

Dear Friends,

As I write this, it's only been a few days since we celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday across the villages. For those who organised our celebrations, they blessed us with an opportunity to celebrate together, but also work together. Locally and nationally, June will have been a month when we gathered together to celebrate but also discern a way forward as our nation on how we relate to our neighbours across Europe. I pray that the tremendous benefits of coming together as a nation to celebrate will ensure that whatever decision is made, the response to the vote is one of love, grace and peace.

So then, what does July hold? For many it is the countdown to the holidays. The colleges will have finished for the summer and it won't be long until our schools break up. Perhaps you too will be looking forward to a holiday at some point over the next few months. Even if you're planning a staycation, I pray that we might all take time to stop, or slow down a little this summer. Just as it is important to work hard, it's also important to find times of rest. Where will those moments be for you? Of course, rest and refreshment mean different things for all us. Whether it is in the company of others or not, whether we are home or away, I hope there will be moments for us all to have a break and be mindful of those for whom the summer is a busy time, such as our farmers for example. By giving ourselves the permission to rest, we not only slow down and recharge, but we can give ourselves the space to be thankful for all that we have around us, our neighbours, friends and for those in our communities who need to keep going for whatever reason throughout the holiday season.

For those who are around this summer and are more senior in age, we have our annual Oasis holiday at home held at the Methodist church in Haslingfield from Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th July. Last year, guests and helpers came from Barton and enjoyed it. There are still spaces available and if you would like to book or find our more please contact David Lewis on C874029.

I also pray we might enjoy some sunshine in July too!

Much love, Becca
*Serving the parishes of Barton,
Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield in the Lordsbridge Team of Churches*

Church News

Further Appeal for help in the Churchyard! We are still looking for someone who would be willing to take on mowing an area of the churchyard. This is not too onerous a task and can be done at a time to suit the volunteer and the church has a mower. We do like to keep the churchyard tidy, which is much appreciated by locals and visitors alike, but we can only do this with some extra helpers.

If you can help, please contact Hugh Greenfield 262005 or Anne Coulson 262666.

Coffee Morning 2nd July in Church Saturday from 10-11.30am. No charge for coffee, just come for a chat with friends and neighbours. Some books for sale

Village Day 9th July The church will be running some stalls as usual and would welcome help and items to sell, see further below.

Friday 22nd July A Murder Mystery Evening in the village hall. This will be a fun evening- detect the murderer and enjoy a delicious supper. Tickets are now on sale £15 a head from Barbara Tomes 262962 or Anne Coulson 262666. Why not make up a table with friends, maximum 8/table. This has been a popular event in the past and numbers will be limited, so don't delay. Proceeds to church funds.

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church News

We only have one Bible Study meeting this month on Wednesday 6th at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us. The Food bank collection point will also be open. The **Tea and Chat** will also take place as usual on Tuesdays the 12th and 26th starting at 2.30pm. All over 50's are welcome to join us. The Food bank collection point will again be open at these times.

On Sunday 3rd July we will be sharing with other Baptist Churches in the area when the Ministers from the different churches will be preaching at other churches in the group. We will be welcoming the Rev Stuart Clarke from Melbourn Baptist Church to lead our service.

We also look forward to meeting many of you at the Village Day on the 9th when we will have our usual games activities.

Brian West

Parish Jottings

Village website: <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk/> is now fully operational again and has lots of useful and up-to-date information. Please contact Bev Edwards or Margaret Penston to make further suggestions.

Dogs !!!

Following a recent incident involving someone being bitten by a dog on the Recreation Ground, please can we remind you to make sure you have control of your dog(s) when in public places.

There have also been instances of dogs being allowed to roam loose around the

village. Please be more considerate towards others and, not least, clear up after your dog.

Appeal for extra BeaVers

You will know that under the leadership of John Boocock there has been so much practical, voluntary work done of immense value to the village. If you have some occasional spare time and you enjoy practical tasks outside – tidying, clearance, small repairs – it would be lovely to have more volunteers. Please contact John direct or the Clerk.

Hedges

It's that time of year when everything grows so fast. Please keep hedges and trees well-trimmed, so that footways are clear. It is sometimes hard to get by with a pram, mobility scooter or bike. Many thanks to those who have already made a real effort this year.

Cambridge Rock Festival Haggis Farm 4th -7th August

We have discovered by listening to Radio Cambridgeshire that this will be taking place again. Please be aware. "A superb Rock Festival featuring mainly Rock and Blues, with added Prog, NWBHM, great food and 70 real ales, ciders, wines and lager! Camping and caravanning available over the full festival."

facebook.com/cambridgerockfestival

District Councillor Francis Burkitt on the City Deal

As you may know, I'm now Vice-Chairman of the Greater Cambridge City Deal, which is taking up a lot of time. We have to obey the 'purdah' rules, which means no major announcements or meetings during an election period, so I haven't been able to write anything until after the recent City Council elections.

On 24th May, there was a major announcement about a recommended policy to tackle Cambridge's congestion. There are two aims:

- to reduce car traffic ('demand management') on the 'radial routes' – meaning the half-dozen or so main roads running in and out of Cambridge – in order to enable buses to flow more quickly down them, so that more people will then be inclined to catch those buses rather than drive; and

- to create a revenue stream, in order 'to invest in public transport'. That's a general phrase, but it could mean some or all of free Park & Rides, subsidised rural buses, subsidised bus fares for children/students, etc.

Lots of people have said that the City Deal should be bold, visionary and radical, and the proposals certainly are. The 'demand management' will come from extending the current rising bollard scheme in the centre of the town, so that it would in future cover a far wider area of the City – remembering that this operates at weekday morning and evening rush hours only. The particular aim is to cut north-south cross-city traffic: e.g. someone coming in from Histon and wanting to get to Addenbrookes will be deterred from going through the centre of the City,

and would be induced to go round via the M11 (east-west traffic is not so bad, partly because of the few bridges across the river). The revenue stream would come from copying a ‘workplace parking levy’ in Nottingham, where employers with over 10 car parking spaces pay £1.50 per space per day. This will raise useful revenue and cut commuting:

There is an implicit ‘deal’ with Stagecoach: if they believe we are serious about de-clogging the centre of Cambridge, they will buy more buses, hire and train more bus drivers, and run more buses more frequently and for longer hours at cheaper prices. The last point is important: at present, Stagecoach only has two fare zones: low out to e.g. Histon, and high beyond that; and the jump between the two prices is very steep. We want a third middle zone, so Cottenham, Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach etc would be mid-price, as we think that would induce more people in these large villages/towns onto buses.

So it was very significant that Stagecoach put out a press release, immediately after the City Deal announcements, saying (my emphasis):

The City Deal proposals recognise the need to take bold measures to solve the city’s congestion problems... If we can significantly speed up bus journeys in the city, as a result of reduced congestion, we would be able to run a more reliable and more frequent bus service that would benefit all of our passengers, delivering faster journey times. We should also be able to make travel more affordable in planned growth areas by moving from a two-zone to a three-zone fare system, and an increase in demand would help to create additional jobs for local people.’

That’s *exactly* what we wanted to hear.

Francis Burkitt

Arbory Trust update

The woodland burial site has seen substantial growth. The idea was mooted in 1997 and the first burial took place in 2000. The idea was to create a woodland of British native trees and then bury people in the glades. There have been 163 burials in the past year. The Bishop of Ely consecrated the second 20-acre North Glebe last July; although the burial ground has a Christian ethos, anyone may be buried there. The Trust wishes to remind villagers that this is also a Recreation Area open to the public. Every Wednesday from 11-1 Arbory Trust staff are on site. A Friends’ Group will gather on 14th July at 4pm, to which all are welcome.

Summer at the Museums 22 July – 31 August

www.museums.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/summer-at-the-museums

Discover summer adventure on your doorstep...

Pack more into your summer holidays and join museums in Cambridge and beyond for some family fun and adventure. Taking place in venues throughout Cambridge and the county, Summer at the Museums brings you everything from craft activities and storytelling, to drop-in events and museum trails. Whether it’s something to do on a rainy day, an outing close to home, or a bit of hands-on

creativity, we have loads of activities and events for you to choose from – many of which are free.

Our Summer at the Museum's *What's On* guide provides full details about what's happening and where. You can pick up a copy from all participating venues plus various locations across the county. For up-to-date information on what's happening when, keep an eye on our [webpage](#), or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Cambridgeshire Shared Lives for Older People

Shared Lives for Older People provides overnight respite short breaks within the carer's own home rather than the traditional residential setting.

The scheme follows a careful matching process looking at carers' strengths, knowledge and personalities, matching these to the needs of the older person. This ensures the older person is comfortable and is given choice about who provides their respite care and that the carer feels able to fully support the person staying with them.

We provide visits for the older person to become familiar with the carer and their home before committing to an overnight stay. This alternative to residential respite service offers more choice and control over how the older person plans their own support.

We are looking for people who have patience, empathy, a sense of humour and the ability to help individuals meet the challenges presented by everyday life. You will need to have either some formal or informal caring experience - however you will receive professional training tailored to our service needs.

In line with the Safeguarding Adults, all Shared Lives carers are required to undergo screening checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service and will include seeking references from relevant people that know you.

Shared Lives carers receive an allowance of £75 for an overnight stay. One of the many benefits of being a Shared Lives carer is that you will be eligible for a tax break; you would be self-employed and registered with HMRC. Full information will be provided. If you're interested, please contact the Shared Lives Co-ordinator, Hayley Bradshaw hayley.bradshaw@cambridgeshire.gov.uk 01354 750084

Getting rid of Himalayan balsam

The Wildlife Trust and the Countryside Restoration Trust have been controlling the invasive plant Himalayan balsam since 2011, relying on the hard work of local volunteers and are very keen to find some more of them! Most of the sections involve wading, which gives an opportunity to see the brook from a new angle, but it would also be great to have some volunteers for the golf course sections who are willing to just sit and watch for golfers and help keep everyone safe.

Dates and contact details below, but it is worth checking on our website:

9.30am, Birds Farm, Barton 9th July and 13th August

<http://www.wildlifebcn.org/bournbrook>

Vince Lea: 01223 262999, 07716 826972, vincelea@btinternet.com

Ruth Hawksley: 01954 713533, 07545 423854, ruth.hawksley@wildlifebcn.org

Free electrical waste recycling days in Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire County Council is offering residents free electrical recycling at six events run by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership.

Six million waste electrical and electronic items are thrown away every year yet half of them could have been re-used or recycled.

Bring down anything with a plug or batteries to any of these events – from a washing machine to a pocket calculator – which will then be recycled or reused:

10am-3pm, Sunday 17th July at Trumpington Park & Ride, CB2 9FT

10am-3pm Saturday 23rd July at St Ives Park & Ride, Meadow Lane, St. Ives, PE27 4LG www.recap.co.uk

Anglian Water Private Pumping Stations Campaign Team

Homeowners with private pumping stations on their property have to spend hundreds of pounds every year for electricity running costs, maintenance and repairs to look after them. From October 2016, responsibility for many of these private pumping stations will transfer to Anglian Water, which will take over the maintenance and running costs.

To help customers identify and report the pumping stations easily, we have launched a specialist website: www.spotapumpingstation.co.uk.

If you have any questions about this campaign, please reply to privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk. For any other queries, please contact our Public Affairs Team on public.affairs@anglianwater.co.uk.

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

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 5th July, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Andrew Stibbs

We are so grateful to the many people in Barton who supported us in so many ways after the sudden, tragic death of Andrew. It has meant a great deal to both Nicholas and I.

Julia Stibbs

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 1st July, 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 book or cancel (or volunteer to cook) please contact:

Anne Coulson 262666

Queen's 90th – Village Street Party

I think Her Majesty the Queen would have been very proud of the residents of Barton on Sunday June 12th. What a Street Party we had, even the weather was reasonably kind. A very big thank you to everyone involved, either by taking part in organising the event, helping on the day, and of course being there and joining in the fun. Thank you to everyone.

Barbara Tomes

Queen's 90th Flower Beds

The excellent village celebrations may be over but the flower beds should continue to delight us throughout the summer until the first frosts. We appreciate the continuing care that the volunteers are giving them so that we may all enjoy their colourful displays.

Barton Gardeners

Tea at Three at Barton's Ritz

It was a sunny afternoon for those who enjoyed Afternoon Tea on the Riverbank in May, when wicker hampers were excitedly opened to reveal all sorts of goodies! Delectable cakes and a variety of teas were also enjoyed. Bondini and JezO's Events built a stunning backdrop once again for us, with a boat rippling on the water and buttercups on the riverbank.

Join us at 221b Baker Street for the next Afternoon Tea at The Ritz on Saturday, 22nd October.

The Tea Team: Ruth, Margaret, Alison and Marjorie

NGS Barton Open Gardens – Sunday 5th June

This was a highly successful afternoon with 5 gardens open. £838 was taken for the NGS charity as well as £311 from the teas which goes to BRIG. In total the spring and summer openings in Barton have raised £1495.

Meta Greenfield, Barton Organiser

St Peter's Church at Barton Village Day, 9th July

Any items for our stalls would be very greatly appreciated. They may be handed to those named below or to Ruth Bond at 47 Wimpole Road. For collection call C. 262985 or 07787 538 983. We plan:

A Bottle Stall under the guidance of Gordon Johnson of 57 Wimpole Road
A Tombola

A Yellow/Lemon Stall (items of that colour) in the capable hands of Margaret Winterbourne of 47 Kings Grove

A Bran Tub for the children to be filled by Gary Morgan and his family

A Raffle organised by Anne Coulson of 2 Mailes Close and Ruth Barnes of 33 Kings Grove.

Thank you for your generosity.

Ruth Bond

**The Highlight of the BG Calendar:
67th BARTON GARDENERS' SHOW
Recreation Ground – 9th July**



Fill the Marquee with a great display of your gardening, handicraft, baking and other wonderful efforts.

Thursday, 7th July – Show Schedule Entry Forms submission between **7 and 9pm** at the **Pavilion** or in the **BG folder** at **Conkers Stores** by **noon**.

Spare Show Schedules are available in store.

Please don't forget, as no Exhibits will be accepted without prior Entry Form submission. Everyone is welcome to put in entries and BG members' entries are free - *so have a go!*

Saturday, 9th July – Exhibits staged between **8.30am and 11am** in the Marquee on the Recreation Ground. *Cars may be brought behind the Marquee to drop off and collect. – Good Luck!*

Show Opens at 1pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Please get in touch with offers of help for Friday evening, Saturday am & pm and Sunday morning – thank you.

The Show is part of Barton Village Day. Please come and enjoy yourselves.

BG Committee

Barton Village Day – 9th July, 1pm to Midnight on the Rec

Please note the earlier start! Dog Show registration at 1 for 1.30pm; please see noticeboards for classes.



As always, you're welcome to bring your own gazebos & picnic.

The Committee won't be providing a barbecue, but bring your own for use after 5.30 if you like! FoodPark stalls will cater to a wide range of tastes. Do let us know if you'd like to book a table for the evening and please support the bar (kindly operated for the Village Day Committee by Tim Deer and his Staff at the White Horse.

There will be no charge for evening entertainments, but please contribute to expenses via the collection pots.

The Programme will include Complimentary tickets to the Cambridge Rock Festival for two people on either Thursday or Friday. Do swap them amongst yourselves if you like! Help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

BartonVillageDay@hotmail.co.uk and Lorraine 07740 151274

Barton School

At Barton school, we have been working incredibly hard in all of our subjects.

Owl class had their SATs on 9th – 12th May, and have a writing moderation coming up. Kingfishers have had their Y2 SATs, and Robins have had their phonics test. In addition to that, the school has recently had an Ofsted report, which showed what a brilliant school we are!

After their SATs, Owl class had activity week, which included a series of fun events to enjoy after all their hard work: an Art DT day, Dragons Den day, Picnic in the Park, trip to London, going to see a performance of the musical, 'Stomp', followed by a school 'Stomp workshop', Grafham water day and a Nanna Mexico cooking day. Everyone enjoyed these activities!

After half term, the whole school had a 'Queen Day', where we all dressed up in red, white and blue. There were many brilliant combinations of the colours! We made crowns and did some fantastic drama! Last week we also started our school swimming sessions, making good use of the school pool (which thankfully isn't too cold!)

In addition to all these fun activities, KS2 have started practising *Olivia*, which is a school play similar to Charles Dicken's *Oliver Twist* but with a few little twists. Every week at Barton, there is exciting learning taking place!

Jake and Patrick, Year 6 pupils

Barton Playgroup

The main focus at Playgroup as we move into the last half of the summer term, is to help support those children starting school in September. We've therefore visited Barton School for story time, with Mrs Morris in turn joining in with story time with us at Playgroup. We've also been reading books about going to school and had some uniform dressing up and role play. We've been celebrating the Queen's birthday by drawing portraits, making crowns and bunting as well as commemorative plates. We've also been learning about the Olympics - playing games outside as well as other themes from Brazil such as rainforests, carnival, food and football.

Towards the end of June we were lucky enough to have a visit to Birds Farm complete with a tractor trailer ride which we all enjoyed!

If you are interested in reserving a space for your child at Playgroup, please see our website www.Bartonplaygroup.wordpress.com or call 07762 487650 term-time mornings.



Elise Fielder

Barton WI

June was a busy month for us. Some of our members served on the committee which organised the street party in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. Others conducted a village-wide litter pick. The road between the New Road junction and the roundabouts proved to be the biggest dumping ground for rubbish. Our June speaker, Terry Elton, whose talk was entitled 'Tax, Care and Toyboys' gave us much useful information in a relaxed and entertaining way. We are looking forward to an evening outing and to running a stall on Village Day. Our July meeting is to feature a talk on the work of the Mercy Ships charity.

Ann Killen

Neighbourhood Watch

We have been out on Speedwatch patrol recently, and were joined at one session by members of the police force, including Area Commander, James Sutherland. He brought us up to date on a few issues that villagers may find interesting. There is a lamentable level of vehicle security in South Cambs. Random checks by police have shown that many drivers leave their vehicles unlocked when unattended. Also there have been a large number of thefts after people left their vehicles with handbags, laptops, satnavs and other valuable items on view. *The advice is always to lock your vehicle when it is unattended, and to remove all valuable items, or to lock them securely in the boot if this is not possible.* Local police have had several recent successes in arresting burglars, but the level of burglary is still higher than it need be. Crime prevention techniques can work well, and residents are encouraged to take a simple online security test at tinyurl.com/bad-wolf-test or bit.ly/1mCqqrq. Police will be happy to call to give security advice to anyone whose property is shown by the test to be at risk. Shed burglaries are at a high level at present. Ride-on mowers and other expensive equipment are particularly at risk. AC Sutherland advises that shed windows should be obscured so that items of value cannot be seen. Secure locks and shed alarms are also recommended. Please report any suspicious activity to the police on the 101 number, or 999 if you suspect a crime is in progress.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Friendship Club

On 7th June we had an excellent Cream Tea at The White Horse. Our next meeting is on 5th July at 2.30pm in Barton Village Hall. We are having a talk about Emmaus – they were very good last time we had them.

All welcome. Members £2, visitors £3 this includes tea/coffee & biscuits & raffle.

Harry Baines

Barton Wildlife Project



Barton is a special place for wildlife, including several threatened species. This is partly because we have two wildlife-friendly farms (one of which is organic) but also we have a growing number of other areas that provide valuable wildlife habitats, with good corridors connecting them.

We have recently initiated the Barton Wildlife Project, coordinated by a project team of 7 villagers.

The aim of the project is to catalogue our wildlife, celebrate it, and provide additional protection for it. We would like to involve the whole village in this project. We have scientific expertise in the project team, but we also want to invite contributions from people who are not experts. Your photographs and

observations will be welcomed, and we will be setting up a website so that your contributions can be shared.

The wildlife that we will initially study will be birds, butterflies (and other large insects) and mammals. We have plant experts on the team so flora will be a subject for later study.

More news next month. If you have relevant wildlife experience and would like to join our project team, please contact Bev Edwards (contact details on back page).

We have decided to involve school children (and their parents) in two of our initial fun activities, which will take place during the summer school holiday period. All children must please be accompanied.

Pond Safari – Wednesday 27th July, 3pm to 5pm. Meet at Burwash Manor car park. A tractor trailer will take you to the Burwash Farm ponds, where our experts Vince Lea and Louise Bacon will help you to have a fun and educational afternoon. Nets will be provided, but please wear suitable footwear.

These ponds contain great-crested newts and other fascinating life. You may also see the wonderful dragonflies that the ponds attract, and a variety of birds including skylarks.

Bramble Ramble – Friday 2nd September, 3pm to 5pm. Meet at Warner's Corner, the entrance to the Countryside Restoration Trust along the lane opposite the Wimpole Road speed camera.

Pick blackberries but also spot other hedgerow plants, guided again by Vince Lea and Louise Bacon. Enjoy walking through this lovely rural area. This farmland teems with wildlife, including many red-listed birds, brown hares, barn owls and otters.

Bev Edwards

Barton Calendar 2017

Once again the BRIG Committee have decided to produce a Barton Calendar for 2017. We are looking for pictures of the village and its activities for all different months of the year. So get 'snapping' for Summer and look through your pictures for Autumn, Winter and Spring ones.

Please send these to Margaret Penston (margaret.penston@btinternet.com) by mid-August as we wish to have the calendar ready by mid-October.

Meta Greenfield

Comberton Library

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

Staff at Comberton Library have recently taken part in some county wide training in promoting the Health and Wellbeing of the public. Following talks by the Carer's Trust and Dementia Friends we were informed about the amazing resources on the County Council website, in particular the Family Information

Directory. Whether you're after a Radar key for a disabled toilet, want to find a care home, or want to find a school's Ofsted report, the Family Information Directory will either tell you what you need or point you to the right organisation to help you. It's an excellent first port of call when you need help. Go to the County Council website and search for 'Family Information Directory'.

We're getting prepared for the Big Friendly Read at Comberton Library with our usual challenge to Primary School aged children to tell us about a library book each week that they have read. Readers are rewarded with stickers and activities, and those brilliant readers who manage to tell us about 6 books over the holiday can earn a medal and a certificate. Look out for the posters; registering will begin shortly before the schools' summer break.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 4th and 18th 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! We'll be stopping over the Summer holiday to make room for the Big Friendly Read but look forward to starting back again in September.

Hilary Spargo, Comberton Library

Cambridge Open Studios

Every weekend in July every year, Cambridge Open Studios exhibiting artists welcome the public into their studios to view their work, free of charge.



Sue Rapley will be opening her new studio space on **16-17 & 23-24 July** at Glebe House, 1 High Street between 11am – 6pm.

Join Sue in raising money for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity with the Heart Art Auction. Find the heart assigned to an original, one-off piece of Sue's artwork and if you would like to take part in the auction where you will have the chance to win the artwork whilst supporting a very good cause, you can leave your details for the charity to contact you in due course. Funds raised will go to building a new hospice at Shelford Bottom opposite the Gog Magog Golf Club.

Within walking distance of Sue's new studio, is the Artists' Marquee at Burwash Manor with 15 local artists exhibiting their work over the course of all four Open Studio weekends between 10am until 6pm.

www.suerapley.co.uk

HomeStart Royston – Racing Evening – Saturday 2nd July – 7 for 7.30pm

Come along for a great evening of fun and frivolity with friends!

Tickets £5 from Tracy 01763 262262 or admin@hsrc

Meldreth Village Hall. Licensed Cash bar. Raffle. Snacks provided.

