be there to see Nature is kept in the planning equation so the essential balance of flora and fauna can be maintained and protected.”

*Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 [bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com)*

**Official notices and agendas and minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond or on the Website <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>**

**Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

### ***Village News***

***Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September, 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall***

The Lunch Club on the first Friday of each month is for Barton residents, booking essential. The cost is £3.

To reserve or cancel a place please contact Anne Coulson 262666 or to offer to cook. We really do need more cooks, do talk to us if you would like to know more.

### ***BRIG Coffee Mornings.***

Have you ever considered coming to The Pavilion on the second Wednesday of the month (excluding August) for a coffee & a chat. We meet from 10am to 11.30am & there is always a chance for a game of table tennis if you feel energetic! The charge is £2 which includes unlimited coffee, tea & biscuits. It is an enjoyable social occasion & helps a little towards the upkeep of our lovely Pavilion. Hope to see you there.

*Barbara Tomes*

### ***Barton School***

It hardly seems possible that we are nearly at the end of a school year again!

This year has been full of exciting events and successes for our school.

Our Year 6s have done extremely well in their SATs and far exceeded national and county percentages; they worked hard and said they actually enjoyed SATs week with the breakfast and bacon butties on the last day!

The rest of the school has also achieved well, with our Year 1 phonics exceeding any other year, and our KS1 SATs are good too. At the end of the day, we acknowledge that assessments are important, but it is far more important that all of our pupils love learning and are excited by the different subjects and experiences we provide, so that they can flourish in all areas of school life. It has been such a pleasure to read 108 end of year reports and write comments for each individual pupil. They are all so unique and different and make Barton School the vibrant place it is.

We have also had successes for the adults who are involved in our school. Mrs Cathy Martin, our Chair of Governors received an award from the county governor services, in recognition of her significant impact on the work and life of our school. We are so grateful for all the time she has given and for her amazing expertise and knowledge. Miss Laurie-Lee McDowell has just become an SLE which means she will be assisting other schools as a Specialist Leading Educator, whilst doing the fantastic job of teaching our oldest pupils next year at Barton. Miss Gayle Newman has passed her Level 2 Forest Schools' Training and will continue to inspire us with her enthusiasm and skills for outdoor learning. We have also been nominated and reached the final for Primary School of the Year Award for Cambridge News; the winners will be announced before the end of term. Last week, we had our church schools' inspection (SIAMS), which was a very positive experience. We are waiting for the full report to share with everyone. It is this fabulous expertise and enthusiasm that makes our school such a fantastic place to work and belong to.

If you are considering applying for a place at our school, then please do come and visit; you will get a hearty welcome. We still have some available places in some year groups. We are fortunate to have mixed age classes, which enables us to be more flexible. Our website is: [www.bartonprimary.org.uk](http://www.bartonprimary.org.uk)

From all at Barton School, have a restful, enjoyable summer.

*Claire Coulson, Headteacher, Barton Church of England (VA) Primary School*

### **Barton WI**

Our July speaker, Vic Bottrill, dealt with the origins and significance of some well-known nursery rhymes. We were astonished to hear that many had their origins in Tudor times, an era when speaking freely was very dangerous. Many familiar rhymes were originally satirical comments on affairs of the day or a seemingly innocuous way of passing on compromising information. Some rhymes have more than one interpretation. For example, the Mary in "Mary, Mary, quite contrary" is variously understood as Mary, queen of England, Mary, queen of Scots or even Mary, the mother of Jesus. Despite the bloodthirsty nature of a large part of his material, Mr Bottrill gave us an entertaining and informative evening. We shall be having an informal garden evening in August and return to the

Village Hall in September to hear Abbi Lang on "Action for Children, Cambridge" At the end of September we host the annual Harvest Supper.

*Ann Killen*

**Afternoon Tea at Barton's Ritz** journeyed to Versailles on 17<sup>th</sup> June where, seated in the great Hall of Mirrors, with only a small amount of bread on offer, the people ate cake. Macaroon, mille feuille and meringue preceded by croque monsieur and salami cone, food for a Sun King's Palace, all accompanied by the trill of a harp.

Together with donations a total of £250 was sent to the Jo Cox Foundation.

**Afternoon Tea returns to Barton's Ritz on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October– as ever, booking is essential.**

*Ruth Bond*

### **BRIG Barton Calendar 2018**

Once again BRIG are starting to prepare another Calendar for 2018. We need pictures of the village and surrounding areas so look through your photos and start snapping Village sights and activities. Please send these in to Margaret Penston (margaret.penston@btinternet.com) by Mid-August so the calendar can be prepared by mid-September.

*Meta Greenfield*

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

There has been a spate of burglaries in Barton recently, from houses and businesses. Jewellery and other items have been taken.

The police advise us to take extra precautions in the warm weather:

**"Even if you are only going out for a short time, make sure that all windows and doors are locked and secure. Do not leave keys in the locks, and set your alarm if you have one fitted. Security devices such as window shock alarms can be useful, consider fitting window limiters to protect vulnerable ground floor windows."**

Please also ensure that all sheds are securely fastened and all tools are safely locked away when you are out. I have a small number of window alarms that the police gave me. These are suitable for sheds. Please contact me if you'd like one.

Please report suspicious activity to the police on the 101 number, or 999 if you suspect a crime is in progress.

*Keep safe, Bev Edwards*

### **Barton Cub-Scouts – 6/17 Cambridge Scout Group**

Come and have fun, play games, learn a new skill and meet new friends at the Barton Cub-Scouts. We meet from 6 to 7.30 pm most Tuesday evenings in term time in the Barton C of E Primary School hall. The age range is between 8 and

10½ years of age to join.

Telephone (01223) 840501 for more information or to enter your child on the waiting list if your child has not yet reached the age of 8 years.

Boys older than 10½ years are welcome to join the Scout Troop that meets from 7 to 9 pm on Fridays in the Barton Village Hall.

### **Barton Friendship Club**

At our meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, we had a talk by Andy Mayo of Hover Aid, they are a small charity which operate in Madagascar. Using the Hovercraft to reach isolated people to take in Doctors and Medicines, they also practical help and advice. This was a very inspiring talk and opened your eyes to how so many people can still be isolated in this day and age.

Our next meeting is on the 1st August, when we will have a talk by George Stevenson from the National Garden Scheme.

The meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September will be Bingo, please come and join us its lots of fun.!!

Both meetings start at 2.30 pm in Barton Village Hall. £2 Members; £3 Visitors – this includes tea/coffee/biscuits, also a raffle. All welcome!

We will be having a Coffee Morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.15am in Barton Village Hall.

*Harry Baines*

### **Can you Sing?**

If so, would like to sing in the at Peter's Church Carol Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December?

All voices needed. There will be rehearsals in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

If you are interested please contact Helen Newstead 262543

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### **Barton WWWI**

The Wednesday Women are a fun, friendly, informal and active Women's Institute. We meet at The White Horse, Barton on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. Our next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> September where we will be enjoying some magic from JezO.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page Wednesday Women WI

Email [wednesdaywomenwi@live.com](mailto:wednesdaywomenwi@live.com) or phone Margaret on 01223 262353

*Louise Gough*

### **Barton Gardeners**

Barton Gardeners would like to thank all those, members and villagers alike, who entered their wonderful exhibits in the Show at Village Day in July. Everyone really appreciated such a colourful and varied display.



We would also like to thank all of you who gave up your time to help set up, organise and clear up over the weekend.

Next year the Show and Village Day will be held on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – please make a note of the date.

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – 'Propagation'** a talk from one of our favourite Show judges – Margaret Waddy, who will share her knowledge with us – 7.45pm in the Village Hall. See posters for details [bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk), 262479

### ***Barton Wildlife Group***

Our June get together revealed in excess of 40 species of plants growing in the Leys, the meadow strip alongside the Recreation ground, as well as a number of butterflies, moths and bees. These recordings have now been added to the village records. We are planning three more meetings over the coming months. As those of you who have seen Springwatch will be aware, all these events are very much weather dependent.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** Burial Ground, 4 – 5.30, when the focus again will be on plants and insects, but no doubt we will pick up some birds and mammals too.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** in the field opposite the Burial Ground, 9 – 10.30, when we will be focussing on mammals. This will be a morning session as we plan to set up some live mammal traps and moth traps overnight, and we will need to release the animals as early as possible. We will also set camera traps to get images of the wildlife at night.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December** times and location to be confirmed, when we will be looking for signs of wildlife in winter, and which migrant birds have arrived.

We do hope that you will come and join us at these events which are for all ages, and are led by Vince and Louise, our local wildlife experts. We would love to receive sightings of wildlife in your gardens too, and may be able to help with identification if you send us photos. Have the local badgers been in your garden? What birds have you seen? Are bees and butterflies in decline locally, or are they thriving? We would love to know. Please get in touch using our new email account: [bartonwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:bartonwildlife@gmail.com)

*Mary MacDonald, 262378*

### ***Lark Rise Discovery Day with Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT)***

CRT invites you behind the scenes at Lark Rise Farm on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August** as part of National Countryside Week. The Lark Rise Discovery Day will focus on encouraging people to engage with the countryside and educating attendees on the importance of Wildlife Friendly farming. Coinciding with Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count, join wildlife expert Dr Vince Lea and other CRT volunteers, by getting involved in butterfly activities and surveys across the farm. We will help you to identify each species and provide gardening tips to aid

Butterflies and habitat creation. You will also be able to take part in other activities such as Bird Box making, Willow Basket weaving and others which will be confirmed shortly.

Following an afternoon embracing wildlife and getting a taste of conservation on Lark Rise Farm, we will be finishing off the day with a “Hog roast” (type of meat tbc!), locally made cider and other refreshments for the kids and the non-cider fans! The event will be free of charge and will run from 11am until 6pm.

To register your interest in Lark Rise Discovery Day, please go to [www.crtuk.org](http://www.crtuk.org)

**Advance Notice: Barton Bowls Club Quiz Night, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

Venue: Barton Village Hall. 6.45pm for 7pm

Just to give a date for your diary for this ever popular Quiz night. Up to 8 people per table, £8 per head including full ploughman's and desserts. Bring own drinks and glasses. For further details, please contact:

Ken Gifford 01223 263239/07557 049238 email: kenpat.gifford@gmail.com

Martin Carter 07500 808345 Email: m-mcarter@ntlworld.com

Meta & Hugh Greenfield 01223 262005 or Margaret Seymour 01223 207591

### **Comberton Library**

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

The summer can be a time to take time out from the normal routines and enjoy a holiday. Do come and have a browse at Comberton Library and find yourself a book to relax with if you are having a break at home or away. If you don't like to take library books away with you we also have a selection of books for sale, a bargain at 50p for an adult fiction paperback, or three for £1; children's book sale books 30p each, or four for £1.

Our children's Summer Reading Challenge, Animal Agents, is now well under way and the children are enjoying reading and collecting stickers for their Animal Agents' folder; not to mention sifting through the clues to solve the mystery! As part of our summer activities we are having an Animal Agents craft session at the library on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 2.30 – 4pm**. This is a drop-in session, so do bring your children along to join in the fun.

For all the fantastic children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge, we will be holding our certificate and medal ceremony at the library on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11am**.

**Our Rhymetime sessions** for our youngest children and their parents/carers resume on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October (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!

*Rosemary Pryke, Comberton Library*