

Dear Friends,

We hear lately the media is telling us that the Danes are a particularly happy people. The reason given is that they take pleasure in every task, whether it be work or leisure. It is snuggling up in a rug with a good book and a glass of mulled wine, a job completed positively, afternoon tea served in the best china; but it is more an entire attitude to life and one of the most pleasurable and happy states is to be found in company, - from a family get-together to a community event, small or large. The hug of togetherness is the key to this state of being, the key to ‘hygee’, pronounced ‘Hoo-ga’.

There are many communities in our village, from our school to roads of houses, from the numerous businesses to the groups and clubs aplenty. So much to do in Barton and so many of those communities waiting to welcome you. This is utterly true, of course, of our Churches which are there for all people who live here as well as anyone who passes through their doors.

Within those communities the hope is that we shall all get on, that there is a unity to our cause. Unity or togetherness can sometimes be seen in unusual ways. In the animated film *Ice Age* a woolly mammoth, a sloth and a sabre-tooth tiger escaping from a melting island of ice rescue each other when a chasm opens beneath them – unlikely friends who form a community of safety, ‘One strange herd’ remarks the sabre-tooth tiger, ‘we look out for each other’.

Our village groups are like that. So, too, is the ‘hygee’ and love God has for each one of us. He looks out for us all, we are all part of his community, loved and saved for all time, past present and future time. When we party and celebrate in a few weeks’ time at our Village Day my hope is that we shall all share that ‘hygee’.

*Ruth Bond
LLM*

Church News

The churchyard has been very pretty this Spring and we are so grateful to everyone who helps to keep it looking so good, mowing the grass and tidying and planting graves etc. it is a pleasure to walk through and we often receive compliments from visitors and parishioners. Thank you to everyone who works to keep it in good shape and to all who came to the churchyard clean up in April.

Generous Slice Cafe – Wednesday June 14th from 8.45am in the village hall. Open to all, so please call in and enjoy fresh coffee or tea, warm croissants or toast and a chat with friends and neighbours.

Anne Coulson

Saturday 3rd June, Morning Coffee in St Peter's Church from **10am-11.30am**.

Good company, fine coffee, scrumptious biscuits and – books. The perfect Saturday morning. All exceedingly welcome.

Ruth Bond

Two future dates for your diaries:

Sunday 9th July bring your pets, large and small, to St Peter's at **3pm**. A short service to celebrate the happiness and companionship pets bring and to acknowledge their importance in the lives of their owners. Afterwards, enjoy refreshment and chat and, like 'Dr Doolittle', talk to the animals, learn their languages.

Ruth Bond

Sunday 30th July – Cream Teas will be served in St Peter's Church from 3pm-5pm. It will be £5 per person with all profits for the Church. Please keep this date free so you can come along for a delicious cream tea.

Barbara Tomes

Barton Baptist Church News

In June we are delighted to welcome John and Paul Searle to take services. John used to be the minister at Barton. He, along with his other son, John has set up a charitable work in Malawi of Orphanages, schools, churches etc. John's business Aquaid has funded it. Paul and his wife Susie attend Barton Baptist. The work is extensive with the main aim to show God's love through practical support in the provision of education and homes for orphaned children. Alongside this there is teaching on Christ, His love for them and His gift of eternal life. These children are given hope for this life and a promise of life forever! John's other son Paul is also heavily involved in charitable work and for many years has served the Lord in lay preaching so small churches such as Barton can benefit from people like Paul who take services for them!

Our other monthly activities continue as before with Bible studies on the 7th and 21st of the Month. Everyone is welcome to join the meetings at 7:30pm in the Church. Brian Mills is going to lead us through a study on Old Testament Miracles. The foodbank Collection point will be open at this time. The other

Wednesdays are prayer meetings which are open to everyone. The tea and chat are on the 13th and 27th starting at 2:30pm. The Men's Breakfast is on the 17th with a talk about the work of MAF. The men's Meeting is on the 30th May at 7pm at 12 Haslingfield Rd, Barton. This will be a BBQ.

Alison Foster

Parish Jottings

General election: Thursday 8th June 7am to 10pm Village Hall

Do take the opportunity to vote. Barton always has a high turnout!

The candidates are:

Heidi Allen	Conservative
Dan Greef	Labour
Simon Sagers	Green
Susan Van de Ven	Liberal Democrat

Local Elections took place on Thursday 4th May.

James Palmer was declared Mayor for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Turnout 33.57% There were seven candidates: taking into account 1st & 2nd votes, the final result was:

Rod Cantrill	Liberal Democrat	67,205
James Palmer	Conservative	88,826

You also elected a Cambridgeshire County Councillor for the Hardwick division which includes Barton. Lina Joseph is our new Councillor. Turnout 67.06%

The four candidates were:

Philip Allen	Liberal Democrat	1369 votes	37.10%
Norman Crowther	Labour	456 votes	12.36%
Anna Gomori-Woodcock	Green	25 votes	0.68%
Lina Joseph	Conservative	1840 votes	49.86%

A message from Lina Joseph:

I am delighted to have been selected to represent the Hardwick Division which covers by ward: Barton, Grantchester, Coton, Madingley; Hardwick; Comberton; Harlton and The Eversdens; Caldecote, Toft and Kingston.

Thank you to everyone who believed in me. I have expressed my committee interests: Environment and Economy, Children and Education; and Public Health, very interested in mental health. I am fully committed to this extremely important role and I will work very hard on your behalf.

Over the next four years I will be liaising with Parish and District Councils and with our Mayor in order to make your voice heard.

My approach is 'bottom to top' and if you have ideas or suggestions regarding the future of your community then please get in touch.

Thank you again, Lina.Joseph@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.Facebook.com/ljosephsc www.twitter.com/ljosephsc

A message from Stephen Frost, our previous County Councillor:

It has been a privilege to represent Barton on the County Council, an experience that I will remember with pride. The last four years have not been without frustrations though, the new street lighting for one certainly created debate.

As the County moves forward, it does so with the City Deal and an elected Mayor. Both aspects have the potential for large budget spend and with the many issues facing the City and its nearby villages, money has to be spent wisely.

The residents of Barton know only too well what it is like to reside in a village that commuters use to get either into the City or to the M11. With housing throughout the whole of South Cambs an issue the County and the new Mayor will have to be sensitive to villagers' needs when dealing with any potential new roads and transport, as will the District Council when allowing new developments to be created.

It was only right that the City Deal aspect be dealt with by a mixture of representatives from the County, District, and City Councils along with business and university people. In the short term it is money from here that will have the biggest impact on sorting some of the issues that affect Barton.

I wish you all the best for the future and extend those wishes to the Parish Council and the residents of Barton.

Stephen Frost

City Deal consultations

Please keep your eyes open for any developing news either through the Cambridge News or the Cambridge Independent or the City Deal website <http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk> .

Barton Councillors continue to be involved with discussions. There was going to be a meeting focussing on the Western Orbital route which may have an impact on Barton; Thoughts are also moving forward with regard to the Greenways Project for improving local cycle routes. However, everything is now subject to purdah until after the General Election!

'Farming Memories' group at Wimpole This joint project, between Care Network Cambridgeshire (local charity) and the National Trust, aims to help those with early stages of dementia, memory loss, along with their families/carers , by engaging them with memories of farming and agriculture. The group restarted Friday 12 May at 14.00-16.00 at Wimpole Home Farm, Wimpole, South Cambridgeshire (National Trust estate). It runs every other Friday.

It is free to attend. Care Network and National Trust 01954 211919

Strawberries & Creem Festival and The Cambridge Club

We would like to make you aware that on **Saturday 17th June** the 'Strawberries & Creem' music festival will be returning to Haggis Farm in Barton

The festival will run from 12pm to 11pm. Entry closes at 4pm and we expect

people stay to the end so we're looking at exit from 10.30pm – 11.30pm.

We are putting on shuttle buses to the city centre to ensure minimum disruption to roads and the local area on ingress and egress.

This year, we are also putting on a second event on **Sunday 18th June** called 'The Cambridge Club'. This is a more low-key event and runs from 12pm to 9pm.

There will not be any road closures or diversions required. Music will be playing from midday to 11pm on Saturday and midday to 9pm on Sunday, with noise tests and sound checks taking place the morning of and the day before.

We are working closely with South Cambridgeshire District Council and all emergency services and will ensure that the minimum disruption is caused to local residents.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@strawberriesandcream.com

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 6th June, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 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-cams.org.uk>

Francis Burkitt, District Councillor, writes on the M11:

The M11 is run by Highways England (HE), which sees it primarily as a major north-south link, also connecting the East Midlands, providing support to the distribution of goods and strategic traffic from London and southern ports, and thereby key to the economic prosperity of the east of England.

However, as the M11 also acts as a partial ring road around Cambridge, HE is concerned about congestion between Junctions 9 to 13, and has designated this stretch as a 'study area'.

Possible solutions include: adding an extra lane; smart management (variable speed limits, use of hard shoulder at peak times etc).

Mitigation measures may include: noise-reducing tarmac; improved screening from fences, vegetation, earth banks.

Possible benefit: Freer traffic flows may enable buses to reliably use the M11 around Cambridge, obviating the need for an off-road busway.

Please note that the Girton Interchange is part of the east-west strategic route; I will write about this later.

Francis Burkitt, District Councillor

Village News

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 2nd June, 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.

Barton Lunch Club started in May 1994, so has been running once a month for 23 years; it is a service much valued by older residents and those who live alone; a number of us have been cooking for this from the start and we too are 23 years older! We urgently need a few more volunteers to help. Each month a group of 8 of us produce a two course meal - mostly cooked at home - no one needs to do too much and all expenses are paid. More volunteers would mean we might not need to cook every month. If you like cooking and would be willing to help or need more information we would love to hear from you.

Anne Coulson (262666)

Barton Village Day – Saturday, 15th July, 1pm–Midnight

There's still time for you to book a stall – please contact us.

Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday, on the day itself and clear-up on the Sunday.

We need movers, erectors, lifters, clearers, sitters, smilers but not necessarily shakers!



This is your opportunity to help make this year the best ever. Please don't wait to be asked, offer your services now – thank you.

Book your table (£10) in one of the marquees for the BBQ and evening entertainment.

Please contact the Village Day Committee on 07740 151274 or bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk

Village Day Stalls

St Peter's invites you to

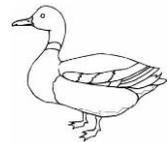
DECORATE A DUCK

To be exhibited at Barton Village Day

Show off your business or your organization to the whole village. The ducks will provide a meeting point for all who are part of the community of Barton.

An opportunity for businesses to come together in a fun event and for all of us to get to know each other that bit better. THE DUCKS made of a thin wood, approx 250 - 300 mm, beak to tail, to be decorated, preferably on both sides, in any medium, and will either stand in a rack or hang from a string. In the week before the Village Day they may be displayed in the Church at the centre of the village. There is no charge.

Ducks will be distributed during the second week of June with the intention of their being displayed from Monday 10th July.



Do take part A bit of fun
Contact: Ruth Bond 07787 538983 or C 262985 or
ruth.bond52@gmail.com

St Peter's Bazaar returns to Village Day with a Raffle a Bottle Stall a
Red Stall and a Bran Tub

Do come along, donations of bottles and items gratefully received, your
presence welcomed.

NGS (National Garden Scheme) Barton Open Gardens, Sunday 4th June

There will be 6 village gardens open from 2pm till 5pm:
114 High Street; 31 New Road; Bryght Barn, 48 High Street (new); Farm Cottage;
Glebe House; The Six Houses.

These are all different in styles providing an insight to different ways of
gardening. Money raised supports many different charities including Marie Curie
and Macmillan Nurses.

Cost £5 per adult, children free.

Scrumptious Teas are served in the Village Hall – profits to BRIG.

Meta Greenfield, Village NGS Organiser

***Barton Recreation Ground Improvement Group (BRIG) AGM – Wednesday
14th June, 7.30pm for 8pm***

Do join us for wine and nibbles before the meeting and hear how the Sports and
Social pavilion is being used. Ideas and suggestions for new activities are always
welcome.

Meta Greenfield

Tea at Three, 17th June, 3-5pm Village Hall

Barton's Ritz returns ! Enjoy the refinement and sophistication of afternoon tea
taken in the gilded surroundings of Versailles with delicate morsels designed to
tantalize and flirt with the taste buds.

£15 Booking essential with Ruth (262985) or Margaret (262353)

Car Boot Sale, Sunday 25th June, 8am to 1pm

Burwash is throwing its gates open for a Car Boot sale (the perfect opportunity for
a late Spring clear out!) to raise money for new playground equipment.

Stand holders 7am. Price of stand £10.

For enquiries contact info@burwashmanor.com

Barton School

Greetings from Barton Church of England Primary School! We are thrilled to be
able to share a little of what has been happening at our school over the last few
months.

FOBS, our parent association, have been working hard with our school community to raise money for various projects. Our 52 year old swimming pool has been revamped and is now heated, which is giving a lot of pleasure to our pupils for the whole of the summer term. Our next project is to replace our old notebooks with new laptops for our pupils to use. We are well on our way to reaching our target for this project.

Our Wind Band is hosting a joint Musical Soiree with the Eversden Band on Wednesday 21st June from 7.30 with refreshments (£3.50 per ticket) – we would love to see as many local people as possible together with our school families. Please contact the office for details.

Learning in all areas continues to be strong for our pupils. Our Year 6s have just finished their SATs and were extremely enthusiastic about showing off all they could do. They celebrated by going straightaway on a 3-day residential to Grafham Water with the Year 5s, where they displayed good teamwork and tried new activities like archery, raft building and high rope climbing.

If you are considering applying for a place at our school, then please do come and visit; you will get a hearty welcome. A new club providing wrap around care is being set up to start in September at the latest. Do check out our website which is constantly being updated through the weekly Barton Bulletins

www.bartonprimary.org.uk

We are looking forward to Village Day in Barton.

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

Barton Playgroup

This term we have been looking at houses and where people live. We have done lots of pictures using different materials to design our own houses, this included looking at igloos which allowed us to explore melting and freezing. We will be making trips over to Barton Primary School this term in preparation for the children who will be leaving us in July and are hoping some nice weather will allow us to spend lots of time in our garden which had a new playhouse this term.



Helen Durrant

Barton WI

Our May speakers, or rather entertainers, Pat Blanchet and Roy Goodwin, presented a recital of songs to the guitar. Roy was the guitarist but he sang occasionally too. The songs were mainly ballads of love and loss but their origins covered centuries. The earliest, an English folk song, is thought to have come down from the Restoration era while the most modern dates from 2010. Most of the melodies, song titles and the names of the composers were familiar to the audience who, even when invited to do so, did not sing along as they wanted to make the most of what they were hearing. The recital ended with 'Hallelujah' by

Leonard Cohen, reminding us of the musician's recent death. Our scheduled speaker for June has been forced to cancel and a replacement has yet to be found so watch the noticeboards in early June!

Ann Killen

Neighbourhood Watch

There has been an increase in crime in the region recently, particularly burglary and theft. Please ensure your doors and windows are locked when you are out. Be careful about leaving garden tools on view as a burglar may use them to break into a house.

Many of us are subjected to nuisance calls or messages: the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) can help. They have a help line on 0303 123 1113. You can also report issues online – go to ico.org.uk and then select 'Report a concern'. The organisation will collect details of offenders and will ensure that persistent offenders are prosecuted. Businesses who cold-call have been fined and even shut down as a result of the ICO's activities.

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. Boys aged between 8 and 10½ years may 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

On Tuesday 2nd of May, we enjoyed our Birthday Tea. All members contributed with the food and we had a lovely time. Before tea we had a visit from Louise Herriman, and her well-behaved dog, Danny, from Wood Green. Louise talked about the Charity and gave us a very good insight into the daily chores and also the money raising schemes to cover the running of the Wood Green sites.

Next time, Tuesday 6th of June we are having an outing to Emmaus, and then on to Horningsea Garden Centre for Lunch. Transport has been arranged, leaving about 10.30am.

Harry Baines

Telephone Library

The Library seems to be running well. We are putting about 20 different books in

there every 4-5 weeks at the moment. Thank you to all the people who have given us books for this, but we are always in need of others. We are quite short of children's books so if you have any spare books laying around we would be glad of them. Contact numbers are 263512 and 262683 – could collect if wanted.

Harry Baines

Barton WWWI

In April we had our Annual Meeting and elected Sara Bond as our new President. In May, our 6th birthday, we will be voting on important Resolutions which will go forward to the National AGM in Liverpool in June, as well as enjoying John Barnett as our evening's guest speaker. This month, on Wednesday 17th, Kate Armstrong will be talking to us about her mother's book which she published: *An Unexpected Journey: Life in the Colonies at Empire's End: A Woman's Role from diaries and memoirs written at the time.* It should prove to be a fascinating evening of history. She hopes to inspire other women to put their lives on record for future generations. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30 pm in The White Horse. However, as the pub is currently changing hands, for this month alone we shall be meeting in the Pavilion. Any enquiries to: wednesdaywomenwi@live.com

If you would like to know more, please contact Sarah Massie on 07791 668134 or check out our Facebook page.

Sarah Massie

Barton Gardeners



If you get this in time and you're really quick, there may be room on the coach to Sheringham & Felbrigg Hall & Gardens on Saturday, 3rd June. Tickets: BG members £18, non-members £20, plus £9.20 if you are not a NT member. Please get in touch.

Thanks to all who contributed to the successful and enjoyable Plant Sale and Real Coffee Morning – the Village Hall was abuzz!

We are now looking for volunteers to help set-up the tables in the Show marquee on Friday, 14th July from 6pm and help over the weekend. Your call would be appreciated.

bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk, 262479

HELP!

Barton Drama Group is in urgent need of somewhere to store its equipment. We have to vacate the barn we currently use by the end of June 2017. Do you have a barn, outhouse, garage, or something else that we could use/rent?

If you can help please contact Geoff Nicholls, 01223 262720.

Barton Drama Group Open Auditions for *Three Sisters* by Anton Chekhov (adapted by Tracy Letts)

Barton Village Hall, School Lane, CB23 7BD

Sunday 16th July 2.30 – 5 pm or Monday 17th July 7.30 – 10pm
To be presented by Barton Drama Group 21-25 November 2017.

Rehearsals Monday and Thursday evenings from early September plus Sunday afternoons in November.

We welcome new members to our friendly group and there is no preparation required for the ‘relaxed reading’; audition workshop but please contact director, Richard Sockett, for further information (rdsockett@gmail.com). Join with us and fill our stage with joy, heartbreak, love, laughter, music and dance as we bring this iconic drama to life. Roles available for 5 women and 7 men (age not prescriptive as casting will reflect the age difference of characters).

Barton Wildlife Group

Looking ahead, we will be looking at Meadow Plants and Butterflies on the Leys on 1st June (time to be decided). Further events are being planned for the end of July and the end of August. At one of these, we hope to get the Mammal Society to join us with some live animal trapping. More details to follow in due course.



Mary MacDonald, 262378

Comberton Library

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

We have an afternoon of fun at Comberton Library arranged for the **Thursday 1st June**. We are very excited that the Norris Museum at St Ives is going to run a family activity session entitled ‘Toys from the Past’. This will be a drop-in event running from 2–4pm, so do come along with your children to discover and play with toys from long (and not so long) ago. There will also be the opportunity to make your own thaumatrope toy, and, if you are not sure what this is, do pop in with your children on **1st June** to find out.

We are also delighted to announce that this year’s Summer Reading Challenge, which takes place each year over the school summer holidays, will be Animal Agents, illustrated by the wonderful Tony Ross. The challenge is for children to read six books over the holidays, tell us what they have been reading, collect stickers on their own collector’s folder and help the Animal Agents to find out what’s been going on! Posters and details about registering for the Animal Agents challenge will be available in the library before the schools finish in July for the summer break.

Over recent years we have had some brilliant teenage volunteers assist us with the Summer Reading Challenge. If you are a teenager, with a few hours to spare over the school summer holidays, and would enjoy listening to children telling you about the books they have been reading, we would love to hear from you. Just call into the library for more information. As we will need to ask your school for a reference we will need you to contact us by 1st July.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 5th and 19th June and 3th and 17th July (10.30-11am). The session on **5th June** will be linked to National Bookstart Week, which this year has the theme 'Let's Go Outdoors'. 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

Comberton Sports and Arts

GET FIT FOR LIFE NOT JUST THE SUMMER! Join CSA today to make a lifestyle change! Memberships include access to the Fitness suite, free weights, fitness classes and badminton/tennis bookings.

Standard - £30 per month (Conc, £20) or £300 annually (Conc. £200)

If you're not looking for the commitment of a membership then CSA offers a range of casual pricing options:

Fitness: £6 per visit (Conc. £4.50); Fitness Classes: £5 per class (Conc. £4)

Boxercise is being introduced to the CSA classes timetable! Tuesdays at 6.30pm in the Dance studio. Please note as the class is on a trial period, there will be limited places available for customers without their own gloves and pads.

01223 264444 www.combertonsa.org COM-CSAenquiries@combertonvc.org

Jamie Shaw, General Manager, Comberton Sports & Arts

Home Start – A Night at the Races, Saturday 10th June, 7pm for 7.15pm, Meldreth Village Hall

Have a flutter in aid of Home Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire! Tickets: £12 Licensed bar, raffle, Ploughman's Supper included. To book phone 01763 262262, email admin@hrscc.org.uk or buy online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hrscc

Melbourn Village College – Alumni Programme

MVC would like to hear from as many past pupils as possible from all walks of life to find out where they are now and what they are doing – and hopefully to inform and inspire current students. It doesn't matter whether you left the College three years ago or 30, your story is still one we want to hear. We are also offering alumni the chance to get involved with the College again – if they want to – as mentors or by offering work experience to current students.”

Melbourn alumni include Olympic diving medallist Dan Goodfellow, Lucy Landymore, a Young Musician of the Year finalist, Harry Galloway, part of the National Youth Dance Company, and Stephanie Winiecki, a member of the Young Shakespeare Company.

For more details of how to tell your story or to get involved, please contact Alison Friday on 01763 223400 or office@melbournvc.org or visit the alumni page of the website www.melbournvc.org