

Dear Friends,

We only have to look around us to see how the season is changing. The early morning mist and dew, the colours of the trees and hedgerows with their autumnal hues of gold, red and brown are all signs that summer has passed and winter will soon be upon us. For farmers, locally in South Cambridgeshire, this has not been the best of summers, and as they harvest their crops, their yields are down due to the amount of rain we have had over the past few months. This will mean increased prices for everyone in the shops. However, there will be sufficient food in the shops for all of us and for this we should be thankful for God's goodness and mercy.

But we may also feel uncomfortable at Harvest time, as we only have to look at our television screens to see that there are people, even in Cambridge with no food to harvest, no fully stocked shops to fill their larders. Families are relying on food donated via the 'Food Bank'. In other countries, especially our link with the village of Mogomero in S.Malawi, we have seen floods sweep through the countryside, crops and livestock have been destroyed. At other times it has been drought that causes their crops to fail.

We should never take things for granted. In the Bible, harvest and judgement go together. So, it is right for us to be thankful for all we have, but we also need to ask ourselves how we can help to make it possible for all humankind to be thankful.

In Barton the food donated from the Church and School Harvest Festivals, the tools donated as 'Tools with a Mission' and all of our regular charitable giving is only just a beginning...for Harvest is the time when we should be grateful for what we have, but also a time to reflect on how we can help those who have little to be thankful for in order that God's Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Very best wishes,

Michael, Vicar

Church News

Coffee Morning Saturday October 13th 10am – 12 noon.

Special Coffee Morning in the Village Hall for church funds. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall, Raffle and Christmas cards from Save the Children Fund. Please come and support us and get your Christmas cards in good time. Admission, coffee and biscuits £1.

Thank you to Paul and Anita Duffett for taking part in the sponsored Ride and Stride for Cambridge Historic Churches Trust, raising money for our Parish Church and the Trust. That same day we also had a successful afternoon with teas at the Autumn Show and are very grateful to all who helped with and supported these.

Many thanks too, for the donations we received on our church Gift Day.

Barton Baptist Church News

We continue with our regular Bible Studies on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month. You are welcome to join with us on these occasions. We meet at 7.30pm in the Church Hall for about an hour. It is fairly easy going and relaxed, and you can ask what questions you like and put your ideas forward.

On 19th October Adrian Plass is the quest speaker at the Bible Society Autumn meeting. It is being held in Wesley Methodist Church starting at 7pm. Tickets are £8 and available from myself.

The 25th October sees the start of a week of prayer for the city of Cambridge. It begins with a service in Kings College Chapel at 8pm. All are welcome.

Food Bank Collection Point

In October the Food bank collection point is open on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd 2.30pm to 4pm and Wednesdays 3rd and 17th 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Light Party

Again this year St Peter's Parish Church and the Baptist Church will be running a Light Party on Sunday 28th October from 4.45pm to 7pm in the Village Hall. It will be for all children between the ages of 6 and 11 on 31st August 2012. The registration fee is £3 for each child to be submitted by the 22nd October. Meta Greenfield is handling the registrations. Her address is 104 High Street Barton CB23 7BG, 262005, meta.greenfield@btinternet.com

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

We will meet on Wednesday 10th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Ann Bruce from the Samaritans. All are welcome.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

Hedges and shrubs overhanging footways.

Some of those who are asked to cut things back do so promptly, thank you. However, a small minority wait far too long to get the work done and therefore inconvenience others. A cut halfway through the growing season does help so much. Please!

District Councillor Francis Burkitt

Francis urged all councils and individuals to reply to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan public consultation by 28th September.

County Councillor Fiona Whelan sent an Email report:

Local Plan: Caldecote, Hardwick, Kingston, Toft and Comberton are working on their submissions at the moment and I have been urging them to look at QTSQ. I will be preparing a submission as your County Councillor.

Broadband:

Please register your support for Broadband by leaflet (from Council offices or libraries) or on the www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk website regardless of where you are in the County.

Community Payback Scheme:

Thanks to a partnership between the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Trust and the County Council Highways Maintenance Teams, offenders who have been sentenced to community punishments by the courts have been out and about carrying out a variety of tasks which complement the work of the County Council's highway maintenance teams and help the council to make best use of its limited financial resources. If you would like to use the service, contact david.bynoe@cppt.probation.gsi.gov.uk. N.B. Barton has used this scheme very successfully in the past.

Neighbourhood Panel Meetings

These are becoming less and less well attended each time that they meet and I have real reservations about how democratic they are given that the local Police priorities are set by those attending the meeting. Many villages have no representation at all. (*Again, Barton is the exception and sends representatives!*)

We had a long chat about the recent spate of break-ins and attempted break-ins in local villages. The Police can only help if these are reported so I have offered to raise the issue at all Parish Council meetings this month, encouraging people to report things. This probably needs to be done on a regular basis to get people in to the habit of reporting things.

Family Website – take a look

Cambridgeshire County Council has put all the information you could ever need regarding children and families on one new website. This includes information on Children's Centres, education, benefits, help for parents, support for teens etc. They are still fine tuning it so are interested in your feedback if you have any problems with it. In the meantime government is putting a great deal of money into supporting families with multiple problems including long term unemployment. 10 Family Employment advisors are being employed who will work with a wider team to provide one stop shop support. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/families

First Census Findings

Cambridgeshire population up by 11% since last Census The total population of the 201 district councils in England increased from 19,896,800 to 21,249,900 (an increase of 6.4% (1,353,100)). Among district councils South Cambridgeshire witnessed the largest numerical increase of 18,800. At County level, the largest percentage increase in population occurred in Cambridgeshire with an 11% (68,545) increase in its population – no wonder our roads and shops are busier!

Carer's Survey

This is to be undertaken in October with a view to improving knowledge of the services already in place and expanding them where possible.

If you have any issues that I can help with please don't hesitate to contact me by phone: 01954 212725 (h) and 07947 865490 (m) or fewhelan@gmail.com

Haslingfield Road bridge

The bridge is now open to traffic!

RELATE Cambridge

Relate now offers so much more than marriage guidance. They are very experienced in providing family counselling to families with a huge variety of issues deal with. Similarly they have specialists in children and young people's counselling. To find out if they can help you phone 357424.

Barton Road lorry park lay-by at City boundary.

Since Mrs Lunt came to visit the Parish Council last year this has ping ponged backwards and forwards with frustrating slowness. The County Council has now agreed to change the signage and pay for it! Result! I'm still pursuing the cutting back / pruning of vegetation.



Ready to Kick Ash?

During October Camquit, your local stop smoking support services will have additional day time and evening clinics available to help you stop smoking. Call Camquit today to register on 0800 018 4304 or visit our website at www.camquit.nhs.uk

Work on Junction 11 on the M11 - the interchange for Trumpington, Addenbrookes Hospital and villages along the southern A10 corridor, should have begun. The work will include widening and re-aligning some of the slip roads, installing traffic lights and re-surfacing the roundabout. They should be over by Christmas.

Councillor Ian Bates, Cabinet member for Growth and Planning at Cambridgeshire County Council, says, “We have tried to plan the work to minimum the disruption to commuters with much of the activity taking place outside rush hour or at night but we apologise for any delays which people suffer.”

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 2nd October 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 6th November

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

Village News

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 27th Oct to 11th November– Collectors Needed, please!

We will make every effort to ensure there is a door-to-door collection to all houses in the village. **Poppies and Collecting boxes** will also be on the counters in the **Post Office, Shops, Pubs and the Garage** for those who miss the collector’s visit. If you are housebound, miss the collector’s visit and would like a poppy, just give either of us a call and we will arrange a delivery to your door.

Please give generously to this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you, Pat Magill 262610 and Roger Clemo 264765

Flu Jabs in Barton

Comberton Practice is planning to hold a flu jab session for Barton patients in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 23rd October, from 2pm until 3pm. Patients should telephone the surgery to make an appointment in the usual way but not before the beginning of October.

Barton Village Hall.

The Management Committee has decided to increase the session letting rate for Village clubs and societies by £1 to £14 from 1st January 2013. Rates for private parties and commercial lettings are currently under review, and will be available from the Lettings Secretary shortly.

Patrick Coulson (Treasurer)

Tea at Three

Tea at Three on 21st July, the weekend before the commencement of the Olympic Games, proved once again to be a most enjoyable occasion. Thank you to all who supported this event in any way. We were pleased to be able to send £181.50 to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

For your diaries, the next Tea at Three at Barton's Ritz will take place on Sunday afternoon, 9th December. To book a place (£11 per head) please contact one of us:

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

Barton Lunch Club. Friday October 5th 12.30 for 1pm. For reservations and cancellations this time please contact Helen Newstead 262543.

News from Barton CE School

The first term of the new school year has started well and the children and staff have come back refreshed after the summer. We have begun the term with 108 children on roll, the most we have had in the time I have been here, so we must be doing something right! As a school, we are now attracting children from our catchment villages of Barton and Grantchester but also from around twelve other villages in the area. Parents are choosing us for our small, church school ethos and we are delighted to welcome several children from overseas.

The Summer Term saw us facing both Ofsted and Church School (SIAS) inspections, and was a challenging time for staff and governors. Ofsted's new criteria (soon to change yet again) categorised us as a 'satisfactory' school that is fast improving. Our Church School inspection reinforced and praised many of our strengths and deemed us a 'good' school and so as the new school year gets underway, we have a clear plan which will take us forward, and hopefully on to better things.

As I write this, our sixteen new reception children are settling well into Class 1, exploring their classroom and finding their way around school. They seem a confident bunch so we will enjoy watching their progress. Class 3 are on a school trip to Milton Country Park for their

‘entry point’ into their topic on Homes and Habitats. They will be making dens and investigating the many natural habitats that the park has to offer. Barton Voices, our KS2 Choir, took part in the service at Grantchester Church on Sunday 9 September, and sang three songs in the presence of Bishop David, the Bishop of Huntingdon, who was the guest of honour at the service. Their contribution was much appreciated by the congregation and of course the Bishop! The choir will again be performing at the City of Cambridge Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Guildhall on Sunday 4 November, following their successful performance last year. They would love your support!

Our Christmas Fayre this year, which will have the theme of the Dickens’ novel ‘A Christmas Carol’, is scheduled to take place on Saturday 1 December so please make sure that the date is in your diaries now!

As of this year, we have a co- Headship at Barton. I have reduced my hours to 4 days a week, and am joined on the Leadership ‘team’ by Milly d’Escrivan who is now Head Teacher on a Friday. Milly teaches our Y5/6 class during the rest of the week. This is enabling Milly to experience Leadership, and following a trial earlier in the year, the arrangement is now permanent.

Best wishes from all at Barton School

Sue Carpenter and Milly d’Escrivan, Co Head Teachers

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On Tuesday 9th October we have a talk, together with a demonstration on a willing volunteer, of reflexology given by Julia Smith. A relaxing and interesting evening in store.

Julia Stibbs

Barton Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast will be held on Saturday, 20th October in the Pavilion at 8am. If you intend to come please let Hugh Greenfield know on **262005** for catering purposes.

There will be a discussion to decide on future dates, times etc

Hugh Greenfield

Monthly Village Coffee Morning – Second Thursdays

This is a new venture! A coffee morning will be held monthly in The Pavilion. The first one is on Thursday 11th October from 10am - 11.30am. Further dates are 8th November and 13th December. A charge of £2 will be made to cover costs but will include unlimited coffee, biscuits & chat! All

welcome.

Barton Drama Group's Autumn Production

The Drama Group's Autumn Production will be staged from Wednesday 28th November to Saturday 1st December in Barton Village Hall at 8pm. Norma Eaton is the director and the play is called *Over My Dead Body*, a comedy by Derek Benfield. Tickets cost £8 (£6 concessions) and include refreshments. They are available from Norma Eaton 263561.

BRIG

Many of you will have seen that all the lead trim around the base of the Sports and Social Pavilion was stolen overnight in late July. Unfortunately many of the bottom boards were also damaged by the thieves. We have decided to replace the flashing with a lead substitute and repair work will start in due course. This of course comes at a cost to BRIG. Please support our fund raising!

BRIG Autumn Coffee Morning

Sat 3rd November 10am till 12noon in Barton Village Hall

Jams, marmalade and chutneys will be on sale as well as our ever popular Barton Calendar and cards.

Entrance: £1 including coffee and biscuits

Barton Bowls Club Jumble Sale

The Bowls Club is organising a jumble sale in Barton Village Hall on Saturday 6th October opening at 2pm. Offers of jumble would be welcome. Items can be left at 114 High Street or 7 Kings Grove during the week before or brought to the Hall on the morning of the 6th.

Change of Date

Please note that the next Singles Supper will now be on November 3rd NOT December 1st owing to a clash of dates within the village. It will be in The Pavilion, 7pm for 7.30pm & is £10 per person to include a delicious meal with wine & coffee. Please let Barbara Tomes 262692 know if you would like to come.

Barton Friendship Club

It doesn't seem possible that we are now planning for October, and would like to thank, Geoff Hales – Travelling Theatre, who came to us on 7th August, and also to the Federation Players who entertained the Members on 4th September, in place of the mystery tour.

October 2nd will be the next meeting, and Mr P. Walker will be giving a talk on the History of Gamlingay Woods. The 16th October a games afternoon with bingo will be held.

A **Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy** is on **Saturday 20th October** in the Village Hall at 10.30am –12 noon in aid of Club funds, has been arranged and look forward to seeing as many people as possible. Members £1.50, non-members £2 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits and raffle prizes). New Members are most welcome.

Roma Patman-Wallis

Barton Gardeners

Autumn Show -What a stupendous day: the late summer sun shone and both the Village and School halls were filled with the products of our endeavours. The children's art and exhibits showed how enthusiastic they are to join in this event. The Show was small but very well patronised and the judges were impressed with the garden produce and homecraft. Praise to all the men who entered the 'loaf of bread' class. Thanks to the committee for their excellent hard work and organisational skills - the hall looked marvellous.

Monday, 15th October at 7.30pm – AGM in Barton Village Hall

Please come and JOIN or RENEW your Membership for another year packed with events, offers and gardening tips.

This will be followed by a light-hearted **QUIZ** to cheer and inform.

Please bring a sense of humour, some gardening knowledge and a pair of glasses (if you need them!) and a pen/pencil

Cheese and wine refreshments will be available. Everyone welcome.

Sue Edwards 262479

Barton Playgroup

We return to Playgroup after the summer break with numbers looking extremely healthy, so much so that we are running an extra session on a Wednesday afternoon to accommodate the demand. This half term we are looking at telling stories using our Story Sacks which use books and associated props to share the stories. These include *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Suddenly*, *Big Hungry Bear*, *Owl Babies*, *Farmer Duck*, and *Mrs Honey's Hat*.

We have restarted Parents and Toddlers on Monday afternoon from 1.30pm until 3pm. This is for parents and carers with pre-school children of any age. Come along, meet other parents and share a coffee and biscuit! The cost is £2 per family.

We are also holding a Meet and Greet Coffee Morning at Playgroup on Saturday 22nd September at 10.30am for parents to get to know each other. If you are considering Barton Playgroup in the future why not come along to meet the staff and existing parents. Our AGM is on Tuesday 25th September at 7.30pm.



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

Although the most recent police statistics continue to show a drop in crime rates over the past year, we are still suffering from metal thefts in this area. There has also been a spate of thefts, and attempted thefts, from garden sheds and commercial buildings in Barton. Please report anything suspicious to the police, and be careful not to leave any buildings unsecured.

In addition, police have been carrying out speed checks in this area and have found that over 8% of drivers are significantly exceeding the speed limits.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Wednesday Women W.I.

At the August meeting of the WW WI, John, the community leader from Emmaus in Cambridge, gave us a fascinating talk about the Community, from its origin in Paris in 1949 to the work of our local community in Landbeach. It was started by Father Henri-Antoine Groues, a Catholic priest and MP. During World War II he had been a member of the French Resistance; after the War he began to fight for the rights of those who found themselves homeless. John himself was homeless before coming to Emmaus. The Landbeach community was opened in 1992 by Terry Waite and the charity is home to up to 30 people. The shop is an Aladdin's Cave of treasures, selling all manner of second-hand items, including clothes. The normal shop opening hours are Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm; Saturday 9am – 5pm, and the Coffee Shop serves delicious cakes!

The WW WI meets at The White Horse, Barton, on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. On 17th October, Kim Brinnen will be giving us a practical session where everyone can try to crochet a flower, holly and mistletoe with ideas of using them for brooches, bags etc. Ladies welcome, all ages, and bring along any hooks and wool if you have them.

Comberton Bridge Club We are a small, friendly group that meets at Comberton Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. If you enjoy a game of Rubber Bridge why not come and join us? If you would like more information, please telephone Sylvia Robertson on 263474.

**Comberton Antiquarian Society 'Boom & Bust in Lavenham' 8pm
Tuesday 23rd**

The Society meets on the last Tuesday of each month in Comberton Village Hall to listen to expert speakers talk on a wide range of antiquarian topics. It also offers outings to places of interest (ie museums, stately homes, etc). Speaker Jane Gosling is employed by *The National Trust* and is responsible for the Guildhall of Corpus Christi in Lavenham. She is a very experienced speaker and has a wealth of knowledge on timber-framed buildings. It should prove to be a very enjoyable evening. New members are welcome to attend. Please contact Barbara Dyson (01954 719202) for membership.

**Burwash Manor Farm – Apple Day, Saturday 13th October 10am onwards
Hedge Laying Competition & Vintage Ploughing Match, 9am–1pm.**

IT'S OUR FABULOUS ANNUAL APPLE DAY AGAIN AND THERE'S EVEN MORE GOING ON THAN EVER:

APPLE IDENTIFYING♦♦ANIMALS GALORE♦♦COUNTRYSIDE SKILLS
ENTERTAINMENT♦♦FOOD♦♦COOKERY DEMONSTRATIONS

ENTRANCE IS £2 PER ADULT, CHILDREN FREE.

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE SICK CHILDREN'S TRUST.

**Falling Leaves Festival with the RSPB at Burwash
October 28th 11am–4pm**

The leaves are falling and the RSPB are coming to Burwash Manor to help them celebrate this beautiful time of year, and to teach us how to help the wildlife in our gardens. Fun for all the family.

Free entry and parking! Full details at www.burwashmanor.com

Comberton Village College

An open evening for prospective pupils and their parents will take place at Comberton on Thursday 11th October (6.30-8.30) and anyone with a Year 6 child is welcome to attend. There will be talks about both establishments and the chance to look at the various subjects that are taught, with demonstrations and guidance from existing Comberton pupils.

Don't forget the Christmas Bazaar on 1st December (11am-2pm). Anybody wishing to book a stall is asked to contact Judy Czylok publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk Last year's stall-holders should automatically receive a booking form this year if we have your e-mail address.

Please see www.combertonleisure.com and www.combertonvc.org for events and entertainment.

5 th	Hall of Horrors,	Young bands and theatre www.combertonleisure.com
6 th	Gypsy Orchestra of Great Britain	Gypsy inspired jazz music www.combertonleisure.com
11 th	Open Evening	6.30-8.30pm. www.combertonvc.org
12 th	Custard Comedy	With Andrew Bird, Chris Stokes, Luke Graves and Compere Craig Murray - £8 adv £10 door www.combertonleisure.com
13 th	Sylvia Armit School of Dance	Sylvia Armit School of Dance's students show their talent.
20 th & 21 st	Charity Wedding Fair	A new venture for us here at Comberton Leisure – our very first Wedding Fair organised by Invision Photography. www.combertonleisure.com
27 th	Rhubarb Cabaret	The Grand Halloween Ball, expect thrills, spills and bellyaches! Check the website for details www.combertonleisure.com

Friends of Comberton Area Library – FOCAL

The Friends continue to support the community with events and activities such as speaker evenings, book delivery, a half-term event and reading group. Please contact library staff for further information or visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries/foal/foal.htm or contact the reading group librarian

Suzan Griffiths Cl



[gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

library.wordpress.com

Blue Smile Nearly New Sale

Blue Smile is a Cambridgeshire Charity that supports disadvantaged and vulnerable children through arts-based therapeutic support in schools. Research shows that this early specialist intervention really helps children avoid long term mental health problems. It can quite simply be life-changing.

Blue Smile would like to hold a “Nearly New” sale in February 2013. We would like to include in this sale good quality women’s clothing, jewellery, ski wear, scarves, hats, handbags, belts, baby and children’s clothing, children’s ski wear, men’s overcoats, anoraks, dinner suits and dress shirts. All clothing etc should be clean and in near-perfect condition. No shoes or bric-a-brac please.

So please remember **Blue Smile** this autumn when sorting out your wardrobe. Please see notices nearer the time or telephone Janet Lloyd, 872223 for further information.