

***Dear All,***

I write this entry having walked round the village on the afternoon of the open Gardens, fortifying myself with tea and cake in the village hall beforehand. It was with thanks for the warm welcome and delicious food (and for those who baked it) that we set off round the gardens. And what beauty and promise greeted us, so lovingly cared for by village gardeners: the beauty of spring flowers and the promise of fragrant blossom.

I also write this entry with the Easter story ahead of us: another story of beauty and promise. While the events of Easter are shot through with brutality and sadness, there is the promise of beauty that the resurrection of Jesus symbolises, not in an abstract way but in a way that brings God's love nearer to us. Both spring and Easter hold the promise of new life in its many facets.

As part of our shared journey, St Peter's, along with other churches in the Lordsbridge Team, will be welcoming a new team vicar in the autumn. Since the departure of Reverend Michael Matthews to pastures new, we have been working to appoint a full-time replacement. As a result of this process, we are very pleased to welcome the Reverend Rebecca Gilbert to join us as a new Team Vicar with particular responsibilities in Barton, Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield.

Rebecca is very much looking forward to moving to the area and taking up her post. She, along with her husband, Rich, and their two young children will be living in the rectory in Haslingfield.

Having trained at Ridley Hall Theological College, Rebecca gained a range of experience during her curacy, spending time at St Mary's, Ely and in the five parishes that make up the Three Rivers Group in the diocese.

We are so pleased to be welcoming Rebecca to the team and look forward to her joining us in the autumn, to her licensing on October 20<sup>th</sup> and to her becoming a valued member of Barton village.

Every blessing,

*RevdCorinRedsell  
Priest-in-Charge, St Peter's Church  
Curate Lordsbridge team of Churches*

## **Church News**

Very many thanks to everyone for their help with the Open Garden teas last month we made £290 for our church funds.

### **Annual Church Meeting**

At the Annual Church Meeting at the end of March, we were regrettably only able to appoint one church warden, Hugh Greenfield. John Flint, after more than twenty years as warden, decided not to seek re-election and to take well-earned retirement. We are very grateful to John for his sterling work for the church over many years; John will continue to serve on the PCC. Erica Bithell was re-elected as Treasurer, Ken Verney as Gift Aid Officer and Anne Coulson as Secretary. Other members are Ruth Barnes, Sue Carpenter, Jennifer Donkin, Gordon Johnson & Peter Smith.

### **Summer Coffee Mornings – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

The first of our Summer Coffee Mornings will take place at 10 – 11.30am in church. Do come along for coffee (no charge) and chat and see if there are any bargains in second hand books to be had.

### **Cam Sax Quartet – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm in the Church**

This is a fundraising concert for organ repairs. Entrance is free but there will be a retiring collection at the end. Refreshments will also be served.

### **Safari Supper Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

We would like to arrange another Summer Safari Supper, so please make a note of the date if you would like to participate. The price will be the same as last year – £15 per person for those offering starters, desserts, canapés or coffee and £7.50 for those offering a main course. Full details and booking forms will be available shortly, from Anne Coulson or Barbara Tomes.

*Anne Coulson*

## **Barton Baptist Church**

Our Lent Bible Studies begin again this month after a break for Easter. They will be at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> when we will be studying the First Letter of Paul to Timothy. 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June we will be hosting our Cluster Celebration in the Village Hall, when a number of the Village Baptist Churches get together. We start with tea at 5pm and we have a Service at 6pm. Again, all villagers are welcome to join us.

*Brian West*

## **Barton Christian Fellowship**

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Barbara Kettle, giving an update on the work of the Cam-

bridge City Food Bank, now settled in its new premises. All are welcome.

*Mary West*

## **Parish Jottings**

### **District Councillor Francis Burkitt**

Francis told us that South Cambridgeshire councillors had approved the Local Plan which will now be submitted to an Inspector. The City Deal bringing in £500 million of government funds should also improve infrastructure and transport and involve more partnership among the City, the County and the District authorities. Another review of the Green Belt is unfortunately scheduled in 2019. New finger posts showing local information and highlighting the Quarter to Six Quadrant are being installed on permissive paths in Grantchester. Agricole Oil is giving a donation towards the costs of a permissive footpath along Long Road, Comberton, to allow easier walking and cycling to Coton. Barton Councillors, however, are still keen to resurrect the Whitwell Drift footpath.

### **Some more South Cambridgeshire news**

Parishes will in future receive less money than at present from the Community Infrastructure Levy, when new houses are built. As you may have read in the press, savings are to be made by reducing winter green bin collections. South Cambs planners are also at pains to stress that they always make decisions governed by planning policy.

### **Cutting back hedges**

That time of year again! They may even have grown a lot already. Do remember that it is every householder's responsibility to keep hedges well pruned and away from the footway. It would be so nice not to have to come and ask this year. Most of you do the job so well.

### **No parking on verges and footways.**

Please do not park on them, as it causes an obstruction for pedestrians. It is also illegal.

### **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 meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

### **Who do I call if there is a power cut?**

UK Power Networks owns and maintains electricity cables and lines across London, the South East and East of England, making sure your lights stay on. Call 0800 783 8838 (24hrs) or from a mobile 0333 202 2021. Text 'POWER' and your postcode to 80876, or email [ukpowernetworks.co.uk](mailto:ukpowernetworks.co.uk)

### **Vulnerable customers**

Priority Services Register – please apply if you have young babies, are dependent on medical equipment, chronically sick or have a disability, and we will give you extra support particularly vulnerable during a power cut. To apply, write to Cus-

tomers Relations team, UK Power Networks, Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AA, Email [psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk](mailto:psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk) For further information, please see [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority)

### **Path Projects**

The Leys Field Parking area has been completed. One part has been ‘roped off’ to see how well the grass and legume seeds will grow when undisturbed, compared with the main area in regular use.

Attention now turns to path projects. In May we expect to achieve the planned improvements to the Barton end of the Grantchester bridle-path. This will include using the ‘road planings’ which have been stockpiled at a ‘hammer head’ in Cambridge Road.

Then work on the Leys will resume. It is a difficult logistical exercise to renew the long tarmac path whilst causing minimal disturbance to ongoing use. Thank you for continuing care and patience.

*John Boocock*

### **Village News**

#### **Car Scheme SOS**

Bryan Goshawk and Ann Killen are giving up organising the Car Scheme at the end of September, as by then they will both be over the upper age limit for Scheme drivers. One of the Scheme’s current drivers has kindly volunteered to help keep the Scheme going but a one-person band is less than ideal, as there is no cover for illness or holidays. Is there anyone in the village who would be prepared to help out? If you feel able to volunteer, please contact us.

*Bryan Goshawk and Ann Killen*

#### **Parish Magazine’s Future**

Lorraine Mooney and Ann Killen have been assembling the Parish Magazine for a number of years and now feel it is time to hand over to a new team. They intend that their last issue should be the double issue of August /September 2014. Anyone in the village who feels they could take over, please contact Lorraine.

#### **Barton Lunch club – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall**

For reservations/cancellations/offers of help etc. please contact Anne Coulson (262666). We are, as always, looking for more people to assist with cooking. No one needs to cook every month; it is not an onerous task and expenses are paid. Our monthly lunches are very much appreciated and it would be sad to have to consider stopping for lack of helpers!

#### **Tea at Three – June**

Our next Tea at Three at Barton’s Ritz will take place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like a relaxing afternoonover tea, please contact one of us to reserve a place. Booking in advance essential; £12 per head. Any profit to a Cancer charity.

*Ruth (262985), Alison (264985), Marjorie (262592), Margaret (262353)*

### ***Neighbourhood Watch***

There have been a number of shed burglaries in nearby villages recently, and also items have been stolen from cars. Valuables left in vehicles are always at risk, even when placed in the boot, so please be aware of this. The Police have offered this advice to help guard against burglary:

- Don't leave doors and windows open, particularly on the ground floor of your home.
- Don't leave your garage open as it shows what tools and equipment are in there.
- Keep your side gates locked and padlocked.
- Do take your purse or wallet and car keys up to your bedroom when you go to bed – burglars have been known to use poles through your letter box to take things.
- Don't leave valuables on display, either in your car or on window ledges inside your home.
- Do report anything suspicious to the Police – burglars often check out an area before committing a crime. If you think you see an offence in progress, call 999. For non-emergencies call 101.

*Keep safe, Bev Edwards*

### ***Barton Energy Group***

Thanks to all those who attended out meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and also to those who couldn't attend but have asked for details. We had a good attendance and a very encouraging response from the audience.

Andrew Davis of My Green Lighting ([www.mygreenlighting.co.uk](http://www.mygreenlighting.co.uk)) gave a very comprehensive demonstration of the latest in low-energy light bulb technology. Unlike previous types, these new bulbs switch on instantly, or very quickly, are available in a variety of light intensities ranging from daylight to softer hues. Research has shown that the majority of homes in Barton could save money on electricity bills by using these bulbs. Some bulbs may pay for themselves in as little as six months.

Barton residents can buy these bulbs at a discount. All bulbs come with a guarantee, and are high quality. Please call me straight away on 262479 if you would like details, and an order form.

Siobhan Mellon from South Cambs District Council also gave a short presentation on current government schemes to help save money by insulating your property. You can get solid wall insulation at reduced cost and cavity wall insulation free of charge. Please call me if you would like details.

*Bev Edwards*

### ***Barton Friendship Club***

Our meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March was a games afternoon of Bingo and it went well. The meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> April was well attended by members and non-members, when a very interesting and well-presented talk was given by Jenny Donkin on her trip to

Ethiopia, and was enjoyed by all.

Our meetings in May are: On the 6<sup>th</sup> we have our own Liz Thorne giving a talk on Her Childhood in the Far East; on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am we have a coffee morning in the Village Hall in aid of Cancer Research and The Papworth Mesothelioma Trust (please see the leaflet enclosed in this magazine for details).

A big thank you goes to all those who have given us donations towards this event: and on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm we have our Birthday Tea in the Village Hall.

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

*Brian Ross*

### ***Barton Gardeners***

Enjoy the convivial atmosphere over a delicious bacon buttie and coffee. Tables of plants of all descriptions at very reasonable prices, including vegetables, herbs, bedding plants 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 9.30am at the Village Hall**. If you would like them collected, please call me.



**BG Summer Outing to Wightwick Manor and Gardens** near Wolverhampton is on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**. This National Trust property was designed in the Arts & Crafts style. There maybe a few seats available and everyone is welcome. Tickets are £15 for BG members and £17 for non-members for the coach only. Non-NT members will pay an extra £8 on the day. We will be taking payment at the **Plant Sale** on 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> July**.

*Sue Edwards -262479*

### ***Flower Arranging Workshop – 19June – VillageHall***

Announcing a **Workshop** on the basic rules of **Flower Arranging**. Techniques will be described and demonstrated. You will have an opportunity to create your own arrangement, ask questions and generally enjoy yourself. The BG Show Schedule Classes will be explained and we hope that this evening will inspire you to have a go this year. Refreshments provided. There will be a modest charge to cover costs. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Jan Ireland 263991 or Maggie Edwards 262992 for details and to book your place.

### ***Barton Bowls Club***

We are holding an Open Day on Saturday 10 May from 2pm. We are a small friendly club and welcome both experienced bowlers and those new to the game.

If you've never played why not come along and give it a try at our Open Day, or at one of our Club Nights on 15, 22, 29 May from 6.30pm.

*Martin Carter*

### **Barton Tennis Club**

The new year for membership to Barton Tennis Club will be starting as from the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Membership is available on an individual or family basis, with members receiving a key to the courts. (The lock will be changed on 3<sup>rd</sup> May). The cost of membership is the same as last year, £25 (individual) or £40 (Family), and covers the year to the end of April 2015.

As in previous years, adult coaching with Mike's Tennis Academy, will be on Tuesday evenings. The sessions will run for six weeks, commencing on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. Each session will start at 7.30pm, and end at 9.00pm. The cost is £10 per session, or £50 for all six sessions if booked in advance.

If you would like further information, please contact either David Ireland 263991, or Alec Thompson 262683.

*David Ireland*

### **Barton WI**

Cambridge Archaeologist, Alison Dickens. spoke on the biggest urban area archaeology site in the UK which was the Cambridge Grand Arcade, at our March meeting. With old maps, photos and 3D computer models she took us back to historical Medieval Cambridge. It was an informative and exciting presentation, and she was able to make the history come alive.

In May we will have our Resolution Meeting, with a discussion of the need and importance of organ donors. Also mark your diary for our meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. It is an Open Meeting with all welcome, and will feature the Hi5 singing group. They will perform and give a workshop to all present as well.

*Holly Dubocq*

### **Barton Playgroup**

This half term we have been continuing to look at the story of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. We have looked at tigers in their natural habitat, learnt about camouflage, played cafés and talked about night-time and nocturnal animals. We enjoyed a visit from David from Lion Learners who brought in nocturnal animals and other pets for us to see. We could handle rabbits, guinea pigs, chinchillas, big spiders, snakes, giant millipedes and a dragon lizard but he didn't bring a tiger!

We also had a trip to Burwash to see the new piglets, orphaned calf and alpacas. Spring has definitely sprung.



*Wendy Guest*

### **The Great Food Debate – Climate Issues, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm**

Sir Graham Wynn, member of UK Climate Change Adaptation Sub-

Committee ,Special Adviser to the Prince of Wales.

Tony Juniper, Independent sustainability and environment adviser.

To reserve your seat contact [ruth.bond52@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.bond52@gmail.com) £3 payable at the event, to include a glass of wine.

**The Combertones Concert – An Evening of classic jazz, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Comberton Village Hall, 8pm

Tickets £7, Liz Bland C-263040, [combertones@btinternet.com](mailto:combertones@btinternet.com) or pay on the door  
Teas on sale or bring your own drinks & glasses

*Proceeds to Comberton Scouts international trip to Belgium in Summer 2014*

**Asparagus Feast – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Cut your own asparagus on Farmer Michael Radford's tractor and trailer tours of the fields where he's been growing organic asparagus since 2000, with a total of 25 years' experience.

In-house Chef, Paola Davies will be demonstrating some exciting and inspiring asparagus recipes and there'll be asparagus-themed tastings in the Food Hall.

Outside a funfair, drop-in art marquee and miniature steam train will keep the little ones entertained.

**Celebrate Pork on Sizzling Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Rare breed Essex Saddlebacks have been bred by three generations of Radfords. Take Farmer Michael's tour to see (and smell) them and hear all about them from him. Then watch as Master Butchers, Leech's, butcher, joint and prepare a pig for Chef Paola Davies to cook! Tastings follow, of course!

As always, there's plenty free parking.

For info 264600 or [burwashmanor.com](http://burwashmanor.com)

*Both events in conjunction with EAT Cambridge*



**Rotas – May**

<b>Church Cleaning</b>		<b>Readers</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jean & Alan Ricketts	4 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Tomes & Ann Killen
17 <sup>th</sup>	Anne & Patrick Coulson	18 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Parker & Joy Churcher
31 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret Flook & Julia Stibbs	25 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh Greenfield (both readings)
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Coffee</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Roope	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Donkin & Edith Flint
18 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Tomes	18 <sup>th</sup>	Anita Duffett & Marjorie Pratt