

Dear Friends,

On average, July is the hottest month in the northern hemisphere and “dog days” are considered to begin in early July, when the hot sultry weather of summer usually starts. This was the thinking before the climate began to change but we can always hope that the middle of July will be not too hot and not too sultry but just warmly pleasant, especially on 14th July when the day **will** be for the dogs and everyone else at our Village Day.

14th July is a day of celebration in France commemorating the storming of the Bastille and this year it is a day of festivities in Barton, bringing together so much of what is good in our community as well as the people who make Barton the place it is. The clubs and groups will have their pitches and St Peter’s Bazaar will be there once again, showing off your house, your representation of the street where you live in its Duck Challenge.

In the streets where we live we can form friendships which last a life time or we may never see our close neighbours from one year end to the next. Life is just like that, and Barton is no different from any other village in this way. But on festive days we do tend to venture out - indeed, is it the inquisitive child in us - to see what fun is to be had? And in the horticultural show, well, it’s always good to think that if we’d entered our potatoes in that class they would have won – no doubt.

It’s good too to meet one or two from our street who we haven’t seen for weeks; it’s a chance to say hello, to chat and to make plans to meet again before this time next year. You can be sure something of the day will touch you and make you feel glad to be part of the festivity even if in very small part.

Back at the Bastille, 14th July always reminds me of Charles Dickens’ ‘Tale of two Cities’ as it was set in the years of the French Revolution where Sydney Carton, something of a wastrel, is redeemed by his love for the heroine, Lucie, and by his self-sacrifice takes her husband’s place at the guillotine. A simple analogy, of course, of our Lord, who redeemed each one of us by taking our place, when he took His place on the cross.

Barton’s Village Day is a community touching and holding out its arms saying, come, join in, enjoy yourself in each other’s company just as Jesus asks us to come out and enjoy his company.

Ruth Bond, Licensed Lay Minister

Church News

St Peter's Coffee Corner open again on Saturday July 7th 10.00 -11.30am The social hub of the morning with coffee and biscuits tea and books to buy – and plenty of chatting. Everyone is most welcome.

Friends of St Peter's, Barton: Life matters

7.00pm 2nd July in the church - £5 pre booked, from Ruth Bond 01223 262985) or £6.00 at the door

The last in the series of talks will be given by Dr Alison Cooke, engineer and a fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. She will speak on Climate Change, what has been done and what can be done to mitigate and slow down this phenomenon. An excellent opportunity to hear a leading expert in her field.

St Peter's Bazaar at Barton Village Day

Don't forget to come and view **the Houses of Barton**

Would you bring completed houses to Ruth Bond at 47 Wimpole Road by 11th July in readiness for staging.

Any donations, very gratefully received, for The Bran Tub and the Bottle Stall may be left in the church. Items for the raffle to Anne Coulson. To donate cake for refreshments Meta Greenfield would be pleased to hear from you.

Ruth Bond

Barton Baptist Church News

Have you been to a wedding this Summer? Did you get an invite to the Royal Wedding? I didn't. However, here at Rectory Farm we have weddings most weekends during the Summer months so we are certainly spoilt with lots of fun, fashion, food, florists, families and friends. For many of our brides their wedding day has been planned and looked forward to for a long time. They might not be marrying a prince in St Georges Chapel but their wedding day will probably be one of the most important days in their lives. All the details of the day are meticulously put together and as with Megan their dress is carefully chosen and kept a secret until the "Big" day! For me one part of the Royal Wedding service was particularly special and that was the address given by Bishop Curry. At most weddings the address is short and sweet! Neither words would be used to describe Bishop Curry's address. He opened with the impassioned words of the civil rights leader, Dr Martin King "we must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will be able to make of this old world a new world. Love is the only way" He addressed his audience as "brothers and sisters" and told us "the son of God didn't sacrifice his life for himself, or anything he could get out of it" He implored us to believe in the power of love.

With arm raising passion he declared “Don’t underestimate it. Anyone who has fallen in love knows what I mean.” He is right. There is huge power in love and with God’s love all relationships and particularly marriages can work through problems, difficulties and disagreements. Here at Barton Baptist we believe that with God’s love in our lives we can strive to forgive one another, show kindness, remain humble, be gracious and so on. In fact all good ingredients for a successful marriage! Our Bible studies continue looking at Thessalonians and you are most welcome to join us for our Prayer meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Alison Foster

Parish Jottings

Road Closure

Villagers are notified of a Temporary Road Closure on Error! Reference source not found. Under ORDER 2018/464

NOTICE is given that Cambridgeshire County Council has made an Order pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Regulations 1992, the effect of which is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Haslingfield Rd, Barton as lies between the junction with the A603 and a point 150m south of number 62. Access will be maintained to properties affected by this order.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Barton Rd-Church St- Harlton Rd-Haslingfield Rd, Harlton-High St-Eversden Rd-A603 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate drainage installation and associated works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 2nd July 2018 and continue until these works have finished or on the 1 January 2020 whichever is the earlier. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 2nd July and 31 August 2018.

WW1 Centenary

Walking the dog close to the rifle range currently offers the splendid sight of the myriad of poppies in the cornfields. This is a poignant reminder of the WW1 Centenary which of course this year commemorates the year of the Armistice. There is an annual Royal British Legion poppy appeal collection in the village both house to house and via boxes in the various businesses around the village. The house to house collection **needs more volunteers** and if you can spare the odd hour or so in late October early November to assist please contact Ian Minto (07742256557). All the admin and preparation are done for you, we just need collectors.

A14 Improvements

Angela Harrison the Communications Manager, A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme has contacted to say that those seeking information on this project should consult the website: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H

Hedge trimming adjoining footways

Just a gentle annual reminder.....time please to get those hedges and trees trimmed. And the debris cleared. That will make life so much easier for those walking around the village.

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 3rd July 2018 7.30pm in Village Hall

Ian Minto bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com 07742256557

Official notices and agendas and minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond or on the Website <http://www.barton-cams.org.uk>

Bin Collections July

Wednesday 4th Black
Wednesday 11th Green and Blue
Wednesday 18th Black
Wednesday 25th Blue and Green

Village News

Home Alone Coffee Morning

Our regular “Home Alone” coffee morning for those live on their own is at Burwash café on the third Saturday of every month at 10am. For more information please contact Barbara 262692.

Barbara Tomes, Home Alone Group

PlayGroup

So far this month, Playgroup has been learning about water. We have been studying creatures that live in the ocean and in ponds, including learning about the life cycle of the frog. A magnetic fishing game with numbers or letters written on the fish for the children to identify and sort has been very popular, and we have been using sea shells for sorting and counting games. The children also had a week of pirate role play, which they thoroughly enjoyed! Props such as treasure, telescopes and maps were made and ship shaped biscuits were cooked (and eaten!) They also made their own boats and studied different materials and predicted if they will float or sink. Fun art activities have included recreating Monet’s painting of lilyponds with crayon and



watercolour pictures, as well as bubble painting, splatter painting, and spray painting and with pipettes. The good weather has also allowed for some larger scale art projects that we could do in the garden, as well as plenty of opportunities for outdoor water play.

We have continued to visit Barton School every Wednesday, and the Reception teacher from Meridian also came to visit us to help prepare the children who are moving up to Primary School in September. We look forward to our trip later in the month to South Angle Farm, and also to the Leavers' Party on the last day of term where we have a bouncy castle booked as we prepare to say goodbye to all the children leaving us for Primary School.

Bex Saunders

Barton CE VA Primary School Fundraising

Barton School is awaiting final approval for an award of over £100,000 from the Diocese of Ely to carry out essential building improvements and repairs. These include an up-to-date extension to the entrance for parents and visitors and the resolution of long term plumbing problems. The alterations are necessary in order for the school to comply with the latest Safeguarding and Health and Safety regulations. A condition of this award is that the Governors raise 10% of the total cost and this cannot be taken from our school budget as other essential services would be compromised. The Friends of Barton School have a number of ideas but if you can help us to raise £12,500, or would like more information, please contact the school on 01223 262474 or email office@barton.cambs.sch.uk. Thank you very much for your help.



Cathy Martin, Chair of Governors.

Lunch Club

Barton Lunch Club. Friday July 6th 12.30 for 1pm. in the village hall. The Lunch Club on the first Friday of each month is for Barton residents, booking essential. The cost is £3.00. Please note that if you wish to cancel a booking or add your name to the list please telephone Helen Newstead 262543, if possible by the Monday prior to the lunch.

Anne Coulson

Cream Teas

Delicious Cream Teas will be served in St Peters Church on Sunday August 5th from 3pm to 5pm. It will be £5.00 per head & all proceeds will go to the Church. Do join us for a lovely social occasion, meet old friends and make new ones.

Barbara Tomes

Barton WI

Our June speaker, Sandra Barker, gave us a resume of how she became a Yeoman Basketmaker who gives talks, creates and restores plaited goods and teaches the art of straw plaiting. She then showed us pictures of people working in the trade and their tools. Hertfordshire straw is both long and strong and Sandra's current home, Ashwell, was a straw plaiting centre. The trade was very labour intensive and even young children were able to add to the family income after learning the basic methods in the village dame schools. Finished plaits up to 20 yards long were taken, on foot, to the market in Hitchin. The British straw plaiting industry was eventually overwhelmed by imports from China. Sandra taught members how to make a basic five straw plait which could be made into a traditional fertility symbol.

Our July speaker, Robert Parker, has given us the slightly mind-boggling title "The Lopsided Barge"! As always, visitors to our meetings are most welcome.

Ann Killen

Barton Gardeners

The Highlight of the BG Calendar 69th BARTON GARDENERS' SHOW, Recreation Ground 14th July 2018 Show Opens at 1.00pm

Fill the Marquees with a great display of your gardening, handicrafts, baking and other wonderful creations.

Thursday, 12th July - Show Schedule Entry Forms submission between **7.00 and 9.00pm** at the **Pavilion** or in the **BG folder** at **Barton Village Stores** by **midday**. Spare Show Schedules are available in the store. BG Members can submit their entries online. **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 do have a go!

Saturday, 14th July -Exhibits set up between **8.30am and 11.00am** in the Marquees on the Recreation Ground. Cars may be brought behind the Marquees to drop off and collect. Good Luck!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please get in touch if you can help on Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday am & pm & Sunday am. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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

Barton Gardeners Show Schedule 2018 Amendment

Error: Section VIII: Junior Exhibits - Collage, Painting or Drawing. Classes 57, 58 and 59 should read 'As class 56' instead of 'As class 55'.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused - thank you.

Barton WWWI

Our next meeting will be on 18th July at 7 at the White Horse. For more information, please visit our Facebook page Wednesday Women WI
Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com Phone Sue on 263909

Louise Gough

Neighbourhood Watch

I am delighted to tell you that Sarah Pitchford has agreed to take over from me as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. She is very actively involved in the village and has recently become a Parish Councillor. Please contact Sarah if you would like to assist her in some way, or you wish to report a crime or suspicious activity - 07816 495590. Barton is a relatively low crime area at present, but we are not free from the occasional distressing crime. Please be vigilant and report crime on 999 (if a crime is in progress) or 101. Alternatively, and more easily, you can report a crime, a concern or a vehicle collision on-line via www.cambs.police.uk

Bev Edwards

Barton Village Day: Saturday 14th July 2018

Don't forget to keep this day free for our fantastic 69th village day! As always, we will have our traditional gardeners' flower, produce and handicrafts show, along with many stalls, sideshows and entertainments during the day, followed by a barbecue and music in the evening. Daytime Events: 13.00-17.00, Evening Events: 18.00 – Midnight. This year there will be a ceilidh in the early evening, followed by popular local band, Bisto Bus, from 9.30. Bring your own food to barbecue or buy hot food from Brock's Bistro for only £5 a head. See the programme which will have been delivered to your house recently to check competitions, full list of the day's events and details on how to reserve a table for the evening. Suggested £1.00 per adult donation as entry fee, which will enter you into our £50 cash raffle. We look forward to seeing you all.

If you have any questions please email bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk or phone Jenny on 01223 262055, or Amy on 07875 679884

Jenny Hardacre

Barton Wildlife Group

Our walk along the Drift was a great success, with over 100 species of plant being recorded in just over 2 hours, along with some good birds, insects and evidence of mammals. If you would like to see the full list, please get in touch via our email: bartonwildlife@gmail.com. A couple of other interesting sightings have been brought to our notice: a grass snake curled up on the bank near Mike's ponds near the Rifle Range; and a very portly hedgehog working its way between New Road and Kings Grove gardens, emphasising the need to avoid having solid

boundaries between our gardens, and to leave some "wildlife corridors". We have also had reports of bee orchids in a garden off the High Street.

Our next event is 8th August, 3.00 - 5.00pm, when we will be dipping in the Brook, along Haslingfield Road, to see how the species differ from those found in the ponds last year. Look out for details where to meet nearer the time.

For more information email bartonwildlife@gmail.com

Mary MacDonald

Countryside Restoration Trust: Festival of Farming, Food & Wildlife

Festival of Farming, Food & Wildlife, Sunday 29th July, Lark Rise Farm, Barton
Join the Countryside Restoration Trust to celebrate the wonderful things our countryside has to offer. There will be food stalls, crafts, demonstrations, face painting, tractor rides and much more. A great day out for all the family at a local wildlife-friendly farm!

Danielle Dewe

Lazy Sunday Car Boot Sales

Don't forget - Burwash Manor will be hosting three car boot sales in the moat meadow this Summer, so come and join in our relaxed, all day events to raise money for new play equipment for our playground. The dates will be Sunday July 1st, Sunday August 5th and Sunday September 2nd from 11am-5pm (set up from 10am.) Pre-booked pitches £8. On the day pitches £10. Entry fee – 50p, under 13s free. Refreshments available. To pre-book a pitch: info@burwashmanor.com

Comberton Library

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

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, entitled Mischief makers, is in partnership with The Beano. Children will be able to have fun exploring a map of Beanotown, solve clues and collect stickers to find the mysterious buried treasure and become an ultimate mischief maker! All children who read six books to complete the challenge will be presented with a certificate and medal. Registration to take part begins at the library on **Saturday 14th July**, so do bring your children along to sign up from that date. In addition, this summer we are delighted to be holding some special events in the library alongside the Summer Reading Challenge. **Wednesday 25th July** (2.30 – 3.30 pm) – Colour-in card glasses (50p per child)

Rhymetime sessions: **2nd and 16th July** (10.30 -11.00 am). Rhymetime stops for the school summer holidays but will restart on **Monday 10th September**. We wish to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteer, Barbara, once again for her commitment and another year of fun.

Rosemary Pryke