

Dear All,

A very Blessed and Happy Easter season to you all.

For the past six years I have gathered around a small bonfire, in the dark, with other Christians, (from all of our five Village Churches) on the top of Barrington Hill near Haslingfield, to await the new sunrise of Easter Day. The last five years it has been cold, and dank, and the sunrise a rather hazy event, BUT this year the sun rose in all its brilliant magnificence, to blaze the new dazzling sunlight across our part of Cambridgeshire. Alleluia! we sang, to welcome in a new life, from a Risen Lord Jesus Christ...who dispels all darkness from the World...just as that magnificent sunrise did on this new Easter Day.

We want to share that light love and joy with the world, so we blessed and lit five special large Candles (The Easter or Paschal Candle), one blessed for each of our five very individual Churches, just as the sun came up. It is a dominant symbol for this season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness which underlies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, the Glory of God - that Christ is risen! It stands proudly at the front of Church.

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptisms and funerals. Whenever infants or adults are baptized, we light the Easter candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the body of Christ and gives us a share in his resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols which enliven our faith. We remember that Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.

We will light it each time we gather for together in Church, to worship and to share in all it holds for each one of us,

A very Happy Easter,

Michael, your Local Vicar

Church News

Very many thanks to everyone who supported the Open Garden teas last month, at last the weather had improved for a couple of days and visitors did come! We made £318.70 for church funds on the teas.

Thank you too to everyone for their generosity over Lent and Easter; the Easter Day collection for the new church at Magomero, Malawi was £292.55 including Gift Aid, and the collections over Lent for WaterAid came to £413.75.

Saturday 4th May The first of our **Summer Coffee Mornings**. 10 to 11.30am in the church. There is no charge for coffee and we should have a selection of second hand books for sale for holiday reading!

At the Church Annual Meeting in March, John Flint and Hugh Greenfield were re-elected as church wardens, Erica Bithell as treasurer, Anne Coulson as PCC secretary and Ken Verney as Gift Aid Officer. Other members of the PCC are Ruth Barnes, Jennifer Donkin, Christine Friend, Gordon Johnson and Peter Smith.

Sunday 12th May There will be special **Choral Evensong** in church at 6pm. Another chance to welcome King's Voices back to Barton, and to enjoy a lovely sung service of evening prayer. There will be a collection at this service to start our fundraising for the organ repairs and restoration which we hope to undertake as soon as possible.

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church

Our Bibles studies this month will be at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 1st and 15th. 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 14th and 28th April starting at 2.30pm. All who can are welcome to join us. The Food bank collection point will also be open at these times.

This month also sees one of our joint services with other Baptist Church in the area. The Celebration this time is at Gamlingay Baptist Church at 6pm preceded by a Tea at 5pm.

St Peter's and Barton Baptist are joining together for a **Summer Songs of Praise on Sunday 2nd June at 4pm** followed by Tea in the Village Hall. You are invited to submit your favourite Hymn(s) (or any hymn) that you would like to be included in that service. Please let Anne Coulson or me have them by Friday 10th May so that they can be sorted and an order of service put together. I look forward to receiving them

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

Last month we had a fascinating talk by Richard Parker. His plan was to learn Dry stone walling at Scargill House Christian Conference centre near Kettlewell in the Yorkshire Dales, but it turned into an adventure battling through blizzards and snow drifts. The dry stone walls could not be seen. However by the time Richard and the other volunteers left they had cleared the long drive way and car park of snow, rescued delivery vans and made many bird boxes among other things. Richard's comment "It was absolutely beautiful, there's no need to go to Switzerland".

On Wednesday May 8th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall we have speakers from the local Prison Fellowship, an organisation which not only encourages prisoners into new ways of life but also supports prisoners' families especially at times like Christmas. You are welcome to join us if you would like to hear about their work.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

The Leys Project

The Parish Council has decided to embark on a project to enhance the Leys, especially the High Street end with its approach to the New Pavilion. Key elements will be improvements to the path access, vehicle parking and new fencing, but retaining the grass surface and appearance of this historic strip of common ground.

This is a significant project and overall costs will approach £20,000. Funding from many sources will be sought, including contributions from individuals and concerns within Barton.

Hedges, shrubs and trees

Well done! Most of you keep hedges and shrubs trimmed to allow the passage of pushchairs or the elderly. That makes life so much easier for so many people. A solid pruning back at the start of the growing season please, to keep hedges and plants well away from the footway, will help so much. Thank you!

Dangerous parking near the School

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.

..... and elsewhere in the village on footways and verges – it is against the law to park on them. Such inconsiderate parking causes great difficulty for those who are less mobile or pushing prams.

County Council elections

Elections for the Hardwick division which includes Barton will be held on Thursday 2nd May between 7am and 10pm. Please exercise your vote. Barton has a long tradition of a high turn-out.

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 7th May 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771 923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Thank you to everyone for the cards and messages of sympathy following the death of my father. Barton was his second home as he moved in to look after the dogs whenever we were away. Many of you may remember him out walking them, come rain or shine and one year even in the snow.

Sue Clemo

Barton Lunch Club – Friday 3rd May 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall

For reservations/cancellations please contact Anne Coulson 262666.

Tea at Three – Change of Date to 25th May

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the next Tea at Three will now be held on Saturday 25th May, and not Saturday 4th. We apologise for having to make this change. If you would like to book a place at £11 per head, please contact Margaret (262353), Ruth (262985), Alison (264985), or Marjorie (262592). Any profit will go to a Cancer charity.

Sax's Cool

Just to remind you about the evening of swinging sax on Saturday 11th May at St Mary's Church, Comberton, to raise funds for BRIG and St Mary's. Pay on the door - 8pm. £8 (to include refreshments and glass of wine in the interval); £5 concessions (over 60s/children/students). Look forward to seeing you there.

John Winterbourne (BRIG)

Asthma UK House and Garden Fair Tuesday 14th May

10am – 4pm at Chilford Hall, Linton, CB21 4LE. Admission £4

50 stalls selling everything you need to revitalise your home, garden and wardrobe, plus much, much more!

Please contact Sue Rapley on 07803 729618 for details.



Singles Supper

The next Singles Supper will be on June 8th in Barton Pavilion, 7pm for 7.30pm. It costs £12 to include a delicious meal, wine & coffee. To book your place, please contact Barbara on 262692.

BRIG AGM Thursday 13th June

Advance notice of **BRIG AGM**. Please put this in your diary. Do attend and bring other ideas for using the Pavilion.

Meta Greenfield, Secretary

Sunday Safari Lunch on Sunday 23rd June. This year we are trying a Safari Lunch! If you enjoy sharing a meal with friends and neighbours within walking distance of your home then this is an event to try! We start with drinks and canapés, followed by a starter, then a main course, a dessert and finally tea or coffee, each course at a different venue with different people. Each pair of participants is asked to prepare one course for up to 8 people, or canapés or coffee for all. Tickets are £15 per person if you provide starters, desserts, canapés or coffee and £7.50 for those offering the main course. Booking forms are available from Anne Coulson 262666 or Barbara Tomes 262692. Please book by June 8th Proceeds for St Peter's Church.

CRAFTFORCE

Craftforce continues to meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at 3pm in Barton Pavilion, when you can turn up to be inspired, share your talent, learn a new craft or work on a current project – stitch/glue/cut/knit/paint – whatever you fancy! On 22nd May we will be having a demonstration entitled 'Take One Scarf' when Barbara Redman will be showing us how to make fabric jewellery. £3.50 per head for the session (plus £3.50 if you choose to make your own necklace/bracelet set).

Margaret Winterbourne / Meta Greenfield

Barton WI

The topic for our April meeting was Bell Ringing. Tom Ridgman used excellent audio and visual aids to take us through the history and practical aspects of bell ringing from 3000 BC to the present. Six members demonstrated Bell Changes with hand bells. The subject for debate at our May Resolution meeting is 'Saving our High Streets'.

Holly Dubocq

Barton Friendship Club

The meeting that was held on the 2nd April, was well attended when Hanna Roberts from the Red Cross gave an insight to the work that is carried out by the organization. A number of things available that Members were not aware of was very interesting. Should anybody require help, they only have to contact the Red Cross to be told what is available.

The Meeting arranged for the 7th May, Richard Jessop from English Heritage

will be coming to tell us about the work involved.

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

The Birthday tea will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 2.30pm.

Roma Patman-Wallis

Barton Tennis Club

The new year for membership to the Barton Tennis Club will be starting as from the 1st May. Membership is available on an individual or family basis, with members receiving a key to the courts. (The lock will be changed on the 1st May). The cost of membership is £25 (individual) or £40 (family), and covers the year to April 2014.

As in previous years Adult coaching, with Mike's Tennis Academy will be on Tuesday evenings. Starting on the 7th May, and will run for six weeks. Each session starts at 7pm and ends at 8.30pm. The cost is £10 per session or £45 for all six sessions if booked in advance.

If you would like further information please contact either David Ireland (263991) or Alec Tompson (262683). Or why not come along on Thursday 2nd May, for some gentle early season practice.

Club night will be on Thursday's from 7pm, beginning on the 9th May. We want to encourage new and existing members, of all abilities, to come along and enjoy a game of tennis. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Alec or myself.

Looking forward to plenty of hot and sunny evenings! (ever hopeful)

David Ireland, Chairman Barton Tennis Club.

Barton Gardeners



Plant Sale and Bacon Butties
Saturday, 11th May
10am – 12 noon
Barton Village Hall
Everyone Welcome
Free Entry

Enjoy the convivial atmosphere over a delicious bacon buttie and coffee. Tables of plants of all descriptions at very reasonable prices, including vegetables and filled hanging baskets await you. Those of you who have potted on and labelled surplus plants can drop them off **before the day to any committee member** or **by 9am at the Village Hall**. If you would like them collected, please call me.

BG Summer Outing to Sissinghurst Castle & Gardens, Kent, Saturday, 15th June.

The famous gardens created by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson

should be at their most resplendent, especially the iconic White Garden. There are a few seats still available and everyone is welcome. **BG** members @ £25pp and non-members @ £27pp. If you are a National Trust member you can deduct £10 from this price. For more information or to book your tickets, please contact me or book them at the Plant Sale on 11th May. **The Show Schedule** accompanies this month's magazine – please keep it for information and your show entries. This year's Village Day will be held on the Recreation Ground on **Saturday, 13th July.**

Happy gardening! Sue Edwards 262479

Barton Playgroup

Over the last few months Playgroup has had the opportunity to raise money for several different charities. The first saw the selling of the DVD of the Christmas performance of 'Farmer Duck' raise £50 for the YMCA's Homeless Children's Charity. This particular charity was chosen as the show closed with a performance of that song - moustaches, headwear and all! On Red Nose Day, we had fun eating red jelly with chopsticks and playing with red pasta and corn flour, and raised £60 for Comic Relief. This term we have already taken part in the Save the Children "I Want To Be ... Challenge!" The children spent a week dressing up and playing games around what they would like to be when they grow up. Many thanks to all who sponsored our children!

At the end of last term, the children celebrated Easter by making cards, painting eggs, making chocolate nests and playing party games. The highlight of the Easter week was a visit from a two week old lamb from Burwash which the children got to feed.

This term we are looking at The Ocean which includes a week of being pirates. Ahoy Me Hearties!

For more information about Barton Playgroup or if you would like to see the fun things the children get up to, please have a look on our website www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk



Wendy Guest

Neighbourhood Watch

The latest Home Office crime figures show that the crime rate has dropped again in Barton. However, burglaries and thefts still persist, so please take care to protect your property from these distressing crimes.

Caravan theft is a problem at present. The police recommend hitch-locks or lockable bollards to deter thieves.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary statistics show there were over 10 percent fewer crimes in the region than last year. This is a further encouraging step

in the right direction.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Comberton Ramblers May Walks – Join our friendly group for wonderful walks C-262940 or marsh.eileen@gmail.com or www.combertonramblers.org.uk

12 th	Fenstanton approx. 6 miles Meet at King William IV PH
26 th	Shotley Point (Near Ipswich) , 7-mile circular with river views of Orwell and Stour. Start: Bristol Arms on waterfront at Shotley Gate

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 or www.combertonsa.org

Fri 3 rd – Sun 5 th	1 st Comberton Beer Festival Proceeds to our Heart Start Appeal to buy a defibrillator	5pm till late	See website for details www.combertonsa.org
Fri 10 th	Custard Comedy	8pm	£8 adv / £10 door
Sun 19 th	Jill Bridger School of Dance		
Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st	Half Term Drama Workshops with Ella Lyons	9am – 4:30pm each day	£70

CRT/Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital – Controlled released of blue-tagged hedgehogs from Church Close

If you see one, (dead or alive) please let us know, as we’re trying to find out how best to rehabilitate hedgehogs. Talk to me at CRT or go to the survey form at www.swccharity.org

Thank you, Vince Lea, 263962

New home for ancient tennis club in Grantchester

The Cocks & Hens Tennis Club is one of the oldest tennis clubs in Britain (www.cocksandhensltc.com). Anyone can join. The lease on its Madingley Road site has expired and the club has just been granted permission to build new facilities behind Cambridge Rugby Club, next to the model railway. The club is now applying for funding, so it will be a while before it opens.

Francis Burkitt

HomeStart – Peter Jackson of Scotsdales on Wildlife-friendly Gardening

Tuesday, 14th May at 7.30pm

The Pavilion, Foxton Village Hall, Hardman Road, Foxton, CB22 6RN
Tickets £5 available from Tracy: 01763 262262 and admin@hsrsc.co.uk

*All proceeds in aid of Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire
www.hsrsc.co.uk/ Charity No. 1105385*