

*Dear Friends,*

As many of us return to the daily routines of a new half-term, of work or of just living, after a period of breaks and of holidays. Many of us may already be thinking that it's nearly time for summer holidays, and making plans for them. Many of us will be looking for an escape from the pressures and demands of work and daily routines. "You need a holiday", we say to someone who is looking care-worn and harassed; "I need a holiday", we say when things are not going well and we're not giving of our best.

When I was at school, the final assembly of the school year always involved one of the local Vicars, saying in his droning pulpit-voice, "holidays are holy days". There is, of course, a profound truth in that comment, for many of our public holidays were originally religious festivals, and the Bible recognizes our need for time out: relaxation and refreshment are essential to healthy human living. The Old Testament has a double rhythm of holidays – a yearly cycle of festivals, and the weekly cycle of six working days followed by a day set apart for rest, relaxation and worship.

There is a profound perception of basic human needs here. We need variety in the fundamental routines of life – work, leisure, hobbies and rest. But we also need something that takes us out of ourselves, lifts us up, and renews our vision of the purpose and goal of all our efforts. To make one day a week different, and to dedicate it to such ends, is important for nurturing and renewing us.

This is why the observance of a Sunday is so important to most Christians. To sanctify one day to God helps us to serve Him every day; to come together in worship on one day sets the tone and the priorities for the following week. To lift up our hearts to God in worship renews our vision of what really matters in life, and gives us joy and strength for all that lies ahead. I am greatly encouraged by the people who say to me, "If I don't go to church on Sunday, the whole week seems out of joint", or just "I seem to have missed out on something!"

Sunday is not a kill-joy day, but a weekly holy-day, to refresh us and set us on the right track for the coming days.

Why not try it? Enjoy your summer holidays, wherever they take you – then come and share our weekly holiday with God, which we enjoy every Sunday morning in church.

With all best wishes,

*Michael, Team Vicar*

## **Church News**

### **Church Coffee Morning. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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.

### **Stallholders for Village Day – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

The following people will be running stalls for the church and would be delighted to be given items to sell.

Nearly New	Edith Flint	Cakes	Barbara Tomes
Books	Ruth Bond	Raffle	Hugh & Meta Greenfield
Bottles	John Flint	Refreshments	Anne Coulson

*Three future dates for your diaries – more information next month*

- *Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September* – **Sponsored Cycle Ride** to raise money for our own church and for Cambridge Historic Churches Trust.
- *Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September* – A very welcome return to the choir **Occasional Voices** who will delight us with another concert in church starting at 5pm. This was a most popular event two years ago – don't miss it.
- *Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September* – We are planning another **Church Quiz Evening**

### **Barton Baptist Church News**

The church is now looking to how its future ministry will develop. Elizabeth will be leaving us at the end of August and we are in discussions with various people in the denomination about how we should progress. Your prayers will be much appreciated.

*Brian West 264801*

### **Barton Christian Fellowship**

We have our 1<sup>st</sup> Garden Meeting this month, so on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm we hope to be at Six Houses. There will be a Bring and Buy stall for Perennial and a shared tea. If it rains we will meet at 15 Kings Grove.

*Mary West*

### **Parish Jottings**

**Emergency Planning** – Lawrence Green, the South Cambs Safety Advisor & Emergency Planning Officer, encouraged us to look at our current emergency procedures, to identify which hazards might occur and how to help ourselves to recover or get back to normality. Would there be retired nurses or doctors who could help? We will be updating our plan following a proposed structure, so any suggestions are most welcome.

**Speed: They listened, but they didn't listen!**

The Clerk put over Barton and Grantchester's view and petition at the County Cabinet meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May, Fiona Whelan also spoke ably on our behalf. The Chairman was there to support, there were various contributions from County Councillors and some rather vague comments from officers.

Basically the feeling was that they gave a semblance of democracy, but really they were most interested in safeguarding their policies and their officers.

After 45 minutes they took a cursory vote accepting their own recommendations en bloc and moved on. They added a recommendation about finding out if easy payments would be possible for smaller parishes (not Barton).

**“Invite Barton, Longstowe, Stapleford/Sawston and Tadlow Parish Councils to consider funding a reduction in the speed limit in or on the approaches to their settlements, in light of recent policy changes relating to speed limits in villages and settlements”.**

Should you feel very strongly, and I am sure you do, you can contact the Cabinet Member for Highways and Access, Steve.criswell[at]cambridgeshire.gov.uk 699173.

The Parish Council will be doing so, to establish the exact costs of lowering our speed limits by 10mph.

The County Council Leader Cllr. Clarke stated: “We want to have a simple, clearly expressed policy, keep the highways moving, we must listen to local people, who can then choose to pay for limits.”

**County Councillor Fiona Whelan**

With regard to speed Fiona commented that she had been surprised that the Safer Routes to School Scheme had not been considered, there was probably not a great cost difference between 50 and 40mph limits, we await the actual costs.

We must fight for Comberton Library to have some evening opening hours.

She hopes that Cambs CC will decide to open a new secondary school in Cambourne in September 2013, so alleviating pressure on Comberton VC.

**Speed limit stickers on bins** – We will be ordering these for you to place on your bins, an effective way of reminding drivers about speed.

**Diamond Jubilee** – Do you have some ideas on how the village could mark or celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012? Please come along to a meeting on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

**Hedges alongside footpaths and pavements** – Please make sure that hedges alongside public footpaths are closely trimmed. This helps people with walking difficulty or mothers with prams so much. Thank you in advance.

**Councillors' walkabout, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Parking on pavements** – A reminder to yourselves and your visitors that you should not be parking on pavements anywhere in the village, as it is both illegal and makes life difficult for those with mobility problems.

**Next Council meetings:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

## **Village News**

**Barton Lunch Club – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 12.30 for 1pm. In the village hall.** For cancellations or reservations please contact Anne Coulson 262666.

**Thank you – Music Hall to Musicals, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June**

I would like to thank everybody who supported our show in the Village Hall; we were able to donate £1,000 to the NSPCC. We hope to produce another show in the autumn in aid of ‘Help for Heroes’; more details in the next issue.

*Judith Bowen*

**Thank you – Burwash Manor Rose Ball, 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Once again, the committee would like to thank our close neighbours for tolerating the raised sound levels from our Charity Ball. All who attended agreed that it was the 'best yet' and with a full house, an evening fully enjoyed by young and older!

We were very pleased to raise over £5,000 this year (figures not quite finalised) to be equally split between a project for Barton Village (pending discussions with the Parish Council) and Cambridge Air Ambulance. In the next issue we will be able to specify the exact amount raised and the project to be assisted.

*Sue and Mike Radford*

**Tea at Three – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

We will once again be serving traditional English Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall. If you would like dainty sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, a variety of mouth-watering cakes, pots of tea and plenty of time to chat, come along to Barton’s Ritz. To reserve a place, please contact one of us below by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August, giving names, payment at £8 per head, and any dietary requirements. Profits will go, as before, to Cancer Research UK.

Margaret Winterbourne (262353), Ruth Bond (262985), Alison Brock (264985), Marjorie Pratt (262592).

**Barton Friendship Club**

At our meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July we will be entertained by Miss Wendy Mitcham with *Songs from the Shows*. On 19<sup>th</sup> July we have a games afternoon when we will be playing Bingo.

*Brian West*

## **WI News**

The June meeting was a talk from David Lincoln about his experiences as a World War 2 evacuee. He certainly brought the subject to life with his memories, photos and artifacts. For those of us who also lived through it, it brought back many memories, and for those of us who are too young, it was thought provoking. The July meeting is a talk from Simon Gilbert, *Another Opening, Another Show*.

*Sue Clemo*

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Home Office crime statistics for April show that there were no reported crimes in Barton in April.

This is good news, but we must be aware that thieves can visit the village at any time. The police have warned that metal theft is still common, including the theft of lead flashing from house and church roofs.

A copper lightning conductor was stolen from a Barton building around the time in early June when two men were seen acting suspiciously. Please let me know if you see anyone unusual, with details of suspect vehicles as well. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me to report suspicious activity recently.

Our neighbourhood policing team members are always anxious to investigate possible crime suspects and always investigate all calls that we log with them.

*Keep safe, Bev Edwards*

## **Barton Gardeners**

The **Village Day Show** will soon be upon us and all the delights that it has to offer will be there to be enjoyed.

Please register your entry forms, between **7 and 9pm on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July** at the Village Hall. Entry Forms may also be left in the BG folder at Conkers PO by **noon on 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Please don't forget, as exhibits will **not** be accepted without prior entry form submission. Spare copies available at Conkers or on the night.

Your exhibits should be taken to the marquee between **8.30 and 11am on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**. Exhibits will **not** be accepted after this time.

**Tickets for the BBQ starting at 7.30pm** are now on sale – Adults £6, Under 11's £3 – please contact Janet Ireland (263991). There will be the usual array of delicious salads. This year, the bar will only have bottles of wine and the usual good quality beer on sale, but guests may bring their own drinks if they prefer. Please also bring your own glassware.

Nikki (262280) is asking for donations of house, patio and summer garden plants, together with interesting pots and planters (not plastic) for the 'new look' Plant Stall.

We are always grateful for help on Friday evening and Saturday day/evening, so

if you are able to volunteer, please contact me or Nigel (263373).

*Sue Edwards 262479*

## **BRIG**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> brought the completion of the new sports and social pavilion, with the social room ready to use and available for hire. There is some finishing required in the changing rooms area. We celebrated the use of the room with the BRIG AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Wish List** – The committee wishes to thank all who offered items from this list for the new pavilion. Your help is much appreciated.

If you would like to view please contact the Lettings Secretary:– Meta Greenfield, 114 High Street, 262005 or [meta.greenfield@btinternet.com](mailto:meta.greenfield@btinternet.com)

### **Hire charges – Social room area:**

Village Groups and Societies – £13 a session

Private Hire for Villagers – £15 a session

Non-Village Groups, societies, private hire and commercial hire – £25 for one session with discount for consecutive sessions

### **Changing room area:**

Adult football – £35 (£20 for pitch; £15 for changing rooms) Junior

football – £23 (£10 for pitch; £13 for changing rooms) Other sports using changing rooms: Adults £15 Children £13

**Fund raising – NGS Barton Open Gardens** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May was a wonderful day. BRIG raised £702 including £406 from the teas, and the rest from the sale of preserves, plants, bricks and a percentage from the entry money. Thanks go to all who helped on the day, made cakes, provided plants and preserves.

**Barton Calendar 2012** – BRIG is producing this once again so out with your cameras and start taking pictures. The theme will be Barton activities and pictures of Barton. Please send to Margaret Penston 262466 by mid-August.

*Meta Greenfield*

## **Wednesday Women WI**

Our second meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June was a fun, hands-on lesson in general car maintenance at Wallis & Son. We all rolled up our sleeves and learnt about oil changes, checking tyre pressures and changing tyres – and a lot more!

We next meet on 20<sup>th</sup> July at the White Horse in Barton, to learn from English folk music expert, Mary Humphrey, all about Cambridge's history of where this music came from – with a performance of some of her favourite songs.

We would like to thank Jay the mechanic from Wallis & Son for his great tuition, and everybody who donated a raffle prize – including Leech's Butchers at Burwash Manor for the donation of a lovely Victoria Sponge.

*Kathinka Horn and Bex Saunders*

### **Burwash Manor – AccessArt’s Festival of Making**

The Festival Marquee will host a variety of events and workshops for all ages, including drop-in creative family workshops on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. See the diary for details of the Launch Party on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July we’ll be kicking off with a Festival Feast making workshop – call by and make a sculptural ice-cream or cake and help us build the feast!

Full details on the Festival Website: [www.accessart.org.uk/festivalofmaking](http://www.accessart.org.uk/festivalofmaking) or call Paula 262134 or email [info@accessart.org.uk](mailto:info@accessart.org.uk)

### **Emmaus Celebrates 20 years in Landbeach – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be holding a One Day Half Price Solidarity Sale with a truly International flavour as a continuing part of the celebrations. More information will be available on our posters, our website [www.emmauscambbridge.org](http://www.emmauscambbridge.org) or at the shop so please come and join us at the Community on Green End, Landbeach, Cambridge CB25 9FD from 9am to 5pm. Call us on 863657 or email [info@emmauscambbridge](mailto:info@emmauscambbridge) if you would like more information.

### **Barton Day**

Now, good villagers of Barton –

Get your diaries; underline,

To be absolutely certain,

Our annual Show on July 9!

Gardeners of Barton, all

No matter what it is you grow

Onions, Carrots, big or small

You can bring them to the show!

Roses, tea or floribunda;

Varieties to make us wonder.

Flowers or cacti in a pot

Or any likely bloom you’ve got.

Any jar of jam you’ve made;

Perhaps a pot of marmalade.

And now is just the time to make

Cheese scones or a ginger cake.

So come to the Barton School that day

You’ll have a great time anyway.

For what’s (let’s face it) not much money.

And Barton’s Day is always sunny!      (*Well – nearly always.*) D.D.



**Barton Village Day 2011**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July**  
**2pm Barton School Grounds**

Crafts & Stalls, Side Shows,  
JezO's Magic Show, Refreshments,  
plus live music from the Combertones  
and many other attractions

Admission - Adults - £1.50p  
11-18 years - 50p  
Primary School Children - Free

**Family Evening**  
**BBQ, Bar & Live Music**

In the marquee from 7:30pm  
Featuring Tim&Tom on the guitar  
(back by popular demand)

Salads, bread and coffee provided  
bring your meat or fish  
to self cook on the giant BBQs

Admission to BBQ by Ticket only  
Adults £6 Under 11's £3  
Contact Janet Ireland (01223)263991