

Letter from the Churchwardens.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to Michael Matthew's leaving presentation; we hope that by the time you read this we will have given him a send off to remember. We wish him and Stephanie well in their new parishes.

Now that Michael has moved on, arrangements for the oversight of the parishes in the Mareway Group during the vacancy have been finalised. The Mareway Group is part of the Lordsbridge Team Ministry and, as now, service duties will be shared by the Ministry Team. The Rev. Corin Redsell, Team Curate, based at Coton Parsonage will oversee the parish. Corin is already well known to us and has been taking services here for some time, and we look forward to seeing more of him in the parish. His contact details are on the rear cover of the magazine as are those of our team Rector Rev Mike Booker who can be contacted if Corin is unavailable. As always the Churchwardens, our Lay Reader, PCC Secretary, and Treasurer are points of contact for all parishioners.

John Flint, Hugh Greenfield.

Church News

Saturday 6th July Coffee Morning – 10 to 11.30am in the church. There is no charge for coffee. Books for sale and maybe other items

Churchyard

Our churchyard has for many years attracted appreciative comments from visitors and parishioners alike about how tidy and well cared for it looks. This is thanks to the volunteers who mow a section of the grass regularly through the summer. This year we have ‘lost’ three of our regular mowers and are struggling to keep up this ‘neat and cared for look’. If anyone would be willing to cut a small area of the grass please get in touch with Hugh Greenfield or John Flint. (A church mowing machine is available) We would be most grateful to hear from you.

Church Organ

Having had a number of problems with our church organ over a two year period when it suddenly developed faults, leaving it unusable until fixed, the PCC commissioned reports from three firms. Messrs. Holmes and Swift, organ builders, gave the most comprehensive report which states that records show that the organ was built by A.T. Miller in 1869 and its mechanism and pipework are completely original. The organ is essentially in good order; however the ‘key action’ – the mechanical linkage system – has become worn, leading to sticking notes, failure of one pedal function and the pedal linkages becoming very slack in operation. In addition the pipes – 40 in – total are choked with dirt and dust which is deadening their tone and affecting the tuning.

Their recommendation is for complete ‘Historic Restoration’ which would restore the organ to ‘as new’ whilst retaining its authenticity. It would, in their opinion, be good for another 100 years use with proper maintenance and have a value in excess of £100,000.

The cost of the restoration project is £23,560 + VAT. We have already been successful in obtaining a grant of £5,500 towards the cost and will be seeking further grant aid. We are very anxious to progress this project to ensure that the organ is ‘fit for purpose’ for our use and for future generations. We are therefore appealing for donations to enable the project to go forward as soon as possible. Please send any donations to Mrs Erica Bithell (PCC Treasurer) at 4, Kings Grove, Barton. Cheques should be made payable to Barton PCC. If you would like to donate under the Gift Aid Scheme and have not previously donated to St. Peter’s Church by this route, please include a completed Gift Aid envelope marked ‘organ restoration’ with your donation. These white envelopes are available from the pews in

the church whenever the building is open. Thank you.

John Flint and Hugh Greenfield for Barton PCC

Barton Baptist Church

By the time you read this, the remedial building work on the Baptist church should have begun. It seems a long time coming, but we are glad it has now started. The church will be out of use for all of July and most of August. Our Sunday services will be held in the village hall during this time. We have decided to suspend the Tuesday ‘tea and chat’, but will recommence as soon as the building work allows. We will celebrate with an extra large cake!

The food bank collection point will move to the parish church temporarily, so please continue to give generously to this much needed work.

Some of you may know that Brian and Mary West will shortly be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Their hard work in our church and community has been exemplary, so we wish them well, and congratulate them on their many years together.

Rev Ken Jones

Barton Christian Fellowship

On Wednesday July 10th we will meet at 24 Haslingfield Road, for a garden meeting. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall for Saturday 7th and a shared tea. Saturday 7th is a Christian broadcasting organisation beaming programmes into the Middle East.

Cambridge City Food Bank

While remedial work is being carried out on the Baptist Church during July and August, the Food Bank collecting bin will be at St Peter’s for morning services and the AT Church Home Coffee mornings. Thank you for your continued support.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Stephen Frost

At the June meeting Stephen explained that the Cabinet system will remain until May 2014, but the lack of a Conservative overall majority will mean that independents and other parties will have a greater say through the Committee system after that. He was keen to bring improvements to the A14 to allow development of Northstowe and so relieve pressure for housing in our villages. spfrost@tory.org 01954 211444

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan SCDC has considered all the comments received during both Issues and Options consultations and prepared a draft plan. Local items of interest are: **Comberton** moves up from Group village to Minor Rural Centre reflecting its level of service provision, particularly

the presence of secondary education. Sites allocated for housing include Comberton (in Toft Parish) – land at Bennell Farm – 90 homes with football pitch and changing facilities, and car parking for Comberton Village College, with affordable housing provision.

Community Stadium – The Council with Cambridge City Council has made the judgement that the need has not been demonstrated sufficiently to provide exceptional circumstances for a review of the Green Belt.

The current adopted **Proposals Map** has been revised to include all the new site specific proposals included in the draft Local Plan such as housing allocations; changes to the Green Belt boundary, changes to village framework boundaries; and all the designated local green spaces. You will have an opportunity to comment on the draft Local Plan during further **public consultation** this summer which is anticipated to run from **19th July until 30th September 2013**. Some of these **exhibitions** are joint ones with Cambridge City Council (marked*). All exhibition events will be held from 2.30pm to 7.30pm. *Trumpington Pavilion*, Paget Road Monday 22nd July Comberton Village Hall, Green End Wednesday 24 July www.scambs.gov.uk

The Leys Project

The Leys Project as outlined in the June magazine remains on track. So far, eight contractors have quoted for different aspects of the four parts of the scheme: paths, field parking, lights and fences. After selecting the best quotes and making a contingency allowance, the total scheme now comes in at nearly £50,000. The District Council Community Chest has given £1,000 and there is further from our own Parish Council, but for the 10% contributory third-party funding we have to find some £5,000 locally: from user groups and other donors. Should you feel moved to help with a donation, it should be to 'Barton Parish Council' and via the Clerk or any Councillor. We are unlikely to hear the results of our two major grant applications until mid-August, so the earliest we can start on the ground is in September. Hopefully though, the weather then will be good for construction work.

What is a BeaVer?

Answer: a Barton Volunteer or BV for short; one of a loose-knit group who gnaw away at practical tasks to maintain or enhance public spaces in Barton. Here are a few examples:

MF cuts the grass paths in CC, where other plants are cared for by VW, BP and WJ, who is also very good at removing old tree guards which are no longer needed.

RN does a regular Sunday morning litter-pick on parts of New and

Cambridge Roads. PS and JB have been seen on various pruning, hedging and fencing tasks, or putting in cycle racks. If it is a wood repair job, then KB is our man.

Most of our memorial seats and now bus shelters are receiving attention from the brushed hand of SC. There are also many, like LM, who on walks around the village will pick up litter or snip back encroaching brambles.

This varied crew dance loosely to the tune called by the PC under whose authority they BV and to which goes a monthly report entitled BeaVers and Minor Works. Councillors, of course, also volunteer, on the Recreation Ground and elsewhere, as do committee members of the VH and the NP who help maintain those important facilities.

Then there are those who cut grass regularly in the church yard (vacancies still, I believe). Others will have served occasionally, like folk who helped put in the 30+ wayside benches scattered around the parish. Perhaps you are un-initialled here, but you know who you are.

If you are recently retired, or otherwise, and **would like to get more involved** in caring for your public patch, please be encouraged: perhaps have a preliminary word with any PC member.

So ‘bravo’ all BVs. If you see one at work, give a word of encouragement, or a toot on the horn, and a thank you to all who contribute in any way to the life of this vital village.

PS. We hope you enjoy trying to work out the who and what of initials above.

Award winning website helps find equipment to assist you in maintaining your garden

With the warmer weather finally here you may be thinking about getting out in your garden. If you are, an award-winning website can provide you with help and advice about the equipment available to make day-to-day tasks in the garden easier.

Help and support with day-to-day living

AskSARA has proved popular with local people since a Cambridgeshire version launched last year. So far it has helped nearly 4,000 people across the county access advice and information about the equipment and support available locally to help them remain independent and in their own homes. In addition to maintaining the garden and outdoors, a wide range of topics are covered from managing medication and eating healthily to equipment to aid hearing, personal care and household chores.

Whether you need advice for yourself or for a friend or relative that you care

for, you can find out about the equipment available by visiting AskSARA at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara For anyone without access to, or not confident in using, the Internet the staff and volunteers in your local library can help you to find information.

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 meeting: Tuesday 2nd July 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Walkabout Tuesday 6th August 6pm outside White Horse

Next Council meetings: Tuesday 4th June 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771 923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Thank you

After a very long year's wait I am now safely ensconced in my new home in Great Close. I received so much support during this period from what seems like the entire village that I wanted to say thank you to everyone for their good wishes, particularly to Dawn Kent who gave me such a lovely home for the duration with great good humour, and all my friends who kept me cheerful. I have to tell you it was all worthwhile!

Lin Heaton

Tea at Three

The sun shone, the May blossomed, and 48 people enjoyed tea under the maypole on Saturday, 25th May. Thank you to all who supported this event. We were pleased to be able to send £325 to Bowel Cancer UK

Margaret, Ruth, Alison, Marjorie

Village Hall – Lost Property

The following items of (lost) property have been left in the Village Hall: 2 Lego Land Caps; 2 children's coats; 1 Adult coat; 1 Cycle Helmet along with 1 glove and 3 umbrellas, 1 large multi coloured and 2 small black ones. If these are not claimed by the end of July they will be disposed of.

Brian West (Chairman Village Hall Committee).

Barton Lunch Club – Friday 5th 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall

For reservations/cancellations please contact Anne Coulson 262666.

Barton Open Gardens – Sunday 9th June

Thank you to all who supported and helped with Barton Open Gardens.

I'm delighted to report that £810 was raised for charities supported by the National Gardens Scheme. A further £325 was raised for BRIG by Meta Greenfield and her ladies who provided scrumptious teas. After weeks and

months of work by the garden opens it was a very worthwhile day.

Nikki Scrivens

BRIG

BRIG ran the teas for the NGS Barton Gardens open afternoon of Sunday 9th June. This raised £325.60 for BRIG. Thanks to all who helped and made cakes.

Pavilion repair. The lead which was stolen around the base of the pavilion has now been repaired with a tile fillet.

BRIG Calendar 2014: Photos for this continue to be sought, so keep snapping and send to Margaret Penston (email address on back cover) by 8th August.

BRIG coffee morning Wednesday 10th July ie every 2nd Wednesday of the month. All welcome

Meta Greenfield, Secretary

Burwash Artists' Marquee

Burwash Manor is once again proud to be the hosts for the Artists' Marquee in July – a total of 14 artists, over 4 weekends means an ever changing array of fantastic art. With so many artists and media to choose from (watercolours, screen printing, oils and photography, to jewellery, textiles, ceramics, sculpture and wood turning) they hope there's something for everyone, and also something different to see every week!

They are also hosting the 'Preview Evening' on 5th July, from 5 – 8pm. This is the one and only occasion you can see all 14 artists at once, take part in the 'posh raffle' to win a piece of artwork (each artist has donated one special item), drink Pimms on the lawn listening to live music and generally have a lovely evening, all in support of Toms' Trust.

See www.burwashmanor.com for details!

Village Day 13th July – Evening Event Ticket Order Form (see over) ✂

Entry to Big Marquee for Live Music from 7.30pm (Places limited to 200)

£5 (Children 12 or under go Free)

7.30pm Ceilidh by Mary Humphreys and *Fendragon*

9pm onwards Guy Robinson's *A Band and a DJ*



WWWI

June's meeting was great fun making patchwork, knitted and appliqué blankets for the Rosie Maternity ward. Our July meeting is on Wednesday 17th at 6.30pm, when Fay Durrant; a specialist in training & nutritional advice, will be focusing on healthy eating and weight loss with us – just in time for summer!

Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com for more information or just come along. WWWI members free, guests £4. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm in The White Horse Pub, Barton.

CRAFTFORCE – Wednesday 24th 3pm, The Pavilion

13 of us had an inspiring session with Barbara Redman on Fabric Jewellery in May, making attractive necklaces and bracelets. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, with plenty of chat over tea and cake too.

Do come along to our July get-together and bring whatever craft you have.

Margaret (262353) and Meta (262005)

Barton Playgroup

The children and their parents rounded off the first half of the summer term with a tractor-trailer ride around Burwash Manor Farm. Unfortunately it was one of the coldest and wettest days ever seen in May...but the children still had a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone at Burwash.



The second half of the summer term will feature the annual end of term trip. This year we are visiting the miniature steam train at Audley End, and will also be having a nature walk and a picnic. There will also be an end of term party on the last day to say 'goodbye' to the children going on to school. Good luck to all those who are moving on!

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

✂ I would like _____ tickets at £5 each, totalling £_____

[These are hi-vis one-use wrist bands and will be checked at the Marquee entrance]

Please take this slip with cash or cheque payable to 'Barton Village Hall Committee' to Tim Deer at the White Horse or Richard Sockett at Conkers – Thanks x

Name and address for tickets to be delivered:



The Barton Gardeners' Summer Show

Barton Recreation Ground, Saturday, 13th July

Enter your: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Floral Designs, Home and Handi-crafts, Art & Photography



Exhibits staged in the Marquee 8.30am – 11am

Closed for Judging 11am

Show opens 1pm



Entry Forms to be handed in at The Pavilion

on the Barton Recreation Ground

Thursday 11th July 7pm to 9pm

or at Conkers by noon on 11th July



For further information see the Show Schedule

Copies available from Conkers

Barton Tennis Club Open Tennis Afternoon and Family Barbecue

Barton Tennis Club will be holding an open tennis afternoon on Saturday 17th August, starting at 2.30 pm. 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

Barton WI

Dogs for the disabled was the subject of Marie Carden's talk to our June meeting. She brought with her, Blue, her second dog. Both her dogs have helped her to gain confidence after being housebound. She explained about the training and what the dogs can do for her. Dogs for the Disabled is celebrating its 25th year this year. Marie's talk was very moving but also full of humour.

The July meeting on Tuesday 9th at 7-30pm in the Village Hall is an Open evening which is FREE to visitors. Do come along and taste a variety of delicious puddings made by members, and take home a copy of the recipes of those you like.

Helen Newstead

Neighbourhood Watch

The latest Home Office monthly crime figures are lower, which is encouraging. Also, Cambridgeshire Constabulary has recently published statistics that show overall crime numbers in this area have fallen over the past year.

All the same, we need to remain alert as thefts and burglaries continue in Barton and surrounding villages. Although totals may be low, any such crime is distressing for the victim and we therefore need to continue to protect our property.

Many houses in Barton have burglar alarms, which are a proven deterrent to burglars. An increasing number also have CCTV but, as one householder pointed out, this may serve to advise potential burglars that you have something worth stealing! However, even if this is the case (and it isn't proven), it is still advisable to take whatever precautions you can.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Friendship Club

First of all we extend our thoughts and deepest sympathies with Sylvia Humes and Family at the sudden loss of Arnie.

Mark Taylor, the Community Fire Officer gave several tips of safety in the home on the 4th June and was appreciated by members.

On Tuesday 2nd July John Terry from the Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT) will be giving a talk about the work that is being carried out. Then on the 16th July Brian Ross will be giving a *Photographic Adventure Around Various Gardens*.

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

Roma Patman-Wallis

Well-being Group

Do you suffer with stress, anxiety or depression?

Would you be interested in a self-help group – where you can receive and give support to others in a similar situation in a safe and confidential setting?

If your answer is 'yes', whatever your age or circumstances, you are warmly invited to a new group:

Saturdays 29th June, 13th July, 10th and 24th August and 7th September:

10.30am to 12, Methodist Church Room, High Street, Haslingfield

Coffee and cakes served

If you would like to know more please contact Jonathan Wells on C-872723 or jonwells@fsmail.net

Celebrating CRT's 20th & Robin Page's 70th birthday Friday 19th July, 7pm

An evening of celebration including entertainment by The Wurzels, Compass Moon and a ceilidh band at the Comberton Village College. Refreshments provided. Licensed bar available.

To book your tickets please contact the Countryside Restoration Trust office on C-262999 or info@countrysiderestorationtrust.com

Festival of Farming, Food and Wildlife & Annual Church Service Sunday 21st July, 11am – 4pm FREE Entry, Lark Rise Farm

Come with the family and enjoy a celebration of farming, food and wildlife. The free event organised by the Countryside Restoration Trust will include food demonstrations and talks, various local food and craft stalls, a bread making competition, children's activities as well as tractor and trailer rides, guided farm walks, sheep dog demos, Suffolk Punch demos, sheep shearing and refreshments. Church service at 4.30pm with guest speaker Dame Fiona Reynolds. Free entry and parking.

For more information, please contact the office on C-262999 or info@countrysiderestorationtrust.com

Comberton Sports and Arts – July Programme

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

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| Fri 5 th | Summer Dance Showcase | 7.30 | Adults £6 Students/Concessions £3 |
| Sun 7 th | Jill Bridger School of Dance showcase | | |
| Sat 13 & Sun 14 th | Helen O'Grady Drama Showcase | | |
| Fri 26 th | The Three Belles The Three Belles are a 1940s vocal trio inspired by The Andrews Sisters | | www.thethreebelles.com www.combertonsa.org |

Emmaus shows the positive side of homelessness

On Saturday 13 July, local homelessness charity Emmaus Cambridge will be holding its Open Day. Visitors to the Landbeach Community will get the opportunity to visit parts of the Community not normally open to the general public and to ask any questions they might have about what Emmaus is about.

The charity, which provides home and work for previously homeless people and those wanting to live in a community environment is seeking to show

that becoming homeless does not mean losing hope altogether. Information will be available showing how the Community is able to support other organisations and people who are worse off than themselves. On a lighter note visitors will be able to explore the Community's grounds too.

More information is on our posters, our website www.emmauscambidge.org or at the shop so please come and join us at the Community on Green End, Landbeach, Cambridge CB25 9FD from 9am to 5pm. Contact us on C-863657 or info@emmauscambidge if you would like more information.

July bulletin from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

We are launching our Community Champion scheme, which encourages local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate the public about fire safety and escape plans.

Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Ed Aniskowicz at Cambridgeshire Acre, which is running the scheme for the fire service. Contact Ed on edward.aniskowicz@cambsacre.org.uk, 01353 865038, or <http://cambsfirechamps.org.uk/>.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

East Anglian Air Ambulance – become a Volunteer

We run a 365-day helicopter emergency medical service which covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. With a medical crew highly trained in critical care, we bring the emergency room to the patient within 25 minutes, we can then transport them to the most appropriate hospital if needed. Since our launch in 2000, we have attended over 12,500 life-saving missions and we rely on volunteers throughout the region to help us continue this vital work.

So if you have some spare time, either regularly or occasionally, come and join our team and help the East Anglian Air Ambulance continue to save lives in your area. There are many opportunities available, working behind the scenes in one of our offices or as a public speaker or event supporter, the choice is yours! We will make sure that you are offered a position which best suits your skills, interests and availability.

Visit our website at www.eaaa.org.uk/support-us/volunteer to find out more or ring Victoria on 01603 489406 (victoria.pank@eaaa.org.uk).