

## *Dear Friends,*

Summer is often the time to catch up with friends, and make new ones. At St Peter's we've enjoyed cream teas, life matters talks, coffee mornings, a pop-up cafe and safari supper organised by our Events and Friends of St Peter's teams. I hope that you have enjoyed these too – and if you haven't been able to join us, please know you are very welcome to all our events at St Peter's. We also hope that they are good occasions to bump into neighbours, make new friends or renew old ones as we enjoy the company of others and support the flourishing of our community.

We know it's easy to fling wide the doors in the summer, especially in the very hot temperatures we've experienced this year, when our churches are some of the cooler places to enjoy. But we also know this can be same in the winter, when low temperatures are less welcome! In light of that, I'm so very grateful for the team at St Peter's – including the Friends of St Peter's – as we continue to work hard together in making our church a place that is as comfortable to enjoy in the winter months as it is in the summer months.

Much work has been undertaken over the summer to see what we can do to improve the heating of St Peter's Barton. We are now much clearer of the options we have, whilst working within the constraints. Gordon Johnson, Chair of the Fabric Committee at St Peter's reports: 'Much work has been done in recent months to see how we can improve the heating in the Church. We have to work within a number of constraints relating to practical conservation and maintenance requirements. We must win the support of Heritage England as well as the Ecclesiastical authorities before any scheme can be implemented. We now have a number of realistic options that are out for detailed specification and costings. These include heating around the pews and, in an imaginative leap, the installation of a glass screen to block down draught from the Tower. We'll keep you informed of progress: watch this space!'

I am incredibly thankful for the good will of the whole village in this venture – from financial support, to supporting events, and giving of time and wisdom. I look forward to reporting back later in the year with more news on this project, and I do hope and pray that despite the many challenges, we will be able to improve on what we have already in place.

Much love and prayers for this coming new season as we enjoy the last of the summer.

Becca Gilbert (Team Vicar)

## **Church News.**

From the church registers

Saturday 15th June. Wedding: Imogen Radford and Christian Halbert

**Saturday September 7th.** is the monthly Saturday **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 am in the church. This is a lovely opportunity for a relaxed chat with friends and neighbours with coffee and biscuits- no charge. Do join us.

**Saturday September 14th is St. Peter's Gift Day.** There will be someone in the church during the morning between 10am and 12.30pm when we will also be decorating the church for our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 15th.

**Saturday September 21st Sponsored Cycle Ride + Stride.** If you would like to help raise money for St. Peter's, and the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust, while visiting beautiful churches and chapels by bike or on foot please ask for a sponsor form and ask others to sponsor you for each place visited.

Anne Coulson has all the details. 262666

**Saturday September 21st Gardeners Autumn Show .** We will be serving Ploughman's lunches (11.45am - 1.30pm) and teas (2-5pm) in the church for church funds so we hope you can come and enjoy some delicious food before or after looking at all the entries in the village hall and school. We would welcome any offers of cakes and help.

*Anne Coulson 262666*

## **Cream Teas**

A "thank you" to everyone who supported the Cream Teas back in July. We had an enjoyable afternoon and made £320.20 for church funds. *Barbara Tomes*

## **Friends of St Peter's**

Thanks to those who attended the **Life Matters** series of talks. Many were interested in the wide range of topics offered and we hope all enjoyed the fizz and cakes and conversation afterwards with time to ask more of the speakers.

A pleasing sum of £2,041.86 was raised for the heating fund. Look out for more talks in 2020.

Another £300.00 was added to the same heating fund after the **Pop-Up Café** held in August from the Ritz Trio. The Organisers were pleasantly overwhelmed with customers and thank you for your patience and willingness to sit outside in the breeze!

Now is the time to start planning your tree for the **2019 Christmas Tree Festival** organised once again by the Friends of St Peter's over the weekend of **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2019.** Open to Barton businesses, organisations, roads, families, individuals, singly or together; in fact, anyone in the community is invited to join in. Provide your own tree. Set up will be during the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup>

December. You provide and decorate a “tree” up to 6 feet tall– details to follow.  
Contact: ruth.bond52@gmail.com or 01223 262985

### ***Barton Baptist Church News.***

Do you have specific things which you treasure, be they objects, photos or mementoes? They probably have no material value and are, in the eyes of the world, worthless. To you however, they are immensely valuable. There is no sum big enough to induce you to part with them and the thought of losing even one of them is painful and distressing. My children are now grown but I keep a few of their childhood mementoes. I particularly cherish some ceramic plates they made and decorated one year. They hang in our utility room, out of the way and in a personal space where others are not forced to gaze on them! A few weeks back our cleaner knocked one and it broke on the glazed floor. I do not know who was more distressed, the cleaner or me! We collected together the many parts while she apologised and I tried to make light of it. I decided I would present it to John, our very able ‘handyman’ and see what he thought of it. He did look slightly alarmed at the task set before him but in his typically philosophical fashion he got on with it and by the end of the day the broken, jagged parts had become once more a plate, albeit with cracked face! Kintsukuroi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with costly gold or silver, making it more beautiful and of greater worth than before. My broken plate was not mended with gold or silver but with superglue and is nevertheless more precious to me now than ever. The art of Kintsukuroi is a wonderful picture to me of how God concerns himself with His world and the mankind he created to inhabit it. He can see our oft-broken lives, our weakness, worries and concerns and, by pouring his love and grace into our lives, He holds us together. His son Jesus provides the most precious relationship helping us to live lives with meaning and value. This picture shows how we can pour love, care and acceptance into the lives of those around us, making them more beautiful. No matter how cracked and broken their lives, we can show they are of immense value. You are very welcome to join us for our Prayer meetings here at Barton Baptist Church held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

*Alison Foster.*

**Harvest Supper** Saturday October 12th in Barton Village Hall 7-15 for 7-30 pm. Come and enjoy a delicious meal followed by entertainment. Menu: Beef in Red Wine with vegetables, lemon and lime ginger pie with wine, coffee or tea. Vegetarian option is available. The entertainment is The Footlights Quartet, a barbershop group. Tickets £18 from Helen Newstead 262543

### **A very big thank you.**

Thank you for all my get well cards and all the good wishes received during my short spell in hospital, pleased to say I am progressing well now, and Brian has been an excellent carer and cook. Dot Ross, Allen's Close.

### **Barton WI**

At our July meeting Andrew Sankey took us on an illustrated tour of six of his favourite gardens in the west of Britain. He gave a brief history of each, showing us the interplay between the garden and its surrounding landscape and the influence of changes in gardening fashions. All six gardens have unusual features, for example, Knightshayes Court (Tiverton) has topiary depicting hounds chasing a fox. Our August gathering, a 'bring and share' supper in a member's garden, was a very enjoyable social event and we are now looking forward to our September meeting when John Miners will speak on "Horse-Hair Tales". *Ann Killen*

### **Barton Primary School**



Although we are a small school, we are able to provide our pupils with big opportunities! We are very fortunate to be involved in the local cluster of schools, called CB23 Network, which is made up of 13 primaries. We work together in many ways and this term has been full of activities and competitions. Last term Barton hosted the Mega Maths event, where puzzles and quizzes challenged groups of children from each school; they worked in teams competitively and really enjoyed this event.

Some of the old fashioned ways of learning have come back recently, including the Spelling Bee. The Network annually organises a Spelling Bee competition at Clare College. Each year group in Key Stage 2 has a list of spellings to learn and these are given for homework and tested weekly. Having the Spelling Bee motivates our pupils to strive for the best. The heats took place in school and then the Final was held in Cambridge. Our team of 4 pupils came second out of 8 schools – we are very proud of our achievements.

Many of you will know Manor Farm in Bourn. Well, this was the venue for the Year 5 Careers Convention which is held in the summer term. It gave pupils a taster of many different careers that might be available to them. Exhibits included Sarah the Plumber, Openreach, Monarch Farm, the A14 Project Team, Cambridgeshire FA and many more.

One of our teachers has been inspired to start an Intergenerational Project: last term, our reception children invited older members of Barton community into school to play games with them. It was wonderful to see the positive interaction between them all. We are very much hoping this will continue into the new term. At the end of the summer term, the children participated in our annual 'Sports afternoon'. They competed in their house teams, demonstrating athletic skills

they had learnt. The playground was packed with different activities and children supporting and cheering each other on and, of course, the spectators. The afternoon was finished off with a BBQ organised by our brilliant 'FOBS' team. It was a great afternoon and much fun was had by all. Air Team was thrilled to win the team cup. All children competed and participated extremely well and the scores at the end of the afternoon were very close indeed.

The Key Stage two Production, "Blondel", written by Geoff Page, a local musician, was performed in the last week of term. All Key Stage two children worked really hard learning the songs and practising lines to create a magical performance that was enjoyed by all who attended. The story goes as follows: "Richard the Lionheart has gone missing and according to rumours he's been swiped by the king, kidnapping crooks on his return from the Crusades. No one knows where he is, or who has taken him..."

Looking ahead, the village of Barton is holding an Autumn Show, involving the Barton Gardeners, St Peters Parish Church and of course our very own school.

*Mrs Claire Coulson and Mrs Bonny Weaver, Headteachers.*

### **Barton Gardeners**

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Speaker Meeting on Thursday, July 4th. Andrew Sankey kindly stepped in at short notice, as our advertised speaker was unable to attend. Andrew gave us an interesting and informative talk on 'Colour in the Garden'.

There's not long to go now until the Barton Gardeners 70th Anniversary Autumn Show on Saturday, September 21st. This year it will be held in the Village Hall and School, with Teas in the Church. There will be Horticultural classes, Home crafts, Art and Photography. For the first time, we are introducing a Junior Photography Class and we hope you have all been out with your cameras during the Summer Holidays! The title for the Junior Class is 'Animals' and we look forward to seeing your photographs. We hope the grown-ups have also been busy with their cameras, taking photographs to enter for their Photography Class titled 'Down-by-the-Water'! Copies of the Show Schedule and Entry Forms have already been distributed to Barton residents and additional copies are available in the village shop. There will also be posters around the village giving more details about the show. Please submit your Entry Forms at Barton Village Hall, between 7pm and 9pm on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

We hope that an enjoyable time will be had by everyone who exhibits and attends the Show and we look forward to seeing you there.

*BG Committee*

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**Wednesday Women WI** meets every **third** Wednesday in the Pavilion on the Leys in Barton at 7.00pm

At its last meeting members learned of the excellent work carried out in Malawi of Aquaid Lifeline. Its coordinator, Josie Charter, spoke of the charity, begun in 1999, to help orphaned and needy children. In the intervening years it has built an orphan village, 2 schools, 2 clinics and 9 day centres, as well as funding over 600 children in secondary education. Clean water and agricultural projects are all part of its work. Monthly donations provided by CoolerAid, a local company, as well as donations from elsewhere, means this much needed work continues.

On **September 18th** Dr Sophie Ellis of the Institute of Criminology (Cambridge University) will give an insight into why people may be violent and what can be done to stop violent offending. This comes out the WI's mandate on Care not Custody. **Visitors and new members always welcome.**

*Wednesdaywomenwi@live.com*

**Barton Lunch Club Friday September 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 of the meal is £3.50. If you wish to cancel a booking or add your name to the list please telephone Helen Newstead 262543, preferably by the Monday prior to the lunch.

### **Barton Wildlife Group Report, September 2019**

They say that the last two warm summers have been generally favourable for butterflies. It's also been in the news that this year is seeing a once-in-a-decade migration of some 9 million Painted Ladies, and that these might be spotted anywhere in Britain. Thus, those who joined the Barton Wildlife Group's visit to the woodland cemetery (Arbory Trust) on August 2<sup>nd</sup> were hopeful of seeing a range of butterflies, if not the beautiful rarity from southern Europe. The Arbory Trust, as its name suggests, aims to establish new woodland, hence the graves are situated between glades of aspens, hornbeams, birches, oaks and other young trees. But there are plenty of areas around the cemetery and in the verges along the adjacent Drift for wildflowers to flourish, and these provide vital food for butterflies and other insects. Among the many flowers noted were Sow Thistle, Yarrow, Ragwort, Knapweed, Lady's Bedstraw, Red Bartsia and Wild Carrot. The abundance of butterflies seen over the visit was a pleasant surprise. Apart from Meadow Browns, Gatekeepers and Common Blues, there were sightings of Peacock, Brimstone, Holly Blue, Large, Small and Green-veined White...and two Painted Ladies. A tally was taken for the Big Butterfly Count, which came to an impressive 8 species and over 20 butterflies in 15 minutes!

Our next event will be a 'Moth Breakfast' taking place on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. We shall be welcoming keen wildlife lovers to 21 Kings Grove at **6.30am** for an early breakfast of croissants, toast, tea and coffee. Humane traps will have been set up the night before, and we shall examine the catch first thing

before releasing the moths and any other insects as soon as possible – hence the early hour. Autumn is a good time to see migrant species of moth, so it should be interesting. If you would like to come, please let me know on 07598 965985, so I can have an idea of numbers.

*Annabel Keeler*

### **Just Singles Coffee Mornings.**

Meet at the Pavillion on Barton Leys at 10.00am every 2nd Saturday of the month.

### **Afternoon Tea at Barton's Ritz.**

This event returns on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Barton Village Hall at 3.30pm  
Indulge in delectable delicacies in attractive surroundings.

Come, relax and enjoy; booking essential via:

[mwinterbourne@btinternet.com](mailto:mwinterbourne@btinternet.com) or 01223 262353

### **Comberton Library.**

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

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

More details can be found on the Library Service website at:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library>

We have had another amazing and busy summer in the library, with a record number of children signing up to take part in the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge and Mini Challenge.

If your children still need to complete the Summer Reading Challenge, we have our final drop-in sessions on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.30 – 12 noon**. If you are unable to come into the library at those times, please call in during normal opening hours to collect your final stickers. We will be celebrating the success of the fantastic young readers, who have completed the Challenge, at our ceremony on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11.00 am**.

Booking is now open for the new season of “The Library Presents” and details of the wonderful selection of performances and workshops taking place in Cambridgeshire Libraries are available in “The Library Presents” brochure, available to pick-up in Comberton Library.

Rhymetime sessions start again on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**, 10.30 – 11.00 am, with the following sessions being on **23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October**.

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 and a great way to meet other young families.

*Rosamund Pryke.*

**Arthur Rank Hospice Bridge the Gap Walk on Sunday 15 September.**

This year's Bridge the Gap Walk, raising funds for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Romsey Mill, will take place on Sunday 15 September. The walk sponsored by Cambridge Building Society starts at 9.30am, starting and finishing at Parker's Piece. You can sign up for £18 per person by visiting <http://www.arhc.org.uk/BTG>. Three children go free which each paying adult, with donations appreciated.

Alternatively call 01223 675888, or pick up a registration form, from: Romsey Mill (Hemingford Road, Cambridge); the Arthur Rank Hospice (adjacent to the Babraham Road Park & Ride); any of the Charities' shops; or your local Cambridge Building Society or Co-op.

Online registration will be available until 1pm Friday 13 September or you can sign up on the day for £20 per person. Groups are welcome with groups of 10 or more offered rates of £16 per person until Friday 13 September (call 01223 675888).

**Foxton Scarecrow Festival – Saturday 12 October (12noon – 5.00pm)**

St Laurence's Church, Foxton will be holding its very successful Scarecrow Festival once again this year on Saturday 12 October, so please come along and join us for some scarecrow fun! As in previous years, you'll be able to wander through Foxton village from one scarecrow to another. Join in with the various fundraising activities along the way, including a special children's quiz 'Where's Wally?' Will you be able to find this special scarecrow, hidden somewhere in the village? We welcome you to stop in for some refreshments such as bacon butties, home-made soup or tea and cakes. This fun event for all ages will finish in the Church from 4.30pm with prize giving and Foxton Singers performing. Programmes will be available on the day from the Church, the Village Hall and the Village Shop, Foxton. For further information, contact Jill Buggey [jillbuggey@ntlworld.com](mailto:jillbuggey@ntlworld.com)

**Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 Barton Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall.**

**Bin Collection Dates**

Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Blue/Green	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Black
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Blue/Green	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Black

**Next magazine October 2019.** Contributors are kindly asked to send entries by 10<sup>th</sup> of the month or advise team if there will be a delay (see back cover).

Thank you.

*Editors.*