

Dear All,

We stand in that period between the passing of summer and the arrival of autumn, with the memory of the warmth of hot days on our backs and the softening sun on our faces. The time of autumn fruits, rosy cheeks and woolly jumpers, and the harvest gathered in. It's good to mark the cycle of the year and autumn provides us with opportunities to do that, perhaps by...

- visiting Coton Countryside Reserve and enjoying an autumn walk.
- kicking some leaves and gathering some conkers, listening to their crackle and admiring their polished shine respectively.
- breathing in deeply the scents of autumn: fallen leaves, ripe apples, freshly picked berries.
- remembering to give thanks, even if only for the smallest of things.

Autumn is a time of beginnings too: preparations for the new farming year are well underway, a new school term is too, clubs and organisations have resumed, and so on.

St Peter's Church will be enjoying a new phase in its own life as we welcome a new team vicar in late October. Reverend Rebecca Gilbert will be licensed as Team Vicar with a particular responsibility for the Anglican Church communities in Barton, Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield on the evening of 20th October in Haslingfield.

I know Rebecca is looking forward to her own new beginning, and to being involved in the life of Barton as a whole.

I have enjoyed my time over the last 18 months being lead minister at St Peter's in Barton, and, while not disappearing; I commend Rebecca to you all.

Fond regards

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

Church News

Rev Rebecca Gilbert our new priest will be licensed on Monday 20th October 7.30pm at Haslingfield Church.

Sunday 26th October 3.30 – 5pm. All parishioners are invited to the village hall to meet and welcome Rebecca and her family to Barton Tea and refreshments too.

Saturday 4th October Coffee Morning 10am to 12noon in the Village Hall for church funds. This will round up our coffee mornings we have been holding in the church each month during the summer. There will be usual Bring and Buy stall, Raffle /Books etc. And we will also have Christmas Cards on Sale from Save the Children Fund. October might seem early to start thinking of Christmas but buying your Christmas cards while enjoying a coffee and chat with friends and neighbours seems like a good idea!

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church

Our Autumn programme is now in full swing. We continue our Bible Studies in Revelation looking at the letters to the Seven Churches. These take place on 1st and 15th at 7.30pm in the Church meeting room. All are welcome to join us. The Tuesday afternoon Tea and Chat for all retired people will be on the 14th and 28th of the month. The **Foodbank** collection point will also be open during these times

Brian West

Barton Christian Fellowship – 2.30pm, Wednesday 8th June, Village Hall

Our meeting in October is on Wednesday 8th in the Village Hall at 2.30pm, when the speaker will be Mandy Gilbert-Smith from Comberton.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Stephen Frost explained that new lighting was needed because previous lamp standards were prone to failure; government PFI funding should provide a more efficient and versatile system, saving the County 46% in costs. He is doing as much as possible to sort out the current unsatisfactory situation in the High Street. Unfortunately it has to be realised that for its 2015-16 budget the County will have to find £30 million in cuts. He was pleased to note that the OFSTED rating for County services Protecting Children has been upgraded to 'good'.

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.

Superfast Broadband should now be available in most parts of the village; the speed depends on distance from the green cabinets; however, an extra subscription is required. You should check with your own suppliers, for instance PlusNet or BT.

No parking on verges and footways.

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

External audit We are happy that PKF Littlejohn LLP has stated: “the Annual Return 2013-14 is in accordance with proper practices, and no matters give cause for concern”. We would also like to thank Ken Verney for his sterling work as internal auditor.

Dog mess

Please do not place dog mess in the bins of the local pubs.

Stumpy

Consultation via the Newsletter, as suggested by the Annual Parish Meeting, resulted in a majority to pursue the idea of an owl carving. Councillors therefore resolved to pursue this.

Developments re 75 bus service: new options are being discussed by the County including a connection with Trumpington Park & Ride, rather than the current route. If you feel strongly about this, please contact Stacey Miller 728364 E: stacey.miller@cambridgeshire.gov.uk as soon as possible.

Two collections

Substantial gifts were given both for the departure of the Socketts from Conkers and Jenny Fletcher from her role as postwoman. Thank you for your generosity.

Opening of The Leys Project

This is likely to take place in mid-October, please look at noticeboards for details. The solar studs should have been installed in September. We will welcome a better surface for parking in the winter months. We thank our donors, WREN, AmeyCespa and South Cambs., for their contributions.

Health and Wellbeing Fair – Wednesday 29th October, Cambridge Central Library

The Fair is part of this year’s Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age campaign which aims to promote the well-being and improve the quality of life of older people throughout the county. www.cambscelebratesage.org.uk There’ll be a range of display stalls providing information about the practical help and support available to enable you to maintain your health and wellbeing. If you wish, you’ll also be able to join in some fun activities such as Ping Pong and hand massage, and there will be a talk about healthy snacks. Come along to the third floor conference and exhibition space at the Library any time between 10am and 1pm.

Disability Open Day – 31 October, 10am to 4pm

All you ever wanted to know about disability – but were too afraid to ask!

The Council Chamber, SCDC, Cambourne, CB23 6EA.

SCDC – Changes to Waste and Recycling Services

Over the next five years the council must save around £400,000 on its waste and recycling service and will undertake a number of changes:

New collection rounds have been redesigned to make them more efficient. Apart from nine properties, **everyone's collection day will stay exactly the same** but times may change, so please put your bins out the night before collection or by 6am on collection day. The new rounds will mean big changes for the crews, so please be patient whilst the crews learn their new routes.

Monthly green bin collections in December, January and February when there is little garden waste.

Changes to Christmas bin collections Normal collections will be made up until 27th December, break until 5 January and then return back to normal collections. Collections that would fall on Christmas Day and Boxing Day may be made earlier. Besides saving money the changes will result in the normal service being resumed two weeks earlier than in previous year, reducing disruption for residents. Residents will be reminded that they can recycle a wide range of materials from their doorstep in South Cambridgeshire, and all their Christmas wrapping paper can be recycled in the blue bin. Any excess recyclable material can also be placed in a returnable container or cardboard box next to their blue bin for collection. Look out for the changes in the Autumn edition of the South Cambs Magazine which can be found through <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/news> .

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 7th October 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Thanks from Jenny the 'Postie'

I would like to thank all the people who organised a collection for me following my recent resignation as the Barton 'Postie'. I have been overwhelmed by the messages, kind words and gifts of money I have received.

It is with regret I have had to resign from my duties, but because of changes and family commitments, I decided it was the right thing to do.

I have seen quite a few changes over the years, with people coming and going. Most of all, I have met some lovely and interesting people and have been told many stories.

These are the memories I will treasure. I will miss you all and I thank you very much for your generous gifts.

Jenny Fletcher

Congratulations to Tim Deer and the White Horse!

Tim has won an award for Community Pub of the Year for the South East and Midlands Region. The White Horse Team had a very enjoyable evening at the awards ceremony at the Park Lane Hilton.

Tea on the Green

A very big thank you to the friends of Barton Baptist Church who organised a delicious tea at Great Close in early August. It was very much appreciated & even the weather was perfect.

Lin Heaton & Barbara Tomes

Planter project completed in Great Close

Although the main part of the project was generously funded by SCDC and the Scotsdales Charitable Foundation, a thousand thanks for the support of neighbours and Barton residents and their encouragement, and in particular for the plants donated by Sarah, Richard, Sylvia, the Irelands and the Wests.

Lin Heaton

Village Hall Refurbishment

At the end of last year, the Parish Council was approached by The Cambridge-shire Community Foundation with an invitation to apply for a grant from AmeyCespa for insulation of the Village Hall. The sum of £9024 was awarded and as you read this it is hoped that the work will be finished. Insulation has been installed between the inner and outer walls and in the ceiling, and four new double-glazed windows have been installed. The Hall will look no different, but will be much easier to keep warm – and heating costs should be reduced.

Barton Lunch club – Friday, 3rd October, 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall

More volunteers to help with the cooking would be most welcome. Barton Lunch Club has been going for over 20 years and is open to any Barton resident. We provide a two-course lunch with tea and coffee and the cost is £3. Advance booking is essential as we do need to know numbers. For more information, reservations/cancellations/offers of help etc. please contact Anne Coulson 262666.

News from Barton CE Primary School

Hello, from the new Headteacher at Barton CE Primary School! I have just been in post for five school days and it has been a successful start to the term all round. As I was very fortunate to visit the school a number of times before I started, it has felt like I was coming to a familiar place in September.

The staff and children have made me feel most welcome and I have been struck by the tremendous sense of community that Barton has. I popped into the local

church and introduced myself at the weekend to find that several of the people at the coffee morning said, "See you next week in school", as they very kindly come in to help hear readers on a regular basis. Ten minutes later, I was greeted by a local lady, the ex-caretaker, coming to sort out the tubs and water the plants. The parents on the playground have welcomed conversations and I am trying to get to know people as quickly as possible. The children have amused me as they have asked me a lot of questions about what I like and they made a request that the new headteacher was "a little bit funky and wore cool shoes". I am trying to live up to their expectations!

A little history about myself..... I have been teaching for over 30 years and have enjoyed a mixture of experiences with regards to locations and age-groups. I spent over 20 years in Watford and as a family with 3 teenage children we moved to Cambridge 9 years ago. It was a fabulous move! We have enjoyed village life and cycling around the area.

I do hope over the next few months that I will be able to meet more of you personally and I look forward to a great term ahead.

Claire Coulson, Headteacher, Barton CE Primary School

Harvest Supper – Saturday 11th October, 7 for 7.30pm Village Hall

The Harvest Supper is organised by the W.I. and open to all. The menu includes Boeuf Bourguignonne and Swedish Apple Cake, with a vegetarian option.

The entertainment is by *Hobson's Voices*, a Fenland group who have composed a song about Lord's Bridge for this evening.

Tickets £13.50 are available from Helen Newstead 262543

Do come along and join the fun!

Singles Supper

The next Singles Supper will be at The White Horse on Saturday October 25th at 7pm. Please let me know if you would like to be there by October 18th.

Barbara 262692

Annual Poppy Appeal – Saturday 25th October to Tuesday 11th November

Barton Village Collection: We will make every effort to ensure there is a door to door collection on behalf of the Royal British Legion, to all houses in the village.

Poppies and Collecting tins will also be on the counters in the **Post Office, Shops, Pubs and the Garage** for those who miss the collector's visit.

If you are housebound, miss the collector's visit and would like a poppy to be delivered, please give me a call and I will arrange a delivery to your door.

Please give generously to this very worthwhile cause.

Cambridge Collection: Every year there is a Poppy Appeal Stand by the Grand

Arcade entrance to John Lewis. If anyone wishes to help with this collection from 25th Oct – 11th Nov (except Sundays), they should make themselves known to those collecting at the stand. Some help with the collection at the stand, and others take a collection box and tray of poppies and collect elsewhere. The amount of time spent helping and what you do is entirely up to you. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

Roger Clemo 264765

Barton Bowls Club Jumble Sale – 2pm, Saturday 4th October, Village Hall

Items for the Jumble sale gratefully received at 7 Kings Grove, Barton or 114 High Street, Barton w/c 29 September, or from 12 noon at the Village Hall on the day of the sale.

Martin Carter, Secretary

Tea at Three – Saturday 1st November

Just a reminder about our next Tea at Barton's Ritz. If you would like to come, please contact one of us to reserve a place: £12 per head. Any profit will go to a Cancer charity.

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

BRIG – Autumn Coffee Morning Saturday 25th October 10am-12noon, Village Hall

Do come and stock up on jams, chutneys and preserves as well as buying the Barton 2015 calendar and cards. Entrance £1 to include refreshments.

Meta Greenfield

Stumpy

The Parish Council, as recently announced, has agreed that 'Stumpy' should be created and Adrian Koe has been asked to continue enquiries of potential carvers and get it done.

Stumpy will be a Barn Owl carved out of the Horse Chestnut Tree stump which remained after the dead tree was felled last October by the Village pond.

He will therefore now contact all those who pledged contributions in both the original survey and the recent follow-up done by the Parish Council. However these contributions may be sent now regardless of contact being made.

The Parish Council have agreed that they will bank all monies received and will set up a maintenance fund with the surplus after expenses have been met. Initially donors are requested to send or deliver pledges (cheques /Cash) to Adrian Koe who will summarise the payments before sending cheques to the PC for banking. Each receipt will be acknowledged and donors are requested to specify whether their donation is to be attributable or anonymous.

Please ensure that the payment is in the first place clearly identified as being for Stumpy and that enough detail is given to ensure that a receipt can be issued to the right address.

Adrian Koe, 23 New Road, CB23 7AY 07703 561 898

Barton Playgroup

We return to Playgroup after the summer break with numbers looking extremely healthy once again! This first term, the children will be looking at the topic "All About Me" which provides an opportunity to get to know each other well. Each child will have a turn to take the *All About Me* box home to fill with their favourite toys, books and family photos to show and talk about to the other children. In this way, they can find out what makes them similar and different to others, they can concentrate on things they like to do, and learn how to be part of a group.



We held our AGM on Tuesday 23rd September, and reflected on another successful year with demand for places continuing to be high. We are also very pleased to welcome a number of new parents onto the Committee.

Parents and Toddlers Group continues to be held on Monday afternoons from 1.30pm until 3pm. This is for parents and carers with pre-school children of any age. Come along, meet other children and enjoy a drink and biscuit! The cost is £2 per family + 50p for each additional child.

For more information about Barton Playgroup or if you would like to see the fun things the children get up to, please have a look on our website www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk

Wendy Guest

Barton Friendship Club

On Tuesday 5th August we had Ruth Bond talking about her experiences when WI President and meeting numerous VIPs, this was a very interesting and informative talk and was enjoyed by all.

And on Tuesday 2nd September we had lunch at the White Horse Inn; we all thank Tim and Staff for all the work they put in, making it a great afternoon.

On Tuesday 7th October we have a games afternoon with Hoy.

All are most welcome.

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

On Saturday 18th October we are holding a Coffee Morning with a Bring and Buy Sale and a Raffle in Aid of Club Funds, this is in the Village Hall at 10.30am to 12noon, entrance fee £1 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits).

All donations greatly received, Contact Richard Parker (263585). Thank you.

Brian Ross

Neighbourhood Watch

The recorded crime rate in Barton is relatively low at present. However, there have recently been shed burglaries in the village so we need to remain vigilant. There have also been car crimes and burglaries in neighbouring villages so please make every effort to keep your property safe.

Please be aware that door to door sales people and charity collectors may not be genuine, so be careful about giving money or goods to anyone you are not confident about.

Please report all crimes, either on the 101 number or 999 if a crime is in progress.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Drama Group – Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th November

Our play in November is *Curtain Up* by Peter Quilter, a story of five women who inherit a dilapidated old theatre and plan to bring it to life again. Their most ambitious fund raising scheme is to hold a concert featuring local talent and a special guest, who agrees to appear for free. However, their plans go awry ... This fast-paced comedy has five great roles for women.

Directed by Graham Vaughan, the cast includes Norma Eaton, Bethany Gaunt, Lavinia Pugh, Gill Reed and Catherine Walston.

Performances are at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets £8 (£6 concessions) include refreshments

and are available from Norma Eaton, 263561

Barton WI

Our speaker was Dr Jennifer Koenig, supervisor in Pharmacology for Lucy Cavendish, and Wolfson Colleges. She gave a very interesting presentation on the history of Herbal Medicines from the 1600's to the present, focusing on the development of medicines for asthma. She explained how the chemical structures of plants are modified so we may receive the benefit, but not suffer the dangerous side effects.

We now have a better appreciation of the complex field of medications.

October's programme is *Making a Bauble Workshop* with Barbara Redman.

Holly Dubocq

Barton Energy Group – Could you cut your electricity bill?

Cambridgeshire County Council has a bulk-buying scheme that may help cut your electricity bill. It's called Cambridgeshire Energy Switch and it's **free of charge**.

Register at: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch> or 0800 048 8285.

If you're interested, please register by **13th October**.

You will need to know approximately how much electricity you use each year, which you can find out by looking at your bills.

Energy suppliers will be invited to take part in the auction to bid against each other to offer the best deal. The winning supplier will be the one making the lowest offer. You will be offered the best tariff that can be obtained, based on the usage information you have submitted. You are under no obligation to switch.

If you decide to accept the offer, you need to let the Council know before 24th

November 2014. They will then take care of the entire switch for you, meaning the whole thing is as smooth for you as possible.

Everyone who takes part will enter a FREE draw to win a year's free electricity.

Bev Edwards

Barton Gardeners

AGM – Monday 13th October at 7.30pm

Barton Village Hall

Cheese and Wine refreshments.



Open to all – free of charge.

We look forward to welcoming you, members and potential members, to this year's **AGM** to hear about what we got up to this past year and what is planned for the coming one. We are looking to recruit a couple more members to the Committee and should you wish to discuss what that entails, please contact me before 6th October – thank you.

Our discussions will be followed by a cheerful anthology entitled '**Gardeners' Joy**' by Geoff Hales

Sue Edwards 262479

WWWI

In September, as well as talking about the upcoming WI Centenary celebrations we had an interesting talk from The Royal British Legion about the charity work they do in the UK to help ex-servicemen and their families.

For 15th October's meeting – back at the White Horse – we have Pat Duckworth who specialises in helping women to control menopause symptoms using mind/body techniques *Ten Top Tips for a healthy and happy menopause*.

Come along if you think it might be helpful – £4 for a guest!

Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com for more information or just turn up. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm in The White Horse Inn.

Claire Wright

Comberton Library

Open: Mon: 10am-1pm Wed: 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm Fri: 2pm-5pm Sat: 10am-1pm

More details at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries

We're really proud of all the brilliant young readers who told us about their books over the summer, we had over 40 people complete this year's Mythical Mazers challenge! Well done!

Look out for our children's Rhymetime – a free, drop-in session for babies and pre-schoolers run by a volunteer on Monday mornings during term-time, with singing and rhymes. We'll advertise in the library, on www.cambridgeshire.net and via the Sure-Start centre when we've confirmed details.

Comberton Reading Group – 1st Wednesday, 10.30 – 11.30 in the Library

The group is re-vamping and is looking at a variety of themes to inspire future book choices, their first theme being ‘Travel’. If you are interested in joining a fun and lively chat about a wide variety of titles ask at the library for details.

For discussion on 5th November: *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman

Hilary Spargo, Comberton Library

Stepping Stone – Encouraging Disabled people into Sport

This free service, run by Cambridgeshire County Council, encourages disabled people to access new sports activities, whether as a participant, coach, official or volunteer.

Anybody over 14 with a long-term health need or disability is eligible. Just get in touch at steppingstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or on 301756 and Stepping Stone will match you with a local provider and provide the funding to get you started and support your participation in the sport of your choice.

Will you hold an afternoon tea party on Friday 24th October to help Addenbrooke’s patients with breast cancer?

Everyone loves a chance to catch up over a cuppa and some cake. Throwing your own afternoon tea party on Friday 24 October (or a date convenient to you) is an easy way to fundraise for the Addenbrooke’s Breast Cancer Appeal. Your support will help fund treatment, care and research to make a difference for local patients with breast cancer. To find out more please contact Emily on 349297, communityfundraising@addenbrookes.nhs.uk or www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/ABCappeal

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Winter is coming and after seeing a rise in chimney fires last year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to get their chimney professionally swept before the cold sets in.

Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.
- Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.
- Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor or your home. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 9994.

Comberton Sports & Arts, West Street, Comberton CB23 7DU

Date	Event	Doors	Price
4 th	Vintage Vocals Workshop – www.james-hawkins-music.co.uk	9am	£30
10 th	Custard Comedy Ian Stone, Karen Bayley, Kate Lucas & MC Laura Lexx. Part of Cancer Research UK's 'Stand Up To Cancer' campaign	7:45pm	£10 adv/£12 Door
18 th	Dance XS - Ceroc Freestyle	8pm	
25 th	British Legion - Festival of Remembrance	7pm	£8

Cambridgeshire ACRE

We are an independent charity operating in rural Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and we're about to celebrate our 90th Anniversary.

We have a community oil bulk buying scheme, which aims to help users reduce the cost of their heating oil.

If you would like to join, or find out more about the Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme go to our website www.cambsacre.org.uk or contact Julie Weekes on 01353 860850 email oil@cambsacre.org.uk

Home-Start Quiz Night Saturday 18th October, 7pm for 7.30pm

Meldreth Village Hall, High St, Meldreth SG8 6LX

We welcome teams of 6. Unable to make a full team? Just let us know and we will include you in a team Please reserve tickets by Thursday 9th October: £10 per person, to include your supper – Fish, chicken, sausage or veggie burger & chips

Tickets from: Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire, Unit 6, Valley Farm, Station Road, Meldreth, Royston, Herts, SG8 6JP

01763 262262: admin@hsrsc.co.uk www.hsrsc.co.uk Charity No. 1105385

Rotas – October

Church Cleaning		Coffee	
4 th	The Cubs	5 th	Ruth Barnes & Jenny Olive
18 th	Lin Heaton & Richard Parker	12 th	Anne Coulson & Cathy Martin
		19 th	Holly Dubocq & Rita Clarkson
Flowers		Readers	
5 th	Peter Smith	5 th	Jean Ricketts & Gordon Johnson
12 th	Rachel Howland-Jackson	19 th	Tom & Valerie Ridgman
26 th	Janet Ireland	26 th	Hugh Greenfield (<i>both readings</i>)