

Dear Friends,

A Happy New Year – a New Year that brings us new opportunities, and a New Year can be about true new starts.

2012 has not been a good year for many in my family, and I know it has not been a good year for many people in our village communities. Although we have had the joy of the Jubilee celebrations and the Olympics, for many there have been personal worries about work and the economy, floods and loss of treasured loved ones. This past year we have had many more Funerals, but then also a record number of Baptisms and Weddings across all five Villages.

I am now thinking that 2013 must be a better year, but rationally how could the passage of time which just happens to be named 2013 instead of 2012 change things?

This is the mystery of all new starts. What is it that changes us? We have all had other new starts, some more successful than others, but there is something special about our 'new starts' which brings hope?

You will be reading this in our churches season of Epiphany, when we remember the Magi, the Kings or wise men. During Advent, and again next week, we remember John the Baptist. John was known as 'John the Baptist' because he baptised people. Not just babies, with a font: but mainly older people in the river. These people wanted a new start – they didn't know anything about Jesus yet, but they went to John in the wilderness. Where John was baptising people is below sea level, and there is a hot, uncomfortable, sweaty wilderness surrounding the River Jordan. The people going to John were looking for forgiveness to be able to let go of the things which have been before, so they were able to receive new things

This is the very essence of Christianity. No one comes to be a Christian because they are good: we come because we know we are not good, and we ask God for forgiveness and he blesses us with a new start. That is what Christmas – the church season between Advent and Epiphany – is all about: God sends Jesus so we can be reconciled with him.

Those washed by John in the Jordan had decided that now was the time to leave the past in the past and to look to the future. Some of them probably became the first Christians; as they were seeking God's plan and some would have recognised that in Jesus. I know that what happened is that their view of the world changed. They went from having their perspective based on their experience of the past, troubled for many, and instead looked for the future.

(It is our church's great joy to have hosted the Baptism and confirmation of this Baptism of many adults last year, and look forward to more in this year ahead).

So I am praying that 2013 will bring a new start for me and those others who have struggled with 2012; that our view of the world will change, our perspective will move from our experience of our troubled year and instead look forward to our future possibilities; that we do look forward with confidence and excitement.

With all best wishes and all of God's blessings for this year ahead

Michael, Vicar

Church News

From the church registers

Funerals

November 19 th 2012	David Olive
November 22 nd 2012	Ann Winterson
January 4 th 2013	Cornie (Cornelius) Thorne.

Also at St. Andrews, Toft

January 17 th 2013	Joan Overton
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Copies of the **Barton Church Diary** will be in church for any parishioners who would like to have one for reference to see 'what's on' during the year.

Anne Coulson

Church Jumble Sale – 2.30pm Saturday 23rd February, Barton School and Village Hall

The original way of recycling clothes and items not needed any more!

All unsold items are recycled if possible to Emmaus and Salvation Army.

Please support by donating items for the following Stalls:

Bric-a-brac (including kitchen items & china but no electrical appliances);

Children's toys, books, bedding and soft furnishings; Clean clothing – men's, women's & children's as well as 'nearly new'.

Setting up will be on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon. It will be helpful if items are brought to the school then.

Jumble can be collected or dropped off before the day to the following people:-

Hugh Greenfield	114 High Street	262005
Anne Coulson	16 Roman Hill	262666
Ruth Barnes	33 Kings Grove	262114

Meta Greenfield

Barton Baptist Church

The lent Bible studies start this month. The first is on Wednesday 20th starting at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church and the second on the 27th. In March they will be on the 6th, 13th and 20th.

Please note that in February there will only be a **Tea and Chat** on the 12th February and not one on the 26th February.

It is with mixed feelings that we record the death of Ruby Wright. She died peacefully on Thursday 10th January aged 102. We thank God for her long life and service to the community.

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

On Wednesday February 13th in the Village Hall at 2.30pm, Jennifer Donkin will be speaking about her visit to Sinai. All are welcome.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Options 2 Consultation

The Council consulted last summer asking for views on a wide range of Issues and Options to help create a new Local Plan about how the area should be developed over the next 20 years. Over 20,000 comments were received, including new suggestions for development.

This second Issues and Options consultation is split into two parts:

- **Part 1 - Joint consultation with Cambridge City Council.** Deals with issues that are important to both Councils, where joint working means our Local Plans will be joined up. It includes site options for housing or employment on the edge of Cambridge currently in the Green Belt. It also considers whether a community stadium should be built and if so where.
- **Part 2 – South Cambridgeshire issues.** This builds on the summer consultation by seeking views on further site options for development and areas to be protected. As part of the Council's new approach to localism, and our desire to work with parish councils as we prepare the Local Plan, it also includes proposals put forward by parish councils that are now being consulted on with residents.

From a strictly Barton or Quarter to Six Quadrant point of view, no immediate development sites are listed. However, you may wish to comment on possible development at Comberton or Bourn Airfield or the site of a new football stadium.

A six-week period of **public consultation** runs from **Monday 7 January to 5pm on Monday 18 February 2013**. All consultation documents are available on the Council's website: www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/localplan.

Finding out more

A leaflet is available for information; this sets out ten questions covering the more significant issues and also acts as a questionnaire which can be completed and returned to the Council if you prefer to focus on those questions rather than the main consultation documents.

Come along to view the consultation documents and exhibition in the Council's office in Cambourne throughout the consultation period.

Comments should be received by the Council no later than 5pm on Monday 18 February.

Next steps

The results of this second Issues and Options consultation will be taken together with the comments we received to the summer 2012 consultation and will help the Council prepare a **draft Local Plan for consultation in summer 2013**.

School parking

Cars are still being left dangerously close to the bend in New Road and causing a traffic hazard. Please encourage your fellow parents to park just a little further away and walk the extra distance. Parking is available at Burwash Manor, for instance. There are so many accidents waiting to happen at peak times. The Parish Council will work with the School and the Police to try and find solutions, but please make that special effort to walk a little further.

Health matters

Across Cambridgeshire there are extra services to assist you, your relatives and your neighbours in staying warm and well this winter. Everything from smart energy information, grants, shopping services and much more. To beat the cold this winter call **C-714452** or email warmhomes@care-network.org.uk.

Just to remind you, **Camquit** is our local stop smoking support service who are a team of professional advisors who understand that quitting smoking is different for everyone. They can arrange Nicotine Replacement therapies at prescription only cost and for those who don't pay prescriptions these are free. **Camquit** is open extended hours, including weekends and have clinics available right across the county!

If you have friends or family who smoke, they can call our dedicated

helpline on 0800 0184304 or self refer to our service via <http://www.camquit.nhs.uk/CAMQUIT/Support/Referral-form.htm>. For more information about our service please visit www.camquit.nhs.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 5th February 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Tuesday 5th March

Patrick De Backer 07771 9237107 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Liz Thorne and her family would like to thank all the many friends within and near to Barton for the truly wonderful support we have had during Cornie's illness and then at the time of his death. Also for the very many messages of condolence received. This village feels like an extended family. We would also like to thank St Peter's Church, Michael and all the clergy and PCC for their sympathetic guidance and prayers.

We wish everyone a peaceful 2013.

Kind regards, Lisa Thorne, (on behalf of the Thorne family

CAMTAD and Cornie Thorne

Everyone at CAMTAD (Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness) was very sorry to hear of the death of Cornie Thorne who was a volunteer for CAMTAD for many years. He was well known in all the villages around the Barton area for his visits to housebound people to provide a hearing aid maintenance service and batteries, essential for keeping hearing aids in good working order. He only retired from CAMTAD in 2011 and we miss his good humour and enthusiasm very much.

CAMTAD has a hearing help session in Comberton and volunteers make home visits to the housebound and we are looking for volunteers.

Frances Dewhurst, Director, C-416141 or admin@camtadcamb.org.uk

Burwash Summer Ball Proceeds – Thank you

The Ball Committee is very happy to report that all the proceeds from the Ball have now been allocated to three recipients:-



- £3,000 to Red Balloon Learner Centre, Cambridge. This is a local charity established for the recovery of severely bullied children who are out of school and missing their education. www.RedBalloonLearner.org.uk
- £2,000 to Barton Primary School

- £1,000 to Barton Village Institute

With many thanks to those who attended and gave so generously and to all who donated such wonderful Raffle Prizes.

Sue and Mike Radford

Tea at Three

The candlelit Christmas Tea at Three on 9th December was a very enjoyable festive occasion. Thank you to all who supported this event in any way. We were pleased to be able to send £84.50 to Breast Cancer.

For your diaries, the next Tea at Three at Barton's Ritz will take place on Saturday, 4th May. Details nearer the time.

Margaret, Ruth, Alison, Marjorie

Grantchester Barrel Rolling – Boxing Day

Thank you to Frances Burkitt and Grantchester PCC for organizing another fun event, and well done to reigning County Champions, Burwash Manor.

Barton Lunch Club. Friday February 1st 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall

For reservations and cancellations please contact Anne Coulson Tel. 262666. Following the collection at our Christmas Lunch in December we sent £230 to the Cambridge Food Bank, which was much appreciated.

Barton Parish Institute AGM – Monday 18th February at 7.45pm

The Meeting will be held in the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome; it is an opportunity to air views on Village Hall matters.

Neighbourhood Watch

There continue to be several burglaries and thefts in Barton and surrounding villages but these may now be on a downward trend. From April 2012, the Home Office has been publishing details of crime outcomes. Since then, only one suspect has been charged with a crime committed in Barton, in June 2012. The police hope that their success rate will improve as a result of recent initiatives.

Please remain alert to possible thefts of heating oil, especially as the price is rising during the winter.



Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Friendship Club

Members much enjoyed our Christmas lunch held on 4th December and would like to thank Carol Wilmot and her colleague for all the attention given to us. The entertainment by UIIA Bell Ringers was most enjoyable and was appreciated by all.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Liz Thorne and her family as they mourn the loss of Cornie.

On the 5th February, a Games afternoon of Hoy will be held.

The following Club meeting will be held on the 15th February, and Margaret Penston will be giving a Talk about the Planets.

Members £2, non-members £2.50 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits). **New Members are most welcome.**

Roma Patman-Wallis

Barton Gardeners



The **Mince Pie Morning** gave many of us a lovely start to the Christmas celebrations. Thanks to all of those who attended this successful annual event.

BG has a full and exciting programme for this year, starting with an interesting and inspiring talk on 26th

March on '**Self-sufficiency from your Garden**'. Renewal of membership is now open and we would also urge other villagers to come along and enjoy our events.

Please remember, whilst you are tidying up your garden, if the weather permits, to put aside any surplus plants that could find a new home in our **Plant Sale** in May – thank you.

Sue Edwards 262479

Barton Playgroup

We hope everyone had a good Christmas break! Playgroup rounded the year off with a fun Christmas party and their production of the book *Farmer Duck* for the parents.

This half-term we are learning about Colours and Shapes, and will be looking at the Elmer stories. We will also celebrate the Chinese New Year and Burns Night.

Toddler Group continues on a Monday afternoon from 1.30pm until 3pm.

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

Haslingfield Under 8's Football

We are very pleased to announce that a new opportunity for boys and girls to play football is arriving in Haslingfield, starting on Saturday 26 January.

A new under 7s team is assembling as part of Haslingfield Colts FC (which until now, only has had an under 13s team.) From 0930-1030 on Saturday mornings, all year 2, year 1 and reception-aged children are welcome to come to training at Haslingfield Rec.

We aim to provide a positive and fun atmosphere for kids to enjoy and challenge themselves playing the beautiful game. Next season, we expect to register an under 8s team (made up of children who will be in Year 3 next year) in the Cambridgeshire Mini-Soccer League.

Training is £1/session. Any questions, please contact Chris Coleridge (07910 659856 or 01223 264355) or Paul Davies (07932 649318) about Year 2 children, or Matt Queen (07771 560109) about Year 1 and Reception children; or email c.coleridge@ucl.ac.uk. We conform to FA regulations and are CRB checked.

Village Day – 13th July – Barton's Big Day Out!



Plans are underway for this year's event, which will be on the Rec, with many of the popular features of the Jubilee celebration, such as stalls, entertainments, pet show, tug o' war, maypole and dance displays, and the major



addition of the Barton Gardeners' Show. There'll be a refreshment marquee, offering all-day food and drink, with a barbecue in the evening, rolling into the evening's entertainment by the ceilidh and dance bands which were so popular last time. Comments, suggestions, offers of help to Matt, Tim, Stephen, Lorraine; or if you'd like a stall or sideshow, Hugh, all on: bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk



WI

Barton WI had a good turnout for the first meeting of 2013. Our speaker for the evening was Katy Salmon who turned up in Tudor costume. For several years she and her family worked as volunteers at Kentwell Hall recreating history of the Tudor period. Her talk and demonstration illustrated the very basic dishes which the lower classes would have eaten, compared with those of the gentry. Members were able to try the various dishes which were extremely tasty – even if not appealing to the eye. The Members' Evening next month, 12th February, will take us on *A Journey into Space*.

Maggie Edwards

BRIG

Thanks to all who bought the BRIG calendar and cards this Christmas. The money raised will help to pay for the repair to the pavilion resulting from the lead trim being stolen.

We will not be using lead in the repair.

Do remember that the Social room at the Sports and Social Pavilion is available for private hire for parties or for meetings and training purposes.

Meta Greenfield 262005 meta.greenfield@btinternet.com

Barton Drama Group

Barton Drama Group's Spring production is from Wednesday March 20th to Saturday March 23rd at 8pm in Barton Village Hall. It is *Take Away the Lady* a play of suspense by Jimmie Chinn to be directed by Judith Bowen. Tickets from Norma Eaton 263561 £8 & £6 concessions to include refreshments.

Cake and Make!



Just a reminder that the Cake and Make group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at 3pm in the Pavilion. Everyone welcome, with any craft, in any stage of progression – or maybe not even started!

Come along to be inspired, share your talent or quietly get on with something you have been trying to finish for ages! Small charge to cover Pavilion hire; tea/coffee and cake available. If you have any queries, please ring Meta (262005) or Margaret (262353).

BARTON WARD OIL CLUB

As I write this article in early January, a cold snap is threatened, so it is very appropriate to mention the Barton Ward Oil Club, which exists for the benefit of residents of Barton, Coton, Grantchester and Madingley.

In 2012, 150 households in the club took 392 deliveries of oil, i.e. an average of about two deliveries per member during the year. They ordered a massive 356,450 litres of oil – in other words, more than a third of a million litres of oil, and over £200,000 worth. The average is about 2,400 litres per year per household.

Agricole donates £5 per customer who orders over 1,000 litres per year, which we put towards local good causes. 2011's £600 contribution paid for some of the 30 oak trees planted along "The Baulk" footpath in Grantchester. In 2012 we will again get about £600, which will be divided in the ratio 2:1 between good causes in Barton and new furniture for Madingley Village Hall. The club has fewer members in Coton, as it is on the gas main.

Although we call BWOC a club, you don't have to pay to join, and there is no membership paperwork. The club is administered for us by a broker called Agricole Oil (www.agricoleoil.co.uk), based in Cambourne and run by Jeremy Cole and his colleagues.

The idea is simple: Agricole will bulk-up your order for home heating oil with all of their other customers who order at the same time, so that you can benefit from a shared volume discount, and the best competitive price from a range of suppliers on the day. There are two ways to order:

- (1) phone/email any time, and your oil will be delivered within 2-3 days. This gets you a normal discount, as your order will be bulked-up with all the other people who order on that day; or
- (2) phone/email in the last week of a month, to join the month-end scheme, and get delivery by the 7th of the next month. This gets a bigger discount, as more people target this time of the month, so the volume of orders is bigger, and hence the discount is bigger.

You can order by calling 01954 719 452 or emailing jeremy@agricole.co.uk In total, Agricole has over 2,000 customers in the Cambridge and the East Anglian region (represented by 19 local clubs like ours), and another 2,500 in the Oxfordshire to Bristol area (80 local clubs). Agricole buys about 5 million litres of heating oil per year for its customers, or the equivalent of two Olympic swimming pools, which shows its ability to get volume discounts.

Francis Burkitt. Acting Chairman of BWOC, until anyone volunteers to take over

Comberton Village College

A new arts festival for South Cambridgeshire called EMERGE will take place throughout February and March 2013. If any local drama, music, dance or other arts groups would like to be included in EMERGE publicity they can contact Richard Brown rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk for more details.

8 th Feb	Custard Comedy	Line up TBC – check the website for details. www.combertonleisure.com
9 th Feb	Rhubarb Cabaret	Line up TBC – check the website for details. www.combertonleisure.com
16 th /17 th Feb	Stage Right Dance Showcase	Shows from members of Stage Right
23 rd /24 th Feb	Eden Dance Showcase	

A fuller list of events is detailed below and more information can be found on our websites, www.combertonvc.org or www.combertonleisure.com

An **Auction of Promises** in aid of the Comberton minibus appeal will be held on March 9th. If you would like to reserve a catalogue or are able to donate a promise of any kind then please contact the Friends of Comberton Village Trust Fund at cvcfriends@gmail.com

Friends of Comberton Library December Report

The Comberton Reading Group will meet at 10.30 on 6th February to discuss *Fingersmith* by Sarah Walters.

From the December Cambridgeshire Libraries Newsletter:

“We welcome your donated books in good condition at any time of the year, but please consider giving a new book to the library this Christmas.

It may be a favourite paperback or children's book or something you see when shopping for books as presents. Books for early years such as board books, picture books and nursery rhyme collections are especially welcome. Please just hand your gift in at the library, we can provide a bookplate for your message if you wish. All books will be put into library stock and will benefit all the library users in the county. Your gift will be appreciated long after Christmas is over - some of our books are borrowed over 40 times before they become too worn for the library shelves.”

Date for your diary: National Libraries Day 2013, a culmination of a week's worth of celebrations in school, college, university, workplace and public libraries across the UK, will take place on Saturday 9th February. Why not introduce a friend to the library or try out one of the on-line resources?

Did you know...?

You can borrow magazines for one week from the library but also search many more titles online by logging onto InfoTrac UK Journals with your library card. Some magazines, such as Which? may only be viewed on library computers but most can be searched at home. Find the link on the library website <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/online-db.htm>

Suzan Griffiths Chair FOCAL

NSPCC Fundraising Events

We would like to give local people a chance to join us at this fundraising event, which promises to be an amazing culinary experience. Tickets go on sale this month. If you want more details, please contact me.

Saturday, 16th March 7pm at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

Flying Visits – with 7 Top Chefs – Pork Fyre

£70 per head for Canapés, 7 courses and paired wines

Enquiries/Bookings:catering@corpus.cam.ac.uk C-338024

All funds raised will go to NSPCC

Monday 25th February: 12 noon at La Mimosa, Thompsons Lane, Cambridge
2 Courses with Coffee £16.50

The speaker is Richard Gant, Head Gardener at Madingley Hall

NSPCC Cambridge Dining Club welcomes new members – both men and women

Enquiries/Bookings:cfm.armstrong@gmail.com or 01954 719745

Kate Armstrong NSPCC South Cambridgeshire Branch

Blue Smile Nearly New Sale

Wednesday 27th February 2013 11am – 4pm

We will have on sale an excellent range of clothing, including 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 will be clean and realistically priced. No charge for entry. Raffle tickets will be available on the day. Unfortunately we cannot accept debit/credit cards – only cash/cheques.

The sale will take place at **St Johns Barn, St Johns Lane, Horningsea.**

Ample parking available on the High Street. Turn left at the Crown and Punchbowl, then first turning on right into yard. No parking available at the venue. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available. Please telephone Janet Lloyd, 01223 872223 for further information.

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.

Spring Walk at The Bury, Thriplow on Friday 1st March 10-12.30

Come and enjoy a bracing walk around the ancient gardens of the 18th Century Bury in Thriplow. Beautiful setting - snow drop walk, spring bulbs, two walled gardens, garden sculpture, stunning mature trees including one of the finest examples of a Mulberry in the country.

Warm up after your walk in the stunning, newly converted Barn with coffee and homemade cakes. Also a sale of plants, bulbs and delicious baking. Stalls from Phoenix cards, Boxworth Botanicals, Phillipa Pearson Gardens and more.

All proceeds to Blue Smile who provide skilled emotional support in local schools for children aged 3-13 that unlocks potential and transforms lives.

Admission £4 including coffee and cakes