



The BARTON *Miller*

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

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Dear Readers,

As we move into December, Christmas is at the forefront of most people's minds. In this Barton Miller we highlight the church services that mark this very important Christian Festival, especially the Carol Service, with Christingles for the children, at 5pm on Christmas Eve. Everyone is welcome to come to this, whether or not you usually come to church, and the retiring collection will be given to The Children's Society.

But we must also remember that there are those in our parish, and beyond, for whom Christmas is not such a happy time, and try to do what we can to help.

This Barton Miller covers December and January, as the editorial and production team do not actually work over Christmas! So the next edition will be published for February 2025, and copy for this should be with the editors by 20th January, at the latest, please.

But now, we all wish you a Very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins, the Barton Miller Team.

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This will be the following Saturdays - 7th Dec, 2024 and 4 Jan 2025



I loved Mrs. Chapman, and my wife doesn't mind! Mrs Chapman was my favourite primary school teacher. As she was German, she taught us some songs from her childhood, including Silent Night. Silent Night was written in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars, by an Austrian Catholic Priest, Joseph Mohr, and set to music by the parish organist Franz Gruber, although voices and guitar were used because the organ had been destroyed by flooding. The carol quickly became famous in Austria and Germany and then around the world. Written in a time of turmoil, war and natural disaster it speaks of that calm and peace which Christians believe is the heart of the Christmas story. When I first learnt the carol, that meant nothing to me. I had no religious faith as a child. I just liked the words, the tune, and of course loved Mrs Chapman. However, when I became an adult and a Christian, the words also became meaningful. I now had an experience in my own life of *heavenly grace*. *Christ the Saviour* was no longer just a phrase but a reality for me personally. In life's ups and downs, I have learnt and continue to learn to trust in the Saviour who brings his calm and hope into my life.

Since 1816, Silent Night has continued to be sung through all the turmoil our world has gone through since, because it speaks of a reality beyond that turmoil and which can sustain us in our own daily lives – a hope which starts now and lasts into eternity.

In our world of turmoil do you have that calm and hope? Is it something you are seeking to find? Would you like to know how the words of Silent Night and the other carols are more than traditional anthems for a festive season?

If so, then join us for the Hope Explored course in 2025. This is a short course of three sessions where we will look together at the message at the heart of Christmas – of the baby Jesus who was born and died to give us hope. We start on Tuesday 7th January at 9:30am at St. Peter's, West Row and on Thursday 9th January at 7:30pm at the Church Rooms at St. Mary's, Barton Mills. Come and find hope.

Mark McCaghrey.

Team Vicar of Lark and Lee Group in the Forest Heath Team Ministry.

St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Elected Members

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To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Tony Potts.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Rodney Knight and
Peter Alder

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Lewis, 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



COFFEE MORNINGS

**EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 TO NOON IN
THE CHURCH ROOM**



ALL VERY WELCOME

CHURCH SERVICES
DECEMBER 2024 and JANUARY 2025

Sunday 1st December **ADVENT SUNDAY**

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th December

9.30am Morning Worship

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 15th December

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd December

9.30am Morning Worship

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm CAROL SERVICE with CHRISTINGLES for CHILDREN

11.30pm at WORLINGTON and at WEST ROW

MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 25th December **CHRISTMAS DAY,**

10am FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 29th December, **COVENANT RENEWAL.**

9.30am **GROUP SERVICE**, Holy Communion, at Barton Mills

Sunday 5th January, **THE EPIPHANY**

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th January

9.30am Morning Worship

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 19th January

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th January

9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 2nd February, **Candlemas**

9.30am Holy Communion

All are welcome to join us at these Services

CHRISTMAS EVE at BARTON MILLS CHURCH **5pm CAROL SERVICE with CHRISTINGLES**

The Carol Service will, once again, be the special Christmas event in our church. There will be a great selection of carols to sing, and there will be Christingles for the children, with singing by candlelight. The retiring collection will be for The Children's Society, with the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation if you are able to. Please do come, and, if you can, bring your friends and family too, so that everyone can welcome Christmas together.

**EVERYBODY WILL BE WELCOME AT THIS SERVICE
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL**



CHRISTMAS FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS



FOR SALE Saturday 14th December
10am-Noon
In the Church Room

Lovely inexpensive arrangements, proceeds to CHARITY.

Please come along – Coffee available!

**Made as usual by the Saturday Morning Flower Ladies
to raise funds for Charity**



Christmas 2024 at ST. MARY'S, BARTON MILLS

Tuesday 24 December 2024 (Christmas Eve) at 5:00 PM

✦ Carol Service with Christingle

Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day) at 10:00 AM:

✦ Family Holy Communion

Sunday 29 December at 9:30 AM:

✦ Holy Communion with Covenant Renewal

Sunday 5 January 2025 (The Epiphany) at 9:30 AM

✦ Holy Communion

Also at other churches in the Lark and Lee Group on
Christmas Eve, Midnight Holy Communion at All Saints',
Worlington or St. Peter's, West Row at 11:30 PM.



HOPE|EXPLORED

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Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, **HOPE EXPLORED** is a place for you to discover the hope of a future that is better than you could ever imagine.

Running here in January 2025, in two locations:

Tue 7th, 14th, 21st - 9:30-11:00 @ **St Peter's West Row**, or

Thu 9th, 16th, 23rd - 19:30 - 21:00 @ **Church Rooms,
St. Mary's, Barton
Mills**

For more information contact Mark McCaghrey on 01638 495001 or mark.larkandlee@outlook.com.

No booking required. Just come along.



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



What a difference **light** makes. Some might disagree but I think we are fortunate in this village to have an excellent **lighting system**. Of course there are some dark areas and they are obvious to those people who reside close to them. However, wherever we are, whatever we do, we are always happy to live in an area where the **light shows us the way!**

2000 years ago, **"LIGHT"** came into the world in the form of a tiny baby. That baby of course is much celebrated this time of the year and **His name is Jesus**. What a thrill it was for those wise men and the shepherds in Bethlehem to be the first to welcome Him.

We can all have the **privilege of being light sharers**, powered by the Holy Spirit. We are designed to live as **radiant beacons of God's everlasting hope and unconditional love**. Every good deed, kind smile, gentle word of encouragement and heartfelt prayer produces a **beaming reminder of God's faithfulness and His unconditional and life transforming love** as recorded in Matthew 5 v 14-16. **Wherever God leads us, and however we serve Him, we can be used by Him to help others shine His light.** As God, by His Spirit, provides the true illumination, we can reflect the **light and love of His presence**.

**The Word of God provides the light, we need to see the way
It shows us what we need to know, so we won't go astray.**

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Chapel, to wish you ALL a very Happy Christmas and trust you will have a very Blessed New Year.

F. A. RUTTERFORD

You are warmly invited to attend a Service with us at The Chapel, on the Street, any Sunday at 3 p.m. You may also arrange for us to visit you for an informal chat about Spiritual matters, or for Prayer. Telephone: 01638 713892.

E-Mail: sweetarrpeace@yahoo.co.uk

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

CHURCH LANE VACANT PROPERTY

A property was recently made available on our Church Lane exception site. The parish council had concerns about the lack of effective advertising of this property. We intervened to ensure that priority for occupation went to persons with a village connection.

The property was successfully allocated to a parishioner. We are aware that another property on the same site may become available in the future. At such time we will seek to advertise more effectively so those with a village connection may have priority.

Our Church Lane site as well as any future “exception site” development is for village people first and foremost.

We will advertise any available properties on our website, Facebook page and in our noticeboards.

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The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 3rd December, Tuesday 7th January and Tuesday 4th February, all 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 at the relevant item. 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:

Chairman: Neil Horne, 07590 672963

Clerk: Naomi Alecock, clerk@bartonmills-pc.gov.uk

Website: www.bartonmills-pc.gov.uk Facebook and Nextdoor: Barton Mills Parish Council

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**

Nov 2024

£30 29 M Spurling

£20 216 C J Powell

£10 60 A E Low

£10 99 J W Stirges

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 !!

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MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

**The Museum opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Saturday 2 - 4 pm; Friday 10.30 - 4pm**

**Please note the last day of opening before we close for the short winter break
will be 14th December 2024.**

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY



Upcoming Society Talks:-

December - No meeting

Thursday 9th January 2025 - AGM followed by a talk by Kevin Boardman - The Kitchen, the most important room in the house?

Talks are held at the Museum 7.30 pm refreshments available.

Members £2 non-members £4 Annual Membership £10



**ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS,
PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST**



Dear Everyone,

With the sudden and very decisive arrival of Winter, we would like to take this slightly early opportunity to wish all of you: readers of the Barton Miller, our generous friends, and Preservation Trust members, all the best for the festive season, and hope you have a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

We will be inviting you to a Spring Annual General Meeting, in March 2025 and will combine our meeting with a talk from a speaker with expertise in an area of interest to us all: land agency! Hot and cold refreshments and light snacks will be served during the evening.

The committee are still in the process of looking at ways that we can make our organisation the most effective for supporting our church PCC in fundraising for their necessary projects. We want to do what is best for helping out with useful amounts of funds, in the areas where improvements are most needed, to keep the Church central to the activities of villagers, as well as keeping both the building itself and historically important decorative items in good order.

We should be in a position to give you more information about our progress on this issue in the new year, via a letter that will go to all members.

Thank you very much to all who attended our Autumn Quiz, and helped us to raise £423 overall. Thanks to Karen for fielding the refreshments, and to Jackie for managing the raffle, which contributed strongly to the success of the evening!

Warmest Wishes to you all,
Liz, Secretary; Christine, Chair ; Ros, Treasurer, and the Officers of the committee

Barton Mills Ladies Club

Report of November 2024 Meeting

Last year in November, Carol Davies came to our meeting for us to make Christmas cards. This year she made a welcome return for us to make Christmas arrangements.

We could choose to make our creations in a terracotta pot or on a piece of bark. Carol had brought with her a huge selection from which we could choose. There was a variety of greenery and dried grass, bows, ribbons, candles, and lots of glittery bits and pieces. It was difficult to choose. The ladies got busy with their masterpieces and were so engrossed, that there was very little chattering going on.

It was a lovely afternoon and now everyone has made a start on their Christmas preparations with a beautiful table arrangement.

Our next meeting, in December, is our Christmas lunch which is for members only.

Our first meeting of 2025 will be on Tuesday 14th January and our speaker will be Kevin Boardman. He will tell us about "The most important room - The Kitchen.

Why not join us at 2.p.m. in the Village hall to find out more.

Do you remember when....?

In Mildenhall the butcher was Mr. Butcher, Mr. Bloom was the florist, Mr. Watts was the electrician, Mr. Blackman was the chimney sweep, Rev. Parsons was the Methodist minister and Stiles shop sold clothes. If so, you'd love to read **A SMALL MARKET TOWN, Memories of Mildenhall in the Early 1950s**. Even if you are aren't old enough or haven't lived in the area for long, you are sure to find this book of interest. Written by Maureen Bloom and illustrated by many photos, it can be purchased (£7) at Mildenhall Museum.

Don't forget that the Museum also has other publications, including about The Great Air Race, and several for children, as well as useful items (torches, key rings, tea towels etc).



Please come along and support



***THE BARTON MILLS
GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME***

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
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Saturday 7th December 2024 10am to Midday

BARTON MILLS VILLAGE HALL

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT LA HOGUE, CHIPPENHAM
WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER NOW FULLY BOOKED

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No meeting December.

Tuesday 28th January 2025

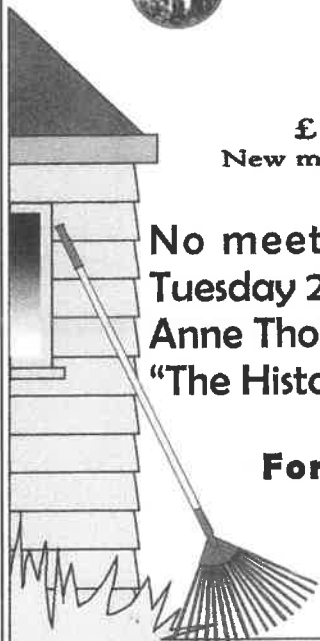
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AUTUMN FAIR, SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BARTON MILLS

THANK YOU, to everyone who supported the Autumn Fair in the church on 26th October. The stall holders set up a cheerful array of things to sell, and it was good to see the display of paintings from the newly formed Art Club. We all enjoyed the refreshments, with the freshly baked scones from Jack providing a tasty treat. The St Nicholas Hospice Shop sold lots of Christmas Cards on their stall – and if you didn't buy them at the Autumn Fair, you can get them now at their Charity Shop in Mildenhall. We look forward to Autumn Fair 2025!

BARTON MILLS CLUB NEWS

KNIT and NATTER

This Group, who meet in the church room every Wednesday afternoon, from 2 to 4pm, are raising useful amounts of money and help for charities, especially St Nicholas Hospice and children in Ethiopia, as well as exchanging friendly chatter and knitting information. Newcomers always welcome.



BOOK CLUB

At the November meeting we discussed the book 'Stop Them Dead', by Peter James. Why are rather macabre murder stories so popular? We didn't have an answer, but agreed that Peter James' book is well written and easy reading, even if a rather horrid story, highlighting some of the problems of dog ownership caused by the covid pandemic.

Future meetings in the winter, in the church room on the second Thursday of each month, will be at 2pm in the afternoon.

At the next meeting, 2pm on 12th December, we shall talk about Simon Reeve's autobiography 'Step by Step'. And members will also be recommending books that they have enjoyed themselves. We shall also try to sort out the programme for 2025, for which the first meeting will be at 2pm on Thursday, 9th January.

New members always welcome – do just turn up!

More information from Ali (07982 679926)



Barton Mills **Village Hall** *Registered Charity*

The A.G M of the VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

has been arranged for **Monday 27th JANUARY 2025**
7.30pm in the village hall

Members of the public are welcome to the “open” part of the meeting to find out how the hall is getting along.

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If you require further details please contact Secretary -
nancy@bartonmills.com

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NATURE NOTES

As I write this piece the temperature has plummeted with heavy frosts predicted. This made me think about migration and hibernation. Many of our summer breeding birds have moved south for the winter and their place has been taken by species that breed much farther North including Iceland, Scandinavia, Northern Europe and even Siberia. Our native mammals are unable to migrate so adopt a different strategy; they either adapt to the colder conditions or hibernate. Only three of our native mammals hibernate – bats, Dormice and Hedgehogs. The remaining smaller mammal species manage to survive by constructing a weather-proof home and supplementing their diet with food collected over the autumn. This includes a group known as Mustelids.

Mustelids in the UK comprise Badgers, Otters, Pine martens, American mink, Ferrets, Polecats, Stoats and Weasels. Otters have made a comeback in Suffolk and can be seen regularly on the River Lark. Fortunately they do not tolerate mink and I'm pleased to report that mink numbers have fallen dramatically in recent years. Ferrets are generally escapees from captivity but do interbreed with Polecats. The good news is that Polecats are now sighted frequently in Suffolk along with increasing numbers of Pine martens. Pine martens are smaller than Otters and do not share their watery habitat. They prefer woodland, coniferous or mixed, but do wander elsewhere.

The Pine marten is fairly common in southern Scotland with a small population in mid-Wales. The size of a small domestic cat, they are dark brown with a yellowish bib and throat, a slim body and long tail. The mink, in contrast, is very dark brown, almost black. Sightings in Suffolk may be the result of unofficial introductions especially as they are a known predator of Grey squirrels! All mustelids are fearsome predators; a couple of years back I witnessed a stoat carry a dead grey squirrel (which presumably

it had killed) about five metres up a large Willow tree and stash it in a large woodpecker hole. It was a struggle for the Stoat as the Squirrel was much larger than it but with dogged determination it succeeded. Please report any sightings of Pine martens or Polecats to Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

With Christmas fast approaching we start to 'deck the halls' with greenery which generally tends to be Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe. A woodland known as The Hollies, Lord's Hill, Snailbeach, Shropshire has a stand of Holly trees, many of which are three or four hundred years old. In fact, prior to the Nineteenth Century a Christmas tree would have been a Holly and not a conifer as is popular today. Christian symbolism connected the spiny leaves with Jesus' crown of thorns and the red berries became associated with drops of blood shed for human salvation. Holly was originally grown as a winter fodder crop for livestock (tough mouths)! Its wood is also hard, white and close-grained which makes it ideal for marquetry, parquetry and for making tool handles.

Because it is evergreen, Ivy is also decorative. It is poisonous to cats, dogs and horses and mildly poisonous to humans. Its winter flowers are a valuable nectar source for insects that venture out on sunny days whilst its berries also provide food for birds and mammals. There is also a good deal of mythology attached to Ivy; it was dedicated to Osiris the goddess of motherhood in Ancient Egypt and later to Bacchus and Dionysus, the gods of wine in Rome and Greece respectively. In Ancient Greek marriages Ivy was often presented to the bride and groom as a symbol of devotion, fidelity and loyalty. Ivy is still used in bridal bouquets today but few people will be aware of its ancient symbolism.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Ken Venus.





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BARTON MILLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Barton Mills FC went into November's fixtures starting off against Thurston FC with a 9-0 away win. With goals from Kieran Hayden, Ben Stucky and a hat trick from Olly Hollands, the Mills were cruising after two big wins and looking good for their crucial tie against Risby Greens on 17th November. After a great start in the first half against Risby with goals from Olly Hollands and Liam Garret the Mills were 2-0 up at half time showing complete dominance. The Mills came out at half time looking to seal the deal but after a regrettable mistake from the keeper, the Mills opened the door for a well earned come-back, to disappoint the Mills and earn a 3-2 home win for Risby FC. This was really hard to take after complete domination of the first half but the Mills will be back fighting for promotion to league 2, against Red Lodge FC on 24th November.

Barton Mills fixtures for November and December are against Red Lodge FC (24/11/24) home fixture, league.
Playford FC (1/12/24) away fixture, county cup.
Stradbroke FC ((8/12/24) away fixture, league.
Mendlesham FC (15/12/24) away fixture, league.
On 19/01/2025 the home game is Barton Mills FC v Thurston FC.





Good Neighbour Scheme The Season of Goodwill to All

“A time to think of family, friends and neighbours”

As we approach the Yuletide we busy ourselves preparing to meet the expectations that go with the giving of presents and the sharing of good food and camaraderie with family and friends. However, we should also reflect on how others around us are faring at this time and through the Good Neighbour Scheme perhaps we can help to reduce the loneliness of those of our neighbours who may be preparing to spend Christmas alone. Our thanks go to all of our volunteers who give freely of their time and support to meet the needs of our neighbours through the Good Neighbour Scheme throughout the year.

The Good Neighbour Scheme will be holding a **Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th December 2024 from 10.00am until 12.00 midday**. We will be serving teas, coffees and cakes all free of charge so do come along and enjoy this community get-together. If you need transport to get to the Village Hall do please let us know.

Our usual range of support services continue to be available during this time and going forward. 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.

Merry Christmas to Barton Mills
and a Happy and Safe New Year in 2025



What's on in Freckenham at the village hall or Church if specified.

New website Freckenham Village Hall (freckenham-pc.gov.uk)

Monday Meet Up at the Village Hall 2 – 3.30pm. Free event but donation appreciated. Sometimes a carpet bowls mat &/or table tennis table is there for people to have a go.

First Friday of Month Film Night 6th December, A Twist on “A Christmas Carol” filmed in 2020 when we had Covid lockdowns and then restricted theatre/cinema visits! This version of “A Christmas Carol” offers an immersive, theatre-like experience for families, inside a children's paper theatre. Illustrated characters come to life and the cardboard scenery blends with real sets. Stars Martin Freeman as Bob Cratchit. £7 per person free popcorn. Doors & Bar 7pm, film 7.30pm.

Coffee & Carols Monday 9th Dec from 2.30pm Free event donation appreciated for Freckenham village hall maintenance.

St Andrews Church Sunday 22nd Dec Carol Service at 6pm.

All welcome, mulled wine & mince pies after service.

First Friday of Month Film Night 3rd January film tbc

Farmers Market with some Crafts 25th Jan 10 – 12 noon, free entry, refreshments available. TFM Meat, Plantation Farm Fruit & Veg + plants, Pies, Bread & baking, honey, preserves, cards, jewellery and more to confirm. **No market in December**

An afternoon Beetle Drive Sun 2nd Feb 2025, perhaps a Table Top Sale soon too!

Weekly events some take a break so check new village website <https://freckenham-pc.gov.uk/>. Wednesday weekly Tumblotots sessions! Fun physical play programme for under 5's, divided into age groups Term Time Only. Contact Fran on 07979 757 202 or fran.badcock@tumblotots.com, for more details and to book. We have a new 6pm Pilates class! Follow us on Facebook Freckenham Film Night, FreckenhamVH & Freckenham, Suffolk Community Group.

Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year to you all.

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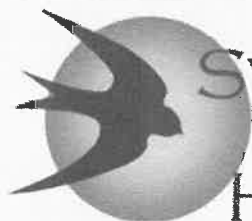
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