

**Dear All,**

With the departure of Reverend Michael Matthews to a new role in Peterborough, it's my pleasure to be accompanying St Peter's Barton as they explore, with the other churches in the Lordsbridge team, what the future will look like. As a curate working in the local churches for the last two years, I've spent time in Barton and look forward to doing a little more of this alongside my other commitments.

It struck me that we all need to review how we spend our time occasionally. 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 busyness, 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*

*Priest-in-charge, St Peter's Church & Curate, Lordsbridge team of churches*

## **Church News**

**Saturdays 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> September Coffee Morning 10 to 11.30am in the Church.** There is no charge for coffee. Books (and maybe other items) for sale. Do drop in for coffee and a chat with friends and neighbours.

### **Barton Baptist Church**

Rev Ken Jones and his wife Les have been with us for a year now. It has been a great privilege to work with them. By the time you read this the remedial work on the Church building will be well over half way through. However, on the financial side we still need a lot more money. At the time of writing we have received gifts of just over £6,000 and our target is £36,000. We have a capital fund of just over £8,000 so we still need another £22,000 to pay for all the work and the improvements that we would like to make. While we are trying to raise the rest of the money we will have to take out loans from various sources.

We hope to be back in our building by the beginning of September and will invite everyone to come to an open morning/day and have a good look round at the changes and also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

August is a quiet month with no meetings.

Things start again in September. Our Bible Studies will be on Wednesdays the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The food bank collection point will also be open between 7.30pm and 8.30pm, back in its usual place.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September we will have our Harvest Festival. Again this year we will be supporting Tools With a Mission (TWAM). So if you have any unused tools please let me have them or bring them to the service which starts at 10.30am. Fresh and tinned food will also be welcomed, the latter going to the food bank (if appropriate) the rest to Jimmy's Night Shelter.

In July we sent some 20 sewing machines, 1 knitting machine, 6 bicycles, 4 computers and numerous garden tools, a lawn mower and a large variety of spanners, screwdrivers, hammers etc to TWAM

*Brian West*

### **Barton Christian Fellowship**

On Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> our second garden meeting will be at 6 Houses, with a Bring and Buy stall for Perennial. There will also be a bring and share tea. Should be a good time in lovely surroundings.

We will be back in the Village Hall for September 11<sup>th</sup>, when Paul and Anita Duffett will be talking about their 3 months in Assisi. All are welcome.

*Mary West*

## **Parish Jottings**

### **County Councillor Stephen Frost**

At the July meeting Stephen expressed delight about government funding for an A14 upgrade. [sfrost@tory.org](mailto:sfrost@tory.org) 01954 211444

### **South Cambridgeshire Local Plan [www.scambss.gov.uk](http://www.scambss.gov.uk)**

A reminder that the consultation runs until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. There is some development proposed for Comberton, but no nearer.

### **Adopt a bus shelter**

Could you spare a few minutes occasionally to clean and sweep out a nearby bus shelter? If a few residents were to 'adopt a bus shelter', this might be a very efficient way of keeping the village tidy. If you are willing to help, please contact the Clerk.

**Community Champions** A volunteering opportunity that may be of interest to parishioners. The Community Champion Scheme has recently been rolled out across the county thanks to a partnership between Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) and Cambridgeshire ACRE. The scheme has been designed to promote home fire safety throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough using local volunteers who are known as Community Champions. Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans. The majority of home fires can be prevented through ensuring good home fire safety practice which is why this scheme is so vital. Community Champions receive full training, meet regularly with CFRS and other Community Champions, are provided with a uniform and are supported by Cambridgeshire ACRE in their role. Further information can be found at [www.cambsfirechamps.org.uk](http://www.cambsfirechamps.org.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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Walkabout** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 6pm outside White Horse

*Patrick De Backer 07771 923710 [bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com)*

**The Leys Project** There is little to report just now. It is the lull before the hoped-for 'storm' of activity. Grant applications are in and we await panel decisions. However, contributions from user-groups and other donors are still going to be needed.

**Pond Chestnut tree** Staff from all three councils – County, District and Parish – are agreed that the dying 'Conker' tree at the pond must be taken down: by

whom and how far are being decided. Work on other verge trees in the Parish is being discussed at the same time.

*John Boocock*

## **Village News**

### **Barton Village Day**

On behalf of all the Barton residents who enjoyed this wonderful day, I would like to thank most sincerely the Committees (Village Day, Barton Gardeners, BRIG) and their helpers for organising such a splendid day. The lion's share of the organising went to the Village Day Committee who succeeded in bringing together the young and not-so-young to enjoy a full and exciting programme during both the day and the evening. No doubt some suggestions can be made for future events and I hope those who think of them will tell members of the committees well in advance of next year's event. WELL DONE for all your hard work and THANK YOU

*Barton Resident*

### **Barton Village Day Committee**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to make the Village Day a success. It was very gratifying to see the whole Village get together to have fun.

*Lorraine Mooney for the Village Day Committee*

### **Burwash Summer Charity Ball**

The Committee is delighted to announce that the proceeds from this year's wonderful event totalled at least £7000, thanks in great part to the enormous generosity of those attending the Ball. The final totals will be published in the next issue. The proceeds will be divided between the *Teenage Cancer Trust* and a safe school drop-off point on New Road. Thank you



*Susie Radford for the Burwash Ball Committee*

**Barton Lunch Club** Fridays 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September 12.30 for 1pm in the village hall. If you would like to help us with cooking we would love to hear from you. The task is not too onerous and expenses are paid!

For reservations /cancellations please contact Anne Coulson. 262666.

### **Table-top Sale – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 10 – 11.30am, Village Hall**

Lots of good quality bargains to be had. To include fashion accessories, china, glass, small house hold goods plus lots more. Coffee & biscuits will be available to buy in aid of St Peter's Church organ fund.

### **Singles Supper – 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7 for 7.30pm, Barton Pavilion**

To book your place at the next singles supper, please contact Barbara on 262692 by the end of September. Cost £12 to include a delicious meal, wine, coffee & good company.

**Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** To raise money for our own church and Cambridge Historic Churches Trust. Each participant chooses to visit a number of churches on foot or on a bicycle, finds sponsors and plans their own route. Please contact Anne Coulson (262666) if you would like to take part.

**CRAFTFORCE – 3pm, The Pavilion**

In August, the Craftforce group will meet on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm in the Pavilion – NOT the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday this month as there is a home bowls match. At our September gathering we are hoping to have a session on upholstery, so do come along – 3 o'clock on 25<sup>th</sup>! Meanwhile, enjoy crafting over the Summer!

*Margaret (262353) and Meta (262005)*

**Barton Playgroup**

The children have enjoyed painting pictures to enter in the Village Day competition, and had great fun on the day itself with the bouncy castle and all the other family activities!



We also had our annual summer outing, visiting the miniature steam train at Audley End. We had fun riding on the train, going for a walk on the Fairy Trail, and a picnic – all in the sunshine!

We said 'goodbye' to those moving on to school with a party on the last day of term., and our leavers all decorated a tee-shirt to celebrate! Good luck to everyone going on to school, come back and say 'hello' to us over the fence!

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

*Wendy Guest*

**Neighbourhood Watch**

The latest Home Office monthly crime figures show that thefts continue to occur in Barton. Please ensure that your garden shed is secure and that your other property is as secure as you can make it. Theft from cars are a particular problem at this time of year.

The police advice below is aimed at preventing the theft of your catalytic converters. These are expensive items to replace.

Don't park your car/van half on the pavement as it makes it easier for thieves to get underneath it. Park in a well-lit area and in a secure compound if possible. Consider property marking your 'CAT'. It is cheap and may reduce your insurance. Your local crime prevention officer should be able to assist. (Rachel Carr – please dial 101 to make contact with her). A sign in your car window saying your 'CAT' has been marked may well deter thieves.

*Keep safe, Bev Edwards*

### **The Barton Gardeners**

BG's Marquee was filled with a wonderful array of produce, home-crafts, handicrafts and children's exhibits – a truly delicious spectacle. The Art & Photography housed in the small marquee was a triumph too. We hope that you all enjoyed looking at people's exhibits and that the Judges' constructive comments will spur you on to enter next year. Here is a quotation from one judge: "it's so good to see the results of care taken to bring exhibits up to speed on the day. Yours is such an excellent show"



*A TALK BY SIMON WHITE*

**'A – Z OF ROSES'**

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**

At 7.45pm in the Barton Village Hall

Refreshments served from 7.15pm

Free to Members, Visitors £3

*Sue Edwards*

### **Barton WI**

Members and visitors had choice of twelve at our Pudding Tasting evening. These varied from trifle to Rhubarb Whim Wham and Luscious Lemony Roulade. The cooks explained how the dishes were made – lots of alcohol involved – before the tasting began.

In August the members are meeting in The White Horse for a buffet supper. The September meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is Natalie Spencer on *The Art of Belly Dancing*. Visitors Welcome.

*Helen Newstead*

## **Barton Friendship Club**

The Cream Tea held at the White Horse on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, was enjoyed very much by the Members, and we'd like to thank Tim and Staff for their good service and food.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, John Terry gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT). A farming and conservation charity which aims to protect and restore Britain's countryside through wildlife-friendly and commercially-viable land management, and is celebrating 20 years this year.

The following dates for your diaries during August and September are as follows:-

- 6<sup>th</sup> August** – Quiz
- 20<sup>th</sup> August** – Peter Walker talks on a 'Kenya Safari'.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September**– Club Outing to Audley End depart from Great Close 10.15am Allens Close 10.30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Bingo.

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

*Brian Ross*

## **Harvest Supper – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.15 for 7.30pm, Village Hall**

The meal is lamb cooked in port, vegetables, delicious dessert, coffee & mints and wine. Vegetarian option available.

The entertainment afterwards is by JezO.

Tickets £13.50 available from Helen Newstead C-262543

All are welcome.

## **Barton Tennis Club Open Afternoon & Family Barbecue – 2.30, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

The courts and pavilion will be open to members, their guests and local residents, interested in learning more about the Club. There will be informal coaching for children, and matches, followed by a family barbecue at 4.30pm, with food and refreshments provided. All are welcome.

*David Ireland Tennis Club Chairman – 263991*

## **WWWI**

July's meeting featured a revealing talk on healthy eating, fitness and weight loss – perfect for summer! We take a break in August, but then return in September with a speaker from Cambridge Carbon Footprint – we'll be looking at the impact of purchases on our carbon footprint, focusing on clothes in particular – with some inspiring images from a 'second-hand fashion' project.

Email [wednesdaywomenwi@live.com](mailto:wednesdaywomenwi@live.com) for more information or just come along.

WWI members free, guests £4. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm in The White Horse Pub, Barton.

*Elise Fielder*

## THE GREAT FOOD DEBATE

Learn more about local, national and global challenges of enough food for all

Join in the conversation and discuss the difficulties and solutions

26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30

Barton village hall

**Tickets** £3 payable at the event

Seats **must** be reserved

**Contact:** [celiawhitworth@waitrose.com](mailto:celiawhitworth@waitrose.com)

Invited panellists include:

**Peter Kendal** – President NFU

**Ottoline Leyser** – Professor of Plant Development Cambridge University

**Tony Juniper** – Environmentalist, sustainability adviser former CEO of Friends of the Earth

**Patrick Holden** – former Director Soil Association, Founding Director Sustainable Food Trust

**Robin Page** – Conservationist, chairman of the Countryside Restoration Trust

*Hosted by Barton WI*

Come to the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th September from 7.30 and SWISH

Join in the ACCESSORIES SWISHING PARTY

£5 for entry and the chance to exchange up to 3 items for 3 other items  
Bring along Scarves, Hats, Fascinators Hatinator, Jewellery, Shoes, Bags  
(such as those smart items worn only for a wedding that you know you won't wear or use again !)

Any unSWISHED items to be removed by owners

*Proceeds to the Great Food Debate to be hosted by Barton WI*

*(Enquiries: 262985)*

## **Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service**

WHAT lovely weather we have seen across Cambridgeshire – and long may it continue!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our firefighters' top tips:

- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent either.
- If cooking outdoors, keep barbeques on level ground, never pour accelerant on it and use it well away from fences, sheds and foliage.
- If you are having an open fire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave.
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.

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**Comberton Ramblers Walks – Join our friendly group for wonderful walks in September C-262940** or [marsh.eileen@gmail.com](mailto:marsh.eileen@gmail.com) or [www.combertonramblers.org.uk](http://www.combertonramblers.org.uk)

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Cavendish &amp; Clare, Suffolk</i> : 6 miles: Five Bells pub CO10 8BA Very historic area, beautiful thatched cottages and birthplace of Sue Ryder
15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lulworth, Boxworth, Knapwell</i> : 6 miles. White Swan pub CB3 8LT Attractive villages, fine views, medieval churches. Easy walking.
29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Grafham Water</i> : 9.25 miles. Exhibition Car Park, just east of Grafham village £3 parking fee PE28 0GW. Lunch at Wheatsheaf in Perry ¾ way round or take a picnic

## **Outdoor fun for all with CambridgePPF this August**

The charity's experienced field teachers will be based at Wandlebury all month, helping children discover the delights of the great outdoors – be it learning about local flora and fauna or taking part in other skilled activities.

For grown ups, CambridgePPF's harvest festival is a chance to sample the bounty that nature provides.

**For information on prices and availability:** <http://events.cambridgeppf.org/bookings@cambridgeppf.org> or C-243830 ext. 201

Summary of August events below:

**Hinxton Watermill Open Day – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm – 5.30pm**

The Mill dates back to the Doomsday book and is nestled near the River Cam in the picturesque surroundings of Hinxton village.

***Flower Fairies at Wandlebury Country Park – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12.30pm***

Introduction to some of the common flowers that grow up at Wandlebury, and the fairies and rhymes that go with them. Make your own fairy wand along with other natural, pretty bits and bobs. **NB:** Age five plus. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

***If you go down to the woods today – especially for under5s Wed 7<sup>th</sup> August: 10am – 12.30pm***

Nature discovery and play especially for our younger, under-five visitors.

***Night walk at Wandlebury Country Park, Wednesday 12 August: 11pm – 12am***

Enjoy Wandlebury under the auspicious magic of a full moon and see the site in a completely new light! **NB:** Booking essential.

***Bug Hunt at Wandlebury Country Park, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12.30pm***

Try sweep netting, tree-shaking and woodland floor-foraging. Then take part in some craft activities including making your own bug home from natural and recycled materials. **NB:** Age five plus. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

***Travel back in time at Wandlebury Country Park, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12.30pm***

Track down evidence of the past around Wandlebury, then make Celtic-styled artefacts, miniature wattle panels, or even try some full-scale wattle panel making and daubing.

***Clay oven course at Wandlebury Country Park, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm***

Build your own oven, bake bread and other foods in it. Cook your own pizza lunch in a clay oven to experience the real cooking effect! **Details and booking:** [www.realclayovens.co.uk](http://www.realclayovens.co.uk)

***Orienteering taster for beginners at Wandlebury Country Park, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12.30pm***

Learn how to read a map and have fun at the same time. **NB:** Age five plus. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

***Archery Taster at Wandlebury Country Park, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10am – 3pm***

Try your hand with a bow and arrow. There will be four introductory sessions running throughout the day. **NB** Age nine plus. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

***Beginners Bats at Wandlebury Country Park, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 7 – 9pm***

Make a bat box to take home search for bats. Booking is essential.

***Bourn Post Mill Open Day, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm***

***Be a writer! Be an illustrator! at Wandlebury Country Park, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3pm***

***Plum and Harvest Festival at Wandlebury Country Park, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 11am – 4.30pm***