

## ***Dear Friends,***

The Rev. Corin Redsell will be Ordained as a full Priest this July, and he will to serve (part-time) amongst us as a Curate over the next few years. I'd like to share one of Corin's thoughts with you: "With more hours of sunlight, there is a temptation to fill the extra time with more jobs, more doing."

As I reflected on my own tendency towards this, I was reminded of a book by Stephen Cottrell entitled, *Do Nothing to Change your Life*. At this time of year, as God's creation is coming to life, it seems an opportune time to explore what Cottrell says about how we may encounter more of God if we took some brief moments away from life's demands.

Cottrell, the current Bishop of Chelmsford, writes that he is always on the look, out for labour-creating devices and time-wasting strategies as they help to provide opportunities for stillness and reflection. If we take a moment to realise that the world will be fine without us for a while, we may find a little space for contemplation. Even the simplest ways may help:

- ✓ Make tea in a pot rather than by dunking a tea bag in a mug.
- ✓ Use the bike in the garage that you've always said you'd ride.
- ✓ Walk the dog a bit further (or borrow one).
- ✓ Observe the speed limit.
- ✓ Get up a little earlier and listen to the birdsong.
- ✓ Write for the pleasure of feeling a pen on paper.
- ✓ Read more and watch TV a bit less.
- ✓ Think of something to do that may help you tune in to God's frequency.

When our lives are so full of noise and busy-ness, some of which is self-generated, we need to find ways to allow ourselves to view our lives and each other afresh. When we create space by exploring things such as those above, we also open ourselves to God's accompanying presence.

*Revd Corin Redsell, Curate to the Lordsbridge Ministry*

## **Church News**

### **Open Garden Teas**

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way for the Open Garden Teas last month; the weather was perfect and we made £401 for church funds.

### **Parish Church Council**

At the Annual church meeting last month the following people were elected. John Flint and Hugh Greenfield as churchwardens, and Ruth Barnes, Erica Bithell (Treasurer) Anne Coulson (Secretary/Parish co-ordinator), Jennifer Donkin, Christine Friend, Gordon Johnson, Ann Killen, Ken Verney (Gift Aid Officer). We are very pleased to welcome Dr Johnson onto the PCC as a new member.

### **Coffee Mornings**

We are planning Coffee Mornings in church on the first Saturday of each month from 10-11.30am. The next will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June as we held the first on 28<sup>th</sup> April to avoid a clash with the Gardeners Plant Sale.

### **Lent and Easter Collections**

Very many thanks to everyone for their generosity during Lent and for our Easter Collection. The following amounts collected were: Water Aid, £324.23, with a further £51.82 to come later from the Gift Aid tax refund and for MACS; for the new church building at Magomero, Malawi, £266.59, with a further £51.20 to come later from the Gift Aid tax refund.

*Thanks, Erica Bithell*

### **Barton Baptist Church News**

It was a great joy to welcome everybody to the Lent Bible Studies. Thanks to all who led them. We continue our regular Bible Studies on the first and third Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. All are warmly welcomed to come and join us. We look forward to the first Sunday in June when once again we will be joining with the Parish Church in a Songs of Praise to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The service will be at 4pm.

We have decided to go ahead and repair the Chapel. We are not quite sure how much we will do. However, we will require to raise at least £30,000 to do the minimum and probably near £60,000 if we do everything which has been suggested. We have launched an appeal for funds, so if you would like to contribute, donations should be made to Barton Baptist Church and sent either to me or our acting treasurer, Roger Foster at Rectory Farm, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB23 7PG

*Brian West 264801*

<b>Food Bank Collection Point – Barton Baptist Church is Open during May:</b>			
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm – 4pm	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.30pm – 4pm

## ***Barton Christian Fellowship***

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, Diana Page will be giving an illustrated talk on their visit to the Holy Land. All are welcome.

### ***Tea and Chat for the Retired***

Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2.30pm – 4pm in Barton Baptist Church meeting room.

*Mary West*

## ***Parish Jottings***

### ***Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April***

We had a good turn-out as usual, here are some edited highlights. Thank you for taking part.

We also heard informative reports from: Arbory Trust, Barton Energy Group, Bowls Club, Cambridge Past Present & Future, Christian Fellowship, Countryside Restoration Trust, Cub/Scout Group, Football Clubs, Gardeners, Playgroup, Snooker Club and Tennis Club.

***District Councillor Francis Burkitt*** thanked the public for re-electing him last May.

He feels that South Cambridgeshire District Council is well and professionally run with very little politicking; the district is noted for its happiness, well-being and high employment. Council Tax for 2012 was frozen; it is the 11<sup>th</sup> lowest in the country, so that during an efficiency drive there is little money to spend. SCDC has secured a long term repayment to the government, as required, at advantageous rates which will allow more maintenance of housing and some building of council houses.

Francis is also Chair of the Governance Committee which produced a plain English guide to Council finances.

***The Quarter to Six Quadrant:*** the four parish councils in Francis' ward have put together a consultation document to which villagers are urged to respond at [consultation@qtsq.org.uk](mailto:consultation@qtsq.org.uk)

There will also be an Open Meeting in Barton School at 7pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Great energy and enthusiasm will mean four villages working together to preserve and enhance our surroundings in a sustainable way with a view to submitting planning guidance to SCDC in its quest for extra housing development to cater for both natural growth and migration.

*Francis Burkitt*

***County Councillor Fiona Whelan reported that:*** A council tax rise of **2.95%** has brought some extra money, but services are still being scaled back in many areas.

***Comberton Library*** has offered some very good news over the last year, as the volunteer group, FOCAL, is keeping the library open and thriving. *See their entry*

later to find out what's on offer and how to volunteer.

### **CVC and the Cambourne satellite school**

CVC is undergoing many changes, the biggest of which is that it is now an autonomous Academy, no longer under the control of the local authority. One of its first decisions has been to decrease the intake for 2013 because of the satellite secondary school opening in Cambourne in September. This should relieve pressure for spaces from Barton at CVC, although children from Cambourne currently at CVC will be able to stay until they complete year 11.

CVC has successfully opened its sixth form (I declare an interest as the parent of a sixth former). There have been complaints about speeding school buses, but no traffic problems have been reported on West Street outside CVC, partly due to the addition of double yellow lines and periodic patrols by the local PCSO.

**Cambridge Guided Bus** It opened! It's being used! This is good news as it would have been a very expensive habitat for badgers. There is still an outstanding legal case which has huge cost implications for the County.

**Pavements and Highways** Please continue to report faults to me or by this site: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm> as complaints logged there are monitored and reported annually. Even though we have been repeatedly assured that resurfacing the High Street will take place it has again been delayed and temporary repairs are failing.

### **Speed Limits**

Despite early hopes last year, the County Council overruled the recommendation of the South Cambs AJC on speed reductions. Barton has applied via the Minor Highways Improvement Project for a reduction in speed limits and we continue to work closely with Grantchester to get a safe way for children to cross the A603 to get to Barton Primary School.

### **Village Bus Service**

The County Council's policy on funding of routes 18, 18A and 75 is still in flux. Local Councillors have been very active in talking to affected communities and have offered self-financing initiatives. I'm collecting signatures of support because whilst Barton is part of the commercial route and not affected, more distant sections are subsidised, so if the grant is lost, the whole route may be affected.

**County Councillors awarded themselves a 25% pay rise in December** This failed on a technicality – it was ruled *ultra vires* as the Independent Remuneration Panel hadn't been correctly convened. A new IRP was convened and recommended that Councillors' allowances go up in accordance with County staff pay – i.e. a freeze for this year. I voted against the original proposal and made it clear that I wouldn't accept the increase once it was voted in. I did vote in favour of the new proposal. It's simply outrageous to award oneself a 25% increase whilst cutting services for the residents of the County, making staff redundant and freezing salaries.

### ***Drought***

This subject was debated in great detail at the recent full Council meeting. While new housing is fulfilling a sustainability requirement for solar panels, very little attention is being paid to sustainable water use, such as 'grey' water recycling systems, which is of more immediate urgency as low rainfall continues.

I have very much enjoyed working with the Parish Council and Cllr Francis Burkitt over the last year. Please contact me if you are concerned about any issues that I can help with.

*Fiona Whelan*

### ***Report of the Chairman of Barton Parish Council – Margaret Penston***

During the year there were 11 meetings of the Council, held on the first Tuesday of each month. Barton was scheduled for a Council election in May 2011 but with one Councillor resigning (Jane Walker) and another standing (Bev Edwards) the election was uncontested. There are nine Councillors (the full complement).

### ***Keeping the public informed***

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings. Ten minutes is set aside for an Open Forum at the start of each meeting for any issues to be raised. Thereafter visitors are welcome to stay to listen to Councillors debate. The minutes of all meetings are displayed on the Conkers Notice Board and on the village website. Also the Clerk highlights topics in the Parish Magazine.

Councillors' contact details are listed on the cover of each Parish Magazine and they welcome direct contact from anyone with concerns of village matters.

### ***Planning***

36 planning applications were received during the year, 10 of which were for tree work in a conservation area. Two of the housing applications were refused by South Cambs, one of which we had also recommended for refusal. Three are still awaiting a decision.

### ***Recreation Ground***

Six Councillors are members of the Recreation Ground committee, five of whom are also members of BRIG, chaired by Nigel Siddall since the AGM of 2011.

The highlight of the year was the completion of the new Sports and Social Pavilion with the official opening on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Councillors are on a rota to inspect the playing area, clear rubbish and to empty the bins.

Some issues which have been considered recently include:

- the provision of a slide on the mound (money already set aside),
- the skate ramp needs to be resurfaced,
- the tarmac path is showing signs of wear and needs attention,
- dog mess is still a problem, despite constant reminders.

### ***Highways – A603 Speed reduction***

As mentioned above by Fiona Whelan, progress has been very slow. Efforts have

intensified since January 2011 when there was a press release and article in the Cambridge News. There was a village petition with strong support from the school and from Grantchester and we were encouraged by support from the District Council Area Joint Committee (AJC). The Clerk addressed the CC Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> May with some forceful arguments but unfortunately the earlier recommendations by the AJC were not supported. The PC has said that it will pay any costs if necessary but has also applied for a ‘Minor Highway Improvement Scheme’ grant. Villagers have all been circulated, two officers from SCDC visited and spoke to Councillors on 29<sup>th</sup> June and the PC has recently paid for adverts for the statutory consultation.

Despite this, 50 mph signs (the speed originally proposed by the CC) have now been erected along our part of the A603. We are still pressing for 40mph.

**Haslingfield Road Bridge** – The University has recently submitted a proposal to retain the existing bridge and prop the underside of the bridge deck, install a precast concrete box culvert to prop one half, maintaining the access road for the University beneath, prop the other half with brick-faced polystyrene blocks, so causing minimum impact to embankments. It is expected that work will begin soon and last for about six weeks. The road will be closed for some of this time.

**Buses** – The County Council is removing subsidies (not services) from a number of routes, including the 18/18A (from Comberton to Gamlingay, from April 2013) and the 75 (whole route, from September 2013). We are promised consultation before those dates.

The 18 Friday night service was stopped in April 2011. There are some ongoing efforts in other villages to reinstate this but it would require a contribution from Parish Councils. We have not identified much interest in Barton and are so far uncommitted to payments.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Bev Edwards has attended regular police liaison meetings and put across villagers concerns, especially about speeding and inconsiderate parking, in particular concerns about parking outside School on New Road and in School Lane. This is an ongoing problem. Until recently, crime levels have been low. Reports and warnings are circulated by email to a wide list.

### **BeaVers** (*Barton Volunteers led by John Boocock*)

We are all grateful for the work the BeaVers do to keep the village tidy. Activities have included resurfacing the School Lane car park (with some professional help and an anonymous donation), installation of over 30 new benches round the village, repairing noticeboards, tidying footpaths, looking after Church Close and

Playground equipment on the Rec, planting oak trees on Wimpole Road, and installing (free) cycle racks.

### ***The Diamond Jubilee***

Following an initiative by Anne Coulson and a public meeting in July 2011, a working group was set up to decide how the village should celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. A decision was made for a permanent memorial (a bus shelter on the Conkers Triangle) as well as events over the weekend of 2-4 June culminating in a big party on the Rec on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Donations were requested (and villagers have been very generous) and fund raising activities have been held.

### ***and finally...***

Looking through the Minutes for this report I noticed a suggestion by F Burkitt for wild flowers to be planted on the M11 roundabout. This should be an action for the coming year.

### ***Thanks***

Many thanks are due, including (in no particular order) to Susan DeBacker for providing tea and coffee at this meeting, to Ken Verney who is the Council's internal financial examiner, to the BeaVerns and their leader John Boocock for all the work they do round the village, to Christine Friend, who keeps the bus shelters clean and opens and closes the gate to the Rec every day, to all the villagers who have supported the work of the PC through BRIG, the Jubilee Group, BEG and other ways.

I would also like to express my personal thanks to our Clerk, Patrick DeBacker for all his hard work behind the scenes, taking and writing Minutes, responding to external matters including reporting on our planning deliberations, forwarding the relevant parts of the enormous number of items of correspondence received, keeping the PC finances in order and being cheerful throughout! I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors (and including Francis Burkitt and Fiona Whelan) for their support and friendship and for making the work fun (at times!), enjoyable and rewarding.

*Margaret Penston*

### ***Finance – report by the Clerk***

The accounts for 2010-11 were audited satisfactorily by both internal and external auditors and a draft is available for inspection. This shows a breakdown of expenditure £97,928 and income £97,594 and reserves earmarked for specific projects. The larger sums involved were due to the final phase of the New Pavilion. Grants for this totalled £41,804 from SCDC, WREN and the Football Foundation. The precept for 2012-13 had been raised to £16,000 or £39.84 per band D household because speed reduction might be costly. In spite of this Barton remains a prudent, economical council with a very low level of precept compared

with neighbouring villages.

**Staying independent, safe and well**

A roadshow will be visiting Cambourne Library from 14<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> June and Cambridge Central Library from 11<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July. Each event will feature a display of information leaflets, presentations about assistive technology resources and services to help you remain independent, and details of Trading Standards-approved trader scheme Buy With Confidence. For more information about the roadshows and/or staying independent visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social) telephone 0345 045 5225 or email: [yourlifeyourchoice@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:yourlifeyourchoice@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Next Council meetings:**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Annual Council Meeting

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May – normal meeting, none in June.

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

**Village News**

**Barton Lunch Club** – The next lunch will be on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 12.30 for 1pm. For reservations and cancellations please let Anne Coulson know 262666. As ever we are always keen to welcome more cooks to our dedicated team of volunteers!

**Wellie Wanging – Easter Monday**

Many thanks to all who turned out in indifferent weather to take part.

The winners of the Junior Class were Matt McNeil in first place and his younger brother Tim in second. The Ladies first and second were Rilla Molnar and Lara; the Men, Brian Maude and Howard Carter. Well done to all!



Proceeds are being donated to the Diamond Jubilee Fund – Many thanks to Hoops Landlord, David Saby, for his generosity.

**Safari Supper – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

If you enjoy a shared meal and good company within walking distance of your home, this is the event for you! The plan is simple – the evening starts with an aperitif and canapés and ends with coffee. In between, everyone has a different course at a different venue with different people. Each pair of participants is asked to prepare and serve one course for up to eight people (or canapés/coffee for everyone. Tickets are £14 per person for those serving dessert or starter and £7 per person for those serving a main course. Booking forms/tickets and information are available from Anne Coulson 262666 and Barbara Tomes 262692. This has been a most enjoyable event for the past three years and we hope you will support it again. *Proceeds to St. Peter's Church. Please book by Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.*

**Diamond Jubilee**

The church is running a Tombola (for adults) and a Children's Bran Tub at the Jubilee celebrations. If anyone has suitable items for either we would be delighted to receive them. Bran Tub items



(approx. value £1) should be given to Ruth Barnes 33, King's Grove and Tombola items (eg unwanted to gifts, bottles etc) to Anne Coulson, 16, Roman Hill.

The Queens Quiz was won by Jean Wilson of Harlton. Copies of the answers are posted on the notice board at Conkers and on a table in the church. For answers by email contact Anne Coulson [anne.coulson@onetel.com](mailto:anne.coulson@onetel.com)

### ***Jubilee Treasure Trail – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 1.30 to 3.30pm.***

This will be advertised locally and will showcase the businesses of the village, as those who work here may miss out on the festivities on Monday. There will be two Trails – a shorter, simpler one for the little ones, and a longer, more challenging one for older children and grown-ups. Both trails will start and end at the Village Hall, where teas are being served, include the Church, where there will be a Flower Display, the shops around the pond, the Jubilee bus stop, the Hoops and Burwash Manor, and the longer trail will include Wallis & Son and the White Horse. Entry forms from the Village Hall will include a map photo clues.

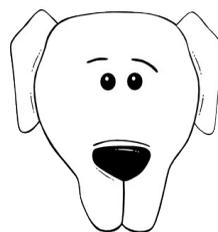


### ***Time Capsule in the Jubilee Bus Stop!***

This was a last-minute idea put forward just in time before the concrete was poured (thanks to Anne Richardson!). Anybody mystified by the sketchy patch in the middle of the floor of the shelter will be happy to know that this is where the time capsule will go. Ideas for what to put in are being collected by the Jubilee committee and Tim, Mick and others working on the bus stop will be happy to take suggestions. We plan to fill the capsule at the opening ceremony on 4<sup>th</sup> June and to top it out with an engraved slate plaque.

### ***Pet Show Schedule***

Many of you will be pleased to know that, absent Health and Safety requirements on the Rec, we are able to hold a Pet Show at the Jubilee Festival! It is for fun, but there will be rosettes to the winners. Look out around the Village for detailed Schedules, but main classes include any small caged pet, followed by seven dog classes, including shiniest coat, waggiest tail, obedience, most appealing to the judge and most like its owner.



*Look familiar?*

### ***Volunteers please!***

We would be very grateful for help throughout the weekend, from helping put up the gazebo village, to serving Pimms, stewarding during the afternoon and evening, and the inevitable clearing up on the morning after! Please contact Lorraine Mooney or Anne Coulson, if you are willing to assist us. (Contact details on back page). Look out for the final timetable in the middle of May.

## **Stalls**

If anyone in the village would like to run their own stall on 4<sup>th</sup> June please contact Lorraine or Anne for more details.

## **Do you have any photos of Barton places or people from past Jubilees?**

Please contact Val Baines if you have any historical photo, memento or record which you would like to be shown in the Jubilee display. 5 Allens Close, 263512.

## **Barton Playgroup**

The children have enjoyed the early sunshine playing outside in the garden. They ended the term and the topic of Farms with a trip to Burwash to see the animals. For Easter they made daffodil cards, chocolate nest cakes and bunny ears. Next term we are planning activities around Saint-Saens' the Carnival of the Animals.



We are looking for volunteers to supervise the Toddler Session in Playgroup on Monday afternoons from 1.15pm to 3.15pm. If you think you could help please phone Playgroup on 07762 487650 during term-time mornings.

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 at [www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk)

*Wendy Guest*

## **WI**

The April meeting was the first with the new committee. Valerie Ridgman, our new president, introduced the speaker, Mr Alan Darby whose talk was entitled *How to the get the most out of a chicken*. He demonstrated how to joint a chicken and then cooked two dishes which we were able to sample.

At the May meeting there will be a speaker and discussion on our resolution for the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall in June. The NFWI calls upon the government to increase investment in the training, employment and retention of midwives in England and Wales to ensure services are adequately resourced and are able to deliver a high standard of care. Do come along and join in the discussion.

*Helen Newstead*

## **Barton Gardeners**

	<p><b>Plant Sale and Bacon Butties</b> <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May ♦ 10am – 12 noon</b> <b>Barton Village Hall</b> <b>Everyone Welcome ♦ Free Entry</b></p>	
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Enjoy a convivial atmosphere over a delicious bacon buttie and coffee. There will be tables bursting with plants of all descriptions, including vegetables and filled hanging baskets. Those of you who have potted on and labelled surplus plants can

drop them off **before the day to any committee member** or by **9am at the Village Hall**. If you would like them collected, please call me.

**BG Summer Outing to Beth Chatto Gardens and Harveys Garden Plants on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July**. These inspirational gardens near Colchester will delight even the most reluctant gardeners. We've had a great response. However, there are seats still available and everyone is welcome. **BG** members @ £25pp and non-members @ £27pp. For more information or to book your tickets, please contact me or book them at the Plant Sale on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

*Happy gardening! Sue Edwards 262479*

### **Barton Friendship Club**

Our Coffee Morning on 24<sup>th</sup> March raised £274.30 for Papworth Mesothelioma Trust: many thanks to all.

In April, Members of the Club enjoyed the talk explaining the working aspect of Wysing Arts Centre in Bourne, given by Louise Thirlwall.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, at 2.30pm and the Speaker will be Bob Scott, who will give a Glass Blowing Demonstration. Members £1.50, non-members £2 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits and raffle prize). New members are most welcome.

Our Birthday Tea will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm with Alan Jewel with music and songs from the 50's and 60's.

*Roma Patman-Wallis*

### **BRIG**

Advance notice for BRIG AGM: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 for 8pm in the Sports and Social Pavilion on the Recreation Ground

Teas for NGS Barton gardens on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Once again BRIG will be running these. Offers of help and cakes (to Meta Greenfield 262005) will be a great help. Teas for this event will be in the new pavilion.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

We continue to suffer from burglaries in this area, with Barton, Comberton, Coton, Grantchester, Madingley and Toft all being targeted recently. Please ensure that your house doors and windows are kept securely locked, especially during the day, and that sheds are also secured.

Here are a few tips from the police that may help to prevent a burglary:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight
- Install a visual burglar alarm

- Install good outside lighting
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer when you are away
- Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition
- Store valuable items (including passports, driving licences, bank statements) out of view
- Hide cash and wallets away
- Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage
- Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home

*Keep safe, Bev Edwards*

**Asthma UK House and Garden Fair – Tuesday 15th May 10am – 4pm.**



**Chilford Hall, Linton, CB21 4LE** Admission: £4

*There will be 60 stalls selling everything you need to revitalise your home, garden and wardrobe including clothing, food, toys, jewellery and shoes. Please contact Sue Rapley 07803 729 618 for details.*

**Festival of Farming, Food and Wildlife – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 11am – 5pm**

The Countryside Restoration Trust's Festival of Farming, Food and Wildlife will include food demonstrations and talks, various local food stalls, a bread making competition, as well as tractor and trailer rides, guided farm walks, sheep dog demos, farm animals and children's activities. FREE entry. Bird's Farm, Haslingfield Rd. For more information, please contact the office 262999 or [info@countrysiderestorationtrust.com](mailto:info@countrysiderestorationtrust.com)

**FOCAL – Friends of Comberton Area Library**

Library opening hours changed at the beginning of April and are now Monday 10am to 1pm, Wednesday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm, Friday 2pm to 5pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm. Our community librarians are Terri and Hilary. Please pop in and say hello.

The Comberton Reading Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30am and new members are welcome.

The library service is looking for volunteers in the coming months to help in libraries across the county. If you would like to register an interest, please send your contact details to [Dawn.Coleman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Dawn.Coleman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). Volunteers receive interviews, training and CRB checks when appropriate. More information see <http://friendsofcombertonlibrary.wordpress.com/volunteer-role-descriptions/>.

*Suzan Griffiths, Chair of FOCAL*