

***Dear Friends,***

Spring has arrived, and as I write we are experiencing warm days and sunshine. It's glorious to see the garden full of life. That includes the family – suddenly my children are spending more time exploring and playing outside with all the excitement that brings – as well as the mess! Our children are young and are just finding out that certain things aren't advisable to touch, such as stinging nettles, and certain flowers are not to be picked! However on the whole, much fun is being had exploring, making dens, playing in mud and enjoying being outside while the weather is fine.

The responsibility of a parent can sometimes feel a daunting one, and it can feel exhausting no matter how young or our old your children are – just speak to my mum! More often or not however, it is rewarding when you are watching those you care for grow and flourish. And that's not just for parents, but for brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, neighbours, colleagues, ministers and church members. Responsibility requires service, and that is what Christ came to do; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, so he calls his followers to do likewise. I believe we all flourish when communities live in this way. It seems to me that many in Barton serve their local community and that is the main reason why the village flourishes. I pray that as the church in Barton, along with our friends at the Baptist church, we serve the community in many different ways, not least with our new venture of **Generous Slice**. However if you feel there would be new ways in which we can serve the community, we'd love to hear from you.

At the beginning of this month, and then into the next, we will be voting in local elections and then in the European referendum. As we explore seriously how we are called to vote in these, it will be another moment of taking responsibility not just for ourselves – our decisions will have implications on others. I will be praying for those who stand during the elections, giving thanks for their willingness to take on the responsibility and for the service that they have already undertaken. For all who serve our village in the many different ways, I thank God.

*Much love, Becca*

*Serving the parishes of Barton,*

*Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield in the Lordsbridge Team of Churches*

## **Church News**

Thank you to everyone who supported our WaterAid and Easter collections. We were able to send £456 to WaterAid and the Easter collection amounted to £333. Both amounts include Gift Aid.

Thank you too to all who supported our teas served in the church on the Open Garden Sunday. It was the first time we had used the church for this event and it seemed to work well. We made £360 for church funds.

### ***Two future dates for your diaries.***

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.** An evening concert in church by the *Cantores* choir, for church funds. The choir has arranged concerts for us before which have been much enjoyed, so we look forward to a return visit

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** A Murder Mystery Evening in the village hall. This will be a fun evening – detect the murderer and enjoy a delicious supper. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time and will be £15 a head.

*Anne Coulson*

## **Barton Baptist Church**

We meet as usual for our Bible Studies on Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. They are open to anyone who would like to join us. The Foodbank collection point will also be open at these times.

The **Tea and Chat** will also take place as usual on Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May starting at 2.30pm. All over 50's are welcome to join us. The Foodbank collection point will again be open at these times.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May we will be sharing in our Cluster Celebration at Comberton Baptist Church. This is when a number of the Village Baptist Churches get together. We start with tea at 5pm and then have a service at 6pm.

The new Men's meeting this month is on Thursday (note not Friday) 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This will be a Barbeque. The speaker will be Chris Duffett. If it is wet the meeting will be in the Baptist Church.

*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.

### **Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Do not miss the opportunity to hear the Chairman's Annual report on Parish Council activities over the last year. You will also be able to listen to our District and County Councillors and to representatives of a variety of village groups. Refreshments will be provided before the meeting. Please come along.

## **Hedges**

It's that time of year when everything grows so fast. Please keep hedges and trees well-trimmed, so that footways are clear. Many thanks to those who have already made a real effort this year.

## **Western Orbital consultation**

Thank you for your attendance at the open meeting. Over 65 people heard a variety of speakers expressing interesting views. The Parish Council has also sent in a response based on your opinions and continues to be involved in liaison and discussion with the City Deal officers. There will be further more precise proposals, but probably not before November 2016. Ideas will also be put forward about unclogging the city centre. You can always keep up to date on [www.gccitydeal.co.uk/the-western-orbital](http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/the-western-orbital).

## **Spring edition of South Cambridgeshire Magazine**

As happened with previous editions, South Cambs and its distributor may have failed to deliver copies to Barton. That is being followed up. You can also read the magazine online: [www.tinyurl.com/gt9qe52](http://www.tinyurl.com/gt9qe52)

## **Bins list on notice boards**

There should be a list of dates of bin collections on each notice board.

## **David Saby**

We were very sad to hear that David Saby had passed away. He had been a treasured landlord of The Hoops.

## **Pharmacy Services**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group is launching a consultation on a future model for Pharmacy Services, running until 24 May. It aims to gather feedback on Community Pharmacy Minor Ailment Schemes, Prescribing of Gluten-free Foods, and Prescribing Baby Milk.

The consultation document can be found at [www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/pharmacy-services.htm](http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/pharmacy-services.htm).

You can give your views in a number of ways:

~Fill in the questionnaire on the website

[www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk](http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk)

~Fill in the paper copy of the questionnaire found on page 14 of the consultation document and send it FREEPOST to Freepost Plus RSCR-GSGK-XSHK, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG, Lockton House, Clarendon Road, Cambridge CB2 8FH. (You do not need a stamp).

~Phone the Engagement Team on C-725304.

~If you belong to a group or organisation, you can invite us along to one of your meetings by contacting the Engagement Team on C-725304 or by email to [capccg.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:capccg.engagement@nhs.net), with the subject 'Pharmacy Consultation'.

You can also attend one of the planned public meetings during the consultation

period: 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am to 12 noon, Cambridge Central Library.

### **Work to repair the A428 at Madingley**

Highways England is working to repair and maintain the A428 at the Cambridge Road bridge by Madingley. Subject to weather conditions, work is planned until July between 20:00 and 06:00. To keep road users at a safe distance from the works, lanes will be closed both east and westbound, though not in both directions at the same time. These closures will be from Cambridge Road and Madingley to the A1303 and will operate 24/7 for five weeks in each direction and be subject to a 50mph speed limit. This may result in slight delays for local road users and through traffic, as well as additional noise in this area while they are working, for which Highways England apologises.

To stay informed about all the latest major roadworks happening near you, visit [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england) to register for the latest alerts. If you have any enquiries please contact the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or by e-mail to [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk).

### **Strawberries and Creem event**

This music festival is being held again at Haggis Farm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. There were quite a few complaints about excessive loudness last year, so the Parish Council will work with the licensing authority, South Cambs, to ensure that correct standards are met. <http://strawberriesandcreem.com>

**Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond.**  
**Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.30pm, Village Hall**

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

### **Village News**

#### **David Saby 28<sup>th</sup> July 1946–5<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

David's funeral at St. Mary's, Comberton, was extremely well-attended, with many standing at the back, in support of the family, some of whom had travelled from South Africa and Australia. The celebration of David's life included the Ralph Waldo Emerson poem, *To laugh often and much*, which was very well chosen by the family and included the lines: "to give of one's self; to leave the world a little better". Very apt words for such a "true gent", as said by one of his many locals at The Hoops who became real friends.

#### **Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 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) contact Anne Coulson, 262666.

#### **Barton School**

The Spring Term here at Barton school has been full of egg-citing events! The corridors and classrooms buzzed with anticipation when an incubator arrived in school keeping ten smooth, brown eggs at the right temperature for hatching. After twenty-one days, the first chick pecked its way out of the protective shell,

closely followed by nine more. Two yellow-headed boys and eight fluffy, golden-brown girls. These provided inspiration for the whole school leading to the wonderful write and an excellent art project... all just in time for Easter.



Before all the pupils returned to school, the staff spent a day thinking and planning for the next three years at Barton School. They are working hard as a team to make sure that we have lots of varied learning opportunities.

Our new school topic 'Home and Away' has already begun with a bang. The whole school worked in mixed age groups to explore the village of Barton and recreate the many landmarks in 3D model form. I worked on the post office and other landmarks included Burwash, the churches and the bus stop. We were really proud of the results and we were able to display it on the 'working wall' near the school's entrance.

The year 6s are working hard in preparation for the SATs in May and we all wish them the very best. When they are all finished, Owl class will be rewarded with an activity week full of wonderful trips and workshops. This is one of the many things that we look forward to in the coming term.

*Written by Gracie Jackson – Owl Class*

### **Barton Playgroup**

As we start the summer term the children are continuing their work with storytelling and acting, encouraging their communication and listening skills. The 'All about Me' boxes encourage each child to describe themselves in positive terms as well as getting used to talking in front of others. For those moving to school in September, regular trips to Barton Primary also boost confidence. As the weather improves we hope to be able to play outside more and use the garden equipment - we're looking forward to den building! If you are interested in reserving a space for your child at Playgroup, please see our website [www.Bartonplaygroup.wordpress.com](http://www.Bartonplaygroup.wordpress.com) or call 07762 487650 term-time mornings.



*Elise Fielder*

### **Singles Supper**

The next Singles Supper will be at The White Horse on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Please let Barbara know on 262692 by 23<sup>rd</sup> May if you would like to be there.

### **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup>**

Don't forget to keep 12<sup>th</sup> June free to help celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a Street Party in School Lane. Watch out for posters and flyers with more details nearer the time.

*Barbara Tomes*

### **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday flower beds**

The Parish Council approached the Barton Gardeners' Committee to ask if they could do anything to make Barton (even more) beautiful for this celebration.

We discussed various options and decided on 4 raised beds at strategic locations around the village – Comberton Road boundary, Pond, Recreation Ground/High Street and Cambridge Road/Roman Hill junction.

The planters have been made, the flowers – red, white and blue petunias, are being nurtured and we hope to start positioning them and planting up later in May.

We will need village volunteers to 'adopt' and care for the raised beds. Nearer the time we will be asking people in each of the locations to water and keep an eye on them.

Please contact me if you would like to offer your help. Thank you

*Sue Edwards – 262479*

### **Village Day 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm to Midnight, Barton Rec.**

Mark your diaries and please put off your holiday until 10<sup>th</sup> July! The biggest Village get together of the year will have all the fun stuff, with a few variations and new faces, like Darren with his inflatables and local band *Blind Panic*. Please note the earlier start – we need more time to fit in all the entertainments!

If you'd like to have a stall or sideshow, or know somebody who'd be interested, please get in touch. We'll publish more information nearer the time.

We badly need helpers for the event; don't worry that you'll be lumbered for the whole day (and night!), just pitch in where you can; we'd be most grateful.

Jez and I are meeting soon to shop for our co-ordinated outfits.

*Lorraine, for the Village Day Committee  
07740 151274 and bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk*

### **Barton WI**

In April Barton WI members welcomed their new committee. Volunteers to undertake various outstanding duties quickly came forward and the business part of the meeting was soon over. Our speaker, Trevor Gunton, took us on a sight-seeing tour of some of Britain's beautiful islands including Brownsea with its red squirrels, Mull with its sea eagles and Fair Isle with its wonderful variety of sea birds. His pictures of wildlife are quite stunning. At our May meeting we shall be discussing two national resolutions, one on food waste and the other about the desirability of permitting carers to accompany sick dementia patients when they have to go into hospital.

*Ann Killen*

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Home Office crime information is not being published on time at present, so it is difficult to know the current state of crime in Barton. Based on daily reports from the police, it remains fairly low but there has been an upsurge in car crime. It would be prudent to ensure that no valuable items are left in your vehicle.

Following the resignation of Sir Graham Bright, a new Police and Crime Commissioner will be elected on 5<sup>th</sup> May. This is a responsible position,

supervising Cambridgeshire Constabulary and controlling an office budget of over £1m. Please vote, and choose the candidate that you feel is the most competent to fill this important role.

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 meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April we had our AGM, followed by a Quiz. Next meeting, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, is our Birthday Tea, where each of our members is bringing food. We start a bit later at 3pm, and also Helen Newstead and friends are entertaining us.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, we are holding our Bring and Buy Coffee Morning from 10am, and we will donate 40% of our takings to Kidney Research. Entrance plus tea/coffee and biscuits £1. Please come and support us. Thank you.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall. All welcome! Members £2; Visitors £3.

*Richard Parker*

### **Barton WWWI**

We meet at the White Horse Inn from 6pm. For more information check out Facebook page WednesdayWomen WI or contact Sarah Massie (secretary) on 07791 668134 or wednesdaywomenwi@live.com

*Sarah Massie*

### **Barton Gardeners**

#### **Plant Sale and Bacon Butties**

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**10a.m. – 12 noon**

**Barton Village Hall**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Free Entry**



Enjoy the convivial atmosphere over a delicious bacon buttie and coffee. Tables of plants of all descriptions at very reasonable prices. Those of you who have potted on and labelled surplus plants can drop them off before the day to any committee member or by 9.30am at the Village Hall. If you would like them collected, please call me.

**BG Summer Outing – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June to East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens, Norfolk.** This coincides with their Open Day so there will be stalls and events to enjoy as well. Tickets are £20 for BG members and £23 for non-members. Payment due at the Plant Sale on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The Show Schedule accompanies this month's magazine – please keep it for information and your Show entries. This year's Village Day will be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July.

*Sue Edwards*

### **Tea at Three at Barton's Ritz**

Spring is here so how about afternoon tea on the riverbank with hampers of goodies, on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 3-5 pm? £12 per head; booking essential. If you would like to reserve a place on the blanket, please contact Ruth Bond (262985) or Margaret Winterbourne (262353).



### **Asparagus Feast at Burwash Manor, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-4pm**

Come and learn about these mighty spears of spring with cookery demonstrations, tastings galore, Provenance Kitchen, The Juice Box, wine tasting with Cozzi & Boffa and Tractor Trailer rides to the asparagus fields (weather permitting!)

### **Sizzling Sunday at Burwash Manor, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 10am-4pm**

Together with Leech & Sons Master Butchers, we will be celebrating our rare breed pork - including butchery demonstrations and competitions, capsicana chilli tastings, beer festival, BBQ pulled pork and Burwash bangers.

### **Barton Energy Group – Help with Energy Bills**

Do you live in your own home, or in private rented property? Are you on means-tested benefits, have less than £13,000 income a year (£26,000 for couples) and have less than £20,000 savings? Or do you know anyone in that position?

The District Council has a limited amount of funding available now that could help to reduce energy bills. You don't need any technical knowledge to take advantage of this as advice will be given.

There is a tight deadline on this (work on your home must be signed up by 30<sup>th</sup> June), so please act now! To find out if you are eligible, please contact Siobhan Mellon or Liz Davy on 01954 713395 or 713111 or email [siobhan.mellon@scams.gov.uk](mailto:siobhan.mellon@scams.gov.uk) or [elizabeth.davy@scams.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.davy@scams.gov.uk)

**All calls will be treated in strict confidence.**

*Bev Edwards*

**Our MP, Heidi Allen**, has been bustling strenuously on our behalf. She writes a regular newsletter, which can be seen in full on the Village Website ([barton-cams.org.uk](http://barton-cams.org.uk)) but of particular interest to us is her work on education and transport infrastructure. She facilitated meetings between the Regional Schools Commissioner and Heads and Governors of secondary schools and between the Education Minister, Nick Boles and the Principals of Hills Road and Long Road Sixth Form Colleges.

Heidi met the Secretary of State, Patrick McLoughlin, to seek assurance that funds were still in place for the A428 upgrade, following rumours that the project was delayed. Heidi will keep us informed of progress, particularly from Highways England, which is identifying possible outline routes.

Heidi is currently running drop-in surgeries in Sawston and Comberton. Forthcoming schedules are detailed on [www.heidisouthcams.co.uk](http://www.heidisouthcams.co.uk) or you may contact her on 01954 212707 and [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk)

## **Comberton Library**

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

Do you have a local event or group you would like to advertise? We have a noticeboard in our lobby dedicated to the community in Comberton and the surrounding villages. We are happy to display posters and leaflets, for non-profit making organisations and events, for free. Just ask a member of staff and we'll be happy to find a space for you. Every customer who visits us walks past the board both on the way in and out, it really is an excellent way to catch people's attention!

**Upcoming Rhymetime sessions:** 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June (10.30-11am). We were very pleased to welcome Barbara Tomes, our new Rhymetime volunteer, last month. Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

And please look up in the library! We have offered our wall space to a local Watercolour class, who meet at Comberton Village College, and they are exhibiting their work for the enjoyment of the community. There are classes run at the college for both beginners and experienced painters. If you feel inspired we display brochures and leaflets from a variety of educational providers, advertising a huge range of courses.

*Hilary Spargo, Comberton Library*

### **Comberton Sports and Arts – Events in May and June**

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Comberton Village College Auction of Promises	£5
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Ballet East – Dance School Showcase	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Custard Comedy	£5, £6.50 advance or £10 door

**For more information about any of our shows please contact Richard Brown, Arts Development Manager, Comberton Village College – 01223 264444 / rbrown@combertonvc.org**

### ***Cambridge Past, Present and Future (Cambridge PPF) – May Events***

***May Day Morris Dancing and BBQ at Wandlebury: Sunday 1st May - 5.30am-6.30am***

Meet on the picnic field to greet the summer sun as it rises! Free event, but bookings must be made in advance for refreshments (cost £3.50).

***Beginners Tree Identification at Wandlebury: Saturday 14th May - 1pm-4pm***

Adults only. Booking essential: £6 (£5 members).

***Hinxton Watermill Open Day (National Mills Weekend): Sunday 15th May - 2.30pm-5.30pm***

No need to book. Free to Cambridge PPF members. Others: £3 adult, £1 child.

***Bourn Post Mill Open Day (National Mills Weekend): Sunday 15th May - 2pm-4pm***

No need to book. Free to Cambridge PPF members. Others: £3 adult, £1 child.

***Spring Talk 'The Story of Wandlebury': Tuesday 17th May - 7.30pm start***

Free event but booking essential (by 11th May).

### **Amphibian Evening at Wandlebury: Saturday 21st May, 8.30pm**

Free event but booking essential. Aimed at adults and accompanied teenagers.

### **Muddy Fingers Half-term event for accompanied children: Tuesday 31st May - 10am-12pm**

For ages 3-6. Advance booking essential. £8 per child (members £6), adults free.

**For more information visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on), email [bookings@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:bookings@cambridgeppf.org), or call 01223 243830 ext 207**

### **Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – May Bulletin**

**Keeping vulnerable people in your community safe and well.** We're asking you to be our eyes and ears in the community. Do you know someone living in your street who is vulnerable, elderly, or may just need some assistance with everyday life? These people could be at an increased risk of fire and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to help keep them safe. We offer free home fire safety checks to those who are potentially more vulnerable to incidents, however, we need your help to identify these people. If you know someone who you think might benefit from a free visit from fire service staff, call 0800 917 99 94. You can also contact us through our website, [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) where you can find information about keeping vulnerable people safe from fire.

And don't forget to test your smoke alarm - and that of elderly relatives - by pressing the 'test' button on the device.

For more information, visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or call 01480 444500.



### ***The Silsoe Stride***

*(Come and get into your Stride!)*

Sunday 26 June 2016 from 9.30 am

This year with a **10k race for the first time** – as well as the original **5k race** and the **Children's Fun Runs**

Running off-road from Wrest Park through beautiful private farmland

For full details & to enter please go to [www.silsoestride.co.uk](http://www.silsoestride.co.uk)

Cash prizes for first & second places plus medals and a free one-day Family Pass to Wrest Park House & Gardens for all finishers (adult races)

BBQ/Refreshments/Raffle – a real family day out!

### **Home Start – Volunteer Training Course**

Would you like to volunteer for Home-Start and give a family the most precious gift – your time? Are you newly retired, would you like to make new friends, learn new skills, are you looking for a new challenge, or do you have a bit of spare time on your hands? Our volunteers are all parents or grandparents who can give a few hours a week to help families who are finding it difficult to cope. All parents need emotional and practical help to get through the first few years, but not everyone



has friends or family nearby. This is when Home-Start volunteers can help!

The volunteer training course runs for 8 sessions and they are held between 9.30am-2.30pm to fit in with school hours.

If you are interested in joining a course, please contact us at the office 01763 262262 or email us on [admin@hrsdc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hrsdc.org.uk) – you can also see our website for further details [www.hrsdc.org.uk](http://www.hrsdc.org.uk)

**The Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT)** is thrilled to have received two awards at the inaugural Redlist Revival National Biodiversity Awards. Lark Rise Tenant Farmer, Tim Scott, received an award for being in the top 10% for the Range of Priority Farmland Birds within the Redlist Benchmark and Chairman, Robin Page, accepted the ‘Tree of Life’ award for recording the highest density of Yellowhammers, measured against the Redlist Benchmark, across the whole of the UK.

Redlist Revival is a UK-based charity working to restore disappearing species identified within the Government's UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Working with the British Trust for Ornithology and using data from their Breeding Bird Survey, Redlist has created the Biodiversity indicator which acts as a predictive model for the range of the species and the potential for each of the species at national and county level. Since 1970, there has been a 75% decline in priority species within the Farmland Bird Index, with over 15 million pairs of specialist birds lost. Redlist Revival provides the opportunity to identify success and therefore quantify the factors associated with their successful stewardship.

Lark Rise Farm is the headquarters and trophy farm of the CRT and comprises an array of fauna and flora which thrive in balance with the arable farmland. Managed by tenant farmer, Tim Scott, who was last year awarded with the GWCT East Anglian Grey Partridge Trophy, Lark Rise has become a popular habitat for many farmland birds. By over-wintering stubble and creating suitable invertebrate habitats (such as beetle banks), the numbers of farmland birds, including Yellowhammers have increased. Tim states, “Through meticulous attention to detail in habitat restoration and provision of natural food, not only can the decline in wildlife be halted, but it can actually be reversed, resulting in a plethora of wildlife on the farm”. This is a key aspect in the running of Lark Rise Farm, as well as other properties owned by the CRT.

Populations of Yellowhammers declined by 56% between 1970 and 2010. Lark Rise Farm had the highest density of Yellowhammers across the UK within the Redlist which is drawn from surveys undertaken on 3310 sites. Over the past fifteen years, the Yellowhammer population on Lark Rise Farm has shown an average increase across summer and winter.

**For further information**, please contact Lois Dixon at The Countryside Restoration Trust office on C-262999 or [info@countrysiderestorationtrust.com](mailto:info@countrysiderestorationtrust.com)



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 from 2pm – 6pm**  
**The Burgess Hall, Westwood Road,**  
**St Ives, PE27 6WU**

Are you involved in community projects in your town or village? Or do you have a project in mind, but don't know where to start?

This event will help you fund, build and do more in *your* community, by putting you in touch with those who can help.

Browse a marketplace of stalls from voluntary and community sector organisations, funders, local authorities and local programmes.

Learn from our 'Community Stars', local community projects and groups who have successfully taken on challenges like those you are facing.

Book to attend one or more workshops on topics that interest you most.

Find out more and book for workshops at:

[www.cambscommunityfair.wordpress.com](http://www.cambscommunityfair.wordpress.com)

Search for us on Twitter #CommFair16

***Play a lottery with a difference – Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT)*** has launched its brand new lottery with a difference – the Addenbrooke's Charity Lottery. Every week players have the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot plus many other fantastic cash prizes from just £1 entry per week, and at the same time help ACT raise funds to support patient care at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals!

To sign-up or find out more please go to [www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/lottery](http://www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/lottery), call 01223 217757 or email [lottery@act4addenbrookes.org.uk](mailto:lottery@act4addenbrookes.org.uk).

***Sue Ryder/ St John's Hospice – Welcome to the Nearly New Shop***

We've been based in Moggerhanger for over 20 years, becoming a firm favourite for local bargain hunters. Keen shoppers can purchase pre-loved clothing for men, women and children, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac, and computer games, and some great one-off jewellery pieces.

We have fashion for all shapes and tastes, so whether you're looking for something to wow at a wedding, or on the hunt for a new wardrobe, pop in to find that perfect item. We also have our £1 rails so you can treat yourself to a whole new outfit for less than £5.

Our new changing and display areas mean that you get that boutique experience along with great bargains.

Our shop is open Monday – Friday 10am – 3pm and Saturday 10am – 1pm.

Why not visit our on-site shop or try our monthly sale (first Saturday of each month) or our clearance sale (third Saturday of each month). Find out more:

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