

Dear friends and all who live in our village, (or who are reading this letter.

It is with sadness as I write to bid you, and our village farewell, this Summer. It is impossible for me to visit every house in Barton, and the other Villages before leaving, so I take this opportunity of saying good-bye to many whom I cannot reach in person.

First, I want to thank those connected with our Church, and our Village School, and Christian Fellowship, who work so hard, so efficiently and self-denyingly, to make our Church and Community so welcoming and loving a place to be.

I have been privileged over the past two years, to share in this as a member of the small team of local Church Ministers who serve the village.

I have learnt a great deal, had a lot of fun and joy, cleared a few leaves up, cooked a few breakfasts for Christian men, sung with the multitudes of angels, that make up our village school, and been so close with so many in their Spiritual and Life journeys. I shall never ever forget Barton, nor its people.

I should like to ask you for your prayers, for God's blessing upon Nassington, and the Nene Valley Group of Churches, whither I am going, as well as your prayers and your love and support for my colleagues, who will continue to work in our village churches and school, after I leave.

And finally let me say how glad it will make, me at all times to hear of the growing prosperity and joy in our Church ,School and Village which I commend into God's keeping as I sign myself for the last time,

*Your affectionate local Vicar, Michael*

## **Church News**

As you already know Michael Matthews is leaving our group of parishes at the end of this month and we are planning to make a presentation to him to thank him for his ministry in our parish. If you would like to contribute to this please send your gift to Erica Bithell, John Flint or Hugh Greenfield. Any cheques should be made payable to Barton PCC.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June Coffee Morning** 10 to 11.30am in the church. There is no charge for coffee. Books for sale.

**Sunday Safari Lunch on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** See last month for full details. Booking forms are available from Anne Coulson 262666 or Barbara Tomes 262692 and in the church.

Please book by June 8<sup>th</sup> Proceeds will be for St Peter's Church.

*Anne Coulson*

## **Barton Baptist Church**

### **Work to start shortly!!**

Earlier in the year we received quotes for the remedial work required on the church. After careful consideration a builder has been selected and the work is about to be put in hand. The basic work will cost around £35,000.

We would also like to do further improvements to the building while we are having the major work done. Those of you who are familiar with the building will know the room at the back of the church (normally called the meeting room). We would like to make this into something more like a lounge so that it is more relaxing and attractive for use by the community. In addition we would like to replace the doors at the front of the church. The cost of such improvements is estimated to be about £5,000. When and whether we will be able to do this depends on how much money we can raise.

In order to reduce the main cost we hope to undertake some of the work ourselves with the help of any local volunteers.

Many thanks to those in the village who have already given money to this project and if you can help in any way please contact me or Ken.

Back to more routine activities, our **Bibles studies** this month will be at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. They are open to anyone who would like to join us. The Food bank collection point will also be open at these times.

The **Tea and Chat** will take place as usual on Tuesdays the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2.30pm. All who can are welcome to join us. The Food bank collection point will also be open at these times.

On **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will be joining with St Peter's for a *Summer Songs of*

*Praise.* The hymns have been chosen by various people in the village so come and find out what the favourite hymns are in Barton. The service starts at 4pm in the Parish Church and will be followed by tea in the village hall at about 5pm.

*Brian West 264801*

### ***Barton Christian Fellowship***

Our speakers from the Prison Fellowship at our last meeting were very informative about how prisoners are helped to reform their lives. The Cambridge Branch spends most of their donations on the Angel Tree Project. This scheme enables the children of prisoners to receive Christmas presents as from their parent in prison. This brings much joy to the affected families. At our next meeting on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, Ruth Bond will be our speaker.

*Mary West*

### ***Parish Jottings***

#### ***County Council Election***

Hardwick division results – this includes Barton: electorate: 7719, turnout: 2,468 (31.97%)

Adam John Dutton Labour 503 votes 20.8%

Peter Robert Fane Liberal Democrat 905 votes 37.5%

**Stephen Peter Frost Conservative 1,006 votes 41.7%**

Stephen Frost was congratulated on his election of 2 May; he introduced himself with the wish to do his best for the parish. He may be contacted on [spfrost@tory.org](mailto:spfrost@tory.org) or 01954 211444 or 07710 436672.

#### ***Annual Parish Meeting***

There was a good turn-out to hear the reports of the past year. Margaret Penston gave a most informative PowerPoint presentation, while representatives of many village groups revealed the vibrancy, cooperation and humour of residents. Further efforts will be made to reduce vehicle speed and to sort out lighting issues.

#### ***The Leys Project***

As described at the Annual Parish Meeting in mid-April the Leys Project is at the detailed planning stage.

There are two main aspects: some 2000m<sup>2</sup> of field parking at the High Street end will be improved by removing turf, regrading to a consistent slope, firming up with hardcore and gravel, then encouraging grass regrowth. The tarmac paths across the Leys, currently narrow and cracking, will be re-laid to a high standard. Then two additional aspects: the main path will be fitted

with flush-mounted studs of solar lights at intervals along the edges. The post and rail fences at both ends will be renewed.

The majority of funding is being sought as grants out of landfill tax: though we have to find more than 10% in contributory third-party funding before approved grants can be released.

Thank you to all (70+ people) who have responded to the 'survey monkey' call or in other ways (at Gardener's coffee morning in early May) to help prove to grant-giving bodies that we have consulted widely and that there is genuine demand for what we plan to do.

Applications will be made in June and July in the expectation of doing work on the ground in September and October. The task force planning this project is Margaret Penston, Mary Macdonald, Patrick DeBacker, Hugh Greenfield, Tim Scott and John Boocock.

### ***Stay independent, safe and well***

Visitors to Comberton Library will have the chance to find out about local services to help themselves and people they care for stay independent, safe and well when the Your Life, Your Choice adult social care roadshow comes to the library from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

The roadshow features a display of information to help people remain in their own homes for as long as possible and, for those needing support, provides details of local services and support.

You can also get help and advice by contacting adult social care enquiries at Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202. [www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk](http://www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk)

**No. 75 bus service** Please be aware that Cambridgeshire County Council will be holding briefing meetings about future bus services. Currently the subsidy per passenger on the 75 route is £2.75. Annual Net Cost: £85,068.87 Ridership: 30,960 passengers per year. [cft@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cft@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Next Council meetings:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in the Village Hall

*Patrick De Backer 07771 923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com*

### ***Village News***

#### ***Thank you***

A very big thank you to all my wonderful friends in Barton who have sent their kind thoughts & best wishes since I have been re-admitted to hospital for emergency surgery. I hope I will be back in Barton by the time you read this.

*Barbara Tomes*

#### ***Charity Cycle Ride***

I successfully completed my charity cycle ride in aid of Childreach International (reg charity no.1132203) on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April; 370 miles of

cycling over 6 days from Cambridge to Edinburgh.

Thank you to those who have already supported me. The money raised will be going to provide children in some of the poorest places in the world with access to education, health care and human rights.

It is still not too late to sponsor me and donate, either online at: [www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/will](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/will) or through my Mum, Cathy Martin, 13 Comberton Road, Barton.

*Thank you, Will Martin*

### **Sax's Cool**

The Sax's Cool concert at St Mary's, Comberton, was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. It was a superb atmosphere and everyone by the end was swinging out the door! Wine and nibbles and time to chat were enjoyed in the interval. Profits were split equally between St Mary's and BRIG; BRIG therefore receiving £102. Thanks to all who joined us.

*John Winterbourne*

### **Barton Lunch Club – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall**

For reservations/cancellations please contact Anne Coulson 262666.

### **Open Farm Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 4pm – Burwash Manor Farm**

Meet the farmer and his animals, enjoy tractor and trailer rides, a barbeque, beer tent, learn from the RSPB, explore the farm and farm walks and find all sorts of activities for your children to get involved in!

Their theme this year is perfect pork...so children will be able to meet the pigs (and hopefully some little piglets, too!), talk to the farmer about how they look after them, then have a fantastic time making their own sausages with expert help from chef, Ursula Ferrigno.

From chipolatas to chorizo the world of the sausage is incredibly varied and versatile. Made with pure meat from their very happy pigs, Burwash Manor is famous for its sausages. They'll be grilling them on the barbeque for you to try, too.

There will also be demonstrations of sheep shearing, spinning, willow weaving, ferreting, bee-keeping and farm machinery (weather permitting they will be making silage).

### **Singles Supper – 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7 for 7.30pm, Barton Pavilion**

To book for our next Singles Supper please contact Barbara on 262692. It costs £12 to include a delicious meal, wine & coffee. Do join us!

### **Barton Open Gardens – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Between 2 and 5pm eight gardens in the village will open their gates under the National Gardens Scheme. This will be the first opportunity to visit a

delightful newly opening cottage garden in the heart of the village and possibly the last opportunity to visit two very different large country gardens on the edge of the village along Wimpole Road.

As ever, delicious home made teas will be served in the Village Hall.

*Nikki Scrivens*

**BRIG AGM – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 for 8pm**

The committee welcome all to hear how the pavilion is being used. Do join us for wine, coffee and nibbles before the meeting. Do bring ideas and suggestions for new activities.

**BRIG Calendar 2014 – Photos of the village and its activities are sought for this. Please keep snapping!**

Submit to Margaret Penston (details on back cover) by 8<sup>th</sup> August please as we wish to get the calendar ready by end of September.

*Meta Greenfield, Secretary*

**Antiquarian Society – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 8pm Comberton Village Hall**

Our talk this month is titled *Town, Gown and Loose Women* by Evelyn Lord.

**Burwash Charity Summer 'Woodland Ball' – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

An enthusiastic young committee has taken up the baton this year, and a fabulous Summer's evening is planned – delicious food, entertainment and dancing!

The proceeds raised will be shared between the Parish Council's *Safe Parking Haven* for school parents project on New Road, and *The Teenage Cancer Trust* at Addenbrooke's.

For tickets, please phone Sue: 07809 747277 or visit Burwash Larder. Raffle prizes and donations very gratefully received.

*Sue Radford*

**CRAFTFORCE**

11 people attended an excellent Smocking Workshop in April where we learnt how to smock baubles and pin cushions. It was a sunny Saturday as we beavered away, with the pavilion doors open on to the green; a very pleasant setting. At our May afternoon session we shall be making fabric jewellery. Monthly sessions are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 3pm – all welcome.

Any enquiries to Margaret (262353) or Meta (262005)

**Barton WI**

The June meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Marie Carden will speak on *Dogs for the Disabled*. Non- members welcome £3 to include refreshments. Could members please bring along their jars for the W.I. stall on Village Day.

*Helen Newstead*

## **Barton Friendship Club**

The meeting that was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, was well attended when Richard Jessop from English Heritage gave a very interesting talk on Audley End House which originated in the 1400s to the present day. It is a Jacobean property and has 20 – 30 major rooms, and lots of other places, including halls and stairs.

Our Birthday Tea will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, and will be the usual Club fee of £2.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Mark Taylor, Community Fire Officer, will be coming to advise us on safety precautions in the home.

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

The Cream Tea, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, will be held at the White Horse, Barton at 3pm and cost will be the same as last year, £8.

*Roma Patman-Wallis*

## **Barton Gardeners**



First of all, a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make the **Plant Sale and Bacon Butties** morning such an enjoyable event. The Village Hall buzzed with chatter and a great number of plants found new homes to care for them. Thanks to all the helpers: those on the day and those who have

been working in their gardens and greenhouses to supply the plants, and to the catering team who worked extremely hard to keep up with demand. The healthy profit will go towards the cost of staging the Horticultural Show at Village Day on 13<sup>th</sup> July. On that subject, there are spare Show Schedules at Conkers Stores, if required.

Just in case we have a seat or two free on the coach to Sissinghurst on 15<sup>th</sup> June and you would like to go, please call me on 262479.

*Happy gardening! Sue Edwards 262479*

## **Village Day 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Mary and fellow musicians session at the White Horse on Sundays*

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

*Barton's Jubilee concert was the Band's favourite gig of the year!*



## **Barton Playgroup**

This half term the children enjoyed taking part in the Save the Children "I want to be..." Challenge! They dressed up and acted out role plays involving doctors and nurses, emergency services, racing drivers, astronauts, vets, chefs and pop stars. Money for their efforts is still being collected so if you would like to sponsor the children, that would be great!



We have also enjoyed trips to Burwash to see the new baby piglets and to feed the fish in the moat. This ties in with our topic of Oceans and Sea Creatures.

Just a reminder that the Parent and Toddler Group meet on Monday afternoons 1.30pm-3pm. Come and enjoy the summer sunshine and play in the Playgroup garden!

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 Barton Neighbourhood Watch team is expanding and but we still need new recruits to ensure that the whole village is adequately covered. There is very little work involved but it is invaluable; just help to be the eyes and ears of the village and communicate with your neighbours when you need to. We need additional coordinators in Comberton Road, Cambridge Road, Ivy Field/ Great Close, Holben Close and that part of Wimpole Road, and also parts of the High Street and Mailes Close. Please contact me if you would like further information.



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 to Tim Deer at the White Horse or Richard Sockett at Conkers – *Thanks x*

Name and address for tickets to be delivered:

The police force has issued a warning now that people are enjoying long walks during the warm summer weather:

Please remember when leaving your vehicle that you have not left any valuables on show like handbags, laptop bags, phones and sat navs. During the summer months some beauty spots like Byron's pool in Grantchester and Wimpole Hall can become more popular for thieves to target. We do many patrols around the area to try to prevent this issue, however please do not make it tempting for thieves to grab whatever you have left behind!! Please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour on 101 or if a crime is in progress call 999.

*Keep safe, Bev Edwards*

### **Wednesday Women's WI**

Thank you to everyone who came to the April AGM and voted me in as the new president for the forthcoming year. We've got a great line up of speakers and activities booked in until Christmas.

In May we celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday by inviting back the fantastic Author and Comedian Sarah Harrison to entertain us with laughter and music. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June will be dedicated to getting our blankets for the Rosie underway. Mary Naylor a specialist midwife from the Rosie bereavement team is coming to say a few words about her job and how our blankets will be used. We will be making blankets by knitting, patchwork and applique so a great opportunity to learn a new skill!

Email [wednesdaywomenwi@live.com](mailto:wednesdaywomenwi@live.com) for more information or come along! WWI members free, guests £4. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm In The White Horse Pub, Barton.

*Looking forward to seeing you there, Claire Wright*

### **Parade**

Following their critically acclaimed runs of *Sweeney Todd*, *The Producers* and *Hot Mikado*, the award-winning Festival Players will be bringing the epic Tony Award winning musical *Parade* to the ADC Theatre, Cambridge 30 May – 8 June. This electrifying musical combines pop-rock, folk, R&B and gospel as it reveals a riveting murder mystery, gripping courtroom drama and a moving love story. Not to be missed. Book online at [www.adctheatre.com](http://www.adctheatre.com), tickets £8 - £12

*Len Packman*

### **Haslingfield Colts Under 14s**

Your local youth football team is holding an open morning for any youngster who wants to play the beautiful game next season. Come along to Haslingfield Recreation Ground (off New Road in the village CB23 1JW) anytime between 10.30am and noon on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> for a kick about.

Haslingfield Colts Under 14's is looking for new players to strengthen its squad to play in the local league. To play you have to be in Year 9 at school from this September. To find out more, come along on June 16<sup>th</sup> or call Neil Poole on C-870484 or Keith Murray on 0787-6683192 or email [keith@murraysouthwell.plus.com](mailto:keith@murraysouthwell.plus.com) We conform to all FA regulations and are CRB checked. Our website is [www.haslingfieldcolts.co.uk](http://www.haslingfieldcolts.co.uk)

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

9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Great Offley</b> 4 miles. Meet at The Green Man PH
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Gazeley, Moulton, Dalham</b> 6.5 miles Gazeley is just over 2 miles east of Newmarket off B1085 Kentford to Dalham Road. Meet/park Gazeley on the road near The Chequers PH

### **Comberton Sports and Arts**

A fuller list of events from CSA plus some Community Education Day Schools is detailed below and more information can be found on our websites, [www.combertonvc.org](http://www.combertonvc.org) or [www.combertonsa.org](http://www.combertonsa.org)

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Countryboy's Struggle A one-man show from Manchester's Contact Theatre as part of the rural touring programme. The show has gathered rave reviews across the country.	7.30pm	£5/£3. <a href="http://www.combertonsa.org">www.combertonsa.org</a> or C-264444
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Alzheimer's Research Sponsored Walk		<a href="http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org">http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org</a> for details
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Custard Comedy Last comedy show of the summer – with Loretta Maine, Liam Speirs, Phil Paget & MC Ben Van Der Velde	8pm	£8 advance/£10 door

### **Friends of Comberton Area Library May report**

Comberton Library now has upgraded computers and software. Documents may be printed out for a small fee. WiFi is due to be installed.

Comberton Parish Council has given a donation towards costs for the 2013 Summer Reading Challenge. The theme this year is Creepy House, illustrated by award winning Chris Riddell. Children from 4 to 11 can read whatever they like – fact books, joke books, picture books, and audio books – just as long as they are borrowed from the library. To complete the challenge children need to read (or have read to them) six books. 67 children registered on the Reading Challenge in 2012 so teenage volunteers would be

welcome to discuss reading with this year's entrants. Please contact library staff if you are interested

The Reading Group meets in Comberton Library on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30. The book for 5<sup>th</sup> June is *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. The next book will be *The Third Man*.

The library has a box for magazine donations. Library at Home volunteers will take them to residential homes and sheltered accommodation. If you are interested in this role (previously called the Doorstep Service) please speak to library staff.

The Your Life, Your Choice roadshow with a range of leaflets on staying independent, safe and well is coming to Comberton Library between 3<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July.

*Suzan Griffiths Chair FOCAL*

**Pulsatillas! Ros Holbrow Sarah Harrison Michelle Marple**

**A riotously irreverent look at life in words and music, performed with gusto and glamour!**

**Meldreth Village Hall Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 for 8pm**

**Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine**

**Proceeds in aid of Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire**

**Tickets available by contacting Tracy on**

**01763 262262 or [admin@hsrsc.co.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.co.uk)**

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Additionally, if your employer is in the corridors between Cambridge to Ely and Cambridge to Huntingdon, we have **up to £6,000 match funding** to help improve on site facilities such as new cycle parking, pool bikes, shower facilities, lockers, etc.

If this has whetted your appetite to try some different ways of getting to work, saving you money, getting fitter, then ***please let your employer know about Travel for Work. Membership of TfW is free of charge.***

You can find out more online by going to the TfW website: [www.tfw.org.uk](http://www.tfw.org.uk). C-715550 or email [info@tfw.org.uk](mailto:info@tfw.org.uk)

## Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

**Bonfire Safety:** In the lead up to summer, if you are going to have a bonfire, ensure you take care when doing so.

- Before lighting, check children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away
- Never leave unattended and dampen down with water if you have to leave it
- Do not light in unsuitable weather – especially on windy days and take care that the smoke is not a nuisance to others, or obstructing traffic
- Never burn flammable liquids or burn aerosols, paint, foam furniture or tyres
- Build clear of buildings, including garden sheds and hedges.

The service has six new rescue pumps providing more life-saving equipment for fire crews who are first to arrive at the scene of incidents and also welcomes 13 new on-call firefighters into its ranks at various stations across the county during. If you are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter, get in touch by calling 01480 444500.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 9179994.

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<b>Church Cleaning</b>		<b>Readers</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruth Bond	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julia & Richard Stibbs
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lin Heaton	9 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship
15 <sup>th</sup>	Erica Bithell	16 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Friend & Sarah Pitchford
22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Guides	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Erica Bithell (both readings)
29 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Barnes	30 <sup>th</sup>	TBA (Benefice Service)
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Coffee</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barbara Tomes	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anita Duffett & Holly Dubocq
16 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Smith	9 <sup>th</sup>	Erica Bithell & Joy Churcher
30 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie Edwards & team St Peter's Day – Wedding	16 <sup>th</sup>	Valerie Ridgman & Anne Coulson