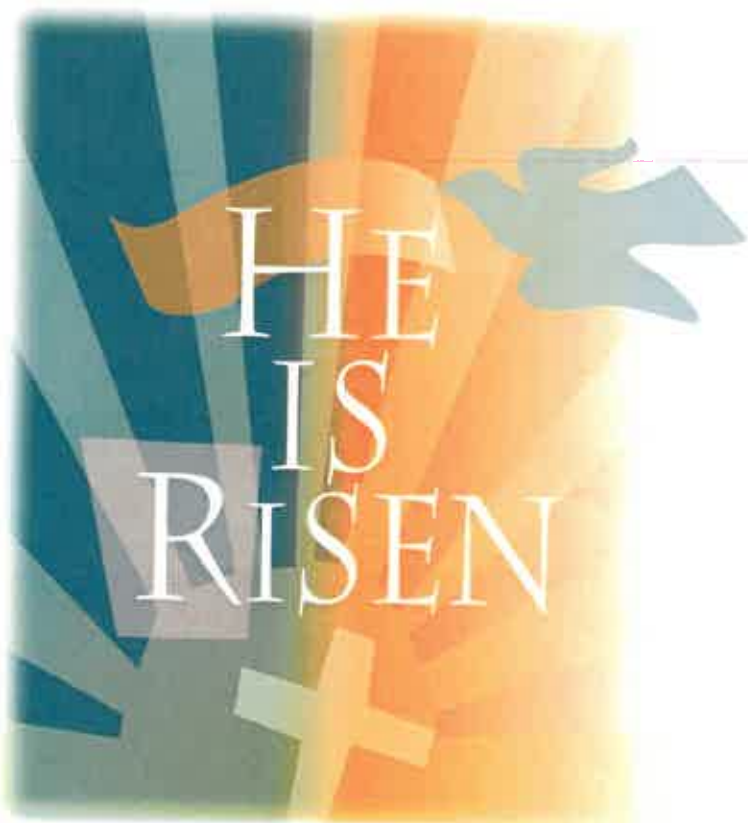




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Dear Readers,

For many people April is a month of hope, with Spring blossoms, warmer weather and Easter celebrations, so there will be much to interest you in this edition of the Barton Miller. But, sadly, not everyone can look forward so easily, so do look out for your friends and neighbours who are having difficult times.

The month begins with the Easter activities in St Mary's Church and the Baptist Church, then the Car Boot Sale on the Playing Field on Easter Monday, followed by all the usual Club Meetings. Barton Mills is known as a friendly village – let's keep it that way!

Please send copy for the May edition of the Barton Miller to the Editors by 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins, Editors.

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Email: [help@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:help@suffolklibraries.co.uk) Telephone: 01473 584563

The Library Van visits Barton Mills (Lamb Court) on Saturday aft. **12.15pm -12.40pm**

**This will be the following Saturdays - 25th April and 23rd May.**



"Tis impossible to be sure of anything but Death and Taxes", it says in the 1716 play *The Cobler of Preston*. In my thirty years as a Vicar, the surety of death has been a significant part of the weft and weave of my ministry. I have lost count of the number of funerals I have conducted. Some have had a church or crematorium so full, people have stood outside. Some have been just me and the undertaker by the graveside. Some have been after a life well lived. Some of a life never lived.

In the seminal film *Bladerunner* the character Roy Batty says as of his life as he dies "All these moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain." Is that all that there is to life, a few moments lost at the point of our demise? Is a funeral nothing more than an opportunity to briefly hold the drops of those moments before they are lost in the torrent of time's passing?

Every funeral I have conducted starts with these words of Jesus "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John's gospel chapter 11, verses 25 and 26). The Christian funeral service is founded on the firm belief that on the first Easter Day Jesus rose from the dead and that as a result he offers us too, the gift of life after death – that what happened for him, can happen for us.

But to receive this gift of life we must also receive the gift of his death. On the cross Jesus took everything that separates us from our Creator and so opens the way for us to spend eternity with him. This doesn't happen without an acknowledgement that we need what Jesus has done for us on the cross. Or to put it another way, the only door to life after death is through the cross. Easter means different things for different people. For some it is an opportunity to grab an extra long weekend. For others it marks a moment of remembering those that they have lost. But for me as a Christian, it is most of all an opportunity to acknowledge my need of the cross of Christ, and to give thanks that because Jesus is alive, I can look at death knowing that it has been defeated – that he has done everything I need to receive that gift of life after death. In Jesus we can be sure not just of death, or taxes but also life eternal. May you know this too this Eastertide.

Mark McCaghrey

**St Mary's Church Barton Mills.**

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**Elder:** Dave Traher.

**St Mary's Parochial Church Council**

**Secretary:** Nancy Higgins, 67 Church Meadow, Barton Mills, IP28 6AR. Email - nancy@bartonmills.com  
To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

**Elected Members**

**Treasurer:** Jo Traher

**Deanery Synod Representatives:**

Peter Alder

**Other PCC Members :** Alan Butcher, Linda Jenkins, Rodney Knight, Frances Lewis, and Sandra Woollard.

Prayer Chain - There is access to a prayer chain for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others. Please contact Heather East 07970 997090 or email heather.east19@yahoo.co.uk with any requests.



**COFFEE MORNINGS**

EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 TO NOON IN  
THE CHURCH ROOM



**ALL VERY WELCOME**



## **BARTON MILLS CHURCH and GROUP SERVICES**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March **PALM SUNDAY**

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7pm Group Agape Supper and Communion in Barton Mills Church

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April **GOOD FRIDAY**

2pm An hour before the Cross at Freckenham Church

7.30pm Compline at Worlington Church

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2 to 4pm Easter activities for families with children

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April **EASTER SUNDAY**

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am Sunday Celebration

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am Holy Communion

5pm Service for Healing

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am Morning Worship

10.30am A.P.C.M.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9.30am Holy Communion

Every Monday, at 9am, there is a short informal service of

**MORNING PRAYER**

**All these services are open to all.**

### **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

This year the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (**AMP**) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (**APCM**) are to be held together, in church, on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 10.45am, after the 9.30am morning service.

At the **AMP** the Church Wardens will be elected. This meeting is open to any residents of Barton Mills Parish or people who are on the electoral roll of St. Mary's. At the **APCM** reports on the Church finances and all Church activities are presented, together with plans for the future. Also at this meeting PCC members and Deanery Synod members are elected.

For further information about either of these meetings please contact Jenny Everett, Churchwarden, on 07807 912909.



Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026

drop in from

14:00 to 16:00

@ St. Mary's Church  
Barton Mills

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**Tel 01638-515215**  
**nancy@bartonmills.com**



**BARTON MILLS VILLAGE  
CAR BOOT SALE  
EASTER MONDAY**

**6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

**7am to 12noon**

**BARTON MILLS  
PLAYING FIELD**

**(Next to Village Hall, IP28 6BD)**

**Single pitch £7, Double pitch £12**

**No need to book**

**Free parking for customers**

**Refreshments in Village Hall.**

**All proceeds to local groups.**

## PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Following the recent installation of our new tractor and protective matting, we are excited to continue playground upgrades throughout the spring and summer. The next phase of work involves a deep clean of all play equipment, along with a complete refresh of the wooden benches, including repairs, sanding, and varnishing.

The Parish Council remains dedicated to ensuring our park is a safe, beautiful, and functional space for the whole community to enjoy. We appreciate your patience as we work to keep our village spaces looking their best!

## TRAFFIC MONITORING

We now have approval for a third site in The Street for the Mobile Speed Indicator device (SID) which will be installed in the next few weeks.

We continue to monitor speed and traffic volumes from the SIDs and are liaising with other villages regarding speeding issues.

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026, starting at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall. In the event of an extraordinary meeting being held before the next scheduled meeting, it will be published on the website and notice boards. The public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak during public participation. To raise an item at any meeting please contact the Clerk at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

For any issues please contact:

**Clerk: Naomi Alecock, [clerk@bartonmills-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bartonmills-pc.gov.uk)**

**Website: [bartonmills-pc.gov.uk](http://bartonmills-pc.gov.uk) and Facebook: Barton Mills Parish Council**



## BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



It doesn't seem possible that **another winter has past!** Fortunately, our winters are not what they used to be, a good thing I say! Looking out of my window I can now see the **beauty of my forsythia bush** which is now in full bloom, brightening up the roadside for those who use that particular part of the village. I am now reassured **Spring is on its way!**

I am sure we feel quite **elated at the sight of the first snowdrop, a sure sign that Winter is really over.** One writer once said if she felt a need for her spirits to be lifted she read from her favourite poetry book entitled **"Who Tells The Crocuses It's Spring?"** That prompted her to ask other questions like, **"Who makes the trees turn all those beautiful colours in the autumn?" "Who splashes rain in shining puddles?" "Who makes the stars shimmer in the night?"** or **"Who makes the bulbs shoot through the surface just at the right time?"** Such questions ought to stimulate our own grateful meditation.

Centuries ago, Job in Chapter 9 v 10, exclaimed that **it is God who does great things past finding out, yes, wonders without number. It is God who guides the birds southward in the autumn and then brings them north again in the Spring. It is God who reminds the sun to rise at its appointed time every morning. It is God who keeps the earth steadily rotating at tremendous speed. It is God who feeds the sparrow and dresses the lilies in their splendour.** Jesus in Luke Chapter 12 v 27 said **"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin, yet I say unto you, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these".**

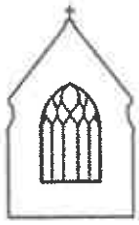
Fortunately, we don't have to travel to far off lands to appreciate the marvels of His creation. As I write this we can all witness this phenomena on our playing fields when the daffodils put on their wonderful display of colour. **As we see the wonder of His creation all around us let us never fail to recognize and worship the One who designed them.**

### **GOD IS BEHIND THE SCENES CONTROLLING THE SCENES HE IS BEHIND**

Why not join us in our Worship Service each Sunday at 3p.m. You will be most welcome.

F. A. RUTTERFORD, MBE

Any questions or home visits Telephone 01638-713892  
or E-Mail [sweetpeace@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sweetpeace@yahoo.co.uk)



# The Friends of St Mary's Barton Mills

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**Tickets will be going on sale for The Time Traders  
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**The music will be songs from various great bands:  
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**You can buy tickets at £15 per person from  
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**Your favourite refreshments will be available!**

*Summer is around the corner...*

**We will be running the White Elephant table at the Bank  
Holiday Car Boot Sale on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April.**

**There are boxes for donations in the Church Room or you  
can drop items at 1 Church Lane, if you have anything you  
feel would enjoy a second life with a new owner and raise  
funds for us at the same time!**

# BARTON MILLS 100 CLUB

The purpose of the Barton Mills 100 Club is to raise funds by operation of lotteries and draws to contribute to projects and/or organisations within the parish of Barton Mills for the general benefit of the people of Barton Mills. **If you are a village organisation who would benefit from a 100 Club financial grant, please do speak to Jackie Stirges - jackstirges@btinternet.com**

## March 2026

£50	63	D. Traher
£30	65	J. Mayer
£20	81	J. Stirges
£10	8	P. Jarman
£10	85	J. Cockett

**If you would like to become a member please contact our Treasurer: Janette Miller - 49 The Street. Tel 712843**

**IF YOU WANT TO WIN, YOU HAVE TO BE IN !!**

Prizes of £50, £30, £20, and 2 x £10 monthly and twice a year additional prizes of £150.



## MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

### **The Museum is OPEN**

**2pm.** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 2 -4 pm;  
Friday 10.30 - 4pm



### **MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY TALKS**

Thursday 2nd April 7:30 pm Sarah Doig - A - Z of curios Suffolk

Talks are held at the Museum

£2 members £4 non-members

Refreshments



# *Barton Mills & District Gardening Club*

MEMBER OF R.H.S.

Annual Subscription £20.00

£2.00 fee per meeting for members

New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

£5.00

**Next Meeting Tuesday**

**28th April 2026**

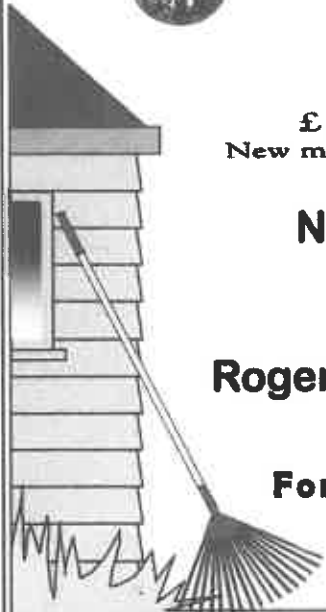
**7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Roger Hance - Gardening Through  
The Seasons**

**For more information contact -**

**Secretary - Zoë Morris**

**01638 482986.**



**All over 50s Welcome**

**BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY 1st April - Lucy Lewis will present her talk on  
"Life as a Bomb Disposal Officer" - 2 pm at the Village Hall**

**WEDNESDAY 22nd April - Lindsey Barrell will give us an  
Introduction to BSL (British Sign Language)  
2 pm at the Village Hall**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS**

**Wed Club Annual membership £10 payable in January**

**Admission - £2 members £3 non members**

**CONTACT ANN JACOBS TEL 01638-510008**



As we are about to mark our ninth anniversary as your village Good Neighbour Scheme, we continue in our efforts to assist villagers who ask for our help in resolving problems where we can and are legally able to do so.

Information Technology (IT) continues to be an issue from time to time, be it computers, internet, TVs or telephones – mobile or the internet-based “landlines” that have been undergoing switching from the old analogue system. Whilst we don’t profess to be experts in this field, we have usually managed to help villagers to resolve their problems and at the same time improve our knowledge of systems and issues that uniquely present themselves.

It is just one of the areas of assistance that is requested by villagers and we stand ready for your calls. We will advise on what we are able to undertake to help. Sometimes the requests are asking for information as to where a specialist service can be sourced to fix a problem that we can’t undertake – such as electrical and central heating where approved and certificated contractors must be engaged. Similarly we can’t undertake plumbing pipework.

If you have a problem that you think that we might be able to help with, please don’t hesitate to give us a call on **07419 211040**. We are waiting for your call.

# **Barton Mills Ladies Club**

## **Ladies Club – Report of March Meeting**

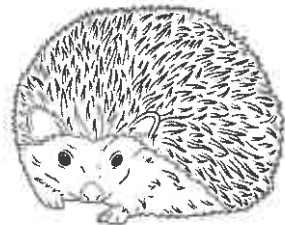
Our Speaker for the afternoon was Jonathan Housego. He talked to us about helping our hedgehogs. He told us that at some time in January he had been on TV - BBC 'The One Show' telling the nation about this subject so close to his heart. There are seventeen species of hedgehog found in Europe, Asia and Africa. He told us that once introduced into a new habitat, they increase rapidly, as happened in New Zealand. They can roam for up to two kilometres in a single night. Along with robins, they have been voted one of our most favourite garden animals.

Jonathan told us of many things that we could do in our gardens to help this endangered creature. The most important and simplest thing we could do is to leave water out for them. There are products that can be bought to supplement their usual food source, also dry cat food is ok, but definitely not milk. Apart from cars, many are killed or injured when strimmers are used by gardeners and bonfires should be checked carefully before being lit.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal, so if they are seen during the daytime, then they are in trouble. To help them, using sturdy gardening gloves, put them into a high-sided box or plastic container and get in touch with a hedgehog rescue service. They eat slugs, worms, beetles, earwigs, so we need to make our gardens insect friendly and have habitats for these creatures with 'bug hotels' and piles of old logs and some long grass and piles of leaves and if possible gaps in fences and hedges.

Jonathan and his neighbour have created 'highways' in their gardens for them to roam around in. He had wild corners, nesting boxes, food stations, a small pond and best of all, he had several wild life cameras around the garden and he showed us several pieces of film that he had taken of them - the next best thing to having one at the meeting.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 14th April at 2.00 p.m. In the village hall when Phil Butcher will entertain us with 'Stuff and Folly - comedy sketches and poems'





The History Hub @  MUSEUM

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AT EASTER

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*Phone us for details or e-mail us at*

**[barton.neighbours@gmail.com](mailto:barton.neighbours@gmail.com)**

## NATURE NOTES     April

As I write, we are midway through a week-long, dry, sunny spell. Blackthorn trees are in blossom and spring is in the air. Our Pasque flowers are already putting on a lovely display – I hope they will still be flowering for Easter! This set me thinking about one of our most important insects – the humble bee.

There are over 270 species of bees in Great Britain; one Honey-bee, 24 bumble bees and 250 species of solitary bee. Solitary bees do not form colonies but make their nests in cavities in the ground, masonry or wood.

I think we sometimes take our bees for granted and maybe don't appreciate just how hard they work, pollinating our flowering plants. We might think that honey bees do all the pollinating but this is far from being the case. The Red Mason bee is one of our most efficient pollinators and just one can be as effective as 120-160 honey bees. This is because the Mason carries pollen on its hairy belly rather than in pouches and thus it spreads pollen to many more blossoms.

When it comes to apple orchards, we are learning new things about pollination of apple trees which flower from mid-April. Growers often introduce bee hives in the quest for better fruit set. Unfortunately honey bees can be easily distracted from their duties – a flowering crop in a field nearby can divert their attention. Whilst working on a bird study in apple orchards in Herefordshire I met a researcher from Newcastle University who was studying bee pollinators. With infinite patience, he spent hours watching apple blossoms to record which species were pollinating the crop. To his surprise, he found that honey bees did very little and that over 60% of the flowers were visited by solitary bees. The solution then, was to provide banks of bare earth within the orchards where solitary bees can nest.

During cold and wet conditions pollination may still take place, albeit on a smaller scale, by bumble bees. Their larger size and more robust constitution allows them to fly when the weather is unsuitable for their smaller relatives.

If you grow apple trees you may know about compatible pollen. A friend planted several apple trees in his large rural garden but, after several years, they had produced no fruit. He was puzzled by this so he asked for help. I found they had no compatible pollinators, i.e. trees of a different variety that flower at the same time. For example, if you grow James Grieve you would need either a Cox's orange pippin or a Discovery as a pollinator. Once we planted more trees of the appropriate variety he had abundant fruit! There were no bee hives within a mile of his house but the little solitary bees must have worked their magic. Apple growers sometimes plant a different type of tree, such as a flowering cherry, at regular intervals throughout their orchards. These also act as compatible pollinators.

Bees have many challenges to face: They are eaten by birds, hornets and predatory wasps. Badgers and Honey buzzards raid their nests for honey. Ants are opportunistic feeders and will take advantage of any food source, including honey in beehives. In fact, there is a whole host of insects which eat bees at every stage of their life cycle.

Another issue is poor weather conditions. As already mentioned, cold winds and rain can prevent bees from feeding. Astute apple growers know this so you will generally see a shelter belt of trees around orchards which offer protection from cold winds.

A more modern threat to bees is the use of pesticides; despite a massive amount of evidence proving that insecticides, especially the neonicotinoids, are very harmful to bees growers continue to use them. At least we are not forced to use such chemicals in our own private gardens!

Ken Venus.





## **BARTON MILLS FOOTBALL CLUB** **CHAMPIONS , CHAMPIONS. CHAMPIONS**

Barton Mills Football Club has done it again!!  
Barton Mills FC were this week crowned Champions of  
the Bury and District Division 2 Sunday Football League,  
to make it back to back league winners. The Mills

needed a Mendlesham victory and won 3-1, and we also needed  
Stradbroke FC to draw or lose one game. Stradbroke FC travelled to  
Sudbury Swans and to the Mills delight they were held to a draw, which  
automatically crowned Barton Mills champions again. Also, more great  
news - the mighty Barton Mills also managed to beat an unbeaten  
Felixstowe Wanderers in the county cup, to secure a cup final for the 3rd  
year running in consecutive leagues. The Mills have failed to win the final  
on two occasions but are confident on making it 3rd time lucky! Also the  
Mills travel to Mendlesham FC on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March for the division 2  
league cup knockout semi-final game and could also reach another final  
and potentially have an opportunity to do the treble.

The Mills next 2 fixtures are:

22<sup>nd</sup> March Mendlesham FC v Barton Mills FC away -  
10:30am k.o. League Cup semi -final division 2

26<sup>th</sup> April Barton Mills FC v Clayton FC away at Needham Market FC  
2pm k.o. County cup final.

Well done Barton Mills FC. (Ed)



**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL FUNDRAISER**  
**SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2026 2-4pm BEETLE DRIVE**  
**MILDENHALL SOCIAL CLUB PAVILION**  
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## CLUB NEWS

### KNIT and NATTER GROUP

This Group continues to meet every Wednesday afternoon, from 2 till 4pm, in the church room. As well as friendly chatter we knit to support a charity that helps mothers and babies in Ethiopia.

New members of the Group will be very welcome. You are welcome just to come and chat – knitting is optional!

For more information please contact *Alison Swift 07982679926*.

### SOCIAL ART GROUP

This small friendly Group meets on Friday evenings in the church room, from 7 to around 9pm. It is a sociable time and we enjoy just low key art. New members are always welcome, including those who are new to the Art world.

More information from *Glenda Berrett 01638 717925*.

### BOOK CLUB

There were some strong reactions to 'Sons and Lovers' by D.H.Lawrence which was the book we discussed at our March meeting. Because it was so well written it gave a very clear picture of life for an ordinary family in Victorian times, when women seemed to be second class citizens and were expected to stay at home and keep house for the menfolk of the family. There is much philosophical discussion of life changing topics. The characters were so clearly portrayed that we found that we had formed likes and dislikes of them just as if they were real people. By today's standards it was difficult to see why the book had aroused such controversy when it was first sent to be published. This is a very long book, so there is a sense of achievement actually to have completed reading it!

For our next meeting, at 7pm in the church room on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, we are reading 'Then She Was Gone' by Lisa Jewell – and we have been warned that it is a dark story.

New members always welcome.

*Frances Lewis (01638 713155)*

## What's on in Freckenham at the village hall & church Website Freckenham Village Hall ([freckenham-pc.gov.uk](http://freckenham-pc.gov.uk))

**Monday Meet Up** at the Village Hall 2 – 4pm. Free event but donation appreciated. Don't be on your own or come with a friend and maybe make more friends. All ages welcome. We do have toys in a cupboard for under 5s! Maybe Carpet Bowls or Table Tennis will be out. On Bank Holiday Mondays some of us go to the pub and buy a drink.

**First Friday of Month Film Night.** No film night in April due to Easter. Next film night date 1<sup>st</sup> May film **The Choral**.

**Coffee Caravan visits to East View Car Park off Mildenhall Road,** first Tuesday of the month will start from 7<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July etc.

2 – 4 pm Free cuppa, cake, chat and lots of advice, though there is a donation pot to help fund this valuable community project.

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April Table Top Sale 10 – 12 noon.** Free entry. Plantation Farm with fruit, veg and plants, vintage, bric a brac, tombola in aid of Parkinsons Research. Refreshments of drinks & homemade cakes too. To prebook a table at £5 extra £2 for rail Text Brenda Knowles on: 07796 387 446.

**Cash Bingo Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April -** £2 pp entry, £1 a game, bar & doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Fun night for all ages. Please pre-book your table on FreckenhamVH Facebook DM or text 07542 198 933 or email [freckenhamvh@outlook.com](mailto:freckenhamvh@outlook.com).

**Farmers Market with some Crafts 25<sup>th</sup> April 10 – 12 noon** all our usual stalls and some garden plants and seedlings. Free entry refreshments available. Next market 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Check out our weekly events and other events coming up on <https://freckenham-pc.gov.uk/>. for more details and contact the organiser before just turning up! Facebook [FreckenhamVH & Freckenham Suffolk Community Group](#).

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Thanks to Mr Sheldrick, who gave Cllrs Lewis and Oke a guided tour of drainage ditches designed to handle overflow water from the Lark, the Parish Council now has a good understanding of the underlying issues causing flooding on the footpath between Barton Mills and Mildenhall.

The information has been passed to the Environment Agency (EA), who have also identified a fault with the Gas Pool Sluice, and an embankment slip, which have contributed to the issues.

The EA have confirmed they are managing other sluices to mitigate further flooding until repairs can be undertaken. They are expecting to make an assessment in early April.



*Cllr Lewis climbs up the bank by the Gas Pool*

In addition, Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way team has confirmed they are aware of the boardwalk flooding and are planning a scheme to address this.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and update parishioners with further news in due course.