

Dear All,

I read an amusing news story recently from South Africa. Some game wardens were transporting a leopard from one wild game reserve to another. Unfortunately, the van that was carrying the leopard was involved in a minor accident, during the course of which the door of the van burst open and the leopard escaped into the city. In understandable panic the game wardens called in colleagues to try to track down and capture the leopard before it harmed anyone. The wardens spent the rest of the day searching the suburbs of Johannesburg trying to find the escaped big cat. When morning came, the wardens had found not one but seven leopards in the suburbs of the city!

What is striking to me is that it was only when people opened their eyes and started looking hard at their surroundings to find the leopard that they found that there had been a number of them there all along, living happily in the suburbs.

I wonder how many leopards are hiding in our neighbourhood? By this, I'm not referring to the Fen Tiger, be it urban myth or otherwise. I'm meaning more that the least explored place on the earth can be the world on our doorstep. This world can be the one we take most for granted, or I certainly can. How much do we miss in the apparently familiar location we live in? How much do we appreciate the changing seasons as we enter summer and as the countryside in which we live changes? Do we notice the loving actions that make our lives more meaningful? Do we look out for those who might be in need and try to meet that need?

It always pulls me up short when I remember that Jesus spent his time on earth encouraging others to see his life, their lives and the lives of others differently. To see them as having meaning beyond the everyday, but, importantly, also having meaning in the everyday. To look at the gift of life with thanksgiving and expectation, caring for those who find this difficult at times, and to look out for leopards!

If you would like to join the Christian communities in Barton in a service of thanksgiving for God and the gift of life, we have a special service on June 15th at 4 p.m. at St Peter's Church to which all are invited.

Warm regards

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

Church News

Saturday 7th June Coffee Morning in the church from 10-11.30am. do join us for coffee and chat and maybe find a second hand book to read during the summer!
Sunday 15th June at 4pm Songs of Praise Service shared with the Baptist Church followed by tea in the Village Hall. We would love to see you, please join us for this special summer celebration.

Safari Supper on Saturday 21st June 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. Hosts only prepare one course, you will enjoy different company and different venues. Full details and booking forms are available from Anne Coulson 262666 or Barbara Tomes 262692 or from the church. This has been a very pleasant and friendly event over a number of years and a way of raising funds too so please consider taking part. if you would like more details please do phone us. We need to have bookings in by 12th June.

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church

Our Bible studies this month are on Wednesday's June 4th and 18th. We begin at 7.30pm with coffee and we will continue to look at a book from the New Testament, Paul's first letter to Timothy. 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. We always have a good time of sharing and discussion.

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 afternoons 10th and 24th from 2.30 – 4pm. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month throughout the year. You don't have to stay for the full time, just pop in for a little while.

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.

A couple of special events take place during the month. On Sunday 1st we will be hosting our cluster celebration in the village hall, when local village Baptist churches come together. We begin with tea at 5pm followed by a service. Please come and join us. On Sunday 15th we will join with St. Peters for a summer songs of praise, followed by tea in the village hall. This is open to all from the village – you will be most welcome.

Ken Jones 262583.

Barton Christian Fellowship – 2.30pm, Wednesday 11th June, Village Hall

SAT 7 is a charity supporting Satellite Radio and Television broadcasting in the Middle East. It provides Christian programmes for adults and children. Please come and discover more about it at our meeting.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

The Leys Project: Field Parking Completion Report

We are grateful to the AmeyCespa Community Fund which has provided the main funding to achieve the field parking and fencing aspects of the Leys Project. In round figures expenditures (£) has been:

Hardcore and gravels delivered to site	7,680
Excavation, spreading and compaction work	4,410
Grass seeds and other landscaping	1,345
New fencing, gates and minor miscellaneous	2,565
New total (excludes reclaimable VAT)	16,000

This equates to a project cost of £8/m² of field parking (or only £6.40 if fencing and other landscaping is ignored). If 25 m² is allowed per vehicle, including access and manoeuvring space, and thus a maximum of 80 cars, the cost per space has been £160 (or £200 if fencing etc is included).

There were also volunteers inputs of planning, supervision and ancillary labour, including 50 hours from a person on Community Payback. The oak posts from the old fences have been trimmed and re-used in the children's play area as steps up the mound beside the new embankment slide.

Good Spring weather has successfully helped the experimental technique of under-sowing surface gravel with suitable grass/legume seed mixed with a little topsoil. Only time and use will show whether this is the ideal solution we desired.

We continue to urge people to drive gently on this maturing surface.

P.S. John Boocock wrote the above report, but conveniently forgot to include his own considerable contribution in time and effort in all weathers. The Parish Council wishes to thank him for his immense amount of work.

Cutting back hedges

They 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.

Passenger Transport Team – Changes to Local Bus Services

We are writing to notify you that the County Council has received registrations to alter a number of services within South Cambridgeshire.

The services affected are the Myall's C2, Whippet 10, Stagecoach 18 and also a new HACT 28 service. A table of the changes can be seen on the Barton website at barton-cambs.org.uk

Vélo Festival – Celebrating Cycling through culture and sport

The Vélo Festival is a programme of events taking place across Cambridgeshire from May to September celebrating the Tour De France which travels through the County on Monday 7th July.

The programme features a wide range of community events and activities to get involved in, including charity rides, art exhibitions, food and music events, and bike maintenance workshops. <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/velofestival>

District Councillor's Report

You've heard me talk about the Local Plan for the last two years, so you may be bored to death about it. But it is so important to us, that I want to mention it again, and tell you what will happen next.

Examination-in-Public

The plan has now been approved by South Cambridgeshire District Council (I seconded the motion and gave the summing-up speech), and its final stage is to go to an independent 'Examiner', Laura Graham BSc MA MRTPI. She is a planning expert from outside our area, appointed by the Government, who will spend 2-3 months in Cambridge examining both SCDC's and the City Council's plans, in public, and listening to representations from people who are pro and anti them.

'Sound'?

The Examiner's job is to decide whether the plan is 'sound' – that's an interesting test, just a single word, but of course encompassing all the various arguments and evidence. There are three possible outcomes:

1. *the Examiner says it's 'sound':* in which case, it immediately and automatically gets adopted
2. *the Examiner says that, if a few small-ish changes are made, it will be sound:* in which case, we'll make those changes (because by law we must have a 'sound' plan), and it will then be adopted
3. *the Examiner says that it's such a bad plan that large changes are needed, in which case we will have to start all over again, taking another approx. 2 years.* This is a genuine possibility, and a lot of Councils in the south of England have had their plans thrown out, mainly as their Examiners have concluded that they have seriously under-estimated the number of new houses that need to be built.

We expect the middle outcome (outcome 2), i.e. that we will have to make a few small changes. That's what happened last time. We are not so arrogant as to think

we got it 100% perfect (outcome 1), nor do we think it so bad that it will be thrown out (outcome 3)

Or 'not sound'?

However, lots of people think it should be thrown out and that we should start again, such as:

- those who reject all building in the Green Belt (the plan incorporates a few hundred houses in the Green Belt, mainly east of Cambridge)
- residents of Bourne and Waterbeach, to where the plan has allocated much of the new housing
- developers in general, who think even more houses should be built
- developers of specific sites that we rejected, who think their sites are better than Bourne and Waterbeach: eg a large site north of Cambourne, and another between Cambridge and the Gog Magog Hills
- our plan is mainly about housing, and some developers are going to argue that we've not paid enough attention to creating 'employment sites' where the allocated jobs will be located, ie offices, research facilities, light industrial units etc. For example, I think there may be a suggestion that the land between Addenbrookes and the Shelford Road should become a bio-medical campus/science park/etc.
- and finally, close to here, I hear unspecific (and, I should note, at this stage unconfirmed) rumours that some Colleges who own land alongside Barton Road may appeal against their exclusion from the local plan,
- and Grosvenor will no doubt be arguing for more houses at Trumpington Meadows, and/or for its 'sporting village' (which seems to have replaced its previous plan for a community stadium).

Francis Burkitt, District Councillor

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 3rd June 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Appointment of Clerk to Barton School Governing Body

Barton Church of England (VA) Primary School is looking to appoint a Clerk to the Governing Body from September 2014. The applicant must be a good communicator who is able to attend evening meetings. The Clerk is responsible not only for the administration of the Governing Body but also has an advisory role. There is a small honorarium attached to this position.

For a Job Description or to discuss this further, please contact Cathy Martin, Chair of Governors at chair@barton.cambs.sch.uk or via Barton C of E (VA) Primary School C-262474.

Vacancy for Administrator – The Church Schools of Cambridge Trust

The Trust is seeking an Administrator to assist the Director and the Board of Trustees. You will be enthusiastic, proactive and supportive of the Christian ethos, with excellent communication, IT and organisational skills. 7.5hpw, flexible, £14-17k pa, pro-rata, dependent on experience.

Contact admin@oldschools.org.uk for the full job description. **Closing date: 9th June 2014.** Please submit your CV and a covering letter to the Director, catherine@oldschools.org.uk

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 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 – 2 courses plus tea or coffee for £3 – and it would be sad to have to consider stopping for lack of helpers!

Tea at Three

Just a reminder that our next Tea at Barton's Ritz is on Saturday, 28th June. If you would like to come, please book to reserve a place: £12 per head. Any profit will go to a Cancer charity.

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Crime rates appear to be lower at present, although we need to remain on our guard as thefts from sheds, buildings and vehicles are ongoing. Having said that there was an attempted break-in in the village. Fortunately, the neighbour was alerted by unusual movements and the perpetrators ran away. This does show the benefit of a 'neighbourhood watch' awareness.

If you are going away, please consider putting at least one light on a timer, to avoid giving the impression that your property is unattended.

Beware of anyone claiming to be from the police, or Trading Standards or any other organisation, who ask to get into your house or to take away paperwork. There have been several cases recently where impersonators have stolen money or items from victims. A recent case invoked a fake charity collector who asked for bank details. Most people are honest, but not everybody.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Dog Fouling In Allens Close

Please could the persons who walk dogs around Allens Close (especially after dark) pick up the Poo after their dogs?

It is not fair, not only to residents but to all the young children who pass through to school every day, not nice if someone steps on it.

Thank you Brian Ross

BRIG AGM – Thursday 12th June 7.30 for 8pm

The committee welcome all to hear how the pavilion is being used. Do join us for wine and nibbles before the meeting. Ideas and suggestions for new activities are always welcome.

Meta Greenfield

Barton Energy Group

Thanks to all those who placed orders for low-energy light bulbs. I am delighted that so many of you responded.. The company we are using, My Green Lighting, has been very helpful in providing expert advice on the best bulbs to choose for individual requirements.

The bulbs they are supplying are all guaranteed and will save money through reduced electricity bills. I hope that all purchasers are happy with their bulbs and look forward to getting your feedback.

Please note that another bulk order will be placed in late June, after we have all had the opportunity to try out our new bulbs. This will also be at 10 percent discount. Please contact me if you are interested.

Bev Edwards

Barton Gardeners

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make the Plant Sale and Bacon Butties morning such an enjoyable and buzzy event. A great number of plants found nice new homes.

Thanks to all the helpers: those on the day and those who have been working in their gardens and greenhouses to supply the plants, and to the catering team who worked extremely hard to keep up with demand. The funds raised will go towards the cost of staging the Horticultural Show on Village Day on 12th July. There are spare Show Schedules at Conkers Stores, if required.



Sue Edwards -262479

Flower Arranging Workshop, Thursday 19th June, 7pm, Barton Village Hall

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. Suitable for Beginners and as a Refresher course. We hope to include guidance on the BG Show Schedule Classes. There will be a modest charge to cover materials and you will be provided with a list of flowers and greenery needed nearer the time. Refreshments included. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Jan Ireland 263991 or Maggie Edwards 262992 for details and to book your place

Barton Open Gardens Sunday 8th June 2-5pm £5 for adults; Children free

Once again 5 Barton Gardens are open to raise funds for the National Gardens Scheme(NGS). Gardens open are 114 High Street,31 New Road, Farm cottage, Glebe House, The Six Houses. Plants will be on sale at 2 venues and Teas will be served in the Village Hall (in aid of BRIG). Do come and enjoy 5 very varied gardens while supporting charities.

Meta Greenfield

Barton Playgroup

Our main event in June will be our Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th 10am. Come along for coffee and cake, and enjoy the World Cup themed games!

When the weather allows we are enjoying playing with our new wooden outdoor equipment which includes a den, a workbench and stool, market stall and large building blocks. We have also invested in outdoor chalkboards and a painting easel. Let's hope the sun shines this summer!



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

WWWI

May was Wednesday Women's 3rd Birthday, and what a celebration we had – cooking and eating!

In June, Teresa Kerr, Principal & Director of Bodyworks Dance Studio, will talk to us about her career and show us a few moves – Bring your dancing shoes, Ladies! Ruth Bond has kindly suggested we meet at her house – 47-49 Wimpole Road. 18th June, 6.30pm prompt start. £4 for a guest.

wednesdaywomenwi@live.com

Claire Wright

Charity Fundraiser in aid of Childreach International

Come along to Barton School on Sunday 29th June between 4pm and 6pm and enjoy a free musical performance from Eversden Brass Band. Refreshments will be on sale and the proceeds will be going to support my fundraising towards a Childreach International project to build a school in Morocco.

No need to book; just come along and enjoy. For more information contact me: Sophie Martin at sophie.martin@ymail.com or telephone 07770 297000 or my mum: Cathy Martin, 13 Comberton Road, Barton C-262317

Thanks, Sophie Martin

Barton Friendship Club

Our Meeting of 15th April was our AGM and it went well, it was decided that from July 2014 our meetings will be only once a month, this being the first Tuesday of the each month.

The meeting of the 6th May was enjoyed by all when we had Liz Thorne, giving a talk with photographs of her childhood in Simla and North India of which she has some wonderful memories, we give her many thanks for sharing them with us.

Our next meeting is on the 3rd June and it is a games afternoon of Bingo.

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

Then on the 17th June we have a Cream Tea at the White Horse at 3pm.

Barton WI

Our May Meeting was led by our president Valerie Ridgman who presented vital-statistics concerning Organ Donation. One of the most startling is that three people in the UK die every day waiting for an organ transplant. Then after discussion in small groups, a vote was taken and the 2014 Resolution for increasing Organ Donation was passed by the group.

Our June meeting is an open meeting featuring a singing workshop led by the group Hi 5. Everyone is welcome!

Holly Dubocq

The Great Food Debate – Food Waste 17th June, 7.30pm

A representative of WRAP : Waste and Resources Action Programme

Jenny Dawson founder of 'Rubies in the Rubble'

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

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Barbecue Safety: The sun has finally arrived so I'm sure some residents will enjoy a tasty barbecue – but all barbecues can get out of control if care is not taken. Follow our top tips for a safe barbecue:

- Place your barbecues on level ground where it will not tip over.
- Site barbecues away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and the house.
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area.
- Never leave barbecues unattended.
- When cooking is finished, ensure the barbecue is cool before moving it
- NEVER pour petrol or other highly flammable liquids over any barbecue.

For more advice about coal or gas barbecue safety, log on to

www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety.

Open Day at Emmaus Homelessness Charity – Saturday 21st June

People may be used to visiting the charity's second-hand superstore just off the

A10 at Landbeach but rarely get to see behind the scenes and around the accommodation provided there. The Open Day is our opportunity to thank people who have supported us over the years, to share how far we have come on our journey and to give people an opportunity to get to know us and what we do a bit better.

In addition to the normal Saturday shop opening, we will be conducting tours of the private accommodation block to show people just what life in the Community is like and we will also have a display showing the history and development of Emmaus in the UK, its plans for the future and you will also be able to learn how shopping at Emmaus helps the environment. Music throughout the main part of the day, tours of the 'Uprising of Kindness' garden plus a selection of stalls promoting either activities or people connected with Emmaus will complete the programme for the day.

More information will be available on our posters, at www.emmauscambbridge.org or at the shop so please come and join us at the Community on Green End, Landbeach, Cambridge CB25 9FD from 9am to 5pm. Call Sue Nelms on 01223 863657 or email info@emmauscambbridge.org if you would like more information.

Comberton Village College and Comberton Sports and Arts

Custard Comedy – Friday 13th – 7.45pm £12/£10

Blanket Collection for South Africa!

Eight Comberton Sixth Form students who head for South Africa this summer are appealing for unwanted blankets.

The students will spend three weeks helping with teaching and sports day at Comberton's partner school, Edendale in Pretoria, as well as working with the local community there, and they are hoping to distribute blankets to those in greatest need as it will be winter, where night temperatures can fall below zero, during their visit in July.

Johnson Mathey, of Royston, a company with historic links to South Africa, has agreed to ship the blankets to Pretoria.

One of the students on the trip, Georgia Darby, said: "The blankets needn't be new, but we do ask that they are clean. We would be extremely grateful that if you have a spare a blanket or two, you could donate them to us and we will see that they are put to good use in South Africa."

There is a box in the main reception at Comberton Village College for donations or please contact Judy Czylok at publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk if you need them collected and we will endeavour to arrange that. The deadline to donate any spare blankets is 11th June.

Thank you very much for your support.

Head along to Burwash Manor for a fun day on the farm! Sunday June 8th, 11am-4pm



What really goes on behind the farm gates? Open Farm Sunday gives visitors the chance to see for themselves the work that Farmers do to produce the best quality food for our tables, and what measures they take to look after the countryside and manage wildlife habitats.

A Warm Welcome to a fun and informative day out at Burwash Manor Farm, Barton. Meet the farming family and their team of helpers.

More than 5 a day! This is the theme of Burwash's Open Farm Sunday this year. Children will see the wide variety of vegetables grown on the farm and can cook up some tasty vegetable dishes with Paola Davies, Burwash Food Hall's chef, in her field kitchen!

Watch demonstrations of sheep shearing, spinning of alpaca wool from their newly arrived flock, willow weaving, ferreting, blacksmithing, stick making, field sports, and their own asparagus preparation and packing.

Enjoy guided farm trailer trips, pond dipping, farm walks and talks from the RSPB. There will also be a children's activity tent with quizzes, games, art activities, play tables, worksheets, a machinery display – and make sure you remember to say hello to the lambs, calves, piglets and farm dogs!

Relax with a local beer from the beer tent and a BBQ with Burwash's own delicious sausages.

Don't forget – Open Farm Sunday is a free event, and Burwash Manor also has plenty of free parking for their 15 independent shops, tea rooms and day spa.

Burwash Manor, New Road, Barton, Cambridge CB23 7EY www.burwashmanor.com

Cambridgeshire County Council

Carers' Week: 9th–15th June 'Raising Awareness'

As part of Carers' Week, the County Council is hosting drop-in sessions with our Carer Support Managers and the Carers' Trust. This is an annual campaign that celebrates and recognises the valuable contribution that people make when they look after an ill, frail or disabled family member or friend.

Carers Support Team

9 June	10am-2pm	Polhill Garden Centre, Coton
11 June	2-5pm	Cambridge Central Library
12 June	2.30-4.30pm	Waresley Garden Centre, Sandy
14 June	2.30-4.30pm	Scotsdale Garden Centre, Horningsea

For more information please call 01480 377616

Carers Trust

9 June	10am-3pm	Addenbrooke's Hospital Concourse
11 June	10am-3pm	Addenbrooke's Hospital Outpatients
11 June	1-3.30pm	Fitzwilliam Museum*

For more information or to *book please call 01480 499090

For information on Family social care: Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/families

For information on Adult social care: yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

Trading Standards – Changes to the law that may affect your business

The Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges)

Regulations 2013 come into force on 13th June 2014. The main changes are:

- The requirement to provide specified information to consumers about the seller, the product and any additional charges before they enter into a contract.
- An increase to the minimum cancellation period from 7 to 14 days for most contracts made away from business premises or without face to face contact.
- In relation to the sale of goods, where the consumer cancels the contract a refund must be provided within 14 days of the *goods being returned* (or proof of their return). With regards to service contracts, there is a requirement for any refund to be made within 14 days from the *date of cancellation*.
- Limited exemption for cancellation periods for genuine emergency work.
- Prohibition of pre-ticked additional charge options.
- A requirement that most telephone helplines are chargeable at no more than the basic rate. Where this is not adhered to, the regulations allow consumers to claim any difference from the business.

Further guidance is available from the Trading Standards Institute website

Rotas – June

Church Cleaning		Coffee	
14 th	Lin Heaton & Richard Parker	1 st	Valerie Ridgman & Margaret Smith
21 st	Meta & Hugh Greenfield	8 th	Ruth Barnes & Cathy Martin
28 th	The Guides	15 th	Barbara Tomes & Joy Churcher
Flowers		Readers	
1 st	Peter Smith	1 st	Julia Stibbs & Jennifer Donkin
8 th	Anne Coulson (Pentecost)	8 th	Family Worship
22 nd	Rita Clarkson	15 th	Valerie & Tom Ridgman
29 th	Maggie Edwards (St Peter's Day)	22 nd	Gordon Johnson (both readings)
		29 th	Benefice Service (tba)