

**Dear All,**

As I write this, we have just returned from holiday. We thoroughly enjoyed our time away spent with family, and although we have two very small children I feel we did come back feeling rested and refreshed. That doesn't mean of course that our nights weren't broken, and admittedly the demands of nappies, meal times and endless games of 'I Spy' (we choose colours, not letters yet – she's only 3!) didn't necessarily refresh us – but nevertheless, the chance to take a break, do something new, stop some of the usual routines really can be restorative.

As we enter July, and as schools head towards the end of term, perhaps you too are planning to go away soon or have just returned. Even if you're planning a staycation, I pray that we might all take time to stop, or slow down a little this summer. For it is only when we pause can we notice those little moments of magic that we might normally hurry past, like the otters frolicking in the stream, a sunset on a balmy day or the flash of a hopefully British *maillot jaune* through fields of French sunflowers!

For those of you who are around and not going away this summer, but have time to pause a little, I'd love to invite you to drop by and experience the **Generous Slice Café** on the 15<sup>th</sup> July from 9am in the village hall. Enjoy a coffee and croissant on us, take the opportunity to meet a friend for a slice of cake and a natter, or bring your toddler and enjoy watching them play while you enjoy a lovely pot of tea.

Also, it's not too late if you'd like to join **Oasis**, a seniors' holiday at home held at Haslingfield Methodist church from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July, and run by a few of the members of our churches in Harlton, Haslingfield, the Eversdens and here in Barton. Do contact David Lewis on 01223 874029 if you're interested and would like to be part of it, and perhaps learn a new skill, enjoy a leisurely lunch or simply read the paper in the company of others.

For we must remember holidays are holy days after all! Many of our public holidays were originally religious festivals and the Bible speaks of a God that knows his children's need for rest and refreshment. I pray that wherever we are this summer, whether home or away, we may pause amidst the work and routines of everyday life and find rest and refreshment in that space.

Much love, Becca

*Rev'd Rebecca Gilbert  
Serving the parishes of Barton, Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield in the  
Lordsbridge Team of Churches*

## **Church News**

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 11.30am Coffee in St Peter's Church**

Please do come along and have a coffee and biscuit and chat with friends and neighbours, maybe buy a second hand book or two for your holidays. No charge for coffee.

**Village Day 11<sup>th</sup> July.** The church will having the following stalls for church funds and the people below would be very grateful for any items you might be able to donate.

|                                    |                 |                  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Bottles</b>                     | Richard Parker  | Six Houses       |
| <b>Refreshments</b>                | Meta Greenfield | 114, High Street |
| <b>Raffle/Lucky Dip/Nearly New</b> | Anne Coulson    | 2, Mailes Close  |
|                                    | Ruth Barnes     | 33, King's Grove |
| <b>Cakes</b>                       | Barbara Tomes   | 2, Allens Close  |

### **Generous Slice Cafe, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, from 9am, Village Hall**

Please come along to our second pop-up cafe! All are welcome – young and older alike – to enjoy delicious croissants, toast and jam, cake and biscuits and as much tea and coffee as you like! There is no charge but donations to help with our costs are welcome.

*Anne Coulson*

## **Barton Baptist Church**

We conclude our Bible Studies on Daniel this month. The studies will be on Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. They are open to anyone who would like to join us. The Food bank collection point will also be open at these times.

The **Tea and Chat** will take place as usual on Tuesdays the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July starting at 2.30pm. All over 50's are welcome to join us. The Food bank collection point will again be open at these times. Please note there will be no Tea and Chat in August.

This year for Village Day we will be organising a series of games, particularly aimed at the children, although I am sure some adults will also want to have a go. So do come and visit our stall.

The very successful 'Tea on the Green' will take place this year on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. As last year it will be held in Great Close starting at 3pm. If you would like to help please contact Ken Jones or myself.

*Brian West*

## **Barton Christian Fellowship – Farewell Garden Tea**

Many thanks to all who came to our last meeting in June, the Farewell Tea at Six Houses. We had a very pleasant afternoon and as a result of the Bring and Buy Stall plus donations we raised £76 for the Barnabas Fund to support persecuted Christians.

*Mary West*

## **Parish Jottings**

### **Congratulations! John Boocock and Rebecca Siddall**

John Boocock has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List: for voluntary service to the community in Barton, Cambridgeshire:

*John Boocock has provided exceptional, voluntary service to the parish of Barton absolutely beyond the call of duty. The past three years, in particular, have seen renewed energy. In 2014 he spearheaded the creation of an improved cycleway between Barton and Grantchester, compiling the technical design and leading by example in laying the membrane and composing the appropriate surface. The bridleway was transformed from an overgrown, rutted path to a surface which can be appreciated by cyclists, walkers and horse riders. He is currently, for no payment, managing the project to provide hard standing for cars at the Recreation Ground. This also involves constructing and lighting the access footpath. For this project, as with all others, he has done substantial research and actual groundwork of his own. The footpath and the lighting will allow the elderly and disabled to have safer access. In 2013, never shy to relish a challenge, he put on waders, cut the reeds and removed dead fish from the polluted pond. He promoted, designed and installed steps and a curved slide on a play mound to improve recreation facilities for younger residents. He built and put in at least 30 benches along footpaths in the surrounding countryside. He was involved in creating the oak lattice Diamond Jubilee bus shelter of 2012, of such a striking design that it is now a village landmark. He and a team dug out, prepared and arranged for a paved area of parking outside the Village Hall. He created, led and encouraged a band of volunteers, the Barton BeaVerns, who cleared vegetation, mended fences and notice boards. He previously served for several years as a Councillor and later as Clerk and was an agricultural engineer by training. Not content to sit still and always ready to help others, as a committed Methodist, he also recently found time to project manage the refurbishment of Castle St. Church in Cambridge. He has tenaciously persevered with his voluntary contribution, even in his retirement. He has saved the village thousands of pounds by his unstinting work in all weathers. He has always shown total commitment to the community. Villagers are immensely proud of his achievements. He notices what needs doing, and does it!*

**Rebecca Siddall** has joined two friends in becoming 2015's YOU/Clarins Most Dynamisante Women of the Year. On their pre-uni year in 2009 they had built a school in Kenya and set up a school-meals programme. "We couldn't just return to our 'normal' lives and forget about the children", and so the Nakuru Children's

Project was born – using savings, birthday donations and sponsorship money, the three girls managed to start building a stone classroom before they left.

Rebecca is now a physics teacher in Cambridge, but, between them, the girls have spent around three years in Nakuru, sometimes separately, occasionally all three together, each bringing a different skill set to the growing charity, which now directly supports more than 1,200 children.

Very importantly, part of their £30,000 Clarins award will go to expanding the food programme, but more than half will go towards digging a borehole – not only to prevent locals (often children) from having to walk miles for fresh water, but also to sell water (at a cheap price) to other residents, creating a sustainable project.

These three young women are shining examples, this year's judges decreed, of true 'dynamisante' spirit – drive, determination and dedication.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/you/article-3116615/2015-s-Clarins-Dynamisante-Women-Year-three-gap-year-girls-met-600-children-built-school.html#ixzz3dPLkeo71>

#### ***Hedges grow so fast***

Please make sure that hedges and plants do not obstruct footpaths.

#### ***Climbing on the youth shelter is dangerous***

Some children have been climbing on the roof. Please would parents be vigilant in seeing that this does not happen.

#### ***New Parish Council Chairman***

At their first meeting in May the members of the new Council elected Bev Edwards as Chairman and Margaret Penston as Vice-Chairman. Margaret is to be thanked for seven years of excellent stewardship.

#### ***Electoral review of Cambridgeshire***

If you wish to comment on possible boundary changes in County electoral divisions, you may reply to a consultation due by 6 July.

[http://www.lgbce.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/25048/Cambridgeshire-draft-recommendations-2015-05-12-FINAL.pdf](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/25048/Cambridgeshire-draft-recommendations-2015-05-12-FINAL.pdf)

#### ***A renewed plea to dog owners***

Please make sure you clear up after your dog; this blights so many parts of the village.

#### ***Draft proposals for a bus route from Madingley Mulch***

A public consultation exercise will be taking place to solve the Madingley Hill congestion. IT IS ALL ABOUT MAKING A NEW BUS ROUTE: it is nothing about making more car routes.

IN ALL CASES:

1. Building a new Park & Ride on one of 3 possible sites adjacent to the Madingley Mulch roundabout
2. Improving Madingley Road in the City
3. Not closing the existing Madingley Road Park & Ride – though Francis Burkitt thinks that will come back as a possibility later, to put affordable houses onto it

FOR DEBATE

1. Three alternatives between Madingley Mulch and the City:
  - (i) add an in-bound bus lane on Madingley Hill
  - (ii) create a new bus route along Whitwell Way, through the centre of Coton and along the Coton Footpath
  - (iii) create a new bus route sweeping through the Madingley farmland north of the American Cemetery (which taken with the work at the A14/Girton interchange, may blight that area so much that it is then argued it's better developed for housing)
2. Three alternatives between Caxton Gibbett and Madingley Mulch:
  - (i) along A428 much as present
  - (ii) along St Neots Road
  - (iii) create a new bus route sweeping through the Caldecote/Hardwick farmland south of the St Neots road

QTSQ Parish Councils will want to prepare themselves to canvass public opinion and comment vigorously when the public consultation is launched.

You may want to look at the draft proposals document:

<http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/citydeal/info/2/transport/1/transport/5>

These draft proposals do not address the predicted large volume of car traffic which is likely to want to travel from the Cambourne area towards the large Addenbrooke's developments. Any improvements could have a significant impact on West Cambridge, so Councillors will consult widely in examining any ideas.

***Barton ward Oil Club (BWOC)***

Agricole Oil Ltd recently presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £660 which will be put to a tangible use. We are very grateful to Agricole for this. We hope that villagers will continue to use the BWOC as good discounts can be achieved through the monthly bulk buying by this oil brokerage service. The price of oil is very reasonable at the moment. 01954 719452 [sales@agricole.co.uk](mailto:sales@agricole.co.uk)

***Strawberries and Creem Pop Festival 11<sup>th</sup> June.***

With many apologies for the disturbance that many of you suffered over two days, but the Parish Council was advised only a short time before. We checked that rules were being followed for South Cambs, the licensing authority for

events, and the Fire Service. Officers came out to monitor the noise level; “although the noise level was ‘audible’, it was not intrusive enough in its nature to constitute Statutory Nuisance”. We hope we are given earlier warning, should there be a next time!

**Update on ‘Bourn Free’ – rediscovering the Bourn Brook**

The Bourn Brook is a hidden treasure. It has many natural features other streams have lost, such as meandering bends and gravel shoals. The Brook is home to numerous small fish, kingfisher, otter and water vole as well as forming part of barn owls' territories.

The Bourn Free project aims to tackle the various non-native invasive species which threaten the brook, particularly American mink, Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed, and to allow the brook and its native ecology to function naturally. In particular we rely on volunteers to help control Himalayan balsam. This plant forms dense stands where no other plants can grow, and dies back in winter leaving banks vulnerable to erosion. This year will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year of balsam control on the Brook; we’re certainly having an impact, but there’s still a lot to do, and we aim to tackle the whole length of the Brook (around 20km).

If you are interested in helping with control of Himalayan balsam, we would love to have your help. There are various events over the summer. Most involve wading the brook (waders can be provided) so volunteers need to be physically able to get up and down the banks, but some work can be done from the bank. It would be helpful to know if you plan to come, so we will be sure to wait for you and make sure we bring waders in the right size.

| <b>July Dates</b>          | <b>Location</b>            | <b>Meeting point</b>    | <b>Contact</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Bourn village downstream   | Abantu car park, 9am    | Ruth Hawksley  |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Bourn village              | Abantu car park 10am    | Ruth Hawksley  |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Caldecote/Toft             | Layby west of Toft 10am | Vince Lea      |
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Barton                     | Bird’s Farm, 9.30am     | Vince Lea      |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | Bourn Golf Course          | Golf club car park 10am | Ruth Hawksley  |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Toft village (on dry land) | Toft bridge, 10am       | Ruth Hawksley  |

Ruth Hawksley: 01954 713533; 07545 423854; [ruth.hawksley@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:ruth.hawksley@wildlifebcn.org)

Vince Lea: 01223 262999; 07716 826972; [vincelea@btinternet.com](mailto:vincelea@btinternet.com)

**Notice board**

Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond.

**Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 7th July, 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

*Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 [bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com)*

## **Village News**

### **Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall**

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.

### **Barton Village Day 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to midnight, Recreation Ground**

A programme will be delivered to your door before the day and will contain a champagne draw slip, so bring it along on the day. Bring a gazebo and or picnic things so you can stay all day and into the evening. Barbecues and pre-booked tables will be ready from 6pm. Barbecues are free to use – just bring your own food; table & six chairs: £10. Book with me or [bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk)

*Lorraine Mooney 4 Church Lane 07740 151274*

### **BikeBus Explorer**

The BikeBus Explorer is a public bus service which takes walkers and cyclists closer to the countryside. It pulls a 20 cycle bike trailer behind – a first for Cambridgeshire. Similar services operate in only a handful of places in the UK.

You don't have to have a bike to use the service, which is free if you have a bus pass. Otherwise, it costs £5 for a day pass plus £2 if you take a bike.

It runs on Sundays and public holidays four times a day, connecting villages between Barton and Gamlingay with the city.

Details have been placed on notice boards around Barton and can also be found on-line, at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/bikebus-explorer>.

Funding for this service will be reviewed in October, so please use it whilst it is available. It could make a lovely day out.

### **Barton WI**

At our Group Meeting we welcomed members from our immediate area. Eliza McClelland gave an outstanding talk on 'To Bead or not to Bead' and entertained us with stories of her life in the theatre. She handed around items she had made during her travels explaining how she created her designs and collected the materials. In June we welcomed Jenny Gibbs whose talk was titled 'A Turkish Shirley Valentine' Dressed in traditional Turkish dress she spoke of her life changing decision she made in 1993. Her stories of life in Turkey were full of humour and love of for a country where she now lives for six months of the year. July Meeting: Designing with Colour, Yasmin Chopin

*Kathryn Wake*

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Recent Home Office statistics, and reports from our local police, show that Barton is in a period of increased crime, especially burglaries from houses and sheds.

Please ensure that sheds are protected by good locks, and if possible, alarms. Shed alarms are available at £6 each from the police – *please contact me if you would like them to supply one*. Tools left unattended in the garden may be taken by burglars and used to break into neighbouring properties.

Interactive crime prevention advice is available from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website – <http://www.cambs.police.uk/GetCloser/Burglary.asp>

*Keep safe, Bev Edwards*

### **Barton WWWI**

Email [wednesdaywomenwi@live.com](mailto:wednesdaywomenwi@live.com) for more information or just turn up on the evening. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm in the White Horse Pub.

*Sarah Massie*

### **BRIG Barton Calendar 2016**

The BRIG committee has decided to produce another calendar for next year.

We are looking for pictures of interesting views of the Village and Village 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 8<sup>th</sup> August as we wish to have the Calendar ready by mid-October.

*Meta Greenfield*

### **NGS Barton Open Gardens – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Four gardens opened to raise money for the NGS charity on a beautiful afternoon. The excellent total of £815 was raised. This is used to support Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help the Hospices, CarersTrust and other charities. In addition the teas raised £286 for BRIG.

Thank you to all who visited and helped.

*Meta Greenfield*

### **MIND HOW YOU GO – Forget-me-not Friends Drop-in Group, next meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 10.30-12.00, The White Horse**

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May was a very fitting day to have our first gathering of the Forget-me-not Friends at The White Horse. Not only was it during Dementia Awareness Week (17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>) but also Tim's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary as pub Landlord. We are very grateful to Tim for agreeing to our meeting there, in a relaxed and friendly environment with tea/coffee available at the bar. The Forget-me-not Friends Drop-ins not only welcome anyone with dementia and their friends/carers, but simply anyone who would like to understand and become more aware about dementia – a condition affecting an escalating number of people as more and more of us live longer. Having said that, it is not to be forgotten that dementia can also strike young people. It is the aim of this countrywide dementia-friendly initiative to try and change people's perceptions of dementia and transform the

way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition; it is only through understanding and awareness that we can help those around us and turn our understanding into action. Our gatherings in Barton are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (21<sup>st</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 15<sup>th</sup> September), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon. Do drop in. Any enquiries to: [ruth.bond52@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.bond52@gmail.com)



***The Highlight of the BG Calendar***  
**66<sup>th</sup> BARTON GARDENERS' SHOW**

**Recreation Ground – 11<sup>th</sup> July – Show Opens at 2pm**

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July – Show Schedule Entry Forms, with**

payment, may be left in the **BG folder** at **Abi Stores** 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 in entries and BG members' entries are free – *so have a go!*

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> July – Exhibits** staged between **8.30am and 11am** in the Main Marquee on the Recreation Ground. *Cars may be brought behind the Marquee to drop off and collect. – Good Luck!*

***Please get in touch with offers of help for Thursday, Friday & Saturday – thank you.***

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

*Thank you, Sue Edwards 262479, [bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk)*

***Barton Playgroup***

Over the last month we have been continuing with our topic of 'Artists' drawing self-portraits, making funny Picasso faces, painting with footballs, mixing primary colours and looking at emotions: happy/sad/angry/scared.



We are looking forward to Village Day and will be putting our artistic skills into practice by creating some beautiful paintings around this year's theme 'On the Beach'. We will also be running a children's corner with School which will include two small bouncy castles and other fun and games!

We will round off the year with a trip out to South Angle Farm Park in Soham, where the children will have the opportunity to meet and learn about a wide variety of animals, and we will have an end of term party to say farewell to the children who will be starting school in September.

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](http://www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk)

*Wendy Guest*

***Barton Friendship Club***

We had a successful Coffee Morning, raising £112 for Alzheimer's Research.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June, an excellent Cream Tea was enjoyed by all at the White Horse.

At our next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July, Peter Clarkson will be informing us about his experiences in Antarctica.

New members are most welcome. Tea, coffee & biscuits; £2; Non-members: £2.50

*Richard Parker*

### Tea at Three

Come along to

Barton's Ritz for Afternoon Tea

to celebrate a special Centenary in 2015.

Barton Village Hall.

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm - 5.00pm.

You are assured of a warm welcome.

£12.00 per client.

Booking is essential via Ruth (262985)

Margaret (262353) Alison (264985) Marjorie (262592)

### **Comberton Library**

**Monday:**10am-1pm, **Wednesday:**10am-1pm,2pm-5pm **Friday:**2pm-5pm **Saturday:**10am-1pm

It's nearly time to start running our children's **Summer Reading Challenge** again! We had lots of fun with last year's Mythical Maze, and this year's game looks even better, it's **Record Breakers!** The Reading Agency have teamed up with Guinness World Records to bring together the worlds of fact and fiction, challenging young readers to explore some of the astonishing real-life achievements and world records featured in the Guinness World Records Books as part of their Summer Reading Challenge 2015. Collecting stickers as they go, young readers will discover weird, wonderful and wacky records from around the world in six different categories: Cool Tech, Way to Go!, The Big Stuff, Animal Magic, People Power and Action! Adventure! As usual we will start at the end of July once the local school term has ended and we'll run all Summer. Open to all children up to the end of Year 6.

We're also promoting **ImagiNation, a reading and arts activity for 11-18yr olds**. The aim of ImagiNation is to enjoy reading over the summer and then get creative! You'll get a log when you join, with activities to choose from to help you express your ideas about what you have read, or record how a book made you feel. You don't have to be 'good at drawing' and you don't have to write lots if you don't want to: instead you could paint a picture, take a photo, write a poem, use music.... anything creative that sparks your imagination. You can then share your art and ideas with other young people on the dedicated blog.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 29<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July (10.30-11am)

We will stop over the summer but will start again in September, please look out

for future dates displayed in the library. Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too! Some parents have expressed an interest in making the sessions weekly and possibly including a story some weeks. If you are interested in volunteering to help us increase our sessions please ask a member of staff for details.

**Comberton Reading Group meets** on the first Wednesday of each month in the library, between 10.30 and 11.30am. 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 1<sup>st</sup> July: *Prayers for the Stolen* by Jennifer Clement – a title from Cambridgeshire Libraries Brave New Reads programme.

*Hilary Spargo, Comberton Library*

### **Comberton Sports and Arts – Events in July**

|  | <b>Events</b>   | <b>Tickets and further info</b>   |
|--|---|---|
| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July   | Red Cross Make Your Move Dance Event – Fundraiser for Red Cross               | <a href="http://www.redcross.org.uk/Get-involved/">http://www.redcross.org.uk/Get-involved/</a>                     |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July  | Comberton Arts & Sports Awards – A celebration of young people's achievements | Tickets: £6 Adults; £4 under 18's, OAPs and Concessions<br>Tickets available from Comberton Sports & Arts Reception |
| <b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | The Comberton Village College Christmas Bazaar, 11am-2pm                      | Stalls can be booked from September!  |
| <b>For more information about any of our shows please contact Richard Brown, Arts Development Manager, Comberton Village College – 01223 264444 / <a href="mailto:rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk">rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk</a></b> |   |   |

### **Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – Alarms 4 Life for Landlords**

Landlords of privately rented properties in Cambridgeshire can pick up free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at upcoming distribution events. New safety laws make it compulsory for all landlords to fit smoke alarms in rented homes and are expected to come into effect from October 2015, subject to Parliamentary approval. Under the new laws smoke alarms must be fitted on every floor of the property as well as carbon monoxide alarms in properties which burn solid fuels. Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has a limited number of free alarms to give out to relevant landlords and will be doing so at distribution events at its fire stations on the first Monday of July, August and September. For the full details, dates and where you can collect alarms, log onto:

<http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety/alarms4life.php>

To contact us, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) or call 01480 444500 for enquiries.

### **Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF) – July Events**

#### **Hinxton Watermill Open Day: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – 2.30pm–5.30pm**

Cambridge PPF members can visit for free. Non-members: Adults £3, children £1. No booking required.

#### **'From the green wood, from the dark wood' at Wandlebury Country Park**

**Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 July: 8pm** You can book ahead or find more information here:

[www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk) or call C–211451 or purchase a ticket at the park from 7pm. £12 (£10 for concessions).

#### **Summer Walk and Wildlife at Coton Countryside Reserve, Tuesday 14 July: 6.30pm**

Booking is essential for this event. Meet at Martin car park, Grantchester Road, where there is free parking. Free event but donations to support the upkeep of the reserve are always welcome.

#### **Open Day at Wandlebury Country Park, Saturday 18 July: 10am to 4pm**

Open day and guided walks at 9.30am and 12noon are free but donations very welcome. There is no need to book. Meet at the Tadlow Granary, Inner Ring, for guided walks.

Booking is however, essential for members' afternoon tea and 5pm guided walk – £5 (children £3).

#### **Cambridge Young Archaeologists at Wandlebury, Saturday 18 July: 10am**

All are welcome, minimum sponsorship amount of £5 per individual or £15 as a family. Routes start and finish at Wandlebury and are 5, 10, or 17 miles – or as far as you like. Under 16s to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

#### **Ghost Stories at the Leper Chapel, Saturday 18 July: 8pm**

Tickets £12 (£10 concessions), available in advance here: [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk) or call 01223 211451 and at the venue from 7.30pm. Running time approx. 110 minutes. Suitable for ages 16+

#### **Tales of Mystery and Imagination at the Leper Chapel, Thursday 23 – Saturday 25 July: 8pm**

Tickets £12 (£10 concessions), available in advance here: [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk) or call 01223 211451 and at the venue from 7.30pm. Running time approx. 110 minutes. Suitable for ages 16+

#### **Summer Picnic and Music Concert at Wandlebury, Sunday 26 July: 3.30pm**

This is a free event and there is no need to book. Donations are welcome during the performance.

#### **Bourn Post Mill Open Day, Sunday 26 July: 2pm – 4pm**

No need to book. Free to CambridgePPF members, non members £3 adult, £1 child.

#### **July Children's Summer Holiday Activities at Wandlebury Country Park**

##### **Swishy-Swashy Grass, Tuesday 28 July: 10am – 12noon**

Advance booking essential. £6.50 per child (members £5), adults free. Ages 5+

##### **Fairy Giggles and Grubby Fun, Tuesday 28 July: 2pm to 4pm**

Advance booking essential. £6.50 per child (members £5), adults free. Ages 3-6.

##### **Forgotten Wandlebury, Wednesday 29 July: 10am to 12noon**

Advance booking essential. £6.50 per child (members £5), adults free. Ages 5+

##### **Fun in the Woods, Wednesday 29 July: 2pm to 4pm**

Advance booking essential. £6.50 per child (members £5), adults free. Ages 5+

##### **Wandlebury Woodland Adventures, Friday 31 July: 10am to 4pm – For unaccompanied children**

Advance booking essential. Children £25 (members £20). For ages 6-10.

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