

Dear All,

I'm a big fan of cycling, and I look forward each year to the various long distance cycling races that take place. The most well-known of these is the Tour de France, which will, incidentally, be coming through Cambridge next year during one of its forays abroad for part of the race. When at its best – unclouded by drug scandals – it is a spectacle of speed and endurance unparalleled in the sporting world. Le Tour is a race in which British cyclists have seen notable success over the last two years, with Sir Bradley Wiggins, Chris Froome and Mark Cavendish standing out as individuals. However, in post-stage interviews, each of these riders are always generous in expressing their thanks to their supporters: family, friends, coaches, physios, mechanics, the crowd, and so on. There is an acknowledgement that what they had achieved had been done in community: with others and for others, as well as the joy it brought to themselves. It reminded me of the value of a strong loving community, working for the care and support of others. The joys and sorrows of life are best shared. Such a community Christians believe that God offers to each of us too, with others and with God.

As we begin to journey into the darker days of November and December, we do so with the bounty of harvest accompanying us and with the promise of Christmas ahead. Just as we have markers for harvest, so too we have markers for Christmas. I mention this in November not to point out how many shopping days are left until Christmas Day, but more to suggest that there are other ways to prepare, including the season of Advent, during which Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus's birth. There are many ways that Christians do this. If you would like to prepare in the companionship of others, members of St Peter's and Barton Baptists will be meeting for four consecutive Wednesdays in the Baptist Chapel to think and reflect on God, us and why any of it matters.

If you would like to come along and find out more, please contact me on corinredsell@lordsbridge.org or 01954 212970.

Revd Corin Redsell

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

Church News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning last month. As well as raising some £300 for church funds it was a happy social occasion and *Save the Children Fund* was helped with the sale of their Christmas Cards.

Saturday 16th November – churchyard clean-up. If you can spare an hour or two from 9.30am please do join us in tidying the churchyard up before the winter. There will be lots of leaves to sweep up and shrubs to be pruned. Bring a few tools along with you, rake, shears, secateurs, large garden sheets etc. Coffee and biscuits will be provided mid-morning!

Church Rotas

It is soon time to think about drawing up the church rotas for next year, and we would welcome newcomers to the lists to help us with keeping the church in good order. Please contact the following if you can help us.

Altar Flowers	Janet Ireland	263117
Church cleaning	Rita Clarkson	263417
Coffee Making	Julia Stibbs	262527
Lesson Readers	Hugh Greenfield	261005

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped to keep the churchyard in good order this summer, mowing grass and trimming hedges etc. and to everyone who helps us to keep the building and churchyard looking so well cared for.

Barton Baptist Church

Now that most of the renovation work in our church is complete, it's good to get back to what the church is really about. Although the building is important, it's secondary to the fact that we are here to serve the community of Barton. We want to be a place where you can feel at home, to be welcome and able to ask questions (even difficult ones). We don't claim to have all the answers, but we are a people who believe in God and believe that God has touched our lives with His love, and is able to do the same for others. Come along. Give us a try. Put us to the test.

Ken Jones

Barton Christian Fellowship

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday 13th November at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is Mrs Sylvia Divall from Comberton. All are welcome.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

Solutions for independent living

If you have problems with everyday tasks, or if you care for someone who does, and want to find out about the advice and support that is available to help you to stay independent, safe and well, NRS Healthcare's mobile demonstration unit provides advice and information about:

- equipment and aids to help with daily living
- assistive technology resources
- adult social care support
- health information available from your library.

NRS is contracted by the County Council to provide the Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES). Their custom built mobile demonstration and assessment unit will be visiting **Shire Hall, Cambridge on Tuesday 12th November from 10am to 4pm**, when you will have the opportunity to speak to the fully trained driver who can offer advice as a trusted trained assessor. You will also be able to find out about the information and advice available from the County Council to enable you to stay independent, safe and well.

If you have any unwanted equipment you will also be able to return this by bringing it along and dropping it off at the mobile demonstration unit as part of an 'Equipment Amnesty'

Dog poo!

Please, dog owners, clear up when your dogs leave a mess. It is so unpleasant for others who encounter this nuisance. Current areas of concern are The Leys and Wimpole Road at Lords Bridge.

Robin Page has resigned from the Parish Council because his commitments with the Countryside Restoration Trust and as a District Councillor for Haslingfield are preventing him from attending meetings. We wish Robin well and will miss his trenchant observations.

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 November 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771 923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

The Leys Project

We are still waiting to hear results of applications to two major grant-giving bodies. The vibes continue to be good. Assuming positive, action will then be very weather-dependent.

John Boocock

Village News

Thank You

The many cards I and my sons have received from Barton friends after the death of my husband, Richard, have been a great comfort to us. Once again, Barton is a remarkable village. Many, many thanks.

Julia Stibbs

Thank you and sorry for the noise!

The Cambridge Harley Club held its 20th Anniversary fundraising event at the White Horse on 19th October. The band was very good, but also quite loud, so thanks for your forbearance – and we did raise £105 for cancer research. Thanks to Tim for hosting and Barton villagers for their support.

Tina and Sam Coe

Our centenarian: Fred Thompson

On 16th October the village was proud to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of its residents. Fred spent his youth in Lincolnshire before coming up to St. Catharine's where he read history and rowed at no.2 in the College boat. He has a particular affection for the College and rarely misses its events. He is known for his ready wit and steady stream of stories.

His career spanned 38 years at Newport Free Grammar School. A teacher of history and economic and public affairs, he rose to the position of Deputy Head and the rank of squadron leader, having run the Air Training Corps. A strict disciplinarian, he was heard to say to a pupil who was unwilling to go on a cross country run, "Why don't you run half way, and then you can come back?"

Fred was married to Marjorie for 65 years. Outside school he founded the cricket club in Wendens Ambo, played the church organ and ran the youth club, not to mention playing lots of golf at Saffron Walden.

He has lived in Barton for the last twenty years, with daughter Val and Roger in Roman Hill. He was keen on bridge, bowls and snooker, until these activities were curtailed by advancing years, but many people will still see him take a short daily walk. A snappy dresser too! It was fitting that recently the Lunch Club was able to give him a rousing rendition of *Happy Birthday*. Well done, Fred!

Patrick De Backer

Barton Lunch Club Friday 1st November 12.30 for 1pm in the village hall. For reservations/cancellations/offers of help etc. please contact Anne Coulson C-262666

Annual Poppy Appeal – Barton Village Collection: 26th October – 11th November

The Royal British Legion collectors will make every effort to visit every

house in the village. **Poppies and Collecting tins** will also be on the counters in the **Post Office, Shops, Pubs and the Garage** for those who miss the collector's visit.

If you are housebound, miss the collector's visit and would like a poppy to be delivered, give me a call and I will arrange a delivery to your door.

Please give generously to this very worthwhile cause.

Cambridge Collection: Every year there is a Poppy Appeal Stand by the Grand Arcade entrance to John Lewis. If anyone wishes to help with this collection from 26th Oct – 11th Nov (except Sundays), please make yourself known to those collecting at the stand. Some help with the collection at the stand, and others take a collection box and tray of poppies and collect elsewhere. The amount of time spent helping and what you do is entirely up to you. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

The Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Service – St Mary's Church, Comberton, 10.30 Sunday 10th November

Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial Plaque in the church during the service.

Directions to the church: turn left at Comberton crossroads into South Street then follow the road towards Harlton, the church is on the hill on the left just outside the village.

Roger Clemo 264765

Craftforce

We have continued with our monthly afternoons of crafting, and in September Ruth Ennis gave us a most interesting insight into upholstery. At the beginning of October we enjoyed an amazing day of Pearls with Frances Benton from Burgundy. She was an inspiring and animated speaker who brought the most wonderful display of pearl jewellery in every colour and price, and spent the morning telling us all there is to know about pearls. If you own pearls, the best way to keep them beautiful is to sleep in them so they are polished next to your skin! The afternoon workshops were attended by 15 people and everyone went home with pearl jewellery they had made. If you are interested in crafts, do join us in the pavilion at 3 o'clock on the 4th Wednesday of the month. £2 per session with tea and cakes. We plan to have more demonstrations and Saturday workshops so watch this space!

Margaret (262353) and Meta (262005)

Dixieland-Swing Evening

The notes of Dixieland jazz, interspersed with vocals, filled the hall wonderfully in September when *The Combertones* gave an evening of music at Comberton Village Hall. Jazz lovers of all ages grouped round small tables and chatted over wine and nibbles; cakes and coffee were also served

in the intervals. A splendid evening – watch out for the next one! The event raised £220 for BRIG. Thank you to all who supported.

Healing Hearts Appeal – Auction of Promises, 8pm, Saturday 9th November in the School Hall, with **JezO as the Auctioneer!**

Addenbrooke's is currently running a *Healing Hearts Appeal* to raise money to buy a new paediatric heart scanner. Our little boy, Charlie, was born with a heart condition, so to help with the fundraising, we will be holding an Auction of Promises.

We would love to see as many of you there as possible! There will be a small entrance fee of £1 per person, and all money raised on the evening will go directly to the *Healing Hearts Appeal*. It should be a fun evening with wine and nibbles, and entertainment, as well as the Auction itself!

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me:

wendyguest@btinternet.com, mobile: 07929 088398, home: 262524

The official Addenbrooke's website is:
www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/healinghearts

Many thanks for all your support, it means so much to us!

Wendy Guest

Tea At Three – February

The next Tea at Three will be held on Saturday, 8th February – this is an advance notice so you can put the date in next year's diary now! More details next month.

Margaret Winterbourne

Barton Playgroup

After half-term we will be celebrating the Autumn festivals of Bonfire Night, Diwali and Thanksgiving, and looking at the features of the season. This will involve walks around the village to collect conkers, blackberries and apples.



Just a reminder that the Parent and Toddler Group still meet on Monday afternoons between 1.30pm-3pm. The group is open to all families with children aged 0-4. There is a small entrance fee of £2 per family + 50p for each additional child, and drinks and biscuits are provided.

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

Crime levels have been higher recently, but burglaries have been down. Thefts from cars and from buildings are relatively high at present. Please ensure that sheds are kept locked when possible and that valuable items are not left on view in your car.

I attended a Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch meeting recently and was encouraged by the progress being made by our local police force. The Police Commissioner, Sir Graham Bright, has been very active in supporting Chief Constable Simon Parr in making the force more efficient. The Home Office cut the police budget by £5 million this year and it will be cut by the same amount next year. However, an extra 10 front-line police officers have been recruited. Unfortunately staff cuts have been necessary in support roles.

To improve efficiency further, a new system called METIS will provide a smart phone to each PC and PCSO. All crime reports will be entered directly into the police computer system, making visits to the police station unnecessary which will result in the elimination of a great deal of administrative work. Communication will be considerably improved by this system. This will, inevitably, mean a further reduction of administrative staff.

Cooperation with other forces is also helping to reduce costs and reduce rural crime, especially metal theft and fuel theft.

You may be aware that the non-emergency 101 telephone number has not worked well in the past. The new target of answering calls within 30 seconds is now successful and the average response at present is 7 seconds. Please use this number for reporting suspicious activity or low-level crime. Only use 999 for serious crime, or if a crime is currently in progress.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Drama Group presents *Biting the Bullet* by Frank Vickery, at Barton Village Hall, Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th November inclusive.

Tickets are £8 (£6 concessions) to include refreshments.

“A sharply observed, warm comedy” with a realistic atmosphere. Beryl and Ted have been married for many wonderful, and not so wonderful, years. When Ted hopes that the grass may be greener elsewhere, Beryl received support from neighbour Dawn, daughter Angie and odd-job man Scott...

Tickets available from Norma Eaton C-263561

Barton WI

At the October meeting Geoff Evans enthusiastically shared his holiday in Alaska. His power point presentation beautifully depicted the vast wilderness, including snowy peaks, lakes and glaciers. He focussed on bears

feeding during the annual salmon run. His photography was extraordinary, and he was able to convey to us his exciting experience. The November speaker is Vic Botterill and his topic is *Christmas Crackers*.

Holly Dubocq

The Barton Gardeners

A well-attended **AGM** was followed by a brilliant and enlightening talk on *Gardening for Wildlife* by Jenny Mackay from The Wildlife Trust.

Sue Edwards was elected as the new Chair, taking over from Nigel Siddall, who was thanked for his great contribution over the years.



New residents and younger Bartonians would be most welcome to get more involved with what is one of the most important village clubs. Please consider joining the **BGs** and enjoying the activities, subsidised events, local supplier discounts and general community spirit and friendship.

The festive **Mince Pie Coffee Morning** will be on **Saturday, 7th December**, from 10am, where you can enjoy a seasonal get-together, browse the various gift stalls and take part in an Excellent Raffle. Everyone is welcome to come and join us and if you would like a stall, please let me know.

Sue Edwards

Barton Friendship Club

Many thanks to Gillian Bane and her dog Indi, for giving Members a detailed report of all the training necessary to be a Guide Dog for the Blind. It was really informative and most intriguing what a Puppy Walker has to do. It was greatly appreciated by all Members.

The Meeting arranged for 5th November will be given by Bob King and he will be talking about the History of Papworth Hall Hospital.

On Tuesday 15th a Games afternoon of Hoy will be held.

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

Roma Patman-Wallis

Wednesday Women WI

October's open meeting was a fascinating (and chilling!) talk by renowned 'Ripperologist' Philip Hutchinson. It was great to see so many people there. November's WI meeting is on 20th and will be run by one of our members – Grace Walker – who will be teaching us all how to create beautiful flower brooches. Craft evenings are always informal and entertaining so do come along and join us!

Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com for more information or just turn up on the evening.

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

Antiquarian Society – 8pm 26th November, Comberton Village Hall, Green End

Recent Archaeology in South West Cambridge, presented by Mike Coles

Comberton Ramblers Walks – Join our friendly group for wonderful walk 10th November

Start time 10.15am Borough Green near Newmarket 6 miles

C-262940 or marsh.eileen@gmail.com or www.combertonramblers.org.uk

Well-Being Group, Haslingfield

1 in 6 people suffer from mental health problem – most often anxiety or depression or a combination of the two. Medication and psychological therapies help. But so do self-help and support. There is now a self-help group for anyone from Haslingfield and the surrounding villages. It is compassionate and confidential and gives a chance for people of any age or circumstances to find and give support as part of their local community. It is facilitated by a qualified and experienced mental health professional.

Venue: Methodist Church Rooms, High Street, Haslingfield

Dates: 10.30 to 12 Saturdays 9th and 23rd Nov, and 7th and 21st December

Coffee and biscuits served

Please contact Jonathan Wells C-872723 jonwells@fsmail.com if you would like to know more

NSPCC Festive Autumn Fair

Gala Preview Event – Tuesday 19th November 6 – 9pm.

Main Fair Day – Wednesday 20th November 9.30am – 4pm.

Anstey Hall, Maris Lane, Trumpington, CB2 9LN Free Parking

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Comberton Sport and Art Centre – November Events

8th Custard Comedy 7:45pm £10 adv / £12 Door

Matt Price, Michael Dolan, Chris Purchase. MC Andrew Ryan

22nd The Three Belles www.thethreebelles.com 7:30pm £15 adults/£13 Cons

Let yourself be whisked back to the 1940s for a jolly good time!

23rd Live & Amped WCCYM 6:45pm £5

Local bands and rappers www.liveandamped.co.uk/

24th WCCYM Free Joint churches service www.wccym.org

30th CVC Dance Showcase £6/£3 Cons

www.combertonvc.org/www.combertonsa.org

Comberton Village College Christmas Bazaar: Sat 7th December, 11am - 2pm.

If you would like to run a stall then you can complete an online form or download a booking form from our website

(<http://www.combertonvc.org/christmassbazaar>) or collect one from the college reception. Stalls cost £12 and are allocated on a strictly first-come, first served basis.

Corporate or personal donations of confectionary, cakes, mince pies, Christmas puddings, bottles, produce, toiletries, books or raffle prizes are, as always, extremely welcome. Please could they be left at the school reception from November 22nd for the attention of Sean Sycamore.

November Bulletin From Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Fireworks and bonfires can be plenty of fun for all the family to enjoy. CFRS recommends going to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home, however, if you do use fireworks or light a bonfire at home, we would ask residents to take on board our safety advice to ensure it is just their fireworks that go off with a bang:

- Keep fireworks in a closed box and always follow the instructions.
- Light them at arm's length using a taper and stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Don't light bonfires in unsuitable weather, particularly in windy conditions.
- Don't leave bonfires unattended.
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, fences and hedge.
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire, and never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, batteries.
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away.

Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

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

SCDC Recycling – Watch your waste, not your waist this Christmas

It's not only our waistlines that gain weight at Christmas, festive bins are the heaviest and fattest of the year, with an extra 750,000 tonnes of waste in England alone compared with the rest of the year. That's an increase of around 30 per cent and is generally made up of food waste, glass bottles, packaging and gift wrap.

To make it as easy and convenient as possible for you to recycle and compost your festive waste, here are a few tips:

Blue Bin – Most packaging can be placed in the blue bin, including;

- Glass bottles and jars
- Tins and cans
- Greeting cards
- Cardboard (large pieces can be flattened & placed next to your blue bin for collection)
- Gift wrap (all types)
- Plastic pots, tubs, trays
- Plastic packaging
- Plastic film (all types as long as clean)

If your blue bin is full, extra recycling can be placed out for collection in a cardboard box or returnable container.

Paper Caddy

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Leaflets
- Greeting card envelopes

Green Bin

- All food waste (cooked or raw)
- Real Christmas trees (only when cut up and placed inside the bin)

If you follow these simple steps, your black bin should remain practically empty with only non-recyclable and non-compostable items, such as polystyrene and nappies.

Remember, collection days change over the festive period due to the bank holidays. Look out for your collection calendar in the winter edition of the South Cambs Magazine. You can also find it online at www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish

We wish all our residents a very merry and very green Christmas and New Year!

**Home-Start Cheese & Wine Tasting Evening,
featuring Virgin Wines & Artisan Cheese**

Please join us for an evening of Cheese & Wine Tasting, where you will learn about the different types of cheese and wine on offer and be able to order them for delivery in time for Christmas.

Saturday 16th November 7pm for a 7.30 pm start

Coombes Community Centre, Burns Road, Royston

Tickets £8 per person to include a light supper available from: Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire, Unit 6 Valley Farm, Station Road, Meldreth, Royston, Herts SG8 6JP

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<i>Church Cleaning</i>		<i>Readers</i>	
2 nd	Margaret Flook	3 rd	Gordon Johnson (both readings)
9 th	Erica Bithell	10 th	Family Worship
16 th	The Guides	17 th	Ruth Barnes & Anne Coulson
23 rd	No cleaner needed		
30 th	Cathy Martin		
<i>Flowers</i>		<i>Coffee</i>	
10 th	Barbara Tomes (Remembrance Sunday)	3 rd	Jennifer Donkin & Joy Churcher
		10 th	Valerie Ridgman & Edith Flint
24 th	Joyce Roope	17 th	Julia Stibbs & Holly Dubocq