

Dear Friends,

The cold winds of winter begin to blow in November and with them they bring a number of traditions and celebrations. Not least, of course, All Souls Day, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Stir Up Sunday. The prayer for this particular Sunday, in the language of Shakespeare reads: "Stir up we beseech thee O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing in the fruits of good works may be of thee plenteously rewarded". Each stir of the Christmas pudding with the wooden spoon is undoubtedly a good time to stir up the memory of our past year and to ponder on our plenteous actions and whether or not they have indeed been fruitful. And this, as we prepare for the coming, once again, of Jesus as the baby lain in the manger who would be the man who died on the cross, giving each one of us, the ultimate rather than plenty ó new life and the gift to be forgiven.

Before this we shall mourn the death and celebrate the lives of the many thousands of men and women who gave their lives in wars down the decade right up to this very moment. A time to remember them but also a time to recall why and what they died for: a time to evaluate how humankind reacts to injustice and tyranny. We remember, we reminisce and this we do in the silence of our hearts. "The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect. The tram cars glided into stillness, motor cars ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also ó seeming to do so of their own volition. The hush deepened. Everyone stood very still. It was a silence that was almost pain. And the spirit of memory brooded over all. "An observation of the first Remembrance Day on 11th November 1911 ó and that brooding memory is no less evident and strong in 2011.

The gunpowder, treason and plot of 5th November is not so readily recalled today but All Souls Day brings memory to the fore once again. But the one constant memory that is able to hold sway over sadness and regret is the loving and forgiving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Think on him. He is compassionate and He cares and is a constant help when the past becomes too much to bear. As we are Jesus' arms on earth I pray we may always lovingly enfold each other. God Bless,

Ruth Bond, Lay Reader

Church News

Churchyard Clean-up – Saturday 19th November, from 9.30am.

Please come and help us tidy the churchyard for the winter. It is helpful if everyone could bring a garden tool, rake, secateurs, shears or similar and large garden sheets are useful for collecting all the leaves. This is a good social morning as well as a working session. Coffee and biscuits mid-morning!!

Church Rotas

It is almost time to draw up new rotas for 2012 and we would welcome offers to be included on these lists. Please contact any of the people below if you would like to help our parish church in these practical ways.

Altar flowers	Janet Ireland	263117
Church Cleaning	Rita Clarkson	263417
Coffee Making	Julia Stibbs	262527
Lesson Readers	Hugh Greenfield	262005.

We are most grateful to everyone who helps maintain our lovely parish church, and our church life in so many ways; a special thank you to those who have kept the churchyard mown and tidy this season.

Barton Baptist Church News

A very big thank you to all who contributed to our Harvest celebrations, Barton School for their Scholar Packs, the tools, the fresh fruit & vegetables and the tinned food. The first two items will go to TWAM (Tools with a Mission). The fruit and vegetables have gone to Jimmy's Night Shelter and the tinned food to the Cambridge Food Bank.

Again this year we will be joining with all the Churches in the Deanery for a Celebration Service in Comberton Leisure Centre at 10.30pm on Sunday 20th November. Hope to see you there.

We start our joint Advent Bible Studies on Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church, followed by 7th, 14th & 21st December.

We have serious problems with our building as it is suffering from severe subsidence. At present we are trying to determine the cause and then we will have to decide what actions to take. One possibility is abandoning the building. Please pray for us particularly about this issue.

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

On Wednesday November 9th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, we will welcome Rev James Gilbert from Gamlingay as our speaker. All are welcome.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Fiona Whelan has highlighted the following:

LPSA Grants Government funding earmarked for Care Network projects is being retained by the County Council for other projects. This includes £49,500 for community car schemes – ironically, at a time when the County Council announced a 100% cut to bus subsidies and has suggested that community transport schemes should take up the slack. The money is being used to fund infrastructure for broadband.

The Public Library in Comberton There is still no clear steer from the County as to how much money we need to raise to keep the Library open but Cabinet have recently said ‘let’s look again’ at what we need to provide for a 21st century library service. They are clear that no community should be without a library service – but this isn’t a clear – ‘we will not shut any libraries’. Lots more things will be delivered via the internet but they are also looking at co-locating Libraries within existing facilities – something we already have at Comberton.

Local Buses The County’s consultation has now been published at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview. Please could as many people as possible respond to the consultation? Together with Comberton PC, I continue to see what we can do to get the Friday and Saturday Night 18 service re-instated. Steve Harangozo presented a petition to Cabinet last week and 2 year 10 students came along to ask for the service to be re-instated. They were fantastic! We’re now working on a costed proposal for County.

Safer Routes to Schools We will explore further in discussion the A603 crossing the children from Grantchester and Roman Hill use to get to the Primary School.

Boundary Commission Review and proposed Boundary changes The proposal is to split the County division of Hardwick across two parliamentary constituencies – they would remain the same for District and County Council purposes. Barton Ward i.e. Grantchester, Barton, Coton and Madingley would remain in South Cambs, but the rest of the Hardwick County Constituency would move to a new parliamentary constituency of St. Neots. All the proposals can be found at <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/whats-proposed/eastern/>

District Councillor Francis Burkitt has briefed us on the planning process that will be working its way through South Cambridgeshire District Council over the next three years.

SCDC and the Government agreed a housing target of 21,000 houses by 2016, based on the prospects for the economic growth of our region.

Time has moved on, and SCDC and the Government is now looking at the period 2017-2031. There are two parts to the analysis to decide how many new houses will be needed, called the ***Housing Needs Assessment***.

This process started earlier this year and will last to Summer 2012, when the findings will be put out to public consultation. Obviously, the analysis has to be based on sound projections, forecasts and evidence, and cannot be arbitrary, and it can be challenged if it is not rigorous enough.

To decide where those houses should go, called the **“Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment”**.

That process started in June, when landowners and developers were invited to put their land forward, called the **“Call for Sites”**. On 28 September, SCDC published the details. There are sites spread across South Cambridgeshire, and some notable ones in Barton Ward (Barton, Coton, Grantchester and Madingley).

The sites that have been put forward in Barton Ward are:

Coton & Grantchester	North & South of Barton Rd	370 acres	2,500+ dwellings, new College & public facilities, employment, retail, community & commercial
Barton	North of 6-14 Comberton Rd	6 acres	Up to 50 dwellings
Barton	North of 18 Comberton Rd	7 acres	Up to 50 dwellings
Barton	South of Comberton Rd	22 acres	Up to 180 dwellings, potentially employment, retail, community & commercial uses
Barton	West of Cambridge Rd & South of New Rd	16 acres	Up to 100 dwellings, potentially employment, retail, community & commercial uses
Coton	Opposite Sadlers Close, Whitwell Way	2 acres	Up to 50 dwellings
Coton	Opposite Silverdale Ave, Whitwell Way	13 acres	Up to 100 dwellings

and nearby to us:

Haslingfield	West of Hauxton Road, Trumpington	80 acres	Further extension of Trumpington Meadows: 420-500 dwellings, Cambridge Sporting Village (including relocation of Cambridge Football Club), perhaps moving Police Station from Parkside, allotments, woodland, meadows, parking
Great Shelford	South of Addenbrooke’s relief road	415 acres	2,500 dwellings, employment, neighbourhood centre

SCDC will now take about 9 months to consider these sites. It will publish (in Summer 2012) an **“Issues & Options”** paper for public consultation. For example, the options might be:

- (a) to focus on more new towns a few miles away from Cambridge; or
- (b) to expand out from the edge of Cambridge; or
- (c) to locate developments in existing villages; or
- (d) a combination of those, or something completely different.

For each option, the list of sites that have been put forward will be ranked in order of suitability, according to best practice guidelines published by Central Government. Each entry on the list will also specify the number of houses that can fit on the site.

The Issues & Options paper will be subject to public consultation and, afterwards, a vote of the 57 elected Councillors at SCDC.

Then, when the chosen option is known, and when the Housing Needs Assessment is finished (so there is a decision on how many houses SCDC needs), the planners will (in general) approve development on the necessary number of sites to reach that number, starting from the top of the relevant list, and working down until the required amount is reached.

Please appreciate that this note is just a very brief summary of the very complicated process of drawing up our area's next **Local Development Framework**. Full details with clear maps of all areas are on: <http://www.scams.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/DistrictPlanning/LocalDevelopmentFramework/SHLAA.htm>

I am sure that most of us appreciate that the need for additional housing in South Cambridgeshire has not gone away – indeed, the Housing Needs Assessment is designed to assess the scale of that need. But I shudder at the thought of further developments being located in Barton Ward, and I fear the onward creep of the town (well, on the scale proposed, it would be more of a leap than a creep) into our rural villages.

Former Railway Bridge, Haslingfield Road Planned repair work

The University is now in a position to initiate the project to carry out the repairs to the bridge. Cambridgeshire County Council has given its agreement to the chosen scheme. The scheme comprises the insertion of a concrete box culvert beneath the existing bridge span. The road profile will remain largely unchanged, although the existing bridge parapets will be replaced with a new concrete beam structure faced with brickwork to match the original structure. Work involving and affecting the earth embankments to the north and south has been kept to a minimum, which in turn it is hoped will minimise the potential environmental damage caused. The requirement for the Armco barriers to be installed up and over the bridge has been dropped.

Work could commence in November 2011 depending on weather conditions. There may be occasional road closures to allow work to proceed.

The University and County Council are to be thanked for listening to local opinion. A full report is on the Village Website barton-cams.org.uk.

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 1st November

Tuesday 6th December 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Patrick De Backer 262577 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Thank you so much to all my dear friends in Barton who have sent their kind thoughts & good wishes following my unexpected recent illness. I am now on the road to recovery & hope I will be back home with you all before too long.

With thanks & best wishes to you all.

Barbara Tomes

Thank you – Macmillan Coffee Morning at the White Horse Inn

Thanks to all those who came on 30th September and supported this worthwhile cause. Altogether, we raised £243.

Tim Deer, Landlord

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 4th November 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall

For reservations or cancellations, please contact Anne Coulson 262666

Barton CE School

The start of term has been busy as usual and we can't believe that by the time you read this half term will already be over and we will be well on our way to preparing for the festive celebrations.

We have welcomed new children in to school, both in Reception and also further up the school and we are delighted to have new families to join us. A special welcome goes to the Chapman family from America and the Dastoor family from Australia, here at Barton with us for this term. We now have 103 children on roll.

Class Three began the year with a trip to Cadbury World, a fantastic Entry Point to their International Primary Curriculum (IPC) topic on Chocolate. It was a long day, but fantastic to experience the history of chocolate and the chocolate making process first hand – and no one was sick on the coach on the way home!!!

Classes One and Two have had a visit from ZooLab, to enhance their IPC theme of Ourselves, linking human movement with that of the animal kingdom. Class Four will be embarking on their annual trip to the Ely Cathedral School's Day in October and as part of their IPC topic – Making the News – will have the opportunity to visit Burwell House's Television studio to record a news programme that they have written using the up to date technology.

Our Harvest activities this year were twofold. Our annual Harvest Festival service took place in St Peter's Church, and the gifts brought by the children were taken

to Jimmy's Night Shelter. The children also supported Barton Baptist Church's Harvest appeal for Scholar Packs, organised by the charity TWAM (Tools With A Mission). This involved the children collecting packs of pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, a calculator, writing pad and a geometry set, to make up a pack for a school child in one of the African countries. On 2 October, eight children accompanied me to the Baptist Church Harvest service with the magnificent total of 30 packs.

This year our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 26 November and will have an Eco theme to fit in with our school's bid for Eco status so put the date in your diaries TODAY!!

Sue Carpenter Head Teacher

Barton CE Primary School Christmas Fayre

Saturday 26 November 10 – 12 noon

Father Christmas, Garden Café, Plant Stall, Food Store, and much, much more!!

Barton Gardeners

We continue to bring interesting speakers to the village. In September, Hilary Thomas gave an informative and colourful jaunt through the year concentrating on flowering bulbs.

The report from our **AGM** will be in the next edition as it fell after the deadline for the Parish Magazine.

Our next event is on **Tuesday, 29th November** when **BG members** can attend a special **Christmas evening at Scotsdales**. This was a very popular event last year so please contact me to book a place.

The festive **Mince Pie Coffee Morning** will be on **Saturday, 3rd December**, where you can enjoy a seasonal get-together and browse the varied gift stalls, which, this year, include Macmillan Charity cards and goods. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Sue Edwards 262479

Barton Friendship Club

On the 1st November we have an outing to Bury Lane Fruit Farm Shop. We leave Greta Close at 2pm. Then on the 15th Bob Girkin will be giving us a talk on Garden Birds and their migration. The meetings start at 2.30pm and all are welcome to join us. Members £1.50; non-members £2.

Brian West

Barton Playgroup



Half of the term has already flown by and the children are continuing to enjoy learning about Autumn and Autumn Festivals including Diwali and Thanksgiving. We have also been on walks around the village picking apples and blackberries, and looking for conkers and acorns.

Our sincere thanks to Burwash Manor and to the Wednesday W.I. for their fundraising on Best of British Day. Their generosity has enabled us to purchase a new climbing frame for the Playgroup garden.

We will be holding a Christmas Shopping Evening on Wednesday 9th November in the School Hall. Stalls will include Madajazz bags, Barefoot books, Phoenix Trading, Aloe Vera and Blossom so please come and support us if you can, and find some unusual presents for those hard-to-buy-for family and friends!

Toddler Group has taken a break since the beginning of the Autumn Term, but we are pleased to announce that the group will be back up and running on Monday afternoons from 1.45pm-3.15pm with effect from Monday 7th November. Come along for lots of fun and activities! Cost £2 per family.

For more information about Barton Playgroup or if you would like to see the fun things the children get up to, please have a look on our website www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk

Wendy Guest

WI News

We were entertained at the October open meeting by Mr Bob Harding Jones and his stories about village life entitled *Laughter in the Village*. The November meeting is a talk from Mrs Mary Ellis on the ups and downs of B&B, with the title *Sheets and Sausages*.

Sue Clemo

Diamond Jubilee Quiz – Saturday 12th November – 7.30 for 8pm Village Hall

Come and have fun at our Diamond Jubilee-themed quiz night. Proceeds to Village festivities next June, so your generous support of the bar, featuring wine, beer, Winter Pimmø and snacks, will be greatly appreciated! Teams of 6. Book with me (*Lorraine: see back cover*) or Tim Deer, White Horse 07886 628 204 contact@thewhitehorseinnbarton.co.uk. Look out for the posters soon!

Neighbourhood Watch

Speeding continues to be an issue for many Barton villagers, along both the A603 (Wimpole Road) and the B106 (Comberton Road). I have kept the local police aware of your concerns. The police carry out speed checks when possible but they

are short of resources and few offenders are caught. Parish Councils now have the right to set local speed limits but the rules for doing this are still evolving. Fiona Whelan, our local County Councillor, is assisting the Parish Council in setting lower speed limits as soon as possible.

Crime rates are relatively steady at present, with thefts from vehicles being the most prevalent form of crime in our area.

My bicycle was recently stolen from outside a house that has a very audible gravel drive and a security light, and I was amazed at the thief's boldness. I hope you will be less trusting than me, and ensure that your property is securely locked up.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

BRIG

The pavilion is now being well used by the football teams. It is good to see youth football again in Barton thanks to Comberton Crusaders.

Remember the Social Room is available to hire by all villagers as well as for training sessions by businesses or other groups. Contact Meta Greenfield ó see below. We continue to fund raise for extra items:

Autumn Coffee Morning – Saturday 12th November 10am to 12noon Village Hall

Come and buy Jam, Chutney, Marmalade as well as books, 2012 Calendar and Cards. Entrance £1 including refreshments.

Barton Calendar and Cards BRIG has produced these popular items once again. These will be on sale at the BRIG and the Gardeners Coffee Mornings as well as the Village shop and from me at 114 High Street.

Meta Greenfield, Lettings Secretary, C-262005 meta.greenfield@btinternet.com

Barton Drama Group

The Drama Group's Autumn Production is to be *84 Charing Cross Road* by Helene Hanff, adapted for the stage by James Roose-Evans. The performances, directed by Judith Bowen, will take place in the Village Hall from Wednesday, November 23rd to Saturday, November 26th at 8pm. The price of tickets (£7.50 for standard and £5.50 for concessions) includes refreshments. Tickets are available from Norma Eaton at 49 King's Grove, C-263561.

Helen Newstead

Reindeer Evenings: One unique reindeer herd; Two dates; Two venues.

Enjoy a magical evening including real Cairngorm reindeer, magician, festive catering, Santa and so much more

Saturday 3rd December, 5.67pm at Bird's Farm, www.countrysiderestorationtrust.com

Monday 5th December, 5.30-6.30pm at Burwash Manor, www.burwashmanor.com

Entry £3 adults; £2 children (under-3s free)

Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display

*A celebration by the Haslingfield/Barton Scout Group and
Haslingfield Playschool will be held at*

Well House Meadow, Haslingfield on Saturday 5th November

Gates open at 6pm (firework display at 6.30pm)

Tickets are available from Haslingfield Shops or Norman Bradshaw (840501)

Hot refreshments and home-cooked food (including hotdogs, filled baked potatoes, soups, cakes and snacks) will be on sale.

If you have anything to burn on the bonfire, please deliver it to the site between 11am and 2pm on Saturday 5th November. Please do not deliver it there at any other time as the Scout Leader needs to be there to receive it.

*Under **NO** circumstances will spectators be admitted with their own fireworks
(this includes sparklers).*

NHS Cambridgeshire helps you to Choose Well this Winter

Choose Well is a national campaign which helps people find the most appropriate care for their needs. Its aim is to remind people that there are a range of NHS services available on the doorstep.

Self-care is the best choice to treat very minor illnesses and injuries which can be treated at home simply by combining a well-stocked medicine cabinet with plenty of rest. Ensure your medicine cabinet includes:

- Paracetamol or aspirin
- Anti-diarrhoeal medicine
- Rehydration mixture
- Indigestion remedies
- A thermometer

For expert help and advice on a range of illnesses and complaints you can visit **NHS Choices** – www.nhs.uk or **NHS Direct on 0845 46 47**. You can also get advice on how to access your nearest NHS Services.

Your local **pharmacist** can provide help and advice on common illnesses and the best medicines to treat them. To find out where your nearest pharmacist is, including details of opening hours or you can call **NHS Direct on 0845 46 47** or go to www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories.

Minor illnesses or injuries should be treated by your **local GP**. They provide a range of services by appointment, including medical advice, examinations and prescriptions

Accident and Emergency Departments should only be used in a critical or life-threatening situation. A&E Departments provide immediate emergency care for people who show the symptoms of serious illness or are badly injured. Dialling 999 and stating a medical emergency will result in a response vehicle being sent to you.

If your local GP surgery is closed and you have a medical need that cannot wait, whether your child has a very high temperature or you need medical attention you should **telephone your normal GP surgery number**.

You will be diverted automatically to the **out of hours service** and be put through to an emergency call handler who will take your details and pass them to a nurse/clinician. They will call you back and be able to assess your needs and advise you of what action is needed.

If your call has been assessed as a medical emergency you will be dealt with straight away and an ambulance called on your behalf. If your call has been assessed as urgent you will be seen either at one of the primary care centres in Cambridgeshire or receive a home visit within two hours depending on your needs. For less urgent cases you will be directed to the right service within six hours. You may also be given advice or reassurance over the phone for less urgent or serious conditions.

When can you get out of hours services?

Depending on when your surgery closes, the out of hours services operate during the following times:

- **Monday to Friday 6.30pm to 8.00am**
- 24 hours a day on Saturdays and Sundays
- 24 hours a day during Bank Holiday periods

NHS Dental Treatment is available to everyone to maintain their dental health. There are three standard charges for a course of NHS dental treatment, depending on the treatment that is needed. These charges should be displayed in your dentist's waiting room

If you need out of hours dentistry care, the emergency number is **01223 471798**. You can only access this service if you have telephoned the out of hours telephone line and have been triaged as being appropriate for a pre-booked appointment. There are 3 dental access centres across Cambridgeshire based in Cambridge, Huntingdon and Wisbech. Each Access Centre is open for 3 hours, mornings only. This service is not available for lost fillings, crowns etc.

For more information on how to Choose Well this winter and how to access services please visit NHS Cambridgeshire's website

www.cambridgeshire.nhs.uk or telephone PALS (Patient Advice & Liaison Service) on freephone 0800 279 2535

Comberton Leisure Centre Events – November & early-December

COME and enjoy a packed day at Comberton Village College on Saturday 3rd December.

Our annual bazaar takes place in the main school building from 11am-2pm with loads of festive stalls to tempt and inspire you, Santa's grotto and our grand raffle. There will also be a café offering a range of delicious lunch-time food, which means

you will have time to refuel before hot-footing it to the Performance Hall for the matinee performance of Grease at 2.30pm. Tickets for that performance cost £6 for adults and £4 for concessions.

If you would like a more leisurely day, why not take in one of the other performances of Grease, our all-action musical featuring pupils from all years.

Tickets are now available from the Finance Office at the college (and on WisePay if you have children at the school) for all shows, which are: Wednesday 30th November 6 7.30pm: £6 adults and £4 concessions; Thursday 1st December - 7.30pm: £6 and £4; Friday 2nd December - 7.30pm: £7 and £5; Sat 3rd December - Matinee 2.30pm: £6 and £4, 7.30pm: £7 and £5.

If you would like to run a stall at the bazaar, pitches (approx. 6ftx2ft6in) cost £12 each and will be allocated strictly on a first-come, first served basis. Please e-mail Judy Czylok on publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk in the first instance or phone her on 01223 262503 ex 221.

We would also be grateful for any donations of corporate or individual raffle prizes. Please drop any items off at the college reception or contact Judy Czylok to arrange collection.

Many thanks for supporting this long-standing community event.

Saturday 12 th November	Delusions of Time <i>A fusion of dance and illusion</i>	7.30pm	£12 Adults; £10 Concessions £35 Family ticket (to include at least one child)
Friday 18 th	Custard Comedy	Doors Open 8pm	£8 in advance / £10 on the Door
Thursday 1 st - Saturday 3 rd December	Grease <i>All-action musical with pupils from all years.</i>	7.30pm (plus 2.30pm matinee on Saturday)	£6 & £7 (adults); £4 & £5 (concessions)
Saturday 3 rd December	Christmas Bazaar	11-3pm	Free admission
Tuesday 6 th December	Christmas Concert	7pm	Tickets from Finance Office (price TBC)

More details of all our events can be found on the college website www.combertonvc.org or the Comberton Leisure website at www.combertonleisure.com

We look forward to seeing you at the college soon.