

Dear Friends

A few weeks ago I went to see Elvis. Yes, I did! Well, I didn't, not really; it was the world's number one look-alike who does look like Elvis and whose voice sounds exactly as Elvis' voice sounded. He's called Ben and, putting aside the mere fact of 32 years, he is Elvis. An Elvis impersonator, that is. There was ever only one Elvis. This world has many an impersonator, look-alikes and people who say "Tonight Matthew I'm going to be ..." *

Of course, there is ever only one of any one of us and only one God, no matter how we try to outsmart him. He made this world for us and he made it good. Genesis, the first book in the Bible, tells us just that; from the heavens to the oceans and every living thing in between. Right on down to us; what He made was good. The "us" (we) were created not only to enjoy all there was but also to keep an eye on all that was made. And being human should mean we should learn from what has gone before while we live in our time.

There was a natural order to things which unfolded as time went by. There still is, but somehow trying to make things even better we got it wrong. Humanity is now confronted with a climate that is wreaking havoc on millions of lives and in some part we have tried to be look-alikes for the creator. Astoundingly brilliant minds have, at times unknowingly, made mistakes in order to make our lives easier but in doing so have brought about changes that are not good for creation. From the ozone layer and greenhouse gases, to plastics that cannot be removed from the earth or disintegrate and poison lives, humanity has to do all it can to change the bad back to the good.

There is ever only one of us, no impersonator needed, and each of us can take an action to bring back that good. From the international fight to make ecocide a crime, begun by the late Polly Higgins (an international criminal lawyer) along with Ecological Defence Integrity, addressing the extensive damage and destruction going on unimpeded around the world, right through to us recycling, or not buying, that plastic bottle of water, our individual actions take a step in the healing process.

During the month of September, services in St Peter's Church have celebrated Creationtide, a stretch of time dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. But don't we celebrate his creation always? As this month unfolds as one of "mists and mellow fruitfulness" we surely have to marvel that only an omnipotent creator could make this happen and only you, as you, see this wondrous sight as you do.

We are each the one and only. God is the one and only.

Bye for now

Ruth Bond (Lay Minister, Lordsbridge Team)

* Stars in Their Eyes with Matthew Kelley 1993-2004

Church News

On **Sunday November 3rd** there will be an All Souls Service at **6pm** in the church; a short service to remember all those who have died. There will be a list in the church for anyone to write the names of those they would like to be remembered by name during the service so that a candle can be lit in their memory. Or contact Anne Coulson (262666) who will add names to the list. All are welcome to this special service

Saturday October 19th. Coffee Morning 10 - 11.45am in the Village Hall for church funds. Once again we will have Christmas cards on sale from 'Save the Children Fund', so this is an ideal opportunity to get your cards in a relaxed way over coffee. Admission and unlimited coffee/tea/biscuits for £1.50; raffle and Bring and Buy stall. Hope you can join us.

Anne Coulson

Friends of St Peter's

Duck Challenge 2019 is launched! Our 2nd Christmas Tree Festival will soon be here! Be ready to stage **YOUR** tree in the church during the first week in December in readiness for viewing from **Friday 6th to Sunday 9th December.**

Entry to the Festival is open to all residents, organisations and businesses in the village as well as Roads, Streets, Closes etc. Provide your own tree, height up to 6 feet. **YOUR TREE could be the winner of the annual Duck Challenge.**

Refreshments will be on sale over the Festival weekend. (There will be a preview in the evening of Friday 6th December for subscribers to The Friends of St Peter's). Contact: ruth.bond52@gmail.com 07787 538 983 or 01223262985

Barton Baptist Church News

I don't know about you but my life can be so full of busyness, noise and rushing about that I rarely slow down, soak up and appreciate the beautiful, small things in God's creation. The Summer has come to an end, the schools have re-started and holidays are distant memories. The days are shorter and darker and the leaves are beginning their transformation from green to brown to orange and yellow. There is a lingering chill in the air and soon there will be morning frosts. The squirrels are darting around hiding their treasures of fruit and nuts, and visiting summer birds have left for their Southern homes. In our homes the warm winter clothes are pulled to the front of our wardrobes, the heating goes on, the lawn mowers are parked at the back of the shed and chimneys come back to life. There are new job challenges, targets, and resolutions. There are mouths to feed, people to visit, doctors' appointments and jobs to do, gifts to purchase, parties to arrange, items to buy and medication to be taken. There are children to amuse, TV to watch, Facebook and Instagram. In fact, our lives are jam-packed with activities and things to do. Our days are one long rush with people and things clamouring for our attention. We become overwhelmed with just making life happen. In the midst of all this, let's remember that God has not called us to rush, hurry and bustle

through our days. He has asked us to be still. Psalm 46:10 says “Be still and know that I am God”. Maybe today I can find a few minutes to stop and be still, open my Bible, offer a prayer, take a walk and marvel at some of God’s creation. If we can be still and look to God, then all this clutter we call life becomes shallow and insignificant as we gaze on our eternal, everlasting Father who promised us rest and life ever after - if we but follow Him.

Alison Foster

Barton Lunch Club. Friday October 4th 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 of the meal is £3.50. If you wish to cancel a booking or to add your name to the list please telephone: Helen Newstead (262543) by the Monday prior to the lunch.

Anne Coulson

Parish Council Jottings

Autumn is here and after a general summer recess there is plenty to occupy the Council and, potentially, you as residents.

A Plea for ideas and support for a potential Village event in May 2020 which will see the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day. I have received notice of both official national and (potential for voluntary) local events to help celebrate. The events are being sponsored by SSAFA (the Armed Forces and Merchant Navy Charity) and will take place from **8th-10th May 2020.** (The 8th of May is of course the actual VE Day but the intention is for the celebrations and commemorations to cover the weekend). It is hoped events will involve people across all generations. Please view the website: www.veday75.org for full information and potential. If you have any comments/ideas please contact the Clerk ASAP at: ian.minto@bartonvillage.org

Let’s take care of the village and help our fellow citizens

Please take this as a well-intentioned point in the essence of community spirit. SCDC have the following explanations and guidance regarding shrubs and trees overhanging or impeding the Public Highway:

The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. Local Authorities also have a legal duty to ensure that public highways and street lights are unobstructed, so usually inspect roads regularly. The public highway is defined by law as consisting of any verge, footway, carriageway, bridleway or footpath that is maintained at public expense and over which the public has a right of way. Parish councillors are requesting appropriate action to guarantee the safe movement of all residents around the village and would truly appreciate your cooperation.

Rubbish and Bins

New rubbish bins have been sited: three on the recreation ground and one on the path to Grantchester, after negotiation with the relevant department at SCDC. The intention is to help residents deal with overspilling litter bins in the playground, and potential litter now that the football pitches are in operation.

The SCDC's latest policy regarding bins is that **ALL** bins are multi waste; hopefully this will help the many dog walkers clear up and deposit their dog's waste responsibly. Furthermore, the PC, along with Waste services, will be monitoring the new bins for usage and effectiveness. Please report any problems.

Information regarding Football on the Recreation ground

Though not entirely recovered, the Recreation Ground will host football again this season. Comberton Crusaders U13 and U14 teams will play home fixtures in Barton; I'm sure the players will enjoy local support and we wish them successful seasons.

Recreation Ground Gate Locking Policy

The PC has consulted widely and the following policy will be initiated **at end of September**.

i) The following Amenity Groups that use the Barton Recreation Ground (BRIG, Bowls Club, Tennis Club, PC) will be provided with a key for the unlocking of the **high bar-gate** to be used in the event of: an emergency, the servicing of buildings and courts, deliveries, cutting of lawns and pitches, and to be stored for the users of that Amenity.

ii) Since maintenance works will be scheduled, and or deliveries expected, it will be the responsibility of that amenity to enable access and unlock the high bar-gate as necessary and lock it again on exit.

iii) The Amenity Groups will need to make 'Hirers' of the facilities aware of their responsibilities in terms of opening/closing the gate, as part of their hire terms, or make an arrangement with the specific Amenity Group.

iv) The **Low Gate** will operate on a number code and this will be changed every 4 months and the Amenity Groups informed of the change. There will be specified opening and locking times. Signage will inform users of the following times.

07:30 - 21:00 April – September **07:30 18:00 October – March**

v) Opening and closing of the gates outside of the scheduled hours will be the responsibility of the Amenity Group using the car park.

vi) If anyone is found to be 'locked in' the council **will not** open the gates until the specified times as per the signage, nor accept any responsibility for vehicles. Anyone using the facilities will have been made aware of the appropriate entrance/exit procedures.

vii) Each Amenity will be required to sign the Policy to demonstrate they have read and understood their responsibilities.

The PC has considered this policy carefully and hopes it will be effective. In addition, the PC will monitor its use carefully. If anyone has points to make please contact the clerk: ian.minto@bartonvillage.org

Commuter Parking

Residents' information and PC observation suggests this is increasingly becoming an issue in the village with regard to the recreation ground, various verges and the slipway alongside Wimpole Road. There may be other areas too. The PC would like to investigate what can be done and if you have any evidence or issues please contact the Clerk: ian.minto@bartonvillage.org The PC cannot promise it can be stopped, and enforcement of any procedures is difficult, but it is on our agenda.

Two new parish councillors have been appointed, see back cover.

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

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 5 th November 2019 7.30pm Village Hall
Future Meeting: Tuesday 7 th January 2020 7.30pm Village Hall

Ian Minto (Barton Parish Clerk) ian.minto@bartonvillage.org

Bin Collection Calendar

Weds 2 nd October	Green and Blue	9 th October	Black
Weds 16 th October	Green and Blue	23 rd October	Black
Weds 30 th October	Green and Blue		

PlayGroup

We welcomed new and returning families at the start of term in September and wish all of our August leavers the best of luck at their new schools, including Barton Primary, Meridian and St Faith's Schools. We are all very excited for the new term ahead. We enjoyed a wonderful leavers' party at the end of term, with gifts of handmade T-shirts for the leavers and books for those returning this term. We are also very grateful for the gift of a trampoline from leaving parents. This will be enjoyed by the children for years to come.

Our Toddler Group for families with children from birth to school age continues on Monday afternoons in term time, 1.30-3pm. The cost is £2 per child and 50p for additional siblings, with refreshments provided. There is no need to book, just come and join us!

Caroline Parsons



Barton WI

Our September speaker, John Miners, explained how, in the nineteenth century, John Boyd set up a textile business in Castle Cary, Somerset, which soon became a producer of horsehair fabrics. Nowadays the business exports worldwide after many years of adapting to technological advances, more stringent labour laws and financial downturns. Patterns available a hundred years ago can still be produced today. Horsehair fabric is much in demand from high end interior designers for screen panels, wall coverings, even lampshades. It is very hard wearing and visually most attractive but it is now so expensive only the super-rich can afford it. Members much enjoyed handling the fabric samples John had brought with him. Our October speaker, Fiona Rose, will talk about the life of William Morris. On **Saturday, October 12**, we are hosting the annual Harvest Supper in the Village Hall (tickets £18 from Helen Newstead, Tel 262543) *Anne Killen*

JIGSAW CHALLENGE Tuesday October 29th in Barton Village Hall at 7 pm. Have you nimble fingers and eye for shape and colour? Then come along and see if you can beat all the other teams to complete a jigsaw in record time. Teams of 4 or come and make up a team. £5 a head- to include coffee and biscuits. Please let Patricia know on 01223265601 by October 20th if you wish to enter a team.

Barton Gardeners

A big “thank you” to everyone who came along to our 70th Anniversary Autumn Show, particularly our wonderful helpers and exhibitors. The Show couldn’t have happened without you and we greatly appreciate your contribution.

The next event in our calendar is our AGM on **Monday, 14th October 2019** at **7.15 for 7.30pm**. Peter Jackson will be giving a talk before the AGM. Everyone is welcome and it is free of charge. There will be refreshments available. We hope that we can continue to provide interesting and enjoyable events in the years to come, but it is becoming a challenge and new Committee members are desperately needed if the club is to continue. Please don’t miss this opportunity to influence the future of Barton Gardeners. *bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk*



Barton Wednesday Women WI

-the WI that meets in the Pavilion on Barton recreation ground every third Wednesday at 7.00pm. New members and visitors truly welcome at every meeting.

A resume of September’s meeting will appear in the next edition of this magazine, but on **Wednesday October 16th** this WI invites members of Barton WI to its

meeting of “Puddings and Prosecco” where we aim to share conversation, recipes and information on the very popular fizzy drink. *Louise Gough*

Barton Bowls Club

Saturday 12th October at 2pm in the Barton Village Hall

This is an excellent way of recycling your unwanted Items. We need bric-a-brac, men's, women's and children's clothes, bedding and soft furnishings, as well as nearly new items. In addition we welcome books, jigsaws and children's toys. A great opportunity to have a wonderful clear out!! Contact Meta (01223 262005) for nearest collection point or bring to hall at 12 noon. *Meta Greenfield*

BARTON DRAMA GROUP presents:

Oscar Wilde's: A Woman of No Importance

Wed 20th to Sat 23rd November at 7.45pm

The Village Hall, Barton

Tickets £9 (£7 concessions) Tel: Norma Eaton (01223) 263561 Online booking from 6 Nov 2019: www.booking-bdg.co.uk

"A Woman of No Importance" is Oscar Wilde's witty critique of the values and morals of late Victorian society, simultaneously endorsing the beginnings of feminism. Jam packed with epigrams, (such as 'nothing succeeds like excess!'), the play exposes the hypocrisy of the age while combining comedy with melodrama in a sparkling image of the elegantly dressed upper classes in 1893.

Join us for a thought-provoking and insightful drama with strongly drawn characters and lots of laughter!

Barton Wildlife Group Report.

Now that autumn is here, spiders are announcing their presence in different ways. The odd house spider (*Tegenaria domestica*) may be seen racing across the floor, either in search of a mate or to find some dark corner away from the cold outside. A more welcome sight will be the splendid webs adorning bushes and shrubs, made by the Orb-weaver or European Garden Spider (*Araneus diadematus*), distinguished by its large yellow to dark brown abdomen, decorated with characteristic white spots in the shape of a cross. By this time of year, full-grown spiders are ready to build their spiral webs, varying from around 6 to 18 inches or more in diameter. The spider will perch motionless at the centre of its web, waiting for the slightest vibration, at which it will scuttle out to investigate what prey has been caught, and wrap it in silk like a mummy to be consumed later. Garden spiders are fastidious about their webs. I have to admit that in the past I used to toss the odd seed or tiny piece of leaf into a spider's web, and then watch

in fascination as the spider came out to check the unwanted object, and promptly discard it.

The early morning is the best time to enjoy the spiders' handiwork, whether it be dew shining across tangled sheet webs of Money Spiders (*Linyphiidae*), spread out on grass or hedges, or a shaft of sunlight revealing long strands that stretch yards across the garden from tree to bush, or wave in the breeze. These gossamer threads are traces of what is known as 'ballooning'. When the baby spiders, known as 'spiderlings', have hatched and are ready to leave their cocoon nest, they climb up to some high spot, and having checked that conditions are favourable, start spinning rapidly and launch themselves into the air, allowing the wind to catch their 'sail' and blow them where it will. It seems they can travel anything from a few yards to several miles by this method. *Annabel Keeler*

Barton Ritz Afternoon tea will be served on **Saturday 26th October**

In the village hall, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Imbibe “**the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness**” upon which John Keats waxed so lyrical. This will be an occasion to celebrate his 225th birthday with delectable delicacies both sweet and savoury.

Booking essential: contact: mwinterbourne@btinternet.com or 01223 262353

Comberton Library

Opening Hours: Monday: 10am – 1pm Wednesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm -5pm

Friday: 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 1pm

Library Service website at: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library>

Our upcoming Rhymetime Sessions are **on Mondays 7th and 28th October and 11th and 25th November**, from 10.30 -11.00 am. Although these sessions are aimed at very young children, we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too! If you haven't been to a session before, do come along with your baby, toddler or pre-schooler and give it a try. It is lots of fun for both children and adults; a great way to meet other young families.

Rosemary Pryke

Just Singles

There will be a Supper for Just Singles in the Pavilion on **Saturday November 2nd** at 7pm for 7.30pm. £10 plus bring a drink of your choice.

Please let Barbara know on 262692 or barbaratomes3@gmail.com by October 25th if you would like to come.

Just Singles coffee mornings on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Pavillion.

Next issue will be November followed by double issue for Dec/Jan.