

Dear All,

I'm always encouraged when we begin to see new shoots peeking above the soil, despite the wet January we've had. The promise of spring lifts my spirits and inspires me. However, perhaps you find your inspiration elsewhere: in art, literature, music, film, sport, and so on. For me, examples would include the artwork of Anthony Gormley and Andy Goldsworthy, the poetry of John Clare and Roger McGough, the music of Edward Elgar and Van Morrison, films such as *Singin' in the Rain* and *Hear my Song* and sporting events such as the Tour de France.

I can't capture what it is about such expressions of creativity that moves me. I do know that they cause me to step outside of the pressing and the everyday and become aware of something beyond myself. The Christian belief is that God is this source of creativity and the one in whom humans have been made in the image of.

The writer Nick Hornby reflected the above when he wrote in *21 Songs*:

I try not to believe in God, of course, but sometimes things happen in music, in songs that bring me up short, make me do a double-take ... All I can say is that I can hear things that aren't there, see and feel things I can't normally see and feel, and start to realise that, yes, there is such a thing as an immortal soul, or at the very least, a unifying human consciousness, that our lives are short but have meaning. Hornby continues, 'Beyond that, I'm not sure it changes very much really. I'm not going to listen to stuff like this too often, though, just in case.'

As winter passes and signs of new growth appear, I hope that we may see such things with new eyes and glimpse the creativity of others and of God in them.

Revd Corin Redsell

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

Church News

Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas collections (at the carol service, the midnight service and on Christmas morning, and also at the School's Christingle service). As a result we will be able to donate over £1100 to the Children's Society, the largest amount we have ever been able to send to them.

As from this month Mrs Margaret Flook, of 3, Roman Hill, Barton, Cambridge CB23 7AX has kindly agreed to take over the posting of Parish Magazines to ex-parishioners. If you have not yet informed us that you wish to continue receiving the magazine then please send 10 postage stamps with your address to Margaret.

From the Church Registers

Funerals and burials:

December 19th Kenneth George Trundley

Christine Friend

Also services at the crematorium:

December 18th Jeffrey Barham

January 2nd Christine Brown.

Barton Baptist Church

Our Bible studies are on Wednesdays February 5th and 19th. We begin at 7.30pm with coffee and a look at an Old Testament book, in fact the last book – Malachi. There will be a time of study with plenty of time for questions. You may never have been to a Bible study before – it doesn't matter. Come along and learn with us. None of us is expert.

We meet together for prayer on the other Wednesdays of the month, meeting in people's homes around the village. Again you are most welcome to join us. Please phone for details.

The tea and chat – for anyone over the age of 50yrs (but no one is counting), will be on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30 – 4pm, but only on February 11th.

We normally meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, but many of us are away for the last week. Sorry.

The food bank collection point will be open, just inside the front door of our church, on the evenings of the Bible studies and the afternoon of the tea and chat. Once again, a huge thank you for your generosity towards this important work.

Ken Jones 262583

Barton Christian Fellowship

We next meet this month on Wednesday 12th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, when we have Brian Orrell speaking about his work in China. All are welcome.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

New Councillor

We welcome John Bailey who was co-opted at the December meeting.

County Councillor Stephen Frost reported that he was pleased there would be no tolling on the new A14. The City Deal should bring benefits from government to promote infrastructure and employment in the Cambridge area. He offered to remind Highways that road gullies needed clearing out both in the village and the city.

District Councillor Francis Burkitt reported a very successful Grantchester Barrel Race which had been won again by Barton. The landowner, King's College, had been approached about planting more trees or hedging along the bridleway between Grantchester and the M11 bridge. It was also hoped to use the Quarter to Six Quadrant logo on wayposting for permissive paths.

We are now on Facebook:

The village now has a community page under 'Barton Village Cambs'. We invite every generation to use it and make contributions - advertise events, make suggestions and keep others informed.

The Leys Project:

You will be delighted to hear that generous grants have been secured from Amey Cespa £15,400, WREN £30,800 and South Cambs £1,000 towards improvements on The Leys.

This will allow better access to the New Pavilion and sports facilities on the Recreation Ground by renewing and widening the approach paths, providing a well-drained, but still grassed, parking area, replacing old fencing and installing lighting at ground level. Many thanks to those who put in the hard work to secure the grants. Until contractual details are finalised and when the weather permits, watch this space!

Tree stump at the village pond:

The Parish Council is still assessing the specific design, cost and durability of any possible tree sculpture. Your views, for or against, are most welcome and can be sent to the Clerk.

Barton-Grantchester Bridleway:

Councillors were unanimously of the opinion that it is desirable to enhance

the bridle path with a one metre wide surface to be filled with compacted road planings. The need for a sub-base and membrane is to be assessed. The Council wishes to prevent the current rutting, but wants to preserve the rural scene, mindful that cyclists, walkers and horse riders are of equal importance and deserve a safe passage.

Barton PC, in conjunction with Trumpington Farm Company and Grantchester Parish Council, should fund or seek funding for the construction of the path as far as the proposed concrete pad adjacent to the motorway. The Parish Council appreciates that its responsibility ends at the black parish posts, but accepts that many commuters/shoppers come from or through Barton, and so would consider a contribution towards that section. Councillors are adamant that the central hedge adjacent to the Orchard should remain in situ as a particularly attractive natural feature. Barton PC undertakes to work on the field edge section so that it is wider and more suitable for horse riders and cyclists.

The Council appreciates the work done by John Boocock of Barton and Andy Matthews of Grantchester in preliminary research and consultation. It also thanks those who so usefully contributed to the survey on the bridlepath.

Bourn Brook Open Meeting

The Bourn Brook rises to the east of Eltisley, and flows into the River Rhee (or Upper Cam) at Byron's Pool. This little watercourse has been the subject of interest of the Bourn Free project, whose partners include the Wildlife Trust, the Countryside Restoration Trust, the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, the Cam Valley Forum, the Environment Agency, Cambridgeshire Mammal Group and local landowners.

An open meeting about the brook will be held at the Bourn Golf Course on Wednesday 5th February, 7pm-9.30pm. Refreshments available.

It is planned to discuss:

**** Wildlife and invasive species * Pollution * Flooding***

Find out what's been happening and have your say.

Ruth Hawksley, Water for Wildlife Officer Direct line: 01954 713533 Office: 01954 713500 **Follow us:** [www:wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org) Facebook: [/wildlifebcn](https://www.facebook.com/wildlifebcn) Twitter: [@wildlifebcn](https://twitter.com/wildlifebcn)

Support for adults with long-term needs and carers

A series of drop-in events has been organised to provide free and confidential information and advice to adults living with a long-term illness or disability, older people struggling with an age-related condition, and anyone providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who

could not manage without this help.

The drop-in sessions are being held on the last Wednesday of the month during 2014 at the Horizon Centre, 285 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge CB1 3HY (near the roundabout opposite Sainsburys). Come along any time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm for a cup of tea and to find out about the support available to you.

For more information phone 01480 377616 / 01480 373220, email Drop-insessions_asc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Great War Commemoration

There are many national and local events and activities planned to commemorate the Great War.

The County Council is working with Local Armed and Cadet Forces to share resources and plans. Events are planned for 2014 and details will be released as these are further developed.

Through the project *The Great War – Between the lines* it is hoped to bring local stories to life such as the role of women, the setting up of local hospitals and factories and the impact on local traditions and customs as well as the Local Regiment's history. This project involves the Libraries and Archives Services. Material is already featuring on the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network website which can be found via this link <http://great-war.co.uk/>.

The County would like to support local groups who are intending to mark the Great War.

Mark Miller C-699283 email: mark.miller@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Barton's Own Memorial

Did you know that there is a memorial window dedicated to the fallen of both World Wars in St. Peter's Church? The window is featured on the November page of this year's Barton Calendar.

If anyone has any memories or information about those mentioned, please contact the Clerk.

Would you like to learn more about your family history?

Cambridgeshire Family History Society will be at the Central Library, Cambridge on the third Saturday of each month, from 11am-3pm, to offer advice and do lookups on family history websites.

There will be a different talk each month, from 1.30-2.30pm, that will explain the types of records you can use to trace your ancestors.

The Society will also be selling a wide range of CDs of transcribed parish

records that will help you take your research back even further.

Free to attend at the Cambridgeshire Collection Rooms, Third Floor, Central Library, Lion Yard, Grand Arcade, Cambridge, CB2 3QD.

See www.cfhs.org.uk/pdfs/newsletter.pdf or follow on Facebook www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireFHS for further details.

Twilight at the Museums Wednesday 19th February, 4.30pm to 8:30pm. As darkness falls, Museums and collections across Cambridge are opening their doors into the night for an exciting evening of FREE drop-in and bookable family events. With twelve venues across the city, set out and discover the extraordinary world of Cambridge museums and collections after dark. Whether it's experiencing the sights and sounds of ice at The Polar Museum, journeying by torchlight through the Botanic Garden Glasshouses or creating amazing photographs in the evocative setting of the Museum of Technology, there will be plenty to explore! Get ready for the adventure by visiting www.cam.ac.uk/museums/twilight

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 4th February 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771 923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Thank You

Andrew and Ruth would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the tremendous support we have received from the village over the last few weeks following the loss of our mother, Christine Friend. Your words, cards, letters and prayers have meant so much to us and helped us cope with our loss.

Barton Lunch Club Friday 7th February 12.30 for 1pm in the village hall. For reservations/cancellations/offers of help etc. please contact Anne Coulson. C-262666.

Village Day – 12th July – Call for volunteers for Committee and on the day

Would you like to be part of this year's event? Join the Committee? Run a sideshow? (Thanks to Anne & Andy Richardson & Family for taking on the coconut shy). Do let us know at bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk or in person. **Hugh Greenfield** is organizing stalls for village organization and **Sarah Pitchford** is taking bookings from further afield and can be contacted at sarahaepitchford@gmail.com

Barton Village Day Committee

Barton Energy Group (BEG)

Councils in the Cambridgeshire area, including South Cambs District Council, have launched an initiative called Action On Energy. This aims to provide support to householders and tenants to make their homes more energy-efficient, and so to save money on energy bills. There will be some government funding to support this, and a company called Climate Energy has been appointed to put Action On Energy into effect.

The scheme is starting off by providing free energy-saving measures for low income homes where people are in receipt of benefits. Please contact me, or Mary MacDonald (in strict confidence) if you would like to know more about this, and we can forward your query to the Action on Energy scheme or you can contact them directly on free phone 0800 0933303 but please mention Barton Energy Group when you do this.

You will be under no obligation to proceed further if you do not want to. This will probably be followed by a project to provide cut-price insulation for houses with solid walls, and in due course Action On Energy will be extended to help to provide support to people living in other types of property.

BEG has analysed all the Energy Performance Certificates that have been produced so far for properties in Barton, which is about a third of the village's housing stock. Most properties in Barton have a low rating, because they were built a while ago. Improvements can often be made at quite a low cost, and people can save money on their energy bills as a result. BEG will be making recommendations, and has figures to show approximate costs and benefits.

BEG will be working with Action On Energy, and another company called Aran Services, to provide people in Barton advice on energy efficiency improvements, and to carry them out.

We are also working on a scheme to provide low-energy light bulbs at a discounted price.

More information on all of the above will be with you in the next few weeks.

Bev Edwards

Barton Church Jumble Sale – 2.30pm Saturday 22nd February – Barton School

Please support the church by looking out items you do not need any more to donate to us – it's the original way of recycling. Unsold items are gifted to Emmaus and the Salvation Army.

Items are needed for: bric-a-brac (household and kitchen items but no electrical appliances); Children's toys; Books; Bedding and soft furnishings;

Clean clothing – nearly-new clothes: Men's, Women's and Children's.

Setting up will be at the School on **Saturday** morning between **10am and 12 noon**. Please bring donations then.

Jumble can be collected or dropped off before the day to the following people:

Hugh Greenfield	114 High Street	262005
Anne Coulson	16 Roman Hill	262666
Ruth Barnes	33 Kings Grove	262114

Meta Greenfield

Tea At Three

The ever popular Barton Ritz will open its doors again for Afternoon Tea on Saturday, 8th February.

Come and enjoy good food and company! Booking in advance essential. To reserve your place, please contact one of us: Margaret (262353), Ruth (262985), Alison (264985), Marjorie (262592). £11 per head. Any profit will go to a Cancer charity.

Margaret Winterbourne

Neighbourhood Watch

Thankfully, there is very little to report this month.

Crime levels remain a little higher than normal, but burglaries are thankfully still down.

There are ongoing cases of antisocial behaviour and various thefts, and police are advising us to continue to do what we can to protect our property, including outbuildings and vehicles.

Theft of heating oil remains a concern, but there have been few reports of this recently, perhaps because of the various warnings and advice issued by the police and their ongoing vigilance.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Playgroup

The children enjoyed a Christmas party on the last day of term with a visit from Santa, and a performance of *The Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson for the parents. We are selling copies of the children's performance on DVD to raise money for the *Healing Hearts Appeal*



This term we are learning about *Art and Artists*. We will look at various paintings, complete our own self-portraits, and we will look at shapes in

modern art, and also talk about different landscapes - for example, comparing the countryside to the city. We also hope to have lots of fun experimenting with different ways of painting and using different materials!

Finally, a reminder that Toddler Group still runs on a Monday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3pm.

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

Barton Gardeners

Look out for the **Barton Gardeners' Newsletter** dropping through your door. The **Spring** edition will be distributed throughout the village – we hope you enjoy reading it.

BG's first meeting, on 18th March, will be a talk on **'Care and Cultivation of Succulents and Cacti'** - love 'em or hate 'em, it's sure to be interesting and informative!

Please remember, whilst you are tidying up your garden, if the weather permits, to put aside any surplus plants that could find a new home in our **Plant Sale** in May – thank you.

Sue Edwards

Barton Drama Group

The Drama Group's next production will be from Wednesday 26th March to Saturday 29th March in the Village Hall. Exactly which play we will be putting on has not yet been finalised. It could be a drama, a comedy, have music – who knows? So look out for full details and how to obtain tickets in next month's Parish Magazine and on village notice boards. *We also have a website: www.bartondramagroup.co.uk*

Val Watson

Barton WI

The December meeting was our Christmas party. We all brought a special pudding, and after feasting, we were entertained by our WI Choir, games, quizzes, and a hilarious game of charades. In January, Sarah Oliver, a female plumber was our speaker. She clearly explained (using diagrams) how our water, heating, and waste systems worked in our homes. As a Mom and homeowner as well, she was able to answer our many questions with direct answers and practical solutions. It was

a very informative and interesting evening. Next month meeting will be led by the members. We hope you will join us.

Holly Dubocq

Barton Friendship Club

It is with sadness that we have to report the loss of Christine Brown, one of our Members, and our thoughts and sympathies go to Michael and Family. The first February meeting, will be held on Tuesday 4th and we have John Page coming to give a talk on *Brazil and Devil's Island*.

Then on 18th we are having a Games afternoon of Bingo.

Members £2.00 non-members £2.50 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits). **New Members most welcome.**

Roma Patman-Wallis

Wednesday Women WI

Thank you so much to all who attended our December Charismas party – a lot of wine tasting and cheese eating was undertaken and a good time had by all. Our first meeting for 2014 was a fun and informative evening hosted by Vivien Honeybourne-Martins all about Feet – both curing and enduring!

For February's meeting we'll be joined by Cheryl Warren; a local artist and gallery manager, who will be talking to us about her experiences of being an artist and a mother. As well as hearing her stories we will have the opportunity to try our own hands at something 'arty'! Please do come along – new members are always welcome.

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

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

Elise Fielder

LoveFood Weekend – 15th & 16th – Burwash Food Hall & Marquee

Throughout the weekend there will be cookery demonstrations from resident chef and pâtissier, plus tastings and guidance from selected suppliers.

During the following week (half-term), *Little LoveFood* will host a series of themed cookery classes for children. For booking and prices, please talk to staff at the Larder or on C-262600 or info@burwashlarder.com

Comberton Rambling Group

Our walks are on alternative Sundays and are from 4 - 7 miles, usually ending near a public house.

We are a friendly / informative group and enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area. New walkers are welcome to join us with up to 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member. Annual membership fee is £7.50, and free if under 18 years old.

All walks start at 10.15am. Our February walks are:

2nd February Barley. 5.5 miles. Meet at The Chequers Pub, London Road, Barley. SG8 8JQ

16th February Papworth St Agnes. 4 miles. Meet at The Old Bake House, Papworth St Agnes. CB23 3QU

Please see our full Walks Programme : www.combertonramblers.org.uk or contact the Secretary - Stella - email stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

1st Comberton Scouts Quiz Night – Saturday 8th February,
7.15 for 7.30 Comberton Village Hall
‘A good quizzer is like a good Scout!’

Teams of up to 8; £8 per head to include a Ploughman’s Supper. Please bring your own drinks, snacks and glasses.

Please book in advance to help us plan the catering. Contact Tracy Pemberton on C-262445 or combertonbeavers@hotmail.co.uk

Barton Guides would like to invite you to a:

Swiss Cheese Fondue night on Saturday 8th March, Coton Village Hall, with Quiz/raffle.

Our fund-raising is to help Amy Bland go on a Girlguiding service project to Nepal in summer 2014.

Tables from 7.30 pm, Hall open 7.15pm. Please book a table in advance for you and your friends (tables of up to 8 people) and enjoy a home-made **Swiss cheese fondue** plus nibbles/starter and dessert.

Bring your own drinks/glasses.

Tickets are £10 per adult, £8 for children age 13 and under.

Tickets available from: Amy or Liz Bland C-263040
amy.bland@btinternet.com

February Events – Comberton Village College/Comberton Sports & Arts

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

Three comics and a compere tbc www.combertonsa.org

15th Empowerment Seminar Doors 9am

Self development seminar www.empowerment-live.co.uk

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Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Firefighters are asking residents to take care while cooking during February.

Valentine's Day means more people may turn to the kitchen to cook their way to a loved one's heart, and combined with Shrove Tuesday and National Chip Week, which runs from February 17-23, there are many more chances people may end distracted while cooking this month.

Here are some handy tips for staying safe in the kitchen:

- Never leave cooking unattended and avoid leaving children alone in the kitchen when cooking on a hob
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob
- Avoid drinking alcohol to excess when cooking
- Take care when cooking with oil, especially in deep fat fryers – it sets alight easily.
- Don't tackle a fire yourself – Get out, stay out and dial 999.

Like us on: 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.

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, Fire HQ, Hinchingsbrooke Cottage, Brampton Road, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 2NA, this is an Emergency Service governed by Cambridgeshire Fire Authority, www.cambsfire.gov.uk

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<i>Church Cleaning</i>		<i>Readers</i>	
1st	The Cubs	2nd	Erica Bithell & Margaret Winterbourne
		9th	Jean Ricketts & Sue Carpenter
15th	Ruth Barnes & Erica Bithell	16th	Family Worship
		23rd	Anne Coulson (both readings)
<i>Flowers</i>		<i>Coffee</i>	
2nd	Rachel Howland Jackson	2nd	Julia Stibbs & Anne Coulson
16th	Maggie Rayner	9th	Cathy Martin & Anita Duffett
		16th	Rita Clarkson & Barbara Tomes