

Dear All,

I came across this story recently when thinking about how to live an authentic life – one in which we enjoy the gifts we've been given and honour the Giver too:

A young man went to visit a sage to seek out wisdom. The sage invited the man to walk around his house and gardens, enjoying what he saw.

'But as you do so, take this spoon.' The sage handed the man a silver spoon on which he placed three pearls. 'These pearls represent the essence of meaning,' he said. 'Carry them on the spoon wherever you go, and don't drop them.'

The young man set off to explore. On his return, the sage said, 'What did you think of the gardens? Aren't the flowers marvellous? Did you enjoy the birdsong? Did you see the hares?'

The young man confessed that he had been so intent on not losing the pearls that he hadn't taken in any of the things the sage mentioned. So the sage sent the man off again, encouraging him to take it all in.

When the man returned, he was full of such fantastic stories.

'But where are the pearls?', the sage asked.

Looking down, the man found the spoon was empty.

'One of the lessons of life,' said the sage, 'is to enjoy all that is wholesome and good about it as a gift, while at the same time keeping in mind the teaching of the Giver.'

When writing text for the village magazine, I always do my best to meet the deadline. I like to think I do pretty well on the whole. I type my contribution up, email it off and move on to the next thing. However, at the other end of the email are Ann and Lorraine, skilfully and diligently working away on the next edition of the magazine. Without their input the magazine would not be what it is today, and this would be a great loss to Barton.

After many years of service, Ann is stepping down as editor of the magazine and Lorraine is recruiting a new team to help share the load. We owe them a great deal of thanks for their faithful work and for all it has contributed to the life of the village. I'm sure I speak for you all when I say: Ann and Lorraine, thank you so very much!

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

Church News

From the registers

Funeral and Burial 18th June:- **Rodney Charles Richmond**

Saturday 2nd August & 6th September Coffee Morning in the church from 10-11.30am.

Do join us for an informal cup of coffee with friends and neighbours and maybe find a second hand book to read in your spare time!

Saturday September 13th Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride

to raise money for Cambridge Historic Churches Trust and our own church. Full details will be available shortly. This is a good opportunity to visit other churches and raise money at the same time, and makes an interesting excursion. Participants can travel on foot, by bicycle or by car, and sponsor donate money for the number of churches visited.

For more details please contact Anne Coulson 262666

Saturday September 20th is the Church's Gift Day, followed by our Harvest Festival on Sunday 21st September. We are hoping to have a speaker from Farm Africa at the service, a charity we have supported for a number of years. Details will follow later in a separate leaflet.

Barton Baptist Church

With many people being away during the month of **August**, all of our mid-week meetings will be suspended, and commence again in September. For those going away, and for those staying at home, we wish you an enjoyable and special time. Bible studies in **September** are on Wednesdays 3rd and 17th. We begin with coffee, followed by the study and open discussion. We aim to make these studies interesting and applicable to life today. Do come along and enjoy this time together.

We meet for prayer on the other Wednesday's of the month, meeting in people's homes around the village. Again you are most welcome. Please phone for details. The tea and chats are on Tuesday afternoons, 9th and 23rd. We meet from 2.30 – 4pm, enjoying being together and we eat cake and drink tea. It is open to anyone who would like to drop in.

The foodbank collection point will be open on the evenings of the Bible studies and the afternoons of the tea and chat. Thank you for your ongoing support of this excellent cause.

On Sunday 28th September we celebrate our Harvest festival. The church will be decorated for the occasion, and it's a great chance to thank our God for all His goodness to us.

Ken Jones C.262583

Barton Christian Fellowship

Thank you to all those who came to our Garden meeting at 6 Houses. We are thankful that the rain stayed away and we could sit in the sunshine and enjoy the lovely surroundings. Our next meeting on the 13th August is also a Garden meeting, this time at Sheila and John's, 15 King's Grove. Again there will be a Bring and Buy stall this time in aid of the Barnabas Trust and a Bring and Share tea.

On Wednesday September 10th we will be back in the Village Hall at 2.30pm, to hear the latest news of the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) from David Rolfe. All are welcome and we always finish with tea and chat.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Stephen Frost ... and lighting

At the July meeting Stephen promised to complain about the delays and poor service from Balfour Beatty with regard to the installation of new lighting in the High Street. There is apparently a problem with the cabling provided by UK Power Networks. We keep on battling, but seem to be getting nowhere.

spfrost@tory.org 01954 211444

Speedwatch volunteers please

At the Annual Parish Meeting our local police officer encouraged us to join this scheme. Four 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

Please remember that it is every householder's responsibility to keep hedges well and regularly pruned. Any plant or hedge encroaching on the footway is causing great inconvenience.

No parking on verges and footways.

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

Do you care for someone?

A carer is a person of any age – adult or child – who provides unpaid support to a partner, child, relative or friend, who could not manage to live independently, or

whose health and wellbeing would deteriorate without this help. Those receiving this care may need help due to frailty, disability or a serious health condition, mental ill health or substance misuse.

Cambridgeshire's Carers Away Day 2014 is being held on Friday 3rd October from 10am to 4pm at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon. This free annual event provides carers with the opportunity to take part in informal discussion groups with expert speakers, relax, get creative and have fun by taking part in a range of afternoon activities, and to visit the marketplace of information and advice stands. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

This is an opportunity to meet other carers and share your stories and experiences. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. To book your place at the Carers Away Day 2014 contact the Carers Support Team on 01480 377616 or by emailing: CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

***There may be support for carers to attend the event so please ask for any assistance you might need to enable you to come.*

For more information about the day visit www.cambridgeshire.net

City of Cambridge Triathlon

This event on Sunday 28 September 2014 is being held in aid of Cancer Research UK. The cycling leg will be coming along Comberton Road and New Road towards Cambridge, probably from mid-morning onwards.

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 Councillor Walkabout Tuesday 5th August 6pm at Conkers

Next Council meeting: Tuesday 2nd September 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Thank You – Rodney Richmond

On behalf of all the family, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everybody for the kindness, offers of help and messages of sympathy we received, both during Rod's illness and after he passed away. Once more, many thanks.

Val Richmond

Barton Village Day Committee

We're pleased to report that after a very successful Village Day and Evening that we've made a small surplus of about £200 at the time of writing – a big improvement on the £300 loss we made last year, and we still need support to make the day sustainable, but we're getting there!

Barton Lunch club – Friday, 1st August and 5th September 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall

For reservations/cancellations/offers of help etc. please contact Anne Coulson (262666). We are still hoping for more volunteers to help with the cooking.

Neighbourhood Watch

Burglaries and thefts are continuing in the area through the summer. Barton is relatively safe, but is not immune.

Shed thefts, and opportunistic crime, are always a danger so please keep your property protected, especially when you are away from home.

It may seem to be a nuisance to report minor crimes to the police, and I know that some crimes, or attempted crimes, go unreported. This gives a false impression to the police. Please report all crimes, either on the 101 number or 999 if a crime is in progress. That way, the crime figures will be accurate and will ensure that Barton gets its fair share of attention from the local police and the Home Office.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

BRIG Calendar 2015

Once again BRIG committee have 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 Gardeners

The 65th **SHOW** was a magnificent success, with a greater amount of entries and a fantastic array of Produce, Flowers, Art, Home and Handicrafts. The Junior entries were particularly creative and gave a lot of pleasure. **THANK YOU** to all the talented exhibitors and all who helped with the organisation of the day.



And now to get back to the garden! We are delighted to have a revisit from one of our most interesting speakers – **Nigel Start**, on **Thursday, 18th September**. The topic this time is '**Getting to Grips with Pruning**'. Refreshments served from 7.15pm for a start at 7.45pm **All are welcome**. Members Free, Visitors - £3

Sue Edwards -262479

Barton Friendship Club

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Val Richmond and Family at the sad loss of Rodney.

On Tuesday 1st July Philip Whaites gave us a talk and showing photographs of Wimpole Hall Gardens. This was a very enjoyable afternoon and

was very well attended by members and non-members. We all thank Philip for entertaining us and we'll try to Wimpole Hall Gardens to see the great work he, his staff and many volunteers have done and are still doing.

The speaker on our next meeting, Tuesday 5th August at 2.30pm in the Village Hall is Ruth Bond talking about her experiences when WI President.

All are most welcome.

Members £2 non-members £2.50 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits).

We look forward to Lunch at the White Horse – 1pm Tuesday 2nd September.

Brian Ross

Barton WI

The programme for the July meeting was 'Living with a Motor-home', and was presented by Ian Cooper. He and his wife have been taking their holidays in their motor-home for a number of years. His Power point presentation included a description of the three types of motor-homes and their varying interiors. He also offered tips on how to find the best 'pitches' in the UK and Europe. Possible pitches vary from official village sites, to farms and gardens along the way and even including the parking lot of a local factory if needed. Rates depend on location and available facilities. It was a very informative evening.

Our next meeting is in September – 'History of Herbal Medicine'

Holly Dubocq

Barton Drama Group

Come and enjoy an 'Evening with Nick Warburton' on Saturday 20th September, at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Local playwright Nick Warburton has written scripts for TV including 'Doctors', 'Holby City', 'Born and Bred' and 'Eastenders'. He has also written more than 80 radio plays, including 'On Mardle Fen', 'Witness' – a 5-part adaptation of St Luke and 'Beast'. His stage plays include 'Touch Wood', 'Smoking Gun' and a stage version of Brian Vine's 'Tales of the Country'.

There will be a talk by Nick, time for questions and answers, followed by refreshments.

Tickets are available from Judith Bowen 262186 at £2 each. Please can you let Judith know by Saturday 30th August if you would like to come.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: Barton Bowls Club Jumble Sale 2pm
Saturday 4th October in the Village Hall**

Barton Playgroup

The children have enjoyed growing potatoes and painting Tour de France jerseys to enter in the Village Day competition, and had great fun on the day itself with all the family activities!



We also had our annual summer outing, visiting the South Angle Farm Park run by Lion Learners in Soham. David from Lion Learners brought a selection of his animals into Playgroup back in March, and the children enjoyed his visit so much, we decided to venture out to their farm where we met goats, sheep, alpacas, baby rabbits and guinea pigs, as well as some more unusual animals including stick insects, a snake, a hedgehog and Horatio the dragon-bearded lizard! We had fun making bug houses, planting cress and stroking lots of the animals, and enjoyed a picnic - all in the sunshine!

We said "goodbye" to those moving on to school with a party on the last day of term, and our leavers all decorated a tee-shirt to celebrate! Good luck to everyone going on to school, come back and say "hello" to us over the fence!

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

Wednesday Women WI

July's meeting saw us begin our very own Wednesday Women bunting!

Some knitted & some sewed, some even did papercraft!! Thank you to Sofie and our new member Fleur for agreeing to be 'bunting coordinators'!

We look forward to our next meeting on 17th September where we can see it hanging at the White Horse!

Call or text our President; Laura Packman -[07891017887](tel:07891017887)

Or email -wednesdaywomenwi@live.com

POPPY APPEAL COLLECTORS NEEDED

**WE WILL NEED ADDITIONAL DOOR to DOOR COLLECTORS FOR
THE POPPY APPEAL IN BARTON VILLAGE**

From the end of October to Remembrance Sunday

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP

PLEASE TELEPHONE ROGER CLEMO ON 264765

Diary – August

- Friday 1st 12.30 for 1pm. Lunch Club. Village Hall.
Saturday 2nd 10-11.30am. St Peter's Church at home.
Tuesday 5th 2.30pm. Friendship Club meeting. Speaker: Ruth Bond. VH.
6pm. Parish Council walkabout. Conkers.
Wednesday 13th 10 to 11am. BRIG coffee morning. The Pavilion.
2.30pm. Barton Christian Fellowship meets at 15 King's Grove.
Saturday 16th 10am. Singles coffee morning. Burwash Manor.
Wednesday 20th 3pm. Craftforce. The Pavilion.
Thursday 21st Library in the village.

Diary – September

- Tuesday 2nd 1pm. Friendship Club lunch at the White Horse.
7.30pm. Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall.
Wednesday 3rd 7.30pm. Bible Study. Baptist Church.
7.30-8.30pm. Food Bank Collection point open. Baptist Church.
Friday 5th 12.30 for 1pm. Lunch Club. Village Hall.
Saturday 6th 10-11am. St Peter's Church at home.
Tuesday 9th 2.30 to 4pm. Tea and chat for the retired. Baptist Church.
2.30-4pm. Food Bank Collection point open. Baptist Church.
7.30pm. WI meeting. Village Hall.
Wednesday 10th 10-11.30am. BRIG coffee morning. The Pavilion.
2.30pm. Barton Christian Fellowship. Village Hall.
Saturday 13th Sponsored Cycle Ride.
Wednesday 17th 6.30pm. WWI meeting. White Horse.
7.30pm. Bible Study. Baptist Church.
7.30-8.30pm. Food Bank Collection point open. Baptist Church.
Thursday 18th Library in the village.
7.45pm. Barton Gardeners' meeting. Village Hall.
Saturday 20th 8am. Men's breakfast. The Pavilion.
St Peter's Church GIFT DAY
10am. Singles coffee morning. Burwash Manor.
8pm. Drama Group 'Evening with Nick Warburton' VH.