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Dear Readers,

Welcome to this double issue of the Barton Miller for August and September. As I write this piece, we are hearing of record temperatures in Europe and elsewhere. Unfortunately it's an overcast day here in Barton Mills, where the Bellfest is due. I'm sure this will still be a happy event for the village. I've just heard on the radio, apparently, the end of August will be better weatherwise!!

If you are taking advantage of this period of holiday getaways, we wish you safe and unproblematic travelling and a relaxing time. If you are staying at home, there are plenty of things going on in our area to enjoy too, including various activities mentioned in this double edition.

I can't believe I'm saying copy for the October edition of the Barton Miller to the editors by 20th September please.

Yours sincerely, Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis

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The Library Van visits Barton Mills (Lamb Court) on Saturday aft. 2.00pm to 2.30pm.

This will be the following Saturdays - 19 August, 16 September and 14 October.

Vicar's Letter

Barton Miller Summer 2023

I was pleased to be able to preach at the annual West Suffolk Council civic service held recently in Kentford by ward councillor and Chairman Roger Dicker in the presence of local Mayors and Chairs, Military and Legal Officers. I would like to offer this distilled version as it may strike a chord with some and seems very apt as perhaps we take time during the summer to reflect on our lives. I took as the bible Reading the 'Feeding of the 5,000' from the Gospel of Matthew Ch 14 vs13-21.

So, can I ask you to picture the scene perhaps 50 years ago? Tables are hauled to a field near the village for the annual Sunday school picnic. Sandwiches, cakes, crisps, jelly and apples are piled thereon and the children eagerly anticipate their feast.

The vicar stands at one end and declares in a booming voice that 'all children should take only their fair share - one apple at a time for example, because God is watching'!

One small boy - tells his little mates

'Go for the cakes boys because God is watching the apples'.

Sometimes there seems to be so much need around in all its forms that we can't possibly cope. That was the situation faced by the disciples who couldn't imagine how all those people could be fed. They said to Jesus 'Send them away; let them fend for themselves'. As you know they were fed lavishly through the actions of Jesus/God. The disciples failed to trust that God in Jesus could do something! We often lack that kind of trust and our vision is dimmed.

But Jesus didn't send down 'Manna from heaven' as if by magic – he used what one of their number had to offer. Sometimes we have the means at our disposal – we just don't see it. All that need was answered by the provisions of one person who had foresight. I wonder how much he could have raised by an auction – but he gave it to God for the greater good – didn't keep his skill/resource for himself. Sometimes I

wonder if we get caught up in a 'blame the lack of resources' culture.

I wonder if the people knew who had done this thing – God - yes of course – but with a little essential help from the boy. Perhaps the boy represents all of us? He certainly represents those who do so much unseen for their communities and Churches. There could be more who do it without expectation of reward.

God was watching the apples - no doubt - but I bet that boy was remembered and thanked for his generosity for years to come.

I dare say God wept over the boys who 'went for the cakes' – I wonder how the community regarded them? I hope I don't follow in their metaphorical steps – and only think of what I can get and keep it!

And one final twist for us today. Our foodbanks and free church pantries often contain chocolates and things that might be called luxuries – they are not mean in their provision and neither was God as there were baskets of food over.

We thanked our Churchwardens recently as they were admitted to Office by Archdeacon David. In Barton Mills David Traher 'holds the fort alone' and it's his last year. If someone is interested in being Churchwarden will they speak to me? I am sure there is someone in Barton Mills who is the 'boy with the loaves and fishes' who might offer!

With every good wish and continued prayers for a good appointment of parish Priest

Chris

(Rev Canon Chris Childs Rural Dean of Mildenhall 01638 429212)



CHURCH SERVICES, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday 30th July 11am Group Holy Communion Service

at West Row church

Sunday 6th August 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th August 9.30am Morning Worship

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 20th August 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th August 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 3rd Sept 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th Sept 9.30am Morning Worship

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 17th Sept 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th Sept 9.30am Morning Worship

All are welcome to join us at these Services

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday 9th September 2023, 9.00 am - 5 pm.

This event is open to cyclists and walkers. You are asked to get people to sponsor you for your walking or biking. You can choose to visit as many participating churches as you wish during the day. Half of the sponsorship money you raise will be given to the church you nominate – hopefully this will be Barton Mills Church! Sponsor forms will be in the church from August or on the website shct.org.uk. More information on another page.

CAR BOOT SALE: BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 28th AUGUST, 7am – 12noon BARTON MILLS PLAYING FIELD, next to the Village Hall.

PROCEEDS from CAR BOOTS ON THE FIELD to the FOOTBALL CLUB REFRESHMENTS in the VILLAGE HALL and WHITE ELEPHANT STALL on the FIELD to raise funds for BARTON MILLS PARISH CHURCH.

ITEMS NEEDED for the WHITE ELEPHANT STALL - contact 01638 715843

St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

Church Contact: Rev'd Chris Childs (Rural Dean)

All Saints Vicarage, The Street, Gazeley CB8 8RB

Tel. No. 01638 429212

Email: revcchilds@aol.com

Your Church Representatives:

Churchwardens: Dave Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton

Mills. Tel 718328;

Elders: Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Elected Members

Secretary: Diana Knight, 57 The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AA.

Tel 454898 To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Tony Potts.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Rodney Knight and

Peter Alder

Other PCC Members: Alan Butcher, Linda Jenkins, Frances

Lewis, Jo Traher and Sandra Woollard.

Prayer Chain - There is access to a prayer chain for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others. Please contact the church Elders mentioned above



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Refreshments in the Village Hall
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Raising funds for local groups



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



In this edition I am making no excuse in repeating my reference to Barton Mills' claim to fame in the form of a previous important resident, Sir Alexander Fleming, who lived in our village from 1921 to 1955. Any new residents may be interested to know that he discovered penicillin, a very important, life saving addition to thousands of patients around the world. I have been particularly reminded of this fact whilst having to daily visit Addenbrookes hospital with a friend over the past few weeks. It's a very busy place, hundreds, even thousands of patients, are treated daily at this marvellous facility. As a matter of fact it is reputed to be one the best teaching hospitals in our country.

We need these wonderful places to physically heal us but we also need God's healing hand and He is there willing to provide spiritual healing also if we only believe and trust Him and ask Him for His help. This means we need to have compassion for all — everyone deserves Christ's love and kindness. In the Bible, the Apostle Paul insists that Jesus' all-embracing love compels us because we are convinced that our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ died that ALL of us might have that forgiveness. All of us suffer the sickness of sin. All of us are in desperate need of the healing of Jesus forgiveness and He's moved towards all of us in order to heal us. This reconciliation, this healing, is for ALL who will receive it.

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

F.A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

BARTON MILLS EXCEPTION SITE (AFFORDABLE HOMES)

The Parish Council continue to try to provide affordable housing for people with a connection to Barton Mills despite the many obstacles that they are faced with.

Havebury submitted the planning application (DC/21/2285/FUL) to West Suffolk Council in November 2021.

West Suffolk Council will not approve the application without the support of Natural England and Natural England will not support the application due to the site being within the Stone Curlew buffer zone.

Havebury have now appointed ecologists who have carried out a land assessment which has identified pieces of land in and around the village, which need to be surveyed for Stone Curlews. They expect these surveys to be completed by May 2024.

Once the surveys are complete and they confirm no evidence of Stone Curlews, the application should be approved as long any other planning issues are resolved first.

We will look at providing another update mid-2024.

PLAY PARK FENCING

Again, the Parish Council would like to thank all those that responded to the survey in regard to fencing in the play area.

The costs and feasibility of doing this will be looked into and discussed at future meetings.

The next Parish Council meeting will be **held on Tuesday 5**th **September 2023 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 on the notice boards. The Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting or during the meeting at the Chairman's discretion. To raise an item at any meeting please contact the Clerk at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Chairman: Neil Horne, 07590 672963

Clerk: Jadi Coe. clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841

Website: www.bartonmills.net Facebook and Nextdoor: Barton Mills Parish Council

All over 50s Welcome

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd August** Meet on the playing field at 12.30 for a 'bring your own' picnic lunch. Please also bring a chair.

16th August Trip to Sherringham with a steam train ride on the Poppy Lane.

There are a few seats left. Details from Ann on 01638 510008.

Wednesday 6th September in the Village Hall at 2.00pm— Charity Fundraiser for the Bury Drop in Centre. White elephant stall plus raffle.

Wednesday 20th September – 2.00pm Meet at Scotsdales, Fordham for a cup of tea and a chat.

We look forward to seeing you all and welcoming new members.

Entry £3 non-members/ £2 members

Enquiries to Ann on 01638 510008 or jacobs.family@me.com



Annual Subscription £15.00 £2.00 fee per meeting for members New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

Horticultural Show
Saturday 2nd September.
For further details telephone
Ian Anderson. Tel 515741.
Club A.G.M 26 September 2023
7.00pm in the village hall.

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.

100 CLUB WINNERS July 23

£30	8	P. Jarman
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If you would like to become a member please contact our Treasurer: Janette Miller - 49 The Street. Tel 712843
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Are you wondering where to take the children in the school holidays? Don't forget your local museum where there are lots of special things for children to enjoy.

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY.

No Meeting in August.

September - Thursday 7th at 7.30pm, Ann Guymor will talk about the renovations at OXBURGH HALL

Members of the Museum Society £2, non-members £5, includes tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

BARTON MILLS LADIES CLUB

Meeting held Tuesday 11th July in the Village Hall at Barton Mills.

Our speaker was Fran Saltmarsh. She talked us through the ages of corsets, crinolines and camisoles. It was captivating. We were shown pictures of undergarments for ladies and gents. To finish, we were shown garments Fran had collected, so you could see all the intricate work that went into some of the items, some hand sewn, some machine made.

We had a very good attendance, with a few more new faces, who hopefully, we will see again.

Next month we have Roger Pugh talking about the "Most secret place on earth". Tuesday 8th August. 2 pm. In the village hall. £2 for members. £3 for visitors.

Come and join us. We are always pleased to see you.

For more information ring

Anne 01638 716753 or Marilyn 01638 720633

BARTON MILLS and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 2.00pm

There are categories for Vegetables, Fruits, Flowers, Baking and Jams for you to enter.

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barton.neighbours@gmail.com



ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST



Dear Everyone,

I'm really happy that we can give you positive updates on our projects. Inside we continue to see the improvements to our Church walls. The final smooth-plastering has now been done, though it needs careful management to ensure even drying to minimise cracks. But we can definitely see the end goal of painted, smooth, damp-free surfaces.

Outside, we are receiving quotes for the electrical work that will give us better lighting across the ground to the north and west of the building in the darker winter months, and a more bird-friendly shade of lighting on the south-facing street side of the church yard.

We are also furthering our plans to replace the gates at both ends of the front wall. This fulfils the condition of one legacy, and our own aims to have functioning, good-looking, and effective gates, improving the look and safety of our boundaries.

Autumn Quiz Night and Fish & Chip Supper

With our popular resident Quiz Master, Kevin, Friday 13th October in the Village Hall at 7pm

Tickets will be £12.00 per person, 10 tables of 8 available. Doors open from 6.30pm, donations of raffle prizes welcomed.

Book with me on 01638 583728, or emjarvis68@gmail.com

Warm Wishes to you all, Liz Jarvis, Secretary



Good Neighbour Scheme – Neighbours looking our for each other

As the song goes "Neighbours, everybody needs good neighbours.....should be there for one another, that's when neighbours become good friends".

Whilst I am sure that this is true of many in our village, there are likely to be some who are feeling more isolated from such neighbourly interaction, either through choice or circumstances. The Good Neighbour Scheme is there to assist the members of our community who need the help that we can offer, when they need it and without reward, save that of knowing that we have helped to make a difference.

We have often heard of villagers saying that they didn't like to trouble the Good Neighbour Scheme with a problem or job that they need to resolve. Where we can help, we like to do so and this motivates the Volunteers who give so willingly of their time and abilities to help.

We provide practical help but we cannot undertake work that requires the services of professionally qualified and certificated tradespeople. However, the practical help that we can offer includes shopping; collecting prescriptions; help with IT, TVs and smart 'phones; moving furniture; one-off garden tidy-ups; help with pets; etc. or just a volunteer calling in for a chat that will help to lift the spirits.

Our services, which are free of any charge, are designed to support villagers across the entire Parish of Barton Mills.

Please remember that you can contact us on **07419 211040** or e-mail us at **barton.neighbours@gmail.com** to see if we can help you with your needs.

Summer Word Search Puzzle





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NATURE NOTES: GOD'S ACRE

On one of our recent visits to South Wales we stumbled upon the small church of St. Paulinus at Ystradffin near Llandovery. The grounds were a mass of Bluebells and Lady's-smock (Cuckoo flower) with Meadowsweet just poking through. This lovely sight got me thinking about what could be seen in sites nearer home.

In many cases churchyards are a haven for wildlife. Largely undisturbed in both urban and rural areas they can be tranquil places teeming with wildlife. One such place is the church of St. Mary Magdalene in East Ham, East London. Closed for burials in 1974 its wildlife value was recognised in 1977 so it was turned into a full-time nature reserve.

Closer to home, the churchyard at Tuddenham St. Mary is reputed to hold over forty species of wild flower; on a recent visit I found many different species in flower and forty could be an underestimate.

On a quick visit to Barton Mills Baptist Church I found twelve species of wild flower in about ten minutes. Bees were happily feeding on Red and White Clover flowers.

So what about St. Mary's Church, Barton Mills I hear you say? I'm currently doing some wildlife surveys there but, so far, results are encouraging. There are fourteen different species of trees and shrubs, most of them native. With a little sympathetic management the wildlife potential is huge. Without affecting the attended graves of our nearest and dearest other more 'neglected' areas show possibilities.

In fact the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich is very keen to encourage wildlife into our churchyards. Their website has further details. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust also has a project running to promote more wildlife friendly management of our

burial sites. More information is available on their website.

Who knows what we have, or could have, at St. Mary's? Arthur Rivett's talk on bats a couple of years back was well received. The warmth of the gathering even prompted a Serotine bat to give us an impromptu flying display! For bats to be present there must be plenty of flying insects around. Moths, of which we have over one thousand species, are bats' main food source. Who knows what surveys of bats and moths might reveal and we haven't even started on birds, butterflies, insects, amphibians or reptiles!

If you would like to assist with surveys or have any other suggestions please contact me at kenvenus 13@yahoo.co.uk.



Ken Venus.

CAR BOOT SALE, BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 28th AUGUST

REQUEST FOR 'WHITE ELEPHANT' CONTRIBUTIONS, PLEASE.

At the Car Boot Sale on the field on 28th August, Lindsay and Derek Judd will run a stall to raise funds for Barton Mills Church.

So they need lots of useful items to sell e.g. kitchen or household goods, garden tools, games, anything you have that someone else might want – but not clothes.

If you can provide anything for the stall, please bring it to the church room on a Thursday morning (coffee morning time) or take it to 2a Church Lane, or call Derek on 01638 725837.

BARTON MILLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Barton Mills Football Club has restarted and the team will be playing matches in the Bury and District League in the coming season, which starts on 3rd September.

There will also be a friendly At Home match, with kick-off at 10.30am, on Sunday 13th August. Supporters very welcome!

There are good facilities in the reconditioned Football Pavilion, and on the Playing Field.

New members and players will be very welcome.

For information about the club, please see: Facebook .. barton mills F.C., and Twitter .. Barton_Mills F.C.'

VILLAGE HALL 'GARDEN'

There is a small garden between the Village Hall and the Lamb Court bungalows, where the children who come to The Rainbow Club, that meets on a Monday morning, can play and enjoy their outdoor play equipment. But if the weather has been damp, this area used to get very muddy and the children could not use it.

So a suggestion was put forward that artificial turf might be the answer. Now, helped by generous donations from the 100 Club and the Burrell Trust, artificial turf has been laid and the children can play happily and stay clean!

This garden area can also be used by people who hire the hall for parties and functions, so that children and others can be outside and be safely away from the car park.

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To take part, cyclists and walkers choose their route and visit as many churches as they wish. Hopefully each person will get sponsors to back their journeys. Half of the money collected will be donated to a nominated church, and half to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

For more information please visit the website shct.org.uk.

Sponsorship forms will be available in Barton Mills church in August. If you cycle, or if you like walking, please do join in!

PEDAL and DRIVE CAR RALLY

This is a rally with a difference! It will be the 5th Pedal and Drive Vintage and Classic Car Tour and Rally to raise funds for Suffolk Historic Churches. The owners of five of Suffolk's most beautiful and important historic houses will open their gates to act as assembly and start points. From there you will set out on a tour across Suffolk's lovely countryside and take in some remarkable churches as you tackle a fiendish church quiz. Finally all cars will join together at the grand rally for tea and prizes.

Details at https://shct.org.uk/pedal-drive-car-rally.

If you can, do visit the **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST** website to learn more about the Trust, which was launched in 1973, and about these fundraising events and how you can join in, and to discover more about the many amazing and beautiful churches in our county.



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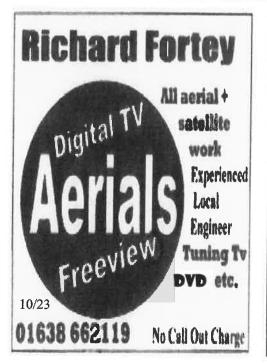
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Following a successful landscaping of the island at the entrance to the village with planting and a new village sign we are now considering similar projects.

Over the summer we would welcome ideas from you, the community. We want suggestions to improve the look of the village. We have limited funds to work with but there is a great idea out there!

Please send any suggestions to: clerk@bartonmills.net

We wish everyone a good summer.