

***Dear All,***

I do so hope you have had a good Summer and that in spite of the 'credit crunch' you have had a little, special time which will go a long way into brightening up the Autumn.

My granny often said 'a little goes a long way' and looking back over this Summer holiday that has been very true for many.

Rather than taking expensive foreign trips this summer, many of our young families have visited our local East Anglian beaches, for a 'staycation'. I have been told of the little, yet precious time our local children have shared with new young friends in making sandcastles, in splashing in the surf, or in part-burying a parent in the sand. All this has been great fun, and has led to many new long term friendships. I have been told of the little and busy time Grand (and Great) Parents have spent in looking after little ones, and told of what a lot of joy and relief that brings to all concerned.

Many people have stayed at home on their own. However the unexpected and small contact from a neighbour, relative or friend to ask them how they are, which is such a little thing, is a thoughtful and loving act that may sustain that person in the rest of this year.

Jesus shares with us, in the well known parable about a little meal, of five loaves and two fish that sustains such a vast crowd of people willing to share in it.

In the same way I wish that your special little summer experiences will bring great sunshine and joy to the Autumn ahead.

*Very best wishes Michael, Vicar*

## **Church News**

### **From the Registers:**

**Marriage** 11<sup>th</sup> September – Rebecca Johnston and James Clarke

### **Coffee Morning Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12noon in the Village Hall**

We will have Christmas cards on sale from Save the Children Fund and gifts from Traidcraft as well as the usual Bring and Buy and raffle etc. Please join us for coffee and a leisurely purchase of your Christmas cards.

Admission including coffee and biscuits £1

Proceeds for St. Peter's Church. (except for Save the Children fund cards and Traidcraft!)

Our monthly coffee mornings in the church over the summer have now stopped but we will hopefully start again in the spring.

**Quiz Evening Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October** Invitations to join this quiz evening have been sent out to village groups who might be interested in fielding a team, but if anyone else would like to make up a team of 4 people please contact Anne Coulson for details and forms. The evening starts at 7 for 7.15pm is good fun and a supper is served!

*Anne Coulson*

### **Barton Baptist Church News**

This month there is a great deal going on. We start with our Harvest Celebrations; Tea and Songs of Praise on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October starting at 5pm and a service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> at our normal time of 10.30am.

Just a reminder, we are asking for donations instead of food parcels for Eastern Europe as it is more economic and it also helps the local economy and enables them to supply food over the winter. If you have given either parcels or gifts in the past and would like to give a donation this time please forward the money to the church. £10 is the approximate cost of filling a box.

If, however, you would like to do something practical we will be collecting tools for "Tools with a Mission". Such tools are collected sorted and sent to projects in Africa and elsewhere. Tools cover everything from Adzes and Axes to Vices and Wheel-nut spanners. Tools for Gardening, metalwork, repair and maintenance, woodworking, wood turning and anything related to sewing, eg cottons, pins, needles, buttons and fasteners. These will form part of our Harvest display at our services which will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and can be brought to the Church from 10am – 11.30am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October or given to me.

Please note, our Bible studies are moving to Thursday afternoons on the 14<sup>th</sup> and

28<sup>th</sup>, and we are starting a course for seekers called “Journeys” on Thursday evenings starting at 7.30pm. See elsewhere for details.

At the end of the month on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October St Peter’s and ourselves will be holding a “Light Party” in the village hall at 5pm for children of Primary School age. Again for details see elsewhere.

*Brian West 264801*

### ***Barton Christian Fellowship***

Thank you to everyone who came to our August Garden Meeting. From the Bring and Buy stall we sent £60 to the Leprosy Mission.

This month we meet on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, when the speaker will be Mrs Sylvia Divall from Comberton.

*Mary West*

## **Parish Jottings**

### ***County Councillor Report:***

Fiona Whelan told us: Please note her new Email: [fewhelan@gmail.com](mailto:fewhelan@gmail.com)

1. Fiona is currently using bike & bus and writing a blog to highlight rural transport problems and would like to hear of any issues.
2. Completion delays for the Guided Bus have occurred again.
3. Comberton VC is full from year 8 upwards; this highlights insufficient future secondary provision, particularly in view of the housing growth in Cambourne. Councillors were reassured that pupils transferring from Barton to CVC should have no problems until at least 2013; the situation after that is not yet known.
4. Home Meadow day care at Toft has now closed, but respite care continues. Day care is provided elsewhere, if you know of problems, please advise Fiona.
5. There will be a drastic reappraisal of all services in the County Council budget; currently there exists a £9 million shortfall from government sources.

### ***District Councillor Report:***

Barton Ward Oil Club is entering its second year and since January, 140 members from the four participating villages have pooled orders of over 200,000 litres of oil through our agent, Jeremy Cole (01954 719 452 or [jeremy@agricole.co.uk](mailto:jeremy@agricole.co.uk)) who is able to shop around for price and service and obtain volume discounts. The Club is free to join and our agent donates £5 to BRIG and other good causes for every member who buys more than 1,000 litres in a year. If you would like a membership card, do please contact me on 01223 840128

or [francis.burkitt@btinternet.com](mailto:francis.burkitt@btinternet.com) and I will deliver or post one to you.

**Disturbance to residents** Our enquiry about loud music being played from Haggis Farm in the early hours of 5<sup>th</sup> September is being pursued by SCDC Environmental Health; apparently the tenant does have a licence for that type of event.

**Play Equipment** A replacement child's cradle swing has been ordered. We are aware that the popular zip wire has had some teething troubles, engineers will be coming to adjust the tension soon.

**Audit 2009-10** Moore Stephens considers that the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements, in other words we are pleased to have passed again.

### **Highways:**

**Issues from the walkabout on 3 August** Councillors felt that the village generally looks in good order, much of it due to the efforts of the BeaVers. We are pleased that New Rd has been resurfaced, and especially the nearby pavement. We know the pavements in the High Street are in an atrocious state and keep on reminding the County's Road Supervisor.

**A and B road speed limit review** Review No.29 A603 + B1042 suggests a 50mph limit from Barton to the city boundary at Newnham. Barton PC suggested a 40mph limit on the A603 up to the M11 roundabout. However CambsCC feels that drivers will not respect such a limit at off-peak times. We have asked Fiona Whelan and Francis Burkitt to help us in our efforts to reduce the limits.

There will be some **roadworks** for Joint Replacement on the A603 motorway bridge in October (Monday-Friday night-time working); diversions will be posted via the M11.

**Cycling on footway in New Road** Safety issues dictate that the young and elderly might want to cycle along the footway, however pedestrians must be given priority, the signs stressing that are to be reinstated. Please may we ask cyclists too to be more considerate of those on the pavement? We know many culprits are from elsewhere!

**Parking outside school in New Rd** is often dangerous. Under the "Safer Routes to School" scheme parents are encouraged to find alternative means of transport or to park in High St.

**Capping of Parish Councils** Lobbying is taking place against this. Although the new government idea may at first appear attractive, the proposals suggest that any increase in village precept could only be sanctioned by a local referendum, the costs of which would be prohibitive for a small, prudent council such as ours.

**Barton BeaVers & small works** Hay cutting and maintenance have been done in Church Close, as well as some bramble cutting and seat staining in other areas. John Boocock has been doing some sterling work on the car park in School Lane and would always welcome helpers.

**Comberton Neighbourhood Panel** A public meeting where you have the chance to have your say about issues that affect you. This could include safety issues such as crime, anti-social behaviour, road safety and traffic management, as well as other matters that affect the quality of life in your neighbourhood.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at Comberton Village College, 7.30pm**

If you would like to email your Neighbourhood Policing Team directly, the address you need is: [cambourne.npt@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cambourne.npt@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

#### ***Notice board and website***

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

**Next Council meetings:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

## **Village News**

### ***Thank You from Peter Reid***

On the recent death of my wife, Marjorie, the support of neighbours and friends was much appreciated. The floral tributes and many cards were of great comfort at this time. Thank you all.

### ***Centenary***

Mrs Ruby Wright of Allens Close celebrated her hundredth birthday in September. Many congratulations from us all.

### ***Table-top Sale – Thank You***

The recent Table Top Sale, held in Allens Close, in aid of Papworth Mesothelioma, raised £300. Many thanks to all who came to buy, gave things to sell and made donations.

*Joan Spencer and Val Baines*

### ***Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2010***

Poppies and collecting boxes will appear in the Shops and Garage in the village towards the end of October, and the collection period will run up to Remembrance Day in November.

This year there will not be quite so many collecting boxes being taken round the village streets, so if no one calls on you please buy your poppy in the Conkers,

the Garage, or one of the shops at Burwash. These takings will all go towards the Village total collection.

*Thank you Cornie Thorne*

### ***Flu jabs in Barton***

Comberton Practice is planning to hold a flu jab session for Barton patients in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2.05pm to 2.45pm. Patients should telephone the surgery to make an appointment in the usual way but not before the beginning of October.

### ***Singers Wanted***

Singers (particularly tenors and basses) are needed for the choir for the Carol Service in St Peter's Church, Barton in the evening of Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The ability to sight read would be helpful but is not essential. If you are interested, please contact Helen Newstead (C-262543).

### ***Barton Lunch Club***

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 12.30** for 1pm. in the village hall. For cancellations or reservations please contact Anne Coulson (C-262666).

### ***WI***

The September meeting certainly lived up to its heading *What a Laugh*. The speaker was Keith Baldwin, a former Household Cavalry soldier and retired senior Police Officer, who had lots of humorous anecdotes and jokes. The October meeting will be an open meeting with everyone welcome, W I business as usual at 7.30pm, then at 8pm Mr Stephen Lester will give his talk on *Antiques Roadshow*. He would like people to bring items along for him to comment on, but will not give a public valuation. His expertise is antique jewellery but is happy to talk about other items.

The *Discover Barton* booklet is to be reprinted, so this is an opportunity to make any amendments necessary. If you have any comments please contact Helen Newstead (262543)

The Harvest Supper is on 9<sup>th</sup> October 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 from Helen Newstead (262543). It is a two-course meal with wine, and entertainment, and is usually a very enjoyable evening.

*Sue Clemo*

### ***Barton CE School***

We hope that you all had a good summer. The children and staff have all returned from their holidays refreshed and raring to go! However while all the children and staff were enjoying the rest, things were still happening at school...

At the end of term, Barton was named the Sparkiest School in the East of

England after we won a recycling competition, recycling the largest number of small electrical items during Recycling Week. As a result we were awarded £500 in gardening vouchers to support our pledge to improve our environment. Our recently formed Gardening Club and Eco Committee are going to be involved in deciding how best to spend the money. We would like to say a big thank you to Harry Baines who has donated three raised beds for us to use to grow plants and vegetables. If anyone has a spare hour on Monday lunchtimes, our Gardening Club would be grateful for some help and advice so that they can develop their projects further.

Our other exciting news is that we have been awarded the British Council Full International School Award in recognition of our international work in school. This is the culmination of a year of exciting opportunities for the children and staff and has been made possible by the hard work of the staff and the children and the support of the parents and community. Our international activities will continue and we are already looking forward to the second visit of our friends from our international partner school in Spain, which takes place in October.

We have an exciting term ahead with the visit of the Osigli Maasai Warriors Dance Troupe on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If anyone would like to join us for this event then please contact us to register your interest and we will give you further details ([office@barton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@barton.cambs.sch.uk) or C. 262474).

**ADVANCE WARNING** a date for your diaries – our annual school Winter Fayre will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 10 am – 12 noon.

*Sue Carpenter, Head Teacher*

### ***Barton Playgroup***

As the new term begins, the children are using nursery rhymes to help discover their world – making *papier-mâché* Humpty Dumpty's, role playing Pieman baking apple pies or Miss/Mr Polly nursing sick dollies. All the new children are settling in very well. We still have some places available this term. Please contact Carrie Cope if you would like further information on 07811 083250.

Due to the successful running of Toddler Group this summer, we will be setting up term-time fun sessions – look out for posters soon!

*Jaszia London*

***Light Party: Light and Angels Will Brighten up Barton on Sunday 31 October 5-7pm***  
***The new 'Light Party' is coming!***

On October 31<sup>st</sup> Barton at night will be lit up with light and “angels” as a new ‘Light Party’ for kids gets under way. This great event is an alternative fun and safe way for youngsters to enjoy themselves on Halloween night – without, its

organisers, St Peter's and Barton Baptist Churches – say – “the worry about kids trick-or-treating in the dark, or old people feeling obliged to open doors at night, whilst scared of strangers. There will be games and crafts, music and food. Kids absolutely love it! Instead of the scary and dark side, we celebrate all that's good and light instead – which includes angels! Elizabeth, from The Light Party team says: “Light parties are real winners with the kids and everyone is looking forward to this Barton event – smarties and smiles, laughter and light = fun and friends. Parents are delighted too, to have somewhere safe but fun to drop off their children! It gives them a chance to put their feet up for a while, too!”

This year, youngsters are invited to dress up in the lightest/brightest clothes or put on some kind of interesting or favourite hat. Prizes for the best outfits!

The Light Party is open to all children aged 5-11 years and costs only £1.50 including craft materials and food. You do need to book in advance, especially as food is provided!

For more information and registration contact: Cathy Martin: C-262317

*Elizabeth Pinder-Ashenden*

### ***Drama Group***

Barton Drama Group's autumn production is *Plaza Suite* by Neil Simon, a comedy set in a hotel room in New York. The performances will take place in Barton Village Hall from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of November at 8pm. Tickets are available from Norma Eaton (C-263561), price £7.50 with concessions at £5.50 (to include refreshments).

### ***Barton Friendship Club***

In September we had an excellent Mystery Tour which included a visit to Fen Drayton Lakes and the Marina at Overcote. We then had a very pleasant meal at Notcutts in Horningsea.

Our first meeting in October on the 5<sup>th</sup> will be a Games afternoon. Then on the 19<sup>th</sup> we have a speaker talking about the “History of Addenbrooke's Hospital”. The meetings start at 2.30pm and all are welcome to join us.

*Brian West*

### ***John Bowen Productions – January 2011***

Instead of a pantomime, John Bowen Productions will be presenting ‘**PIE & MASH**’ evenings in the Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of January. These will be fun evenings of light entertainment with a ‘Pie & Mash’ supper and raffle, all in aid of charity. More details will be announced in the November magazine, so make a note in your diaries now!

***Journeys October 14<sup>th</sup> at Barton Baptist Church at 7.30pm***

‘Journeys’ - a 5-week autumn study programme for... You?

‘Journeys’ is designed for people interested in looking at the Christian faith and who want to know more, but with no strings attached.

Interested in exploring your spiritual side? Or thinking about God, the universe or even life after death?

Hey, here's some great news – the 'Journeys' sessions might be for you. They are not about ‘formal religion’ so breathe easy! Over the 5 week course, through DVD presentation, chatting and yummy desserts, we are going to look at some foundational aspects of faith – primarily through the eyes and lives of people who have experienced its power and influence. There are some amazing, often challenging stories to listen to and debate. Some of the things we look at are: Is there a Spiritual Side to Me? If God and Heaven exist, what are they like? Does this faith thing work in real life? Does God have real power to change things?

‘**Journeys**’ originated in New Zealand, but has had an exciting world-wide impact. The people featured are real people, with real problems- who have grappled with the big questions we all want the answers to. Don’t expect easy answers, but do expect a relaxed, non-pressured place to honestly explore some **BIG STUFF!**

Sessions last about 90 minutes, are free and if you want to make sure we have enough of those yummy desserts you will need to book!

Bookings and info: Contact Elizabeth Pinder-Ashenden: 07971204470;  
[elizabeth@pashenden.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:elizabeth@pashenden.orangehome.co.uk).

### ***Barton Gardeners***

Our next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm**, when we will be holding our **AGM**. You can review next year’s exciting programme and renew your subscriptions. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to introducing ourselves to new residents and new members. Do come along and find out what we do and how we do it. You don’t necessarily have to be that keen on gardening! The ‘formal’ part of the evening will be followed by an ‘informal’ **“Ramble through an English Orchard”** with Robin Page –  
Guests £2, Members free.

*Happy gardening! Sue Edwards 262479*

### ***Barton Bowls Club Jumble Sale***

The Bowls Club plans to have its next jumble sale on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the Village Hall. Jumble may be left at 114 High Street or 7 King’s Grove during September or brought to the Hall on the morning of the sale.

*Ruth Ennis*

## ***Neighbourhood Watch***

Cambridgeshire now has a new Chief Constable, Simon Parr, who comes from Hertfordshire Constabulary, where he was Deputy Chief Constable for three years. He is 49, has 27 years' police service and is committed to providing good frontline services in spite of the tough financial challenges that lie ahead.

Fortunately, reported crime has been relatively low in Barton recently. A notable exception to this was a large number of thefts from tents at the Cambridge Rock Festival in August. In addition, two steel farm gates were stolen from Comberton Road, Barton during August. Also, scrap metal merchants have been seen in the village and there has been a report of a possible theft.

In my experience, the police have been very good in following up reports of possible crimes and at least one crime has been solved as a result of a report to Neighbourhood Watch, so please ensure that all crimes are reported so that they can be logged and followed up.

We have had a number of warnings from the police about distraction burglaries (where a burglar pretending to be from an organisation such as Cambridge Water distracts a householder whilst his accomplice ransacks the property).

Burglary may increase as the nights grow longer and the police offer the following advice:

- \* Always keep doors and windows closed and locked or in a ventilated but locked position.
- \* Remove keys from window and door locks
- \* Never leave items such as keys, bags and money on show through a window, as these can prove a real temptation for an opportunist burglar.
- \* Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house at dusk.
- \* Consider the use of lights at the front and rear of your property that are activated when someone approaches.
- \* Consider property marking your valuable and sentimental personal possessions with liquid DNA kits such as Smart water, SelectaDNA or with an engraving kit for items such as tools and cycles.

*Keep safe; Bev Edwards*

## ***Comberton Library – Engage in the Morning***

These are free events for adults held in the library on the first Friday of the month starting at 10.30am with a speaker, tea/coffee and biscuits.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> October our very own Magda Mantorska will be talking about 'Festive

Poland' and showing us some photos.

### ***Blue Bins***

New blue wheelie bin collections will start on 15<sup>th</sup> October (put the blue and green ones out together). If yours hasn't arrived by 6<sup>th</sup> October, contact [www.scams.org.uk/bluebin](http://www.scams.org.uk/bluebin) or 03450 450 063.

You may find that the lid doesn't close at first, but it should settle back into shape after a week or so.

There are some changes about what goes in each bin, but there's a guide in the South Cambs magazine and an information pack will come with the blue bin. The main idea is to keep things clean and separate, especially paper, as this makes it more valuable.

If you have more recyclable material than will fit into the blue bin, it can be put in a returnable container (the old green crates are ideal) alongside the bin. If you don't want your green crate any more, there are collection points at recycling areas. For more from communications on (01954) 713025 or [anna.afford@scams.gov.uk](mailto:anna.afford@scams.gov.uk)

### ***Loss of Innocence: Children's Art from Gaza***

at Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Trumpington St  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Free talk by Rod Cox, who brought the art from Gaza, 6pm to 6.45pm opening by Julian Huppert MP at 6.50 pm

Followed by Hanin Cafe 7pm – 11pm home-made Palestinian buffet.

Guest artists Reem Kelani, accompanied by Bruno Heinen and local band Matoke  
Tickets £15 concessions £12 (under/12s £6) proceeds to Gaza charities.

Additional Exhibition Viewing (exc Sunday/Monday): 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October at URC  
10.30am – 3pm; Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 7pm; Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 11am – 4pm 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October weekdays 8.30am – 5pm

Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Sidgwick Site:

For further details see [www.campalsoc.org](http://www.campalsoc.org) and [www.cape.uk.net](http://www.cape.uk.net)

Supported by Cambridge Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Emmanuel United Reformed Church

### ***Little Footsteps – Caldecote Children's Centre***

Thank you to all those families who came and supported our Summer Roadshow. We had lots of fun and it was great meeting new families!

### **New Term Sessions**

Tuesdays 10-11.30am **Stay & Play for Under 2's** Toft Village Hall (not every Tuesday so please check website/poster)

Tuesdays 2-3.30pm **Stay & Play** Caldecote Pre-School (term time only)  
Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 **Leaps & Bounds** Haslingfield Village Hall  
Thursday 14 October 10.30-11.30 **Soft Play** Caldecote Village Hall  
Saturday 16 October 10-11 **Dads Messy Play** Caldecote Village Hall

**All sessions are free**

**UPDATE – Our new building is nearly complete**

Caldecote Village Hall, Furlong Way, Highfields Caldecote, CB23 7ZH, 01954  
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[caldecotechildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:caldecotechildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

[www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk)

**Burwash Manor Apple Day, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 10am onwards**

On Apple Day, EEAOP experts will be on hand to identify the mystery apple you have growing in your garden. If you bring enough apples (and bottles!), Jack the Juicer will turn them into tasty juice for you. We'll also have lots of locally grown apples, juice and cider to admire, taste and buy.

There will be a hedge laying competition, vintage ploughing match (9am-1pm), falconry displays, demonstrations of willow weaving, displays of traditional farm machinery, Cambridge Bee Keepers, tractor and trailer rides and archery and other traditional entertainments, as well as customary refreshments.

Entrance is £2 per adult, children free, with all proceeds going to the Sick Children's Trust. For more information, please contact [info@burwashmanor.com](mailto:info@burwashmanor.com)

**Denny Farmland Museum Events**

**Harvest Day** 10<sup>th</sup> October A day of food, drink and merriment 10am – 1pm

Life Drawing Workshop 28<sup>th</sup> October Tutored life drawing class with professional model. 12-4pm £13 with coffee; £16 with pre-booked lunch.

**Paper Pumpkin decoration workshop** 31<sup>st</sup> October Drop-in Children's Activity Day 12-4pm Parents with children aged 4+

**Hallowe'en at Denny** 10.30am – 4pm Apple bobbing, Pumpkin Carving (50p per pumpkin) and a Hallowe'en Trail – Follow the clues and collect spooky images to make a ghoulish Garland

*Normal prices: Adults £5, Concessions £4, Children over 5 £3*

*Laura Pearson on C-860988, write: The Farmland Museum, Denny Abbey, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9PQ [admin@farmlandmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@farmlandmuseum.org.uk)*