

Dear Friends,

The greenery of the gardens and hedgerows has now given way to the riot of bright colours in the flowers and in the flags of Summer 2012.

The Union Jack bunting will now be giving way to the red St. George's flags; which in turn will give way to the colourful five Rings of the Olympic Flags. They will brighten up the lamp posts, and our village streets, and it is a remarkable outward demonstration of how we feel, both as individuals, and as a local village community.

National and International symbols, such as these, are the symbols or icons of a particularly proud, confident and inclusive community and represent our community in a way that unites its people. This unity is based on a common pride, which is incited by these different images that are immediately recognisable and iconic.

These symbols will be used everywhere this summer in our national events and celebrations, inspiring a positive sense of belonging as they include every member of our national community, regardless of colour or creed. England enjoys many national symbols, which are used extensively in political, social, cultural and even religious spheres, to represent this diverse land. So how appropriate that we celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 60 years as our Monarch and Head of our Church. Her title is 'Defender of the Faith', and the Queen takes this role seriously. Bishop Stephen, in his Sermon this week, noted that the Queen's Christmas broadcasts have become more profoundly religious and rooted in the Christian gospels. She encourages all people of faith not only to put their head above the parapet in our secular age, but also wisely guides us to make the true connection between faith and dedicated public service for the common good of all. The Queen is well-placed to embody a multi-cultural society that welcomes the gifts of newcomers as well as those who have always been here.''

The symbol of the National Flags will now give way to the multi-coloured and interconnected rings of the Olympics, bringing people of all Faiths and none together, and bound together in Unity and Friendship. The Queen has been constant and faithful in her leadership of the Nation and Commonwealth, so how appropriate that she will be at the opening of the Olympic Games, when all National Flags will be rolled together into the one Olympic Symbol.

So when we see and celebrate this summer, encouraged by all of the rousing flags and symbols, let it reveal what St Paul says to the Philippians about all that is true, honourable, just and commendable in God's world.

Very best wishes for a very happy and joy filled summer.

Michael, Vicar

Church News

Coffee Morning – Saturday 7th July

We hope you can join us for an informal cup of coffee in the church from 10 – 11.30am. There will be some second-hand books on sale and perhaps a few other bargains. There is no charge for coffee.

Barton Baptist Church News

Thanks to the Jubilee Committee and all those who helped to make the Jubilee weekend such a great time. If you didn't get a souvenir Jubilee New Testament and would like one, we may still have a few available so please contact me.

On Sunday 8th July we will be inducting Rev Ken Jones as our (part time) Assistant Pastor. The service will take place at 3.30pm and be followed by tea in the village hall. Everyone is invited to join with us on this special occasion. Please come if you can to welcome Ken and his wife Les into the community.

Brian West 264801

Food Bank Collection Point – Opening Times during July:

Wednesday 4th 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Tuesday 10th 2.30pm – 4pm

Wednesday 18th 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Tuesday 24th 2.30pm – 4pm

Barton Christian Fellowship

In July we have our 1st Garden Meeting. It will be on Wednesday 11th at 2.30pm in the garden of Six Houses (if wet at Sheila Boocock's 15 Kings Grove). Please come and contribute to a Bring & Buy stall for Perennial, and a bring & share tea.

Tea and Chat for the Retired

Tuesdays 10th and 24th July 2.30pm – 4pm in Barton Baptist Church meeting room.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

District Councillor Francis Burkitt reported by Email that the QTSQ final document was presented to SCDC on 24 May; it was very well received. However, the Barton Road North & South site has featured in the press and is still a possible in Cambridge City Council's development plans. We must be ever watchful.

Thanks for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations

The Parish Council wishes to thank **everyone** involved in the brilliant organisation and hard work for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, before, during and after. The atmosphere throughout was wonderful. It was great to see the whole village pulling together. Such wonderful memories for us all.

New broadband campaign

A major campaign launched on 8 May is urging residents and businesses to do

their bit to help secure superfast broadband for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Superfast broadband will help boost local businesses and the economy, reduce isolation in rural communities and help improve health and access to services. But to secure vital support from broadband providers Cambridgeshire and Peterborough needs residents and businesses to simply click and show them we want improved broadband.

The more people that register the fact they want superfast broadband the more chance of it being delivered.

Click on the link on www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk website to show your support.

People who do not have access to the internet can register online or on paper forms in libraries, council offices and other public places.

Visitors to the Connecting Cambridgeshire website can also check their broadband speeds, find out about the benefits of broadband for businesses and communities and volunteer to become Digital Champions for their local areas.

The aim is to bring access to superfast broadband to at least 90% of businesses and homes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and better connectivity for all remaining premises by 2015. **Please do it again ... everything helps.**

Please support Your Mobile Library Service

Cambridgeshire currently has four mobile libraries stopping at 421 locations in 245 villages and communities throughout the county. It's a great place for catching up with friends and neighbours whilst supporting a local resource.

We visit most locations once a month *e.g.* the first Tuesday of the month. For your nearest mobile library stop you please visit www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library then click on 'find my nearest library'. **Or you can call us on 0345 045 5225**

- The service is **free** to join and use.
- Each Mobile Library vehicle carries up to 3,000 items of stock including fiction, non fiction, large print, books on CD & cassette, DVDs. Books for children of all ages.
- You can **request** books/cassettes/CDs/DVDs. We have access to all the books in Cambridgeshire Libraries.
- Any books borrowed from the Mobile Library can be **returned to any other Cambridgeshire Library** and you can return books from other libraries to us, so no need to worry about missing your due date.
- You can **renew and order books online**, please ask onboard for your 'PIN' to get you started.

- Books are issued for **5 weeks** and you can renew for up to three months.
- Unfortunately we do charge when books are returned late.
- All vehicles have a lift for wheelchair users or those who find stairs difficult.

Visiting times in your area: 3rd Thursday of the month

We look forward to welcoming you onboard soon.

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| 1 | Barton | Roman Hill | 10:45 | 11:05 |
| 2 | Barton | Kings Grove | 11:10 | 11:45 |
| 3 | Barton | Great Close | 11:50 | 12:10 |
| 4 | Barton | Allens Close | 12:15 | 12:35 |

Stops: 3rd Thursday of each month

More ways to recycle in Barton

A paper bank is located in the recycling area at the lay-by on the A603, Cambridge Road, where you can take newspapers, magazines, catalogues, telephone directories, envelopes (with or without windows), junk mail, paper and shredded paper. Paper can be recycled using the paper caddy in your blue bin and excess paper will be collected if placed alongside your blue bin in a separate container. However, if you have a large amount of paper you may prefer to use the paper bank. When paper is collected separately it can be reprocessed into new higher quality paper products.

For more information visit www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling. If you have a query you can get in touch on 03450 450 063 or recycling@scambs.gov.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 3rd July 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 7th August 6pm at Conkers – Councillor
Walkabout

[Patrick De Backer 262577 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:Patrick.DeBacker262577@btinternet.com)

Village News

Diamond Jubilee Weekend

What an amazing weekend we had at the beginning of June, it exceeded all our expectations with so many people enjoying all there was on offer. The Church Flowers, Royal Memorabilia, Treasure Trail, and Bell Ringing on the Saturday, the

Church Service on the Sunday afternoon and then the Monday! The Opening of the Bus Shelter, the Parade up the High Street with the knitting, the picnic, fun, games and entertainment, and of course meeting up with friends and neighbours and visitors. What a wonderful way to celebrate our community and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Special thanks to JezO for keeping it all going! The evening too went with a great swing, the ceilidh, live bands, hog roast and bar. A huge thank you to everyone who came, supported, helped and participated, without you all it would not have happened. We hope to produce a souvenir booklet and maybe a CD/video so watch this space. Please share your photos with us if you would like to have them considered for inclusion.

I do have a few items of lost property, in particular a pair of spectacles; contact me on 262666 if you lost anything, I might have it!

Anne Coulson for the Diamond Jubilee Committee

Jubilee Knitting update

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the knitting in any way, shape or form! The grand total of feet was 1420!! Not quite a mile but what a wonderful sight it was wiggling down the high street! We also managed to raise £1007, which was incredible so well done EVERYONE!! We are now putting the lengths of scarf together into blankets and will begin sewing these up soon. We hope to give Jimmy's Night Shelter around 35 blankets but will let you all know the final number!

Amy Winterbourne

Jubilee Treasure Trail

Well done to villagers, the Voss Family and the Bates Family, who won the short and long course quiz. Grateful thanks to Jane Mead for the rhyming clues, to Sue Radford and Maria Sockett for their support and to Conkers for the prizes.

Lorraine Mooney

Barton Drama Group Diamond Jubilee Showbiz Quiz

We are pleased to announce the winner, with a very respectable 21 points out of 30, is Richard Sockett – Congratulations! Many thanks to everyone who took part.

Jean Ricketts & Norma Eaton

BRIG/Bowls Club teas at the Jubilee day event

This teas took £404 which will be split equally between BRIG and Bowls club. A special thank you to all who made cakes and who helped serve.

The teas were welcomed by all who came.

Christian Aid Collection – May

This year the house-to-house collection has raised £834.09: A superb amount. Thank you to everyone who gave and to those who collected.

Hugh Greenfield

Barton Lunch Club – Friday 6th July, 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall

For reservations and cancellations please let Anne Coulson know 262666.

Sale in Aid of Mesothelioma Trust – 'Asbestosis'

Lots to sell, Bric-à-brac, Books, Etc, Also Prize Raffle.

On Friday 20th July from 12 noon till 4pm on the Green at Great Close Barton.

Any Donations of Articles to sell or Raffle Prizes to:

Wendy Rule 3 Great Close 263356.

Or Val Baines 5 Allens 263512.

Tea at Three – 3pm, Saturday 21st July

Just a reminder that our next traditional English Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall is on Saturday, 21st July, at 3pm. If you would like to relax over a delicious tea, served in style, book without delay!

Please contact one of us below, giving names, payment at £11 per head, and any dietary requirements. Profits to Cancer Research.

Margaret (262353), Ruth (262985), Alison (264985), Marjorie (262592)

Singles Supper Evening

The next Singles Supper will be on Saturday 4th August in Barton Pavilion at 7pm for 7.30pm. The cost is £10, it includes a delicious meal, wine & coffee. To reserve a place please contact Barbara Tomes 262692.

Barton Friendship Club

On Tuesday 15th May the Birthday Tea was held, and would like to thank Elaine Free, together with Pauline and Jennifer for the spread that was put on, and to Fiona for making the birthday cake. The music entertainment was given by Alan Jewel, and was appreciated by members.

The display of Royal Jubilee memorabilia held on the 2nd June was a great success, and would like to thank everyone for the loan of their personal property to this exhibition. Also many thanks to Richard P. for his organization, and to Brian R. for his computer skills and assistance.

The next Meeting will be held on the 3rd July and it will be a Games afternoon. On the 17th July, we have Sophie from East Anglia's Children Hospice (EACH) coming to give a talk on the work that is carried out. Everyone most welcome. Members £1.50, non-members £2 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits and raffle prizes. New members are most welcome.

Roma Patman-Wallis

Barton WI

In June we had an interesting talk from Barbara Kettel at the Cambridge City Food Bank, which gives emergency food for local people in crisis. In the past 18

months, 2,600 Cambridge people have been given food from this scheme and we decided that at our July meeting we would bring along food items from the scheme's 'shopping list', to be handed to the food Bank for distribution to those in need.

This month, Tuesday 10th, will be a talk about the British Antarctic Survey by Dr. Amelie Kirchgaessner.

Maggie Edwards

Barton Gardeners

BG's contributions to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations were well accepted by the assembled throng. Certainly, the Human Fruit Machine created much laughter and frivolity! The Plant Stall supplied hopeful gardeners with new and exciting plants and the Marquee provided much needed shelter from the sporadic showers!

Thursday, 12th July at 7.45pm -

Come and learn how to control the more unwelcome garden inhabitants with a talk on **'Pests and Disease Control'** by Mark Ekin, a specialist from The College of West Anglia at Barton Village Hall – Non-members £3 – Members free

Saturday, 14th July – Summer Outing

Last chance to book a place on the day trip to the **Beth Chatto Gardens** near Colchester and **Harveys Garden Plants**. Please phone me for availability a.s.a.p. Members £25 – Non-members £27.

Saturday, 8th September – Autumn Show

The Show Schedule accompanies this issue. Please enjoy looking through it and seeing which classes you would like to enter. We hope you will all enjoy the changes included, which reflect the different season.

Sue Edwards 262479

Barton Playgroup

This half term we will be celebrating, along with the rest of the country, the Olympics. The children will try different sports, learn about exercise and healthy eating, and find out about some of the countries taking part.



We will round off the year with a trip out to Milton Country Park where the children will spend a morning exploring in the woods, and we will have a Leavers' Party to say farewell to the children going off to school.

Parent and Toddler Group will restart on Monday afternoons in September.

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

Neighbourhood Watch

The Home Office crime statistics for March were encouraging – only one minor crime in Barton.

There has been a spate of car thefts in nearby villages, mainly high value cars such as Mercedes, Audi, VW Golf, BMW Z4 and also Ford Focus ST and a Ford Galaxy. Barton has been targeted by two men in a Mercedes Sport, claiming to be selling block paving but suspected of looking for cars to steal.

At least one burglary resulted in a car theft as a consequence of the car keys being easily available. The police recommend double-locking the front and back doors and storing car keys away from them and not on view. A burglar alarm set to active overnight may also help. UPVC doors are vulnerable and like all doors should be double locked.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

BRIG Calendar 2013

A reminder that BRIG is again producing a 2013 village calendar. We are looking for photographs. I am sure many of you took good ones at the wonderful Jubilee Day event and have others available as well. Please submit to Margaret Penston (email: margaret.penston@btinternet.com/262465) by 8th August as we wish to to have the calendar ready by the end of September.

Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground

Open Evening – Thursday 5th July From 5 – 7.30pm

Drop by, admire the trees and wildflowers, listen to the birds. Meet the team, ask questions, pick up a brochure, have some Pimms and strawberry scones.

(Event sponsored by Peasgood and Skeates, Independent Funeral Directors)

Please call 303874 for more information

Comberton Arts & Leisure

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| 1 st | Red Cross Talent Show | East of England semi final of this prestigious national event | Tbc |
| 6 th | CVC Dance Showcase | End of term show | 7.30pm |
| 7 th 8 th | Helen O'Grady Drama Academy | End of term show www.helenogrady.co.uk/ | 7pm |
| 14 th | Jigsaw Dance School | End of term show www.jigsawdance.com/ | 7pm |
| 15 th | Jill Bridger School of Dance | End of term show www.danceschool.biz/ | Tbc |
| 21 st | Rock Choir | End of term show www.rockchoir.com/ | 2.30pm & 7pm |
| 26 th | Blood Donors | www.blood.co.uk/ for details | Tbc |