

Dear All,

So as the month starts we're still in Lent, and I really hope you haven't given up cake this year as we are enjoying plenty of it this month at St Peter's Barton!

Before our Easter celebrations on Sunday 26th March, to which you are very much invited, we see the return of **Generous Slice** on **9th March** opening its doors from 8.45am. With Barton Baptist church we host this pop-up cafe twice a term at the Village Hall and we are so pleased that those who come enjoy it so much they come back and bring friends. If you are around the next time Generous Slice pops up, do come and enjoy a coffee and – if you've given up cake – perhaps a slice of toast! Use it as an opportunity to meet a friend or catch up with a neighbour. Generous Slice is a free cafe and although we accept donations, which are used simply to cover costs, we don't see it as a fundraiser but as an offering to the community. So, if you've dropped children off at school, or you're on your own and would like some company, or you'd like a place to meet friends locally – there's a place that's warm, welcoming and serving good coffee and it's Generous Slice.....

Only a few days before the cafe, we are also moving our services around as a one-off for Mothering Sunday. We'd love to invite you to a special **Mothering Sunday Messy Church** on **6th March** in the church at **3pm-4pm** – and not at 9.30am as usual. There will be an opportunity for worship, afternoon tea, crafts for all ages, and more. Messy Church is a form of church for adults and children that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality, and everyone is welcome!

As you can see there is lots going on, and much to be thankful for. I pray that as you approach Easter for this year, whether you have given up something or not, may we never give up on the precious opportunities to offer hospitality, celebration or generosity in whatever small ways we can, for that is after all at the very heart of Easter. God longs to welcome us all, no matter who we are, celebrating with wide open arms when we return to Him.

Happy Easter!

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

Church News

The PCC has been given permission to change the seating arrangements at the back of the church. The pews on the north side are now placed to match the configuration on the south side, creating a larger open space across the nave. This will give scope to do more things, both for church services and school activities, and provide more opportunities for informal milling around over teas and coffees at concerts and other village events.

Lent Group These meetings continue on Wednesdays March 2nd, 9th and 16th at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church. All are welcome to join us.

Generous Slice Cafe, Wednesday 9th March from 8.45am in the Village Hall. Why not join us for breakfast? Tea, coffee, toast, cakes, warm croissants – or similar – a very pleasant gathering for all ages.

Saturday 12th March, Lent Lunch from 12 noon Please join us for a soup and roll lunch in the Village Hall to raise money for WaterAid, the charity helping to bring clean water and sanitation to poor communities around the world. No charge but donations are invited.

Saturday 26th March, Churchyard Clean-up for the summer season from 9.30am. If you have an hour or two to spare we would be grateful for your help to prune, rake, tidy etc. Please bring a few basic tools. Coffee and biscuits mid-morning.

Also we would like to find one or two more people to help us with mowing the grass in the churchyard this summer. The church has a mower and the cutting can be done as convenient to the volunteer. Please contact Hugh Greenfield if you could help.

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church

With Easter being early this year March is a busy month for the Church. The Lent Bible Studies with the Parish Church continue this month on Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th all at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church. On Maundy Thursday (24th March) we will be having a Communion Service at 7.30pm. You are all very welcome to join with us at any or all of these.

The Tuesday afternoon Tea and Chat for all those over 50 will be on the 8th and 22nd of the month starting at 2.30pm. Last month we enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, who knows what will be on offer in March.

The Generous Slice café will also be in operation on Wednesday 9th from 8.45am in the Village Hall, do come along if you can.

Brian West

Women's World Day of Prayer Service – Friday March 4th at 7.30pm in Barton School Hall

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women, from different parts of the world each year, to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

This year the service has been written by the Christian women of Cuba and translated into over 60 languages and 1,000 dialects. The theme is '**Receive children, Receive Me**'. Everyone is welcome.

Mary 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.

Who has been leaving dog mess on the High Street footway?

It is happening repeatedly. Please clear up; it is so unpleasant for everybody else.

Winter edition of South Cambridgeshire Magazine

As happened with previous editions, South Cambs and its distributor failed to deliver copies to Barton. This should have been remedied at the end of December. Please Email the Clerk, if you have not received the spring edition by 13th March. You can also read the magazine online: www.tinyurl.com/gt9qe52

Western Orbital Consultation: ends 21st March

You will have received a brochure through your door. Any options concerning the south- western approach to Cambridge are bound to have an impact on Barton. It is important for Councillors to know your views, so that they can reply to the consultation with regard to the best interests of the village. Please also reply to the questionnaire yourself by post or online.

There will be **two meetings in Barton** where you can hear about some of the options and give your views.

Firstly, our own meeting in the Village Hall at 9.30am on Saturday 5th March with presentations from a variety of experts, including:

- Francis Burkitt, South Cambs councillor,
- Tim Watkins, Cambs CC project manager,
- Robin Pellew, Cambridge Past Present and Future,
- Jim Chisholm, Smarter Cambridge, and Cycling,
- Edward Byam-Cook, a view from Madingley.

There will be an opportunity for questions and a longer discussion.

There will be a **second meeting** organized by the Greater Cambridge City Deal **in the School on Wednesday 9th March 6.30pm-8.30pm**

Please note that this is a drop-in event with no formal presentations.

Western Orbital – Initial ideas for a new bus link on or near the M11

The Greater Cambridge City Deal is considering initial ideas for a new ‘Western Orbital’ bus link between the west and south of Cambridge, either along or very near the M11.

Currently bus services between the west and south travel through the city centre, which can be congested particularly at peak times.

The first consultation on these initial ideas for a ‘Western Orbital’ bus link will continue until Monday, 21 March 2016. The initial ideas for consultation include:

an additional Park & Ride at Junction 11 (Trumpington)

a Park & Ride or Park & Cycle at Junction 12 (Barton)

cycle improvements possibly including an ‘orbital’ link

‘orbital’ bus links around the outside of the city along or near the M11, which would connect housing and employment sites including: Trumpington Meadows, West Cambridge, Addenbrooke’s Hospital, the Biomedical Campus, the Science and Business Parks and the future Cambridge North Rail Station.

Details of the initial ideas and the survey are available online at:

www.gccitydeal.co.uk/the-western-orbital. The Clerk has extra copies, if required.

Informal drop-in exhibitions will be held in Cambridge and villages near the M11

Newnham	Mon 22 February	17.00-20.00	West Road Concert Hall, 11 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DP
Harston	Tue 23 February	18.30-20.30	Harston Village Hall, 20 High Street, Harston, CB22 7PX
Grantchester	Wed 24 February	16.30-20.00	The Reading Room, High Street, Grantchester, CB3 9NF
Comberton	Wed 2 March	18.30-20.30	Comberton Village Hall, Green End Road, Comberton, CB23 7DY
Coton	Thu 3 March	18.00-20.00	Coton Village Hall, 56 High Street, Coton, CB23 7PL
Cambridge	Tue 8 March	17.00-20.00	Lucy Cavendish College, Lady Margaret Road, Cambridge, CB3 0BU
Barton	Wed 9 March	18.30-20.30	Barton Primary School
Trumpington	Thu 10 March	17.00-20.00	Trumpington Village Hall, 75 High Street, Trumpington CB2 9HZ

The Sunday Bike-Bus service will run for the last time on 27th March

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

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 1st March, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 4th March, 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall

The Lunch Club on the first Friday of each month is for Barton residents, booking essential. To book or cancel (or volunteer to cook) contact Anne Coulson, 262666.

Barton Bowls Club Jumble Sale – Saturday 5th March, 2pm, Village Hall

The Bowls Club welcomes offers of jumble (no furniture or electrical goods) from late February. It can be dropped off beforehand to 114 High Street (262005) or 7 King's Grove (262547) or at the Village Hall from 12 noon on the day.

Meta Greenfield

Barton Bowls Club Quiz Night – Saturday 9th April, 6.45pm for 7pm, Village Hall

Up to eight persons per table, £8 per person including a full ploughman's and desserts. Bring your own drink and glasses. Come and join us for a great evening.

For tickets contact:

Ken Gifford 263237 / 07557 049238 / kenpat.gifford@btinternet.com

Martin Carter 07500 898345 / mcarter@ntlworld.com

Hugh & Meta Greenfield 262005

Ken Gifford and Meta Greenfield

Queen's 90th Birthday Party

Please keep Sunday 12th June free for a street party in Barton for all residents to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. It will include a bring and share tea, music, games and an early evening BBQ. This will be a free event, and everyone in the village is very welcome. Please join in the celebration! More information nearer the time.

Barbara Tomes

Barton WI

Barton WI Our Member's Evening began with the cutting of our birthday cake, celebrating 95 years. We welcomed Tamsin Winhurst, curator of David Parr's house. Tamsin told us the wonderful story of an extraordinary Cambridge house, which she discovered several years ago. The house had been preserved, by its then owner, with the walls painted in magnificent designs by her Grandfather David Parr in 1900. We look forward to being able to visit the house when it opens to the public. A really interesting and enjoyable evening.

The March Meeting is our Annual Meeting and the speaker is Pat Duckworth on How to Improve Sleep.

Kathryn Wake

French conversation group

Fancy brushing up your French? Wouldn't it be nice to be more fluent? Come and join our friendly and informal French conversation group. All ages welcome (retired people, full-time mums, au-pairs...). Friday morning 10-11am in Barton. Please call 07546 932 562 for more information.

Barton Playgroup

February continued our 'People Who Help' theme as we looked at librarians, shopkeepers and the police service amongst others. We also talked about space and built rockets, celebrated the Chinese New Year and had a visit from 'Lion Learners' when some of the braver children had the opportunity to hold a snake, tarantula and lizard!



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

Neighbourhood Watch

Crime rates remain low in Barton. Please protect your property and let's keep it that way.

South Cambridgeshire has a lower than average crime rate compared with other parts of the country. However, the burglary rate is higher than average and our proximity to the M11 is probably a factor in this.

Several recent arrests and convictions will have helped in improving the burglary figures. Burglar alarms have proved to be effective deterrents. An alarm, and an alert neighbour, were responsible for an arrest after a burglary in Comberton.

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

At our last meeting on 2nd February, John Page gave us a most interesting talk and a slide show on a recent holiday to Turkey and the surrounding areas. Many thanks, John.

Our next meeting is on 1st March at 2.30pm. Our speaker will be from the Food Bank. If possible, could we all bring an item to donate – for example tinned

meat/fish, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes or biscuits or crisps.
We welcome all! It would be nice to see you. Members £2; Visitors £3.

Richard Parker

BRIG Coffee Mornings at The Pavilion

BRIG holds a fundraising coffee morning on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am to 11.30am. Do join us for a cup of coffee and biscuits which are unlimited for just £2. There is also an opportunity to play table tennis if you feel active, or you can just sit and chat! All are very welcome.

Barbara Tomes

Barton Drama Group

The Odd Couple by Neil Simon is our Spring Production at Barton Village Hall, which twice a year is turned into the village theatre. Performances are from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd April, at 7.45pm plus a matinée on Saturday 23rd at 2.30pm.

This classic comedy opens with a group of friends assembled for cards in the rather messy apartment of divorced Oscar. Arriving late is Felix, who has just separated from his wife. Fastidious, depressed, Felix seems suicidal, but as the action unfolds Oscar becomes the one with murder on his mind, when the clean-freak and the slovenly decide to share the apartment. Hilarious results follow as *The Odd Couple* is born.

Tickets are available from Norma Eaton, C. 263561. £8 and £6 (concessions), which also include refreshments. www.bartondramagroup.co.uk

Val Watson

Barton Gardeners

Tuesday 15th March, 7.45pm, Village Hall. Refreshments served from 7.15pm. ‘**Gardens of East Anglia**’ - a return visit from the very entertaining and knowledgeable **Simon White** (Peter Beales Roses), who will also bring plants for sale at a discount – not to be missed! All welcome; Members free; visitors £3.



Sue Edwards

Comberton Academy Trust – Question time

It is very usual for us at Comberton Village College to receive a ‘phone call asking us to host a visit, be it from parents, teachers, or a range of people interested in what goes on in the life of the school. So on Tuesday 2nd Feb we were not surprised to receive such a call, although were a little more so when we

realised that the person wishing to visit us was Nicky Morgan, Secretary of State for Education and she would be visiting in two days' time!

We were given a very open brief – Nicky Morgan was visiting the region, accompanied by Heidi Allen, and would be with us for an hour to see what we do and talk with teachers, so it was up to us to arrange an itinerary for this time. Having considered how to make best use of the time, we felt it was fitting to use this opportunity for a formal opening ceremony for 'The Cabin'. Ten years ago a specialist provision for children with Asperger's Syndrome was set up at Comberton Village College. The original provision started with 3 children and was based in a portacabin – hence the name! Over the years this work has grown very significantly, and last year the school was fortunate to be able to secure funding to enable us to build a purpose built facility to provide specialist accommodation to the very many more children now served by our excellent team of staff in the new Cabin.

Having duly performed the opening ceremonies, Nicky Morgan and Heidi Allen were welcomed into a meeting of the Middle Leaders team – those teachers who run all of the different curriculum and pastoral areas of the school. There was then an opportunity for staff to ask the Education Secretary any questions, and there were plenty of questions asked! These ranged from the provision for teacher training, the position of the arts and foreign languages in the curriculum, how vocational education and work experience are being developed, the Governments thinking on maths in the sixth form and PSHE in the curriculum and many more besides. It was encouraging to see our Education Secretary engage in these discussions and offer her thoughts and views on these topics; where there were areas requiring further follow up she encouraged staff to email thoughts and questions to her and promised that she would respond.

Our school is a large organisation, and there will inevitably have been a variety of political views represented by those in that meeting; some of whom will have been in accord with much of the current education policy coming from the Government and some of whom will not be. Whatever one's political position, to have the opportunity to engage in constructive dialogue with the person tasked with steering educational policy for the country was too good an opportunity to be missed, and it was encouraging to hear Nicky Morgan talk of her commitment to producing an educational system that enables the best possible life chances for all young people; that is an aim we can all agree with.

Comberton Library

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

We are approaching a time of great changes again in the Library Services as we face yet more cuts over the coming two years (along with Council Services in general). Please keep an eye out for opportunities to feedback to the Council your opinion about where and how such cuts should be made. Due to cutbacks many of our surveys are now principally available on our website rather than as a hard-copy form. Last year public feedback about proposed changes to Cambridge Central Library had a big impact and the plans for the third floor were altered as a result. Your voice matters and we appreciate your opinion!

We will sing a sad farewell this month to Anne, who has been incredibly generous with her time and talents in singing with the little ones at our Rhymetime sessions over the past year or so. She will be much missed by all – Thank You Anne!

Upcoming **Rhymetime sessions:** 7th and 21st March (10.30-11am). We are lucky enough to have a new volunteer coming to help with the singing, but are always interested in hearing from people who can volunteer to sing with the little ones at these sessions, please ask a staff member if you would like more details. Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

All of our Rotating Collections of books are being sent back to the Central Stock Unit for a refresh. Some will be retired and some new ones may appear on our lists. If you have particularly enjoyed one of the themes we've had, or would like to suggest another please let us know. 'Dystopia', while a small collection, has proved far more popular than we anticipated!

Hilary Spargo, Comberton Library

Cambridge Past, Present and Future (Cambridge PPF) – March Events

Slippery Slimy Science, Sunday 20th March, 11am-4pm

Free drop-in event which is part of the Cambridge Science Festival. No need to book. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms. Children must be accompanied.

Easter Fun Day, Saturday 26th March, choose from 10.30am or 1pm start

Aimed at ages 5+, children must be accompanied. Pre-booking essential. £8 per child (£6 members), adults free. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

For more information or to see the full range of our Easter Holiday Events, visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on, email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, or call 01223 243830 ext 207

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – March Bulletin

Did you know that being a smoker or living with someone who smokes puts you at higher risk of having a fire in your home? Throughout March we're raising awareness of the fire risks associated with smoking and we'd like you to join in. We often find smoking is one of many factors making someone more at risk of fire, for example, when combined with poor mobility, health problems or being elderly, it increases someone's chance of having a fire. Here are some tips to take onboard or give to friends and family that smoke:

- Never leave a lit cigarette or pipe unattended.
- Always use a proper ashtray and make sure the contents are cold before you tip it in the bin.
- Never smoke in bed and avoid smoking in a chair if you are likely to fall asleep.

Most importantly, fit a working smoke alarm and test it regularly. Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm. If you think someone is vulnerable and could be at a higher risk if a fire broke out in their home then please call us on 0800 917 9994 and we can provide advice and support.

For more information, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or call 01480 444500.

Cottenham Yesteryear Road Run – 24th April

The annual Procession of vintage and classic vehicles starting from Cottenham at 10am draws entrants from far and wide, from Kings Lynn to Royston, Military vehicles, classic cars and motorbikes, tractors and commercials (and a 1945 Bicycle!)

The procession travels through villages around the Cottenham area, raising money for Cancer Research UK on the Addenbrooke's site, helping pay for the research into many types of Cancer.

We all know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease and we are doing our best to help eradicate it from affecting anyone else.

More information, and entry form, can be found on our website www.yesteryearroadrun.co.uk

Have a look at the photographs of many of last year's entrants.

It is a lot of work to put this event on and any help you can give us to raise our

profile would be great.

It is a fun day for all, entrants and spectators.

Cambridge Gliding Centre Open Day, Sunday 10th April, 10am - 4pm.

Come and visit Gransden Lodge Airfield to find out about the sport of gliding. All welcome. Trial flights with our qualified instructors available on a first-come, first-fly basis. Refreshments. Free admission. Free lessons in a realistic gliding simulator. Free talks about gliding and the airfield's wartime history.

Airfield entrance on the B1046 between Little Gransden & Longstowe, opposite Gransden Lodge Farm (enter SG19 3EB into your SatNav). More information online: <http://www.camgliding.uk/> or via Facebook: <https://tr.im/Z8dEn>

Sue Ryder, St John's Hospice Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday 20th March

Hop along to our Easter Egg Hunt from 12 – 4.30pm at St John's Hospice in Moggerhanger. There are four time slots for you to choose from and entry includes a Chocolate Egg. To book a slot or for more information please go to: www.sueryder.org/stjohnseaster or call 01767 642412. We have lots on offer including games, craft and face painting. There's even games for the adults to enjoy, including a charity raffle and a good selection of cakes to indulge in.

Keen baker? Why not enter our free Easter Cake-Off competition, with two categories to choose from:

Chocolate Easter Nest These can be made with cornflakes or Rice Krispies, it really doesn't matter what you use as long as they're smothered in chocolate and if you fancy, topped with something like a chick or mini eggs. These will be judged mainly on taste and texture however you can pick up a few extra points for decoration.

Easter Cake show stopper Fancy creating an Easter masterpiece? Do you have attention to detail? Can you create something with the wow factor? This cake will be judged mainly on how it looks but you can score extra points for the taste and texture. Hop to it! * Children must be supervised at all times. * All children not participating in the Easter Egg Hunt will be charged the adult rate of £1. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cruse Bereavement Care When someone you love dies, it can feel as though a piece of you has died too. But you don't have to go through it alone. Cruse Bereavement Care is here to support you through one of the most difficult experiences you will ever have to face. Cambridge Cruse Bereavement Care is your local branch of the voluntary national bereavement care organisation.

Established in 1965 with the active support of the Mayor and City Council of Cambridge, Cambridge Cruse Bereavement Care now has over a hundred specially trained volunteers working in Cambridge, Fenland, South Cambs, East Cambs, Uttlesford, Ely, Newmarket, Saffron Walden and Haverhill.

Cambridge Cruse operates in your Parish. Bereavement is a very personal and unique experience for each individual. Yet the intense feelings and emotions we experience at the time of substantial loss are normal. Cruse provides well trained, understanding Bereavement Support volunteers to whom you can talk in complete confidence. Our volunteers are able to give support over a period of time appropriate to individual needs.

There is no charge. Donations towards the £70,000 cost of running Cruse services in 2016 are very welcome. We depend on local support almost entirely. Get in touch:

Cambridge Cruse Helpline: 01223 633536.

Cambridge Cruse Office (admin only) 01223 302662.

Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust Dragon Boat Festival – September

The 12th Cambridge Dragon Boat Festival takes place on Saturday 10th September on the River Cam at Fen Ditton and is one of the largest and most eagerly anticipated team events in the region. Over 40 crews representing companies, organisations, clubs and groups of friends from all over Cambridgeshire and surrounding areas are expected to battle it out over the 200m race course whilst also raising vital funds for ACT. No previous experience is required to take part in the dragon boat racing, just plenty of team spirit so why not take up the challenge? The dragon boats, qualified helms and all racing equipment are provided and each crew is guaranteed a minimum of three races. The Festival offers a full day of fun on land as well as water with plenty of activities on the bankside to entertain teams and spectators between races.

The Festival's official charity is Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) and 2016 sees Addenbrooke's Hospital celebrate its 250th anniversary! ACT is the only charity dedicated to making a difference for patients at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie Hospitals. We expect the Festival to be another sell-out success so we recommend teams get their entries in early. For further information and an entry form please visit www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk/cambridge or call Gable Events on 01780 470 718. To find out more about the services of ACT please call Carla Brown, Corporate Fundraising Manager on 01223 217757