

Dear Friends,

We have arrived in the busy month of November, busy in that the Church's year culminates in the celebration of Christ the King (22nd), which honours Jesus Christ as Lord of all creation and begins once again with Advent (29th) and the hope of the coming Saviour. All Saints (1st) brings to mind those who down the centuries of history are worthy of mention and All Souls (2nd) celebrates the lives of those we have loved who no longer are here: while in the same vein Remembrance Day(11th) recalls and offers gratitude to those who gave their lives in conflict for the freedom of their fellow men and women.

November seems All Saints,

Recall the cloud of witness.

All Souls remembers those we have loved.

All Hallowed time of year and too, of course,

Of flame and sparks now out of favour.

And poppies sold on wires

To bring to mind the ones which grew

When earth and bones were torn and turned

And did not know

The fields of bright and drooping flowers

Which sleeping deep for years and years

Sprung up and seeded so.

Yet His the infinite.

His renewal ours.

Lest we forget. (After A Baker)

Thirty days of November in which to recall, to remember and then to start all over again. The circle of life, an accepted concept long before Elton John wrote the memorable words:

“From the day we arrive on the planet....

Some of us fall by the wayside

And some of us soar to the stars.

There's far too much to take in here

More to find than can ever be found

But the sun rolling high through the sapphire sky

Keeps great and small on the endless round...”

But, lest we forget, there is one fixed and never changing overseer of all humanity and every thing, of us. The one who actually created the sun in that sapphire sky.

Our memories change and, indeed, we are prone to forget. God never forgets, he never forgets us and has remembered us during these continuing strange days of 2020. Keep well, Barton.

Ruth Bond LLM

All Souls Service November 1st at 4.00pm: a service to remember those who have died. Should you wish to remember a loved one in the setting of St Peter's there will be a short vigil with candlelight and music. All are welcome but if unable to attend, please, do let me know the name of the person to be included in the list of those who blessed you with their presence and love during their life. Contact Ruth Bond 01223 262985 ruth.bond52@gmail.com
The Church is open for private prayer on Sundays 11.15am to 4pm and Mondays and Fridays 10am to 4pm. (At the moment we have to have it closed on other days to make cleaning easier and the church safer).

Church News

Funeral and burial: October 23rd Ivy Herridge

We give our grateful thanks for the generous response to our Gift Day Appeal which (with Gift Aid) raised £2,914. We are very grateful.

Churchyard Tidyup. We are very grateful to all who have tidied graves and cut grass over this year, keeping the churchyard looking so good. We plan to have a final tidy on the morning of **Saturday November 21st** from 9.30am. If you would like something to do on a wintry morning do come along and help us sweep leaves and trim shrubs etc. Just bring shears, rakes, or other useful tools, but sadly we are not able to offer coffee this time, although you could bring your own flask!

HELP PLEASE. We are looking for a new Treasurer. Jim Henton, who has managed St Peter's finances for several years, would like to step down. Would you, or do you know of anyone, who might help? This person does not need to be a regular churchgoer, but should be computer literate, have a head for figures and be familiar with the use of financial accounting software. Jim would be able to help a new Treasurer into the job. Please contact Jim on 264117 for more information about what the job involves or talk to Anne Coulson on 262666.

Barton Baptist Church News

Are you a fan of wild outdoor swimming? I have been doing some work recently on our family tree and I discovered that my husband's Grandfather was a very keen advocate of outdoor swimming (long before it became trendy!) and in his garden he constructed a very make-shift pond and his son (my husband's father) almost drowned in this pond. According to the records Stanley Foster would spend 10 minutes every day, including Christmas day, come snow or hail, swimming in this pool whatever the weather! It is fitting that he lost his life in a London hotel having just treated himself to a Turkish Bath. In recent years there has been a surge in outdoor wild swimming and there are clubs and holidays where one can join other swimming enthusiasts. What is the allure? Is it the appeal of being so immersed in nature or the challenge of overcoming extreme cold and discomfort?

A couple of years ago a film called “The Shape of Water” had rave reviews and won a number of Oscars. The story follows a mute cleaner at a high-security government laboratory who falls in love with a captured humanoid amphibian creature. If the creature leaves the water, it dies. My daughter recently showed me one of her favourite childhood books which was all about mermaids. She said she loved these part human mythical creatures who were torn between two worlds. It got me thinking about the Bible and the many references to water in it, but more particularly to baptism. Christ has instructed us that when we become Christians, we obey his command to be baptised. It is symbolic in that it paints the picture of going under the water and burying ones past life and leaving behind the old life and as one comes up out of the water one enters into a new life with Christ and are indeed a new person. A baptismal service is a very moving experience as one hears testimony as to how knowing Christ has changed an individual and they share that they want to live this new life of following Christ and living day by day with Him and following His commands. The Baptismal water washes away the past and the baptised rises to a new life with Christ. A new creature is born.

Alison Foster

Barton Parish Council Jottings October-November 2020

Local Highways Initiative

The LHI bid has been submitted to the relevant authority and has the full support of our local County Councillor Lina Nieto. Thanks to everyone who contributed in attending the public meetings and in offering suggestions to Councillors. The bid has been complex to complete but resident engagement, advice sought from the Cambs County Council Highways department and the Police, and detailed discussions by PC members with a number of organisations, was thorough. The result is awaited but the PC tailored the bid to try and cover a 2-4-year period.

East West Rail (EWR)

EWR have restarted their consultation regarding the route alignment of the proposed scheme through our area of South Cambs as a part of finalising a rail route linking Oxford and Cambridge specifically concentrating on the section between Cambourne and Cambridge. The public consultation is planned to recommence in **January 2021**. Please look on the Barton PC website news section for details and updates. EWR have **not** as this is being written decided on the route alignment and will present choices in January. However a good amount of work is already being engaged in and Barton PC is currently engaged in continuing to raise concerns and to discuss options with EWR, our local MP Anthony Browne about the whole project and specifically the Cambridge Approaches lobby group and their submission of potential routes to EWR and a

claim to represent parishes within option E. Meetings and discussions with Parish councils to the north of the A603 are also taking place.

Barton Greenway

The next stage of the Barton Greenways scheme's budget and outline plans, following consultation, was approved unanimously on 1st October 2020 at the Greater Cambridge Partnership Board meeting (GCP). This is good news for Barton and work of approx. £10m in value is included. The details are now to be worked on for final approval early next year.

SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme

As an eligible local group, Barton PC has applied for a grant to help pay for projects to tackle climate change through: cycling, community buildings and tree planting and other 'nature-based solutions' with the intention of enhancing the 'nature based solutions' and plant distribution across the village.

Parish Councillors and specific community volunteering

The PC is hoping that residents with the appropriate skills and interest might volunteer to assist the hard-working Councillors in the following important community action as a volunteer without having to be a Councillor.

For any of these roles please contact either:

PC Chair: sarah.pitchford@bartonvillage.org 07816495590

or Parish Clerk: ian.minto@bartonvillage.org 07742256557

1. A SPEEDWATCH Co-ordinator who can organise sessions, store a small amount of equipment, complete data sheets for the police and produce a small bulletin each month for the website/ noticeboards to keep residents informed. Support will be given in the first instance and the person would need to be Speedwatch trained, which the PC would be happy to organise.
2. We would like someone/ or a group who would be willing to open and close the low Recreation ground gate every morning and every evening. The seasonal times are: October to March (open 0700 and close 1800) and April to September (open 0700 and close 2100).
3. Someone with interest and IT skills to assist in the uploading of information to the PC Website. Full details and relevant training available but note: a confidentiality agreement would need to be signed.

Barton Village Charitable Trust

Following a number of legal and procedural negotiations over the last year or so, the Trustees are pleased to announce the commencement of the Barton Village Charitable Trust (Charity number 1188507). The purpose of the Trust is to act as a vehicle in support of applications which will benefit the village without usurping or conflicting with any other bodies set up in the village for different purposes. The current Trustees are John Boocock (Chair), Ian Minto (Secretary and Treasurer) and Cathy Izzard of Tees Law. The trust will report annually to the

Charities Commission in February and at the Annual Parish Meeting in April each year. The broad objectives of the Trust are written in Part 1 Section 3 of the Trust Deed established 27th July 2018 as “to apply income or capital to charitable objects and purposes as the Trustees in their discretion think fit”.

The Trust has been endowed with a modest amount of seed capital and it is hoped that in time this will increase by way of donations and legacies so as to make a real contribution to the development of the village.

Applications for which the Trust’s funds may be applied are now invited, to be not later than 31st October. Future application dates are likely to be invited twice per year, in January and July and will be advertised in the village (dates to be confirmed). The Trustees expect to be able to decide on applications within one month. Initially, each individual grant will be up to a maximum of £1000.

The Trust criteria and parameters on which applications will be judged are:

1. It will benefit to as wide a community in the village as possible.
2. It will not conflict with, but can co-operate with, other bodies in the village.
3. It was not set up to usurp Parish Council responsibilities.
4. It does not aim to support individuals or families fallen on hard times.
5. Applications will be judged on their merits.

Application forms or other information may be obtained from:

ian.minto@bartonvillage.org or 07742256557

Community Spirit and thoughtfulness With the Covid numbers increasing please can neighbours continue to keep an eye out for each other in case anyone needs support. If there are any concerns then please contact the PC Chair: Sarah Pitchford 07816 495590 or sarah.pitchford@bartonvillage.org

Barton PC website

We hope many residents are accessing the new Barton PC website and it can be viewed on <https://bartonvillage.org/>

Thanks to those who are using the website functions. There is still some more content to add but we hope residents will subscribe to the regular newsletter and also give feedback and ask any questions via the contact form. The messages go through to our Parish Clerk, who will then forward them on to the relevant Councillor.

Overhanging Trees and Vegetation

Many thanks to all concerned since a lot of good work has been done both by residents and the PC with hedges, trees and other vegetation. Please continue to keep an eye on any potential obstructions to pavements in particular, and report to ian.minto@bartonvillage.org

Bin Collections

Wednesday	28/10/20		Blue	Green
Wednesday	4/11/20	Black		
Wednesday	11/11/20		Blue	Green
Wednesday	18/11/20	Black		
Wednesday	25/11/20		Blue	Green
Wednesday	02/12/20	Black		

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 3rd November at 7:30 pm via zoom technology**. Parish Councils are still not yet allowed to hold face to face meetings. Should this change notification will appear on PC website and village noticeboards.

Future PC Meeting Tuesday 5th January 7:30 pm: Venue tbc

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

The East West Rail (EWR) scheme (from *Jenny Hardacre* 230 Wimpole Road)
The final leg of the route is planned to run from Cambourne to Great Shelford. A broad area has been designated the EWR's 'preferred route option and Barton falls inside this area, so there is a possibility our village will be impacted by the new railway. The planned completion date for this section is the mid 2020's. EWR will publish its proposed route in January (see above). This will be followed by further consultation – but people cannot get involved in the consultation if they do not know it is happening! If you would like know more about this project, look at: East West Rail Company (EWR) <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/>
Barton Parish Council <https://bartonvillage.org/> (See 'latest news')
Cambridge Approaches <http://cambridgeapproaches.org/>
Some residents of Wimpole Road have set up a 'Barton (West End)' Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/823558628454247>

Wednesday Women WI

This, now virtual WI, will learn how a garden is designed and executed for the Chelsea Flower Show when it hears from Tim Wreghitt on **18th November** at 8.00pm. If you would like to join in the Zoom gathering contact the WI's President, Sue Curryer, for joining ID and password. securryer@gmail.com
The September meeting was a hive of activity and a large bunch of colourful flowers was crafted by participants, individually, of course. Expertise is not required and a hidden talent often emerges in a craft session. Our tutor was Lynda Neech, an adept and highly accomplished crafter in many media. If you have not been a WI member in the past ten years Wednesday Women would be thrilled to welcome you as a new member and for the sum of £10.75 you

can enjoy five meetings for the usual price of two. At these meetings you will hear from a romantic novelist, a garden designer, sample an Indian cookery demonstration, nose behind the scenes of a TV quiz, learn of “Moroccan Blues” and be introduced to the hue and shine of gemstones. Visitors welcome: £5.00 per meeting. The annual subscription of £44.00 will be due on 1st April 2021
Wednesday Women also has a Book Group for its members. *Ruth Bond*

Barton W I

After such an enjoyable ‘out of doors’ meeting (socially distanced, of course) in August we were determined to organise another in September. Our luck was in. On a beautiful, sunny afternoon a large number of us gathered on the Leys. Those who hadn't already seen it were much amused by the fake raptor flying over the bowling green. After an entertaining couple of hours exchanging news and opinions we hoped that it might be possible to organise a socially distanced gathering in the Village Hall. Unfortunately, the "rule of six" has made that impossible for now. We shall have to content ourselves with casual face to face encounters, phone calls and emails. For their part, both County and National WI are doing their best to keep us in the wider WI picture. What weird times these are!
Ann Killen

Barton Playgroup

All of our children and adults have embraced the new Covid safety measures. The children are enjoying the extra time spent learning and playing outdoors in the garden. This half term, we have been focusing on the ‘All About Me’ topic; getting to know each other and embracing differences. We currently have a few places available at Playgroup, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are interested in registering your child. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to host the Monday Toddler Group, but we will let you know when it returns. *Jodie Potts* Bartonplaygroup@hotmail.com.

Barton Wildlife Group Member's Report

What do you get when you buy a packet of mixed wildflower seeds? Well, I had imagined the classic red, white and blue of Poppies, Ox-eye daisies and Cornflowers, and this was more or less what appeared in the first summer of our newly sown wildflower patch. It was far from a riot of colour, but a handful of each of the classics were there, along with Common Knapweed. This summer was quite different. There were plenty of Ox-eye daisies, some Ribwort Plantain and Knapweed, but not a single poppy or cornflower. To my surprise, however, a host – literally, some 50 or so plants, of Wild Carrot (*Daucus carota*) appeared, along the full length of our 10ft by 3ft patch. To begin with my heart sank, for Wild

Carrots, like most other members of the Umbellifer family, bear white flowers. But these biennials, which had been quietly growing the previous year without my realising it, were soon to win me over.

Wild Carrots vary in height, some being as short as 15”, but these stately individuals were all between 3ft and 6ft tall. Each plant bore several creamy white flower heads, or ‘umbels’, and many had the characteristic single dark red/purple floret at their centre. They had a subtle sweet scent and attracted plenty of pollen beetles, hoverflies and other insects. It was one of my joys during lockdown to watch these plants swaying majestically in the breeze, and then to see how, after being laid low by torrential rain, they would pick themselves up to their full height once again. A further wonder was watching how, as the flowers were pollinated, the flower stalks closed in around them to form a tight-knit nest within which the seeds would form. Thus they would remain, like clenched fists at the top of the tall plant stems until the seeds inside ripened and forced them open so that they resumed their open umbrella shape ready for the seeds to disperse. Amazing.

Annabel Keeler

Bulb Planting

As a joint venture between the Barton Gardeners and the Parish Council we purchased 125kg of mixed daffodil and narcissus bulbs which have been planted all around the Village for something to look forward to in the spring. Thanks to all our volunteers for their hard work in getting them all planted in between the rain showers.

Sue Clemo

Food Bank Donations.

Very many thanks to everyone who contributes items for the Cambridge Food Bank at our local shop. A number of boxes are taken to the food bank about every two weeks which helps some of those currently struggling to feed themselves and their families.

November 8th 9.30am Remembrance Sunday service in St Peter’s Church.

Comberton Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Tel: 0345 045 5225

Monday: 10.00 am – 2.00 pm Wednesday: 2.00 – 6.00 pm

Our ‘Select and Collect’ service has proved particularly popular; this service will be continuing for the foreseeable future. See the Library pages on the County Council website and the Library Service’s social media platforms for any changes.

Next issue (double): December 2020 and January 2021, entries by 10th November, please.