

Dear All,

When we're feeling under the weather or concerned about something, we all have ways of drawing comfort. You might have a chair you curl up in, a blanket you wrap round yourself, a hot water bottle that you snuggle down with. Perhaps you have a book you always read, a drink that warms, food that reassures. This year I was ill in the early few days of January. I found myself wearing a jumper that is nice and warm, enveloping myself in a fleece blanket, reading a favourite book. I also watched a number of favourite childhood films: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Mary Poppins*. They brought back all sorts of good memories and reassurances.

When I was feeling more myself, I was thinking of another childhood favourite: *Swallows and Amazons*. This book by Arthur Ransome includes one of my favourite quotes:

All the most exciting charts and maps have places on them that are marked 'Unexplored'.

I love the idea that maps lead us on but that there are unknown vistas, views and surprising pathways that they can't capture. They need to be explored on the ground. We don't know what these unexplored places will be like. They might be a little daunting or exciting, but the Christian faith draws comfort from the belief that we travel together, gain reassurance from how God has been with us in the past and that we have the reassuring God who travels with us into the future.

Revd Corin Redsell

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

Church News

Saturday 15th March – Soup and Roll Lent Lunch, from 12 noon, Village Hall

A fundraiser for WaterAid, a charity providing safe water and sanitation to poor communities in the third world. Please come and sample delicious soup and enjoy good company – no admission charge but donations invited.

Annual Church Meeting – Monday 24th March 8pm in the school.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting, where we hear about the church activities over the past 12 months, and elect the church wardens and PCC members.

Joint Lent Course on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday March 12th 7.30pm at the Baptist church.

All are welcome to join us when we will be looking at Stephen Cottrell's book *The Nail, being part of the passion* which looks at the role of the key figures involved in Christ's crucifixion.

Barton Baptist Church

Once again we will be joining with the Parish Church for our Lent Bible studies. These will be on Wednesdays the 12th, 19th and 26th March starting at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church and also April 2nd & 9th. You are very welcome to come to any of them even if you cannot make the all.

The **Tea and Chat** will take place as usual on Tuesdays the 11th and 25th March starting at 2.30pm. All who can are welcome to join us.

The **Foodbank** Collection point will be open at the Church as usual on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays between 7.30pm & 8.30pm and 2nd & 4th Tuesdays between 2.30pm and 4pm. Thanks to all those who have given food it is very much required and appreciated. The week before Christmas we had to make two trips to the depot and we have also made one since because of the volume of food received.

Brian West

The Women's World Day of Prayer – Streams in the Desert

Barton Village School. Friday, 7th March at 7.30pm, with refreshments.

You are warmly invited to the interdenominational Women's World Day of Prayer which this year will be celebrating the Christian life of the women of Egypt – in readings and music. The address will be given by the Reverend Pat Heap.

Barton Christian Fellowship

On Wednesday March 12th we meet in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Our speaker will be Judy Polkinghorn and her subject will be *Mercy Ships*.

Our meetings always finish with chatting over a cuppa.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

We are now on Facebook

A reminder that 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.

Precept

This is what the Parish Council receives as its share of the Council Tax that you pay as householders. Compared with the payments you make to Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire the amount we require is small and we have always requested a modest amount compared with neighbouring villages. However, grants we have received previously are no longer available and costs of grass-cutting, refurbishment of play equipment and general maintenance have increased. Therefore Councillors have set a precept of £18,000, which means that a band D householder in Barton will pay £47.91 in 2014-15, this is an increase of £4.22p or 9.65%. We remain a prudent council in our spending. To enable you to make a comparison, this year, a band D household paid £120 to South Cambs, £1,100 to the County, £177 to the Police and Crime Commissioner and £64 to the Fire Authority.

Become a Foster Carer in 2014

Cambridgeshire County Council needs more foster families to help transform lives and meet the needs of local children and young people. People become Foster Carer because they want to give children and young people a home for as long as they needed it. There are so many positive changes that a families love and commitment can make and anyone who has a caring nature should consider fostering.

Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers. If you have a spare room and can offer stability, security and the positive experience of a loving family then we want to hear from you.

You might be:

- Married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner
- From an ethnic background
- In work, unemployed or retired

Recruiting local people will mean that children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends.

In return we offer generous allowances including a start-up package, 24 hour support and full training.

Call our freephone 0800 052 0078 or fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Caring for someone with dementia? We can help!

The Dementia Carers Support Service improves easy access to care, support and advice following the diagnosis of Dementia.

Former carers become volunteer befrienders, supporting current carers of those with dementia throughout their caring journey.

Successfully piloted in East Cambridgeshire the service now covers Cambridge City & East and South Cambridgeshire.

We currently have a team of volunteers supporting carers in various ways varying from face to face contact, or by telephone/email.

If you are interested in the service, or just want more information then please contact the Co-ordinators:

Sally Kitchin on 07432 701833 (Monday – Wednesday)

Sally.kitchin@cpft.nhs.uk

Fe Franklin on 07506 579367 (Thursday & Friday) Fe.franklin@cpft.nhs.uk

or Terry Dellar 01353 652092 (Fridays only) Terry.dellar@cpft.nhs.uk

We would also be very interested in hearing from those who may wish to volunteer.

We look forward to your call!

Do you give unpaid care to a friend or family member?

Carers Trust Cambridgeshire can support you to stay healthy and well

"Carers make a huge contribution to the health and wellbeing of the thousands of people they support. But it is equally important for carers to stay healthy and have a good quality of life themselves. Health, social care and voluntary organisations in Cambridgeshire are working together to look at what support carers need to stay healthy and well. We would like to hear from anyone who looks after family, partners or friends because they are ill, frail or have a disability (or have done this in the past). If you can help and are happy to give your views please complete our survey in one of the following ways:" www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/Carers Call Sue Hall, Public Health at Cambridgeshire County Council on 07508 916976

For advice and support available to Carers, please call the Carers Trust Cambridgeshire, Crossroads Carer Services on 0845 241 0954/01480 499090 or visit the website www.carerstrustcambridgeshire.org

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 March 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771 923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

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

Singles supper

The next Singles Supper will be on Saturday 17th May at The White Horse at 7pm. Please let me know if you wish to come by the end of April.

Barbara Tomes 262692

Barton Bowls Club Jumble Sale – 2.30pm, Saturday 5th April, Village Hall

The Bowls Club would welcome offers of jumble, after 31st March at 114 High Street or 7 King's Grove or at the Village Hall on the day.

Ruth Ennis

Neighbourhood Watch

Although there has been an attempted burglary in Barton recently, we may be benefiting from reduced levels of crime. If so, I hope this will be ongoing. We still need to remain on our guard. Valuable possessions left on view in cars or houses can be inviting to a thief.

No crimes were reported here in December, but thefts and burglaries are still occurring in nearby villages.

Police have warned that people impersonating utility personnel or police are operating throughout Cambridgeshire, so please be careful. People may attempt to gain access to your property, so be suspicious and don't let anyone in unless you are sure that it is safe to do so.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Playgroup

Throughout January and February we have been finding out about the work of different artists. We looked at the Mona Lisa and thought about different emotions, and drew our own portraits. We also made funny Picasso faces, and we talked about the different things we could see in Constable's countryside paintings and Lowry's city paintings. We enjoyed making shape collages after looking at Kandinsky's paintings,



and we had fun getting messy and painting like Jackson Pollock!
This month we will take part in World Book Day on 6th March. Children will dress up as their favourite book characters, and parents and grandparents will come in to share stories with them.

Finally, we are very pleased to announce that we have raised £100 for the "Healing Hearts Appeal" by selling copies of the children's Christmas performance of "The Monkey Puzzle" to parents. This is a fantastic amount for a small playgroup!

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

invites you to an interesting and enlightening talk by **Clarke Brunt** on the
'Care & Cultivation of Succulents & Cacti'

Tuesday, 18th March at 7.45pm (Refreshments from 7.15)

Barton Village Hall - Everyone welcome – Visitors £3, Members Free

A reminder to submit your **Plant Order Forms** to 3 Kings Grove or leave in the **BG** folder at Conkers by **31st March**, please.

The garden should be warming up and we would be grateful if you would put aside any surplus plants that could find a new home in our **Plant Sale** in May – Thank You

The **Summer Show** will be held as part of Village Day on **Saturday, 12th July**. Look out for details in the coming Parish Magazines.

Sue Edwards

Vegetable Patch Needed?

I have a small vegetable patch, approx. 4m x 2m, in my garden which is available free of charge to anyone who would like to grow a few extra vegetables or need space for spreading courgettes and squashes. Free access to garden.

Julia Stibbs, 1 Kings Grove C-262527

Barton Drama Group

Barton Drama Group presents SOAPSUD ISLAND by Phillip Sheahan and directed by Judith Bowen, at Barton Village Hall, Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th March. Please note the earlier starting time of 7.45 pm.

The play takes an affectionate look at the commercial and domestic laundries in the West London area known as Soapsud Island. Created from the

memories of those who worked there between the wars, it also has music reminiscent of the times.

Tickets are £8 (£6 concessions) to include refreshments and are available from Norma Eaton – C-263561

Val Watson

Barton WI

The February WI meeting is annually organized by the members. We had a very enjoyable evening, playing many games: games of knowledge, and games of fun. One of the games included a present for each person. Adding to the party atmosphere was a Birthday Cake celebrating 93 years of Barton WI. A wonderful evening was had by all.

The March meeting speaker will be Carrie Herbert, who will talk about the 'The Work of the Red Balloon'.

Holly Dubocq

Barton Friendship Club

Our Secretary Roma is unwell at present; we all wish her a speedy recovery. Our first Meeting of 2014 which was held on 21st January was not very well attended; this was due to illnesses and various appointments of the members. The Meeting held on the 4th February was well attended and all enjoyed the photos, video show and commentary given by John Page on his trip to Brazil.

Our Meetings in March will be, on the 4th we have Mrs A Zeitlyn from Camsight giving a talk on Louis Braille and on the 18th we have a games afternoon.

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

Brian Ross

Barton Tennis Club

Barton Tennis Club will hold its AGM, on Wednesday 5th March at 8pm, in the Sports Pavilion. The meeting is open to all members, and anyone interested in playing tennis. Please come along, as we would welcome any new ideas and suggestions, to help widen our activities in 2014.

David Ireland, Chairman

Afternoon Tea for a Great Cause!

On Saturday 12th April I will be holding an Afternoon Tea fundraising event between 2pm and 4pm in Barton Primary School Hall. Afternoon tea will be £7.50 per person, and there will also be a raffle, and various stalls.

I will be raising money to go to Morocco in September as part of a team of

20 students from Northumbria University with the charity Childreach International. Whilst there we will be living in a small Berber community in the Atlas Mountains and building an education centre for the local children which will allow them to go on to access a secondary education.

Book early to avoid disappointment or for further information contact me:

sophie.martin@ymail.com or 0777029700

or my Mum, Cathy Martin, 13 Comberton Road, C-262317

Thanks, Sophie Martin.

Wednesday Women WI

In February's meeting we welcomed Cheryl Warren; a local artist and gallery manager, who talked to us about her experiences of being an artist and a mother. A fun and informative meeting that left us all feeling quite creative!

This theme contains for March (19th) when our very own committee member Laura Packman will be running a Jewellery making workshop. As well as telling us a bit about her background and future business plans, we will all have the opportunity to make a bracelet and learn the art of macramé! Please do come along – new members are always welcome and craft evenings are always fun and informal.

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

Antiquarian Society – Tuesday 25th March

A Passion for Quiet Country: A C Benson-Cambridgeshire 1904-25,
presented by David Jones,

at 8pm in The Village Hall, Green End, Comberton.

Barton Energy Group

In conjunction with the SC District Council, BEG is holding a meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd April at 7:30.

The main purpose of the meeting is to show the latest low-energy light bulbs. These come on instantly, are bright and last for many years. Research has shown that the majority of homes in Barton could save money on electricity bills by using these bulbs. On average, the cost of the bulbs will be recouped in about 18 months, but some bulbs have as little as a 6 month payback period.

We have negotiated a deal with a local supplier to buy these bulbs at a

discount. All bulbs come with a guarantee, and are high quality.

More details in April's Parish Magazine and please watch the Notice Boards.

Bev Edwards

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.

Wilbraham. 4.5 miles. Meet at The Hole in the Wall pub, 2 High Street, Little Wilbraham. CB21 5JY

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

Great news...

For those of you who enjoy sewing, embroidery, patch working and dressmaking – an exciting, new shop, 'Backstitch', is opening at Burwash in early March!

Come and meet Alice, the owner, who will be offering 'Haberdashery with a sewing lounge and regular sewing workshops.'

Sue Radford

QTSQ Oil Club – Review of 2013

The Club enables residents to bulk-buy home heating oil and continued to be very active during the year, as these statistics show:

- 223 households in Barton, Coton, Grantchester and Madingley, and a few further afield, ordered oil
- They ordered 370,910 litres of oil, more than the 356,450 litres in 2012
- that's nearly £200,000 worth of oil
- 135 members ordered over 1,000 litres each during the year, for which our oil broker, Agricole, donates £5 each to local good causes. So that's £675 raised this year.

A reminder of how the Club works

Although we call the QTSQ Oil Club a 'club', you don't have to pay to join, and there is no membership paperwork.

The club is administered for us by a broker called Agricole Oil, locally-based in Cambourne, and run by Jeremy Cole and his colleagues. Agricole started

in 1993 as a grain marketing and brokerage service for local farmers, and later branched-out into oil broking. www.agricoleoil.co.uk.

There are two ways to order:

- phone/email any time, and your oil will be delivered within 2-3 days. This gets you a normal discount, as your order will be bulked-up with all the other people who order on that day; or
- phone/email in the last week of a month, to join the month-end scheme, and get delivery by the 7th of the next month. This gets a bigger discount, as more people target this time of the month, so the volume of orders is bigger, and hence the discount is bigger.

The best way to order is via www.agricoleoil.co.uk, but you can also do so by calling 01954 719 452 or by emailing jeremy@agricole.co.uk

In total, Agricole has over 2,000 customers in the Cambridge and the East Anglian region (represented by 19 local clubs like ours), and another 2,500 in the Oxfordshire to Bristol area (80 local clubs). Agricole buys about 5 million litres of heating oil per year for its customers, or the equivalent of two Olympic swimming pools, which shows its ability to get volume discounts.

Agricole also offers group boiler servicing, tank replacement and alarms – please contact them direct for details.

Good cause

The local good cause is agreed each year by the four parish councils, and we'll be discussing and announcing that over the next few weeks.

Francis Burkitt. Acting Chairman of BWOC, until anyone volunteers to take over

Ascrip Pharmacy – Free Prescription Delivery Service from your GP Surgery

Ascrip Pharmacy provides a free service – to collect, dispense and deliver your prescription to your chosen address, at a suitable time. A pharmacist is available to answer any questions about your medicines.

If you'd like to know more, please call the Pharmacy team on 0800 0933 292 or email info@ascrip.com and ascrip.com

Ascrip is registered and regulated by the General Pharmaceutical Council

The Lent Small Change Challenge – The SEED Project, Zimbabwe

Traditionally, people give up something for Lent. This year, how about making a **small lifestyle change** that will make a **big difference in the wider world**? By joining in with Meat Free Monday, giving up chocolate or store-bought coffee, or cycling to work throughout Lent, you could save from £6 up to as much as £100.

Then, donate the money that you save to The SEED Project to **help empower disadvantaged communities in Zimbabwe** who have no luxuries to give up. Your gift could enable a rural family to plant trees that provide them with a sustainable source of cooking fuel, could pay for intensive training for a new micro-savings scheme group, or could sponsor a parent to learn new skills so they can support their own family.

To find out more about SEED's Small Change Challenge and how to make a donation, visit www.seed-project.org/scc or write to John Hayward at uk@seed-project.org. And please invite your friends, colleagues and family to join in. Together, we can make a real difference in Zimbabwe.

Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March and finishes on Saturday 19th April.

Comberton Village College/Comberton Sports & Arts – March Events

1st	Eden Dance – <i>The Snowman</i>	2.30pm	£10/£7
1st	Eden Dance – <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	5.30pm	£12/£9
2nd	Eden Dance – <i>The Snowman</i>	2.30pm	£10/£7
2nd	Eden Dance – <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	5.30pm	£12/£9
	Seniors and Juniors ballet shows	edendance.co.uk	
8th	Auction of Promises – Friends of CVC	7pm	£5/£2.50
14th	Custard Comedy	7.45pm	£10 adv/£12
	Three comics and a compere	combertonsa.org	
20th & 21st	Bourn Players – <i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>	7.30pm	£10.50/£7
22nd	Bourn Players – <i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>	7.30pm	£10.50/£7
	bournplayers.org.uk		
28th	CVC Dance Show	7.30pm	£6/4

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire invites you to take part in our CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

This competition is open to children up to the age of 11 and will be judged in the following age categories - under-3, 3-5 year olds, 6-8 year olds and 9-11 year olds

*The Theme of the competition is to DESIGN A SPRING PICTURE
Please do your picture on a piece of white A4 paper, then add your name, age and telephone number on the back of your picture
Please post it to us by Friday 4th April 2014*

*To: Home Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire Unit 6, Valley Farm, Station Road, Meldreth, Royston, Herts. SG8 6JP
or come along and see us on the Home-Start stall at Thriplow and do your picture then*

*There will be a display of pictures on our stall and the entries will be judged week beginning 7th April, 2014.
Prizes will be awarded for each age category
If you have any queries or require further information, please call the Home-Start office on 01763 262262*

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Every year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service raises thousands of pounds for The Fire Fighters Charity – and we couldn't do it without the support of residents so we would like to say a big thank you!

This month, a number of fire stations across the county will be holding car washes so visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or our social media channels to find out what stations near you are taking part.

Registration is now open for the annual Ladies Driving Challenge on Sunday, May 11, at Alconbury Airfield. More than 300 women will get behind the wheel of super-sized vehicles and if you want to take part sign up quick! For more information and to register, ldc@bedsfire.com or call (01234) 845130.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in March – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm.

Rotas – March

<i>Church Cleaning</i>		<i>Readers</i>	
1st	Anita & Paul Duffett	2nd	Ruth Barnes & Sister Hannah
		9th	Family Worship
15th	Rachel Howland Jackson & family	16th	Hugh & Meta Greenfield
29th	Edith & John Flint	23rd	Gordon Johnson (both readings)
		30th	Mothering Sunday
<i>No Flowers in Lent</i>		<i>Coffee</i>	
		2nd	Margaret Flook & Val Livermore
		9th	Ann Killen & Valerie Ridgman
		16th	Julia Stibbs & Jenny Olive
		30th	Erica Bithell & Cathy Martin

