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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the February 2022 edition of the Barton Miller. As this is the first edition of the year, may we wish you a happy, and hopefully, healthy year? It does seem as if the threat of covid is fading slightly, so we are looking forward to plenty of interesting and sociable happenings. The Parish Council and other organisations in the village are preparing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, and regular meetings of other groups are starting up again.

We are also looking forward to an interesting year on the Barton Miller. It will be good to include more articles of local interest, such as the one in this issue from Danny Pearson about his books. If you have anything that you would like to write about, please do let us know.

Yours sincerely, Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins.

**Copy for the March Barton Miller should be with the Editors
by 20th February, please.**

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St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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Tel. 01638 718801. Mobile 07887 964821
e mail david.j.everett24@gmail.com

Your Church Representatives:

Churchwardens: Dave and Jo Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328;

Elders: Colin Brotherton; Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council **Elected Members**

Secretary: Diana Knight, The Manor, Barton Mills, IP28 6BL. Tel 711274. To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Tony Potts.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Rodney Knight and Peter Alder

Other PCC Members : Linda Jenkins, Frances Lewis and Sandra Woollard.

Mothers Union

Next Meeting - Suspended for the time being.
(Usually the 3rd Monday every month - varying venues)



There is also a **Prayer Chain** for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others.
Please ring **Colin Brotherton 713440.**

COFFEE MORNINGS.

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ALL VERY WELCOME





Services at St Mary's Church, Barton Mills

Sunday, 30th January 9.30am Group Holy Communion
Service

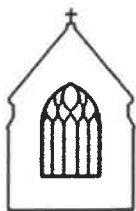
Sunday 6th February 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th February 9.30am Sunday Celebration
5pm Healing Service

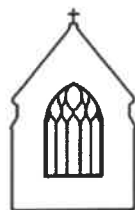
Sunday 20th February 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th February 9.30am Sunday Celebrations

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, 7pm Group Holy
Communion Service at West Row church.



ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST



We are looking forward to an active year for the Trust, and hope to be able to enjoy more sociable events now that the threat of Covid is beginning to recede. The programme is still in its early stages, but the Felix Simpson and Terry Adams Band has been booked for Friday evening, 3rd June as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The electrical work in the church has been completed. All the wiring has been checked and the floodlights outside have been updated, and the lighting on the paths outside has been improved.

The nest boxes for swifts are all in place and we are hoping that some of the birds will decide to make their homes in our church tower.

There are now eight Trustees for this organisation, but we very much need someone who will take on the financial duties of Treasurer. At this time of year we ask for donations from all those who support the Trust, so there is some banking to do, and then various payments have to be made, and the accounts have to be kept, but, hopefully, there is someone out there who might do this?

Any suggestions for fund raising activities will be very welcome. The chief purpose of the Trust is to help maintain the 900 year old historic building that is the centre of our village. It is a beautiful and welcoming building, and a peaceful place for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about the Trust, please contact the Chairman, Dave Traher, 01638 718328, e mail dtraher@icloud.com or Frances Lewis (secretary), 01638 713155, e mail frances_lewis11@hotmail.com



If we are able to get the Barton Miller to you on time please, do offer your support to the Village Hall Committee.

We have our A.G.M on Monday 31st January 2022, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

We would love to welcome new trustees.

What's on in Freckenham

Along with the regular weekly events in the Village Hall, the monthly Farmer's Market is due to take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 29th January 2022 10.00 to noon and we also have an evening session of Bingo after the market. For more details see the Village Hall website.

The February Farmer's Market takes place on Saturday 26th .

<https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>.

We are on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



We live in a world of **signs and slogans**. The entrance to one village not far from here is **marred by signs**. I think often when there are so many they lead to more confusion than help. Nowadays, it seems it's **not necessary to be able to spell**, there's a new requirement if you want to be in the "know" you now need a good knowledge of the "**texters**" vocabulary. A **few** of my Christmas thank you letters this year were far different than those a few years back as I used my mobile phone – "**Faith thankx u 4 the luvly pressies. Hope u r well.**" Of course this shorthand language has been around a long time - a Bury St. Edmunds church constantly used their **Wayside Pulpit by reminding passersby something was missing – CH--CH!**

The texts, signs and slogans we use today give us a message which we must follow and take notice of. **God in His Word provides us with thousands of short, sharp slogans, better known as PROMISES.** I thought the following were worth printing for us all to claim as we enter another year:

GOD'S PRESENCE – "I will never leave thee" (Heb 13 v 5).

GOD'S PROTECTION – "I am thy shield" (Genesis 15 v 1).

GOD's POWER – "I will strengthen thee" (Isaiah 41 v10).

GOD's LEADING – And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them" (John 10 v 4)

GOD's REST – "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, I will give you rest" (Matthew 11 v 28).

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS – "The Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake" (1 Samuel 12 v 22).

GOD'S GUIDANCE – "The meek will He guide" (Psalm 25 v 9) and finally, one of the best

GOD's WISE PLAN - "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8 v 28)

What a promising New Year we can enjoy if we read these verses each morning and night during 2022. Due to the pandemic we are only able to meet at the Chapel at 3p.m. Why not join us, you will be made most welcome.

F. A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

The SID which is owned by the Parish Council is rotated between three positions in the village, Worlington Road, Church Lane and Mildenhall Road, and records the speed of vehicles travelling on these roads. The SID encourages road users to slow down creating safer roads in our Parish.

The SID is moved every two weeks by volunteers from the village. The Parish Council are looking for more volunteers to help move the SID, if you could spare an hour on a Saturday or Sunday, once every month or every two months, please contact the Parish Council clerk who will put you in contact with the volunteers and you can find out more about what is involved and how you can help.

STREET LINK

There has been increased reports of rough sleepers in the area. If you are concerned and believe someone over the age of 18 is sleeping rough you can inform StreetLink. StreetLink will then pass this information on to the local authority or outreach service to help find the individual and connect them to support.

StreetLink can be contacted on 0300 500 0914 or via their website <https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>

If you believe the person is under 18, then please contact the police.

MALLARDS BRIDGE

The Parish Council are pleased to report that the new bridge has now been installed and is open.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 1st February and Tuesday 1st March at 7:30pm**. The meetings will be held in the Village Hall unless Government guidance changes.

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: Jodi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841

Website: www.bartonmills.net

Find us on Facebook and Nextdoor: Barton Mills Parish Council

All over 50s Welcome

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday **2nd February 2022** at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Martyn Roper will tell us about underground in St Edmunds

The following meeting will be on **Wednesday 16th February 2022** at 2.00pm in the Village Hall when Anne Datsun will inform us of the history of Royal Copenhagen China.

Refreshments to follow

We look forward to seeing you all and welcoming new members. Subscriptions now due. Existing members £5/New members £10

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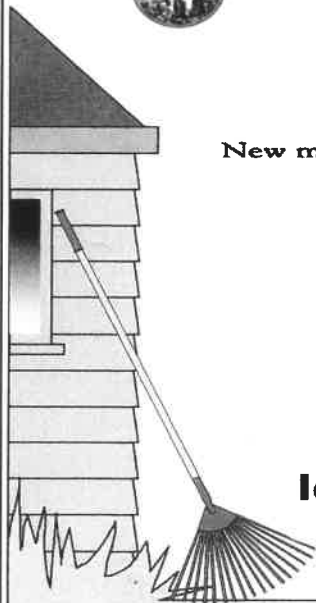
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The purpose of the Barton Mills 100 Club is to raise funds by operation of lotteries and draws to contribute to projects and/or organisations within the parish of Barton Mills for the general benefit of the people of Barton Mills.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Dec 21

£30	56	A E Lowe
£20	68	C Handcock
£10	171	L Bonus
£10	18	S Spurling

100 CLUB WINNERS

Jan 22

£30	192	D Grinling
£20	86	S Whitton
£10	91	J Miller
£10	29	C Spurling

The Dec £150 prize was won by N Wilson

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

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



MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

Mildenhall and District Museum.

The brief AGM will be held at the Museum at 2.30 pm on
THURS. FEB.3rd followed by a talk about the KINGS OF
MILDENHALL by Ray King.

Members and potential members all welcome.

Report - It was decided not to hold a meeting in January in light of the growing Covid infection rate, so no report for January.

Next Date for a meeting Tuesday 8th February 2022

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Good Neighbour Scheme

- heralding Spring along with Snowdrops and Lambs

Well, we have survived the excesses of Christmas and the New Year (even COVID/Omicron limitations) and now we can look forward to all that 2022 can bring for us. As snowdrops force their way through the ground and new lambs breathe their first, there is a sense of preparation for the year ahead. Those annual jobs that we face and those that we have all been trying to put off are now on the horizon. New Year's resolutions to fulfil!

Amongst our neighbours there are villagers who need a little help to achieve their needs at this and other times during the year. The Good Neighbour Scheme has a wonderful and dedicated group of volunteers who have come forward to offer help in a variety of ways to support their neighbours through the Scheme, whether it be through befriending/calling in for chats; helping with one-off garden tidy-ups for villagers unable themselves to beat back the march of the weeds or any of the other list of services that the Scheme offers. Please see our advertisement in this edition of the Barton Miller.

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. We are always pleased to hear from potential new volunteers and if this is something that you would like to consider doing, then please contact us on our telephone number or at our e-mail address – see above.

GARDEN BIRDS.

Anyone who provides food for the birds will no doubt have many customers either on the feeders or picking up food on the ground. Likely species include various tits (blue, great, coal, marsh, long-tailed), robins, blackbirds, chaffinches, greenfinches, nuthatches, wrens, dunnocks with jackdaws, starlings, wood pigeons and feral pigeons also taking any opportunity for an easy snack.

If you have a wide open space with a mature tree or tall posts nearby you might see a buzzard perched, ready to dive onto a smaller bird. There is at least one around the village – an immature bird as indicated by an area of white feathers on its chest. If you usually see a lot of birds but then look out and see none it may indicate that the buzzard has taken up an observation post. Such was the situation a few days ago when the buzzard swooped down to the grass and pulled up and ate an earthworm. A very light snack but better than nothing.

HAVE YOU ANY BIRD BOXES? Instructions for making them can be found on line from various organisations and in books. Now is the time to have them ready to put in position.



A Victorian Workhouse

The Lives Of The Paupers

Mildenhall Suffolk

By Danny Pearson

What is the book about?

My book focuses on the Mildenhall Workhouse during the Victorian era - the lives of the poor inmates rather than the building itself.

What inspired you to write this book?

When looking at old Victorian photos, it always amazed me how unchanged Mildenhall Market Place is. People that lived in the town centuries ago would instantly recognise it today. I've often wondered what life was like for those that walked the same streets we walk today and lived in the buildings we still use. In writing this book, I feel I really have travelled back in time and met former residents, people who departed long ago, but I now know them well. I want others to read my book and meet them too.

Are there any former Barton Mills residents in the book?

Yes, each chapter focuses on a different family. Chapter 7 is the life of William Sparkes, a blacksmith from Barton Mills. It's actually one of my favourite chapters, his life had a lot of twists and turns! It also touches on the subject of the Workhouse selling the bodies of the poor who died within its walls. William Sparkes' cousin - Sailsbury Sparkes wrote a poem about his friend - Martha Fletcher - who died in the Workhouse. Her body was sold for medical research before being buried in a mass grave in Cambridge. The poor really didn't own anything, not even their own bodies.

What other local family names feature in the book?

I researched many families that passed through the Workhouse, all worthy of being remembered. However, I only include them if their lives had enough interest to fill a chapter. Family names that do feature are - Jessup, Read, Graham, Morley, Trudgett, Munson, Andrews, Sparkes and Ingle.

Did you make any new discoveries about Mildenhall that you didn't previously know?

Yes, the most interesting of which I believe no-one realised and I won't reveal it here - you will have to read the book. I have discovered what I believe to be an exciting find - a small part of the demolished Workhouse is still present in the town today!

Would you write another book?

Yes. I am currently 20,000 words into a second book - A Market Place Through Time. It focuses on the buildings in Mildenhall Market Place from the time they were built (after the great Mildenhall fire of 1567) up to 2022. It details stories and events from the lives of the shopkeepers that had their businesses in the buildings over time. It's been a massive piece of work, finding these stories and collection photos and images that I believe many people would not have seen before.

Where can we buy the Mildenhall Workhouse book?

The book is available on Amazon or you can buy a signed copy from myself at danny@suffolkhistorybooks.com

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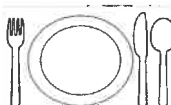
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Scarecrows – Quiz
Music events –Street party

We need volunteers to make this a Community Celebration.

Anyone interested in helping we will be holding a meeting on:
Wednesday 16th February 2022
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