

Dear All,

On Monday 7th July I will be standing by the roadside somewhere outside of Cambridge in high excitement waiting for the riders of the Tour de France to pass. It won't be the first time I've done this, but each time the whirl of the *peloton* passing sounds like a living organism. However, within that group are many teams, each with different success criteria in mind, and within those teams are different individuals each with a different job:

- **The team leader:** the one man in the team who stands a chance of winning the Tour and the yellow jersey.
- **The climbers:** specialists on the mountain stages and capable of winning the polka-dot jersey for best overall climber.
- **The sprinters:** men who gather points during and at the end of stages in their attempt to win the green jersey for best sprinter in the Tour.
- **The lead-out men:** cyclists who guide their team's sprinter to the final stretch of a stage before peeling off to let him through.
- **The rouleurs:** Men who can 'roll' for hours, setting a pace for their team, stretching out the field, acting as a windbreak for their team leader.
- **The domestiques:** cyclists who shepherd food and drink to team members from their team cars.
- **The time-trialers:** specialists on stages when each rider competes against the clock

This list doesn't include those non-cycling members of the team whose roles are crucial: team managers, mechanics, soigneurs (all-round assistants), drivers and medical teams.

It reminds me that within a church community and within a village, there are many people who do so many things in so many different roles. Some of these people and what they do are more visible than others. However, their work is no greater than the work of those who are unseen.

Perhaps what we learn from this is that we should be more thankful than we sometimes are to those who make our quality of life in Barton that much happier than it might otherwise be. This might lead us to consider saying thank you in some simple way so that when we care, we are reminded that we are cared for too.

Every blessing,

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

Church News

We are hopeful that work on repairing and restoring the organ will start shortly.

Cam Sax Quartet May's concert was excellent and we hope the quartet will be able to come again. The funds raised for the church amounted to £537 and we are most grateful to everyone who supported this event, especially the sax players.

Saturday July 5th 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.

Village Day 12th July

The church will be running the following stalls for church funds and would be grateful for any contributions.

Bottles Richard Parker, The Six Houses

Cakes Barbara Tomes, 2 Allens Close

Refreshments Meta Greenfield, 114 High Street

Raffle/Lucky Dip Ruth Barnes, 33 King's Grove
Anne Coulson, 16 Roman Hill

Barton Baptist Church

On 6th July we welcome to our service Rev Elizabeth Pinder-Ashenden. Since she was here as a student she has graduated and been ordained. She is currently the minister of a church in Derby. It will be good to welcome her again.

This month we come to the end of our Bible Studies on Paul's first letter to Timothy. We will start a new series in the Autumn. You are always welcome to join us for the studies whether or not you go to Church.

Tea and chat continues on 9th and 23rd July and it is good to see how many people pop in. We are open from 2.30pm to 4pm and you are welcome to join us any time during that period.

We will have our usual books and gifts stall at the Village Day on 12th July. Do pop along and have a chat.

Brian West

Barton Christian Fellowship

On Wednesday 9th at 2.30pm we have our first Garden Meeting. It will be at Six Houses and if wet 24 Haslingfield Road. The Bring and Buy stall will be in aid of Perennial, and we will have a Bring and Share Tea. Do come for a chat and tea.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

Speedwatch volunteers, please

At the Annual Parish Meeting our local police officer encouraged us to join this scheme. A couple of parishioners volunteered immediately. If we could get a few more volunteers, we could set up a viable team in Barton, receive training and by

our visible presence would ensure a very visible and effective deterrent against speeding on village roads. Please contact the Clerk.

Cutting back hedges

Do remember that it is every householder's responsibility to keep hedges pruned and well away from the footway.

No parking on verges and footways

Please do not park on them: it obstructs pedestrians and is illegal.

A Broadband champion?

Grantchester has one! We keep on seeing BT working in the village and hope that better broadband will come to us soon. Is there anyone in the village who is keen on IT who could become an enthusiastic champion to keep us in touch with these developments?

Parish Path Projects

Barton and Grantchester parish councils have been able to work together to achieve improvements on the Barton to Grantchester bridleway. It is drier, firmer and better suited to the many cyclists and walkers who use that route. Road planings have been spread and compacted. They overlay a geotextile membrane for most of the length. This helps to prevent mud and weeds from coming through.

The path may look a little stark to start with, but it will soon mellow and some grass will grow in from the sides. The final resultant width will be dictated by the pattern of use which it gets.

The project has taken over a year to plan and negotiate, and the £10k price tag has been funded roughly equally by the County Council, Barton and Grantchester PCs. We are also grateful for the cooperation of Trumpington Farming Company and the strong encouragement of Francis Burkitt, our District Councillor.

Most of the work has been carried out by our Barton resident Pip Rooke. We trust folk will enjoy using the path well into the future. As ever, John Boocock has omitted to say how much personal effort he has put into all this. We thank him.

The Leys path network is expected to be renewed as soon as Village Day is past. As this work proceeds there will be some disruption to users. They will have to by-pass sections being worked upon: as always, care and patience please.

Tour de France – Monday 7th July

Please note that there are significant road closures, car park amendments and bus route changes that day. Details are on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/letourstage3

Experience the speed, colour, and spectacle of one of the greatest sporting events in the world when Le Tour de France takes to Cambridge's streets. For one historic day, the city will be hosting the start of the third stage of the Grand Depart 2014 when the greatest cyclists on the planet will converge on Cambridge.

On Monday 7 July, beginning on Gonville Place by Parker's Piece, the peloton will ride through the historic city centre via Regent Street and Sidney Street before turning left at the Round Church. The riders will then travel past the world famous colleges of St John's, Trinity and Kings' as they cycle along Kings Parade and Trumpington Street before leaving the city via Trumpington Road. The peloton will then race through the rest of Cambridgeshire via the A1301 taking in the beautiful villages in the south of the county including Trumpington, Great Shelford and Hinxton. The Tour will then leave Cambridgeshire travelling on to Saffron Walden and through Essex towards London to finish on The Mall in front of Buckingham Palace.

The Vélo Festival is a programme of events taking place across Cambridgeshire from May to September celebrating the Tour De France. 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>

Parking charges Cambridge Park & Ride sites

A County Council decision, I am afraid. From July 2014 a £1 parking charge will be introduced for anyone to park at each of the five Cambridge Park & Ride sites. The £1 charge will allow you to park for between 1 and 18 hours.

There will be a 1 hour free period to allow drop-offs and pick-ups of bus passengers and also to enable people to pick up purchases from the John Lewis distribution centre based at Trumpington.

How do I pay? Daily tickets can be purchased from ticket machines outside the main buildings on the sites. There are no barriers and the ticket does not need to be displayed in the vehicle. The system uses cameras that have automatic number plate recognition on entrances and exits.

Parking for longer than 18 hours will be allowed but charges will apply. Discounts are available for advance purchase of tickets on-line or via a mobile phone.

Adult Carers Support Drop-in Events – late Summer and early Autumn dates

A series of popular drop-in events for anyone who is:

- living with a long-term illness or disability
- providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without this help
- struggling with an age-related condition

are continuing through the late Summer and early Autumn. They include drop-ins being held at Cambridge Central Library on 27th August and 29th October; and Sawston Free Church on 15th July, 19th August and 16th September.

Drop-in at any time between 10am and 12 noon, for a cup of tea and a chat.

Full details are available on Cambridgeshire.net (search "Adult Support Drop-

in”), or by phoning Gemma Whitehouse on 01480 377616 or Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220. Email Drop.InSessionsAsc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk .

Each drop-in event will include:

- information and advice about the support that may be available
- an opportunity for carers to book a one-to-one advice session and/or a carers assessment
- guest speakers providing information and activities to take part in
- a chance for service users and carers to share their stories and experiences
- the option to talk in confidence with someone from the Carers Support Team or Physical Disability Services Team.

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 1st July 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Barton Open Gardens, Sunday 8th June

This event was blessed with glorious weather and many people came to visit the five gardens which were open. £835 was raised for the NGS charities and £365 was raised from the teas for BRIG. A wonderful result! Thanks to all who opened their Gardens and to those who helped bake cakes and serve the teas.

Meta Greenfield, Village Open Gardeners Organiser

Barton Lunch Club Friday 4th July 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall

For reservations /cancellations/offers of help etc. please contact Anne Coulson.

Another appeal for help. We are looking for more people to assist with cooking. No one needs to cook every month and it is not an onerous task; all expenses are paid, and cooks eat lunch too.

Our monthly lunches are very much appreciated – two courses plus tea or coffee for £3 – and it would be sad to have to consider stopping for lack of helpers! If you would like to know more about how the Lunch Club works please speak to Anne Coulson 262666.

Barton Village Day – 12th July, 2pm to Midnight on the Rec



You will soon receive a Village Day Programme. As well as events of the day, and input from our generous sponsors, it will also contain Two Free Vouchers – one for an entry to the Champagne Draw and one for entry to the Cambridge Rock Festival. Do let us know if you’d like to book a table for the evening and please support the bar (kindly operated for the Village Day Committee by Tim Deer and his Staff at the White Horse. There will be no charge for

evening entertainments, but please contribute what you can to Village Projects via the collection pots.

BartonVillageDay@hotmail.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Recent figures from the police show that crime is on the increase in South Cambridgeshire. In particular, police are concerned about burglaries and are prioritising these in their fight against crime. Most of the burglaries are carried out by people from outside the area, and villages close to major roads such as the M11 are at particular risk. This is in contrast to Cambridge, where most burglars are local and walk to their crime scenes.

Burglary is distressing and the police advise that we do what we can to prevent it - they call it 'target hardening'. There is a lot of helpful crime prevention advice on the police web site: <http://www.cambs.police.uk>.

In addition, the charitable Bobby Scheme provides a FREE service to victims of burglary aged 60 or more who live in the county. It also helps many older people who are not yet victims but who are at high risk or feel vulnerable, and asks for £25 from this group towards its costs. Please call 01480 413311 for details.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

BRIG Calendar 2015

Once again BRIG committee has decided to produce a Barton Calendar for 2015. We are looking for pictures of the village and its activities for all the different months of the year. So get 'snapping' for summer and look through your pictures for autumn, winter and spring ones. Please send these to Margaret Penston (details on back cover) by 8th August as we wish to have the calendar ready by mid-October.

Meta Greenfield

Barton Energy Group

The first Light Bulbs discounted order has now been delivered, and I hope that recipients are pleased with their new bulbs.

Another bulk order will be placed shortly, if you are interested. The 10 percent discount will also apply from the competitively priced My Green Lighting. The bulbs are all guaranteed and should save money through reduced electricity bills. Some types can actually pay for themselves in as little as 6 months.

A simple guide to low-energy light bulbs has jointly been prepared. Please contact me if you would like one, without obligation.

Solar panels have dropped in price in the last two years and a system that costs £5,200 is claimed to give a return of over £34,000 tax-free over 25 years. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Bev Edwards

Barton Friendship Club

The Coffee Morning held on Saturday 17th May in aid of Cancer Research and The Papworth Mesothelioma Trust went extremely well, we made £281.30; this has been made up to £300 from the club funds, £150 will go to each charity. We thank you all very much for your generosity.

On Tuesday 20th May our Birthday Tea was held in the village hall, and we warmly thank Elaine for the spread that was put on and a thank you to Helen for the entertainment, which was appreciated by all the members.



On Tuesday 3rd June we had an afternoon of bingo, which was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1st July when we have Philip Whaites giving a talk on Wimpole Hall Gardens.

All are welcome. Members' £2 nonmembers £2.50 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits).

Brian Ross

Barton Gardeners celebrates its 65th Show, 12th July, Recreation Ground Show Schedule Entry Deadline, Thursday, 10th July

Forms, with payment, may be left in the BG folder at **Conkers** by **noon** or between **7 and 9pm** at the **Pavilion**.

Please don't forget, as no Exhibits will be accepted without prior Entry Form submission.

Everyone is welcome to put entries in and this year BG members' entries are free – *so have a go!*

Exhibits Staged Saturday, 12th July – between **8.30 and 11am** Main Marquee on the Recreation Ground – *Good Luck!*

Show Opens – 2pm

The Show is part of Barton Village Day. Please come and enjoy yourselves.

Sue Edwards -262479

Barton WI

The June meeting was open to all women in the village. We were entertained and taught by an a capella singing group called Hi5. who sing an 'American art form' similar to 'Barbershop Quartet.' Following some active warm ups for the group, they performed a number of old favourites including *Dream Dream Dream*, and *Sentimental Journey*. They taught us in rounds (four part harmony) using the familiar tunes of *Row Row Row Your Boat* and *The Little Doggie in the Window*. It was delightful evening!

July meeting-*Living with a Motor Home*. The speaker will be Ian Cooper.

Holly Dubocq

Barton WWI

Firstly a huge thank you for Ruth Bond, Theresa Kerr & everyone else involved

in June's meeting. It was wonderful to hear about the history of bodyworks dance studio in Ruth's beautiful garden with Pimms food and dancing!

This month we will be starting the creation of our very own Wednesday Women bunting! The venue for our meeting on 16th July is to be confirmed. Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com for more information.

Claire Wright

Barton Playgroup

Last half term the children enjoyed the topic of Knights, Princesses, Castles and Dragons. They built a castle from real little bricks, played jousting with hobby horses and foam tubes for lances, built castles outside to play in from big boxes, made flags and crowns, and designed family crests from their favourite things.

This half term we are learning about the World Cup including how to keep ourselves healthy, and are also finding out all about Brazil.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning - we hope you enjoyed it!

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

East Anglian Road Run – Sunday 13th July

Burwash Manor is thrilled to be teaming up with MAGPAS, the emergency medical charity, for the East Anglian Road Run again this year. This annual event sees up to 400 vintage cars, tractors and motorbikes taking to the roads around South Cambridgeshire – all in aid of MAGPAS.

The vehicles assemble at Burwash Manor before setting off through the villages at 9.30 am – but it won't be hard to while away the hours until the vehicles return at 3.30 pm (when there will also be a prize-giving for the best vehicle!) Spectators will be able to browse round the fifteen independent shops, tea-rooms and day spa at Burwash, as well as enjoying an Artists' Marquee packed *full* of an array of local artists exhibiting their work – and there will also be traditional fairground rides for the children.

Entrance and parking are free. **All proceeds from the day go to MAGPAS.**

Cambridge Open Studios – Meet the Whittlesford Artists

Every weekend in July every year, Cambridge Open Studios exhibiting artists welcome the public into their studios to view their



work, free of charge.

This year, for the first time, four artists are opening their studios in the picturesque village of Whittlesford. With the Old School Studio now established as a centre for art workshops, drop-in days and exhibitions throughout the year, this village is high on the list of Cambridge Open Studios to visit.

Each of the four artists has her own unique style and the studios are within easy walking distance of each other, with plenty of free parking and refreshments on offer. In addition, some of the studios will also have a chosen charity donations box. Here are the studios:

The Old School Studio, Old School Lane, will be open weekends 3 & 4 with artists Val Pettifer & Sue Rapley (of Barton).

Woodlands Studio, 24 North Road, open weekends 1, 3 & 4 will display the paintings of Jan Smail.

19 Church Close, open weekends 1 & 4, is where the watercolours of Vandy Massey can be seen.

Weekend 1 July 5th-6th

Weekend 2 July 12th - 13th

Weekend 3 July 19th - 20th

Weekend 4 July 26th - 27th



Details of these & other participating artists can be found on the website. Please visit: www.camopenstudios.co.uk

Comberton Ramblers – Celebrating 40 Years

Comberton Ramblers is a local walking group that was formed in 1974. The first walk, on the 30th June 1974 from Toft to Caldecote was attended by 10 members. Then, the annual subscription was £1 per family or 50p per person. The annual subscription from the 1 September 2014 will be £8.50, which is excellent value.

Today the membership has grown to 48 members from various local villages. We are a friendly and welcoming group. We walk on alternative Sundays around Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Essex. After a walk of around 4 – 6 miles, enjoying beautiful countryside and wildlife, we are often found socialising in a warm local pub.

Happy Rambling and a Very Happy Birthday to Comberton Ramblers.

For further details on how to join our sociable rambling group please see our website www.combertonramblers.org.uk or contact Stella the Secretary at stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

Comberton Village College: A note from the Executive Principal

The educational landscape is changing and it is changing quickly and significant-

ly. All schools are affected. It is a matter of how we react to the changed and changing environment, not a matter of whether there is change. For Comberton Village College, the way we work has changed considerably. With a new Sixth Form (now nearly three years old), a new school opened (Cambourne Village College), a school sponsored in Peterborough (The Voyager) and a long-standing Village College (Melbourn Village College) all operating within the over-arching Comberton Academy Trust, the world is not what it was. Given the disappearance of former support structures and systems, notably in the form of the diminished role of local authorities, schools coming together like this (very often as Academies under an Academy Trust) is a fundamental development across our country. Our challenge is, of course, to make it work positively for the benefit of all of us and to avoid the possible pitfalls in these changes. There are indeed considerable potential benefits (professional, financial and organisational) that can contribute to what matters: the best possible education for all of our children. We are working hard to ensure that this is the case as we move forward. It does, perhaps, beg a question of us: What is it all about? Has everything changed and what is it that is left? The answer to this must be our values. What defines an organisation and what defines education are ultimately values. In this, perhaps things have not really changed as much as might appear to be the case on first sight. Specifically, the Comberton Academy Trust has confirmed that five core principles must sit at the heart of the education it provides and drive the schools involved with it:

1. The excellence principle. Education has to be of the highest of standards across all areas of educational provision.
2. The comprehensive principle. Education must be for all pupils of all types and all abilities. All must be able to achieve their best.
3. The Henry Morris principle. Education must be rooted in the heart of its community with the school as an important community resource.
4. The partnership principle. We must always seek to work in partnership with others for mutual benefit rather than operate in isolation.
5. The international principle. Our education must have a strong and clear international strand given the importance of this for citizenship and understanding of our world.

So this is what we are all about. These things, of course, are in many ways the very things that have ensured that Comberton Village College has over many years provided a very high standard of education for all of its pupils and served its local community. They are the things that continue really to matter. So, everything seems to be changing in the new educational landscape. Everything that is, except those things that really matter.

Stephen Munday, Comberton Village College

Barton Parish council vote on the future of the Horse Chestnut Stump

At the Annual Parish Meeting in April, it was agreed that the whole village should be canvassed to determine the future of the remains of the horse chestnut (conker tree) located on the edge of the village pond.

The main options are: to remove the stump; to carve the stump into an owl; to grow plants over it (eg a rambler rose).

We need responses from as many village residents of all ages as possible, so please can all members of your household express your views on the form below:
Some useful facts:

1. Estimated carving costs are between £450 and £750, for an owl, and over £1000 has been pledged already.
2. Horse Chestnut wood is not considered to be durable, and is susceptible to rot so may not last more than 7 – 10 years, (or the stump may already have a rotten core).

You may answer this survey on Survey Monkey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BXCJGQR>)

if you prefer, or go to the Barton website, and email the completed form to *bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com*

Please answer each question below, with the number of family members who want to vote on each choice, and return

1. How many people are in your household?		
	Yes	No
2. Should the stump be removed?		
3. Do you want a carving?		
4. Do you want ramblers growing over the stump?		

If you answered ‘Yes’ to Question 3, and would now wish to make a pledge, please indicate the amount that you would like to pledge:

Name _____

Address _____

Or telephone _____

Or email _____

Details are given in confidence and solely for the use of this survey.

Please return these to the Parish Clerk (9 Roman Hill), Chairman Parish Council (3 Holben Close) or place in the folder in Conkers, or email to *bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com*

Forthcoming Events for July at Comberton Sports and Arts

- 5th Silvia Armit Dance - End of Term Showcase
 5th Ceroc Freestyle www.ceroccentral.com/
 6th Jill Bridger Dance School - End of Term Showcase www.danceschool.biz/
 7th Ceroc Workshop, 7pm www.ceroccentral.com/
 10th New Intake Evening, 7pm www.combertonvc.org/
 11th CVC Dance Show - End of Term Showcase, 7pm www.combertonvc.org/
 12th Helen Ogrady - End of Term Showcase www.welcometodrama.co.uk/
 13th Helen Ogrady - End of Term Showcase www.welcometodrama.co.uk/
 17th Ceroc Workshop, 7pm www.ceroccentral.com/
 19th Dance Excess, 8pm <http://danceexcess.com/>
 19th Stage Right - End of Term Showcase www.stagerightstudio.com/
 20th Stage Right - End of Term Showcase www.stagerightstudio.com/
 24th Ceroc Workshop 7pm www.ceroccentral.com/classes/cambourne--village-college
 25th ACT Charity Event
 29th Drama Workshops - Little Shop of Horrors ages 7 to 12
 9am £90 for the week <http://nasuenzurutheatre.com/>
 30th Drama Workshops - Little Shop of Horrors ages 7 to 12
 9am £90 for the week <http://nasuenzurutheatre.com/>
 31th Drama Workshops - Little Shop of Horrors ages 7 to 12
 9am £90 for the week <http://nasuenzurutheatre.com/>
 31st Ceroc Workshop 7pm www.ceroccentral.com/classes/cambourne--village-college

Rotas – July

Church Cleaning		Readers	
12 th	Ruth Barnes & Erica Bithell	6 th	Ruth Barnes & Sister Hannah
		13 th	Family Worship
26 th	Ann Killen & Jenny Olive	20 th	Jean Ricketts & Margaret Winterbourne
		27 th	Anne Coulson (both readings)
Flowers		Coffee	
13 th	Marjorie Pratt	6 th	Erica Bithell & Sue Carpenter
20 th	Rita Clarkson	13 th	Marjorie Pratt & Valerie Ridgman
27 th	Richard Parker	20 th	Meta Greenfield & Holly Dubocq