

Dear Friends,

I do so hope you have a good Summer and that in spite of the ‘credit crunch’ and all of the financial pressures on us all this year, that you will have a little, yet special time which will go a long way into brightening up the Summer. My Gran often said ‘a little goes a long way’ and when we look forward to the Summer holidays, I hope that may be very true for the ‘many’. Let me give you a couple of examples.

Our local churches are planning, ‘Oasis’ which is a four day ‘holiday at home’ experience, for Seniors in our local Villages. Over 70 of our local older neighbours will come together in early August to enjoy a full week of shared meals, social, recreational and spiritual activities. Here is an example of only a few more active people providing a holiday experience for a lot, and the little time that these people will spend sharing together, will mean such a lot to them.

Rather than taking expensive foreign trips this summer, many of our young families will be visiting our local East Anglian beaches. They will be enjoying a ‘staycation’, rather than a ‘vacation’.

I know many of us are already booking visits for our children, and (great-) grand children to visit us and to visit the seaside. That many have already retrieved last year’s buckets and spades from the cupboards, in anticipation. I expect a little, yet precious time will be spent with children, making sandcastles, trawling rock pools and even in burying parents in the sand! and much, much more.

A special, yet brief time which brings immense joy and lasting memories for all concerned.

It is time well spent, and most of us know that the less expensive and impromptu holiday experiences are often the most fun and most memorable.

Also we must not forget the many people who will stay at home on their own. The small, and the unexpected contact from a neighbour, a relative or a friend to ask them how they are, is such a little, yet a powerful and thoughtful thing which brings so much for that person for the rest of the year. So when you get back from your holiday trip do spend a little time with a friend or neighbour.

So my Gran, and a better known person, called Jesus, must be right, for there is a well known story told by Jesus, of his little and unexpected picnic that he shared with those he met by the lakeside (of 5 loaves and 2 fish). That sounded like very little, yet it did sustain such a lot of people.

In the same way, I wish that you’re special little summer experiences will bring you great sunshine, joy and love this Summer, and carry forward for the year ahead.

With all God’s Blessings and best wishes

Michael, Team Vicar

Church News

From the Registers

Marriage June 25th Lisa Moore and Ian Andrews

Church Coffee Mornings. Saturdays August 6th & September 3rd in the church

We hope you can join us for an informal cup of coffee in the church 10-11.30am and you may be lucky and pick up a second-hand book to read or maybe other bargains! No charge for coffee.

Sponsored Cycle Ride – Saturday 10th September to raise money for our own church and for Cambridge Historic Churches Trust (50% to each). As usual each person plans their own route and calls in at churches on the way, having gathered a few sponsors before the day. This event is now known as Stride and Ride and can be done on bicycle or on foot! Anne Coulson (262666) will have the forms and all details by mid-August, please contact her if you would like to take part.

Gift Day – Saturday 17th September – Every house in the village will receive a letter and envelope. Someone will be in church from 10am until 1pm to receive gifts.

Occasional Voices Choir – Saturday 17th September 5pm in the church. We welcome the Choir who will delight us with another concert in church. This was a most popular event two years ago so please note the date in your diary - don't miss it. Tickets will cost £9 (£5 for under 16's) and the price includes a drink in the interval. The programme will be a musical miscellany with a variety of songs both secular and sacred. Tickets will be available from Anne Coulson 262666 and Hugh Greenfield 262500. There may be some available at the door if space allows.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 18th We would be delighted if you could join us at the Service at 9.30am.

The Church Quiz Evening we were planning in September has been postponed.

Barton Baptist Church News

The Church has come to the end of another Chapter in its history. Sadly Elizabeth will not be with us in August but we would like to express our thanks to her for all the work she has done in the Village and Church. She will be missed by many people. But as one chapter closes another opens and at the time of going to press we are not sure what that chapter contains. Your prayers are needed as we continue to seek God's will and Guidance for our future.

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

Our 2nd Garden Meeting takes place on Wednesday August 10th at 2.30pm at 24 Haslingfield Road. Again there will be a Bring and Share tea and a Bring and Buy stall in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship.

On September 14th at 2.30pm we will be back in the Village Hall for our meeting. The speaker will be Urzula Chojnacka who is one of the organisers of the Cambridge City foodbank which at the moment is run from 3 of the City Churches (Cambridge Community Church, St Paul's Church and Our Lady and the English Martyrs). It follows the guidelines produced by the Christian charity The Trussel Trust. Come and find out more.

Mary West

Light Party

Advance notice for Children's LIGHT PARTY at Halloween. The date is Sunday 30th October from 5pm to 7pm in the Village Hall. Please reserve the date. Full details will be in the October Parish Magazine and on Posters.

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Fiona Whelan

At the last Parish Council meeting Fiona mentioned the following items:

Education – Comberton Village College Sixth Form has had its official opening, all is ready for September. The County Council has given the go-ahead to the opening of a new secondary school in Cambourne which should relieve the pressure on places at Comberton.

Libraries – the Comberton Library has renewed its plea for volunteer helpers.

Transport – further cuts were delayed owing to a judicial review.

Highways – she is aware of the appalling state of High Street footways, sometimes made worse by road sweeping problems. A piecemeal repair may be the best solution in the current economic climate. She is in full support of Barton's moves to reduce speed limits.

District Councillor Francis Burkitt

Call for sites – Francis has frequently mentioned that the Government required South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) to give planning permission for 22,000 new houses to be built by 2016. The result of this is the developments at Trumpington Meadows, Orchard Park, part of North West Cambridge and the NIAB site, Cambourne, round Addenbrooke's etc. For most of these, building work has not yet started, so we have not yet felt their effect.

The Government is now requiring SCDC to look at housing needs for 2016 – 2031. The first stage has just been taken, with a 'call for sites'. Under this, landowners and developers have been invited to suggest fields and other plots of land for development. Suggestions had to be lodged with SCDC by 29 July 2011.

Other – He was also to enquire about permission for seeding the large M11 roundabout with wild flowers. He had no further information on smells coming from the former agrochemical site at Hauxton. He supports Barton's moves to

reduce speed limits and ensure that Lord’s Bridge is regarded as a “settlement” for these purposes.

Speed

The meeting with Cambs CC on 29 June was very useful. Barton was able to put forward and explain the reductions in speed which villagers have requested. Both officers, Richard Preston and Brian Stinton, were able to advise on best locations for signs, e.g. at the Barton village sign on the approach to the village westbound.

Barton Parish Council will make a formal request for the reduction of speed limits; the Clerk has done a quick survey of the street furniture involved. This should allow for an estimate of costs before we proceed formally.

All villagers will be consulted on the proposals, as will statutory consultees. Cambs CC will provide guidance on consultation and appropriate mapping. The Chief Constable may have a view (with possible cost implications) on the continued use of the safety camera. There could be some debate about the word “settlement” in relation to the houses towards Lords Bridge.

Barton PC would now be accountable for any initiatives taken.

Where Cambs CC has already taken the decision to reduce to 50, there might be a reduced cost for Barton PC in asking for a further reduction of speed.

Councillors unanimously **resolved to support the reduction of speed limits** proposed by both Barton and Grantchester parishioners and parents from the primary school.

Requested reduction of speed limits – July 2011	Current	Cambs CC proposes	Barton PC wants
Link 15 A603 Wimpole Road housing This is a 0.42 km long single carriageway section from the sewage pumping station access to the Orchard Farm entrance.	60	60	50
Link 16 A603 Wimpole Road This is a 0.47 km long single carriageway section from the Orchard Farm entrance to the 40 mph gateway west of Barton.	60	60	50
Link 17 A603 village core Haslingfield Rd to Wallis Garage 0.64 km	40	40	30
B1046 New Rd A603 junction to Burwash drive 0.4km?	60	60	40

Link 18 A603 Roman Hill/New Rd 0.45km	60	50	40
Link 19 A603 to M11 roundabout 0.5 km	60	50	40

Speed limit stickers on bins

We have ordered these for some of you to place on your bins, a most effective way of reminding drivers about speed.

Diamond Jubilee 2012

There was general interest in the idea of a permanent memorial (bus shelter on the Triangle and/or seats with plaques near the New Pavilion on the Rec?), as well as holding a celebration. Two meetings have been held and an advisory group formed. Please see the village website for a report on the ideas suggested so far and to make your own suggestions. There will also be a suggestion box at Conkers Stores.

Hedges alongside footpaths and pavements

Please continue to make sure that hedges alongside public footways are closely trimmed. This helps people with walking difficulty or mothers with prams so much. Thank you in advance.

Parking at Conkers Triangle

A reminder that parking at the Triangle can cause a dangerous obstruction. Just a few yards down the High Street might be much safer.

Councillors' walkabout, Tuesday 2nd August at 6pm

Councillors are likely to be walking around the village that evening. If you want them to look at something in particular, please ask.

Notice board and website

Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board outside Conkers or on our website <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>

Next Council meetings:

Tuesday 6th September

Tuesday 4th October 7.30pm in the Village Hall

[Patrick De Backer 262577 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:Patrick.DeBacker.262577@bartonpcclerk.btinternet.com)

Village News

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 5th August and 2nd September 12.30 for 1pm. In the village hall. For cancellations or reservations please contact Anne Coulson 262666. It is very helpful if cancellations are notified by the Monday before the lunch, when at all possible.

Red Cross Collection

Thank you to all who collected for the Red Cross in May and to all those who contributed. The total amount raised was £446.21.

Christian Aid Collection

This raised £559 which is an excellent result. Thank you to all who collected and all who gave.

Hugh Greenfield

Burwash Manor Rose Ball – 18th June

The Burwash Charity Ball Committee is very pleased to announce that the sum of £5,320 was raised on the evening thanks to the great generosity of all attendees and those who donated such marvellous raffle prizes.

The sum will be equally split between Cambridge Air Ambulance and a project for Barton Village (to be discussed with the Parish Council). After this, the fourth Summer Ball, over £17,000 has been raised for Barton projects and charities further afield. Thank you.

Sue and Mike Radford

Barton CE School

As the school year draws to a close, I thought I would give you a brief round up of our activities this term:

- We celebrated the Royal Wedding in style with a ‘playground’ street party and waved our Union Jacks
- Classes 1 and 2 visited St John’s College and Orchard Park to compare buildings old and new for their theme of ‘Buildings’
- CVC Sports Leaders came into school to work with Y5/6
- We took part in Walk to School week, leaving cars at home and walking or cycling to school
- We took delivery of a brand new bike shelter and storage
- Four children for Y4 took part in the CVC Maths collaboration with children from the other feeder schools
- Rev John Beer, Archdeacon of Cambridge visited us to present us with a commemorative plate to celebrate 200 years of church schools
- Y5/6 spent three days at Graffham Water Centre on a residential visit
- We invited parents to our Open Afternoon so they could have a look at the school, the children’s work, and listen to a music recital during the afternoon
- 15 children from Y5/6 took part in Bikeability, our safer cycling programme
- Y6 have taken part in transition activities at CVC, including the Athletics Festival and Science Challenge
- We had 18 Student Teachers visit us from Asheville College, University of North Carolina as part of their study tour of the UK

- Our Y3/4 children, led by Callum Martin, gave a fantastic performance of Djembe drumming at Barton Village Day

By the time you read this, weather permitting we will have had Sports Day followed by our FOBS BBQ. We will also have given two performances of Cinderella and Rockerfella and said goodbye to 17 Y6 children and wished them well as they move on to their next schools. It's been a busy term, one of three this year. If you want to see what else we've been up to please visit our website, at www.bartonprimary.org.uk and look at our news pages.

On behalf of the staff and children at Barton we would like to wish you a restful summer with some good weather, and thank you all for your support and interest in our school.

Sue Carpenter Head Teacher

Barton Playgroup

Another year over, with ten children moving on to school. We said goodbye with a Leaver's Party with a bouncy castle, and a trip to the indoor play centre 'A Whale of a Time'.

The numbers for the new academic year look healthy, with lots of new faces joining us. During the term we will be planning activities around the Elmer books by David McKee, followed by Autumn festivals and, of course, Christmas.

To keep the toddlers entertained over the summer holidays, Toddler Group will be held every Tuesday during August. Come along between 10am and 11.30am for lots of activities – whatever the weather! Primary-aged siblings welcome when accompanying pre-school children. £2 per family.

Playgroup is also extremely fortunate in being the charitable recipient of Burwash Manor Farm's Best of British Day this year, on Sunday 28th August. Please come along to support the event – where you will have the chance to throw wet sponges at Playgroup staff – amongst a whole host of other activities. We hope to see you all there! Keep up to date with our latest news on our new website www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk

Jaszia Lindon

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September, from 10am

I will be hosting another coffee morning this autumn to help raise funds. Tea, coffee and cakes are provided and there will be a raffle. Donations invited.

Tim Deer, The White Horse Inn

Barton Friendship Club

We will be having speakers at both our August meetings. On 2nd Geoff Hales will entertain us with Shows for Senior Citizens and Veronica Bennett will be talking about National Trust properties in East Anglia on 16th.

September 6th is a Quiz afternoon and on 20th we have a Mystery Tour leaving Barton at 10am.

Apart from the outing our meetings are in the Village Hall starting at 2.30pm and all are welcome.

Brian West

WI News

The July meeting was *Another Opening Another Show* by Mr Simon Gilbert. He talked about the many varied jobs in his life but mostly about his love of Stage Shows. He worked with lots of famous names, Cleo Lane, Joan Sutherland, Pavarotti, Ginger Rogers, and even had his own company for a while touring throughout the UK. He also sang several songs, the final one being *Unforgettable*, with everyone joining in.

August is the Garden Meeting, this year it is being held at The White Horse, as part of our 90th Birthday celebration. Food will be provided, but bring some money to buy a drink; see you there at 6.30pm.

The September meeting is *What's that smell in the kitchen!* with Mr Jerry Dodd.

Sue Clemo

Neighbourhood Watch

Home Office crime statistics show that crime remains low in Barton, with better statistics than most surrounding villages.

However, during the summer months, there is a danger that thieves will take advantage of open windows, doors and sheds to steal property, so please be careful to keep it safe.

You can register your personal possessions for free on www.immobilise.com. Any valuables that have a unique serial number, including mobile phones, can be registered online. The process is free, quick and easy to do. Immobilise not only allows police to reunite people with their stolen property but it also assists in prosecutions. The service is supported by the Home Office, the Mobile Industry Crime Action Forum, Transport for London, the National Mobile Phone Crime Unit, and all 43 police forces. The company providing this service may send you advertising emails to encourage you to buy their products, but this should be a small price to pay for this valuable service.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Gardeners

A brief report on The **Village Day Show** but a fuller version will be in the next edition of the **Barton Gardeners' Newsletter**. We were blessed with a lovely day weather wise and looking up to see if there were any rain clouds, we were treated to a wonderful fly-past of Spitfires and Hurricanes – very well organised! In the Show Tent: a wonderful display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, flower arrangements and home and handicrafts. The children's artwork was amazingly creative and

gave the Judge a very difficult task. **Thank you** to all those who exhibited; you make it a wonderful Show.

An enormous **THANK YOU** to the Committee and their helpers for their valiant and strenuous efforts to stage the show and the ever successful evening BBQ. Last year we asked for more volunteers and you have been very generous with your time; it certainly helped make the day run smoothly.

Our next meeting is at the Village Hall on **Thursday, 15th September**, when **Hilary Thomas** will be giving us an illustrated talk on ‘**Bulbs for all Seasons**’. Hilary was Head of The School of Garden Design at Capel Manor College, so we are looking forward to an interesting and enlightening evening. Everyone is welcome – Guests £3, Members free.

Situation Vacant – our long-serving Treasurer, Moira Gardner, will be retiring from the post at our AGM in October. We would be delighted to hear from you (gardener or not) if you are willing to take her place – mg211@cam.ac.uk

I have some Lost Property – please contact me.

Sue Edwards 262479

BRIG

The new building has now been fully handed over and is available for hire. A grand opening will be organised in the Autumn. Watch out for details.

BRIG raised the excellent sum of £522 at their stall at Village Day. Thanks to all who supported this.

The next fund raising event is the Autumn Coffee Morning and sale of preserves and chutney on Saturday 12th November.

Remember your pictures for the BRIG calendar. If you have not yet sent them, do so now to Margaret Penston C-262465.

Meta Greenfield

John Bowen Productions

On Friday 28th and Saturday 29th October, ‘THE JAYBEES’ will be presenting two more evenings of entertainment in the Village Hall, this time to raise money for the charity ‘Help for Heroes’. We hope to have a ‘forties’ theme with Pat’s Soup Kitchen doing the catering!

More information will appear in the next issue, and tickets will be available from me at the beginning of October. Please phone if you would like to know more before then.

Judith Bowen (C-262186)

Countryside Restoration Trust Harvest Open Day 11th September, 11am – 5pm

Please come and visit our Wild Farm. There will be autumn fruit picking, trailer rides, molly dancing and homemade cakes; plus a Church service (St Peter’s in

Barton) at 2.30pm with the television presenter and author Rev. Peter Owen-Jones.

Bird's Farm, Haslingfield Rd, Barton, CB23 7AG. FREE entry.

For more information please visit our website www.countrysiderestorationtrust.com

Comberton Ramblers – Join our friendly group for wonderful walks

Comberton Ramblers' Association walks an average of 5-6 miles every fortnight on a Sunday morning. We are a very friendly group who totally enjoy the lead walks in our beautiful countryside. There's time to take a rest break if needed or to simply stop and enjoy the view or visit places of interest along the way.

Our members come from many local villages and from within Cambridge itself.

Go on, give us a try, you'll have the benefit of an exhilarating walk plus the companionship of a group of like-minded people.

The autumn season begins on 18th September with a 5.5 mile walk around Ashwell which provides a combination of quiet lanes and field paths over gently undulating countryside offering wide expanses and extensive views. We'll meet at 10.15am at the Three Tuns Hotel and will have lunch there after the walk. (Please book two weeks ahead 01462 742 107 Sunday Roast, £10.95, but snacks are also available.

Membership is £7.50 per person for the year and people under 18 are free.

For more information and a further list of our walks, please contact the Secretary, Eileen Marsh on 01223 262940 or email eileen@thecovert.fsnet.co.uk

Bridge the Gap Charity Walk – Sunday 11th September 9.30am Jesus Green

The Bridge the Gap walk gives everyone the opportunity to take a leisurely stroll through rarely seen parts of Cambridge colleges – all for a good cause.

This year, we are celebrating our 10th anniversary and in order to make it an extra special event, we would like to include as many people as possible and to raise as much money as we can!

The route passes through a number of colleges, some not normally open to the public, and this year includes the Zoology museum. Blue Badge Guides will be on hand to talk about the places of interest that you find on the route.

It is not a race and is for young and old, able and not so able. Entrance for 16's and under is free if accompanied by an adult. 17's and over pay a £15 entrance fee or £10 if you register before August 31st. We also ask that you help us raise as much money as you can through sponsorship or donations. We have prizes for the highest fundraiser in various categories, either as an individual or as a team.

For more information go to www.bridgethegapwalk.org You can also register online or pick up a form from any branch of The Cambridge Building Society. Call us on C-723115