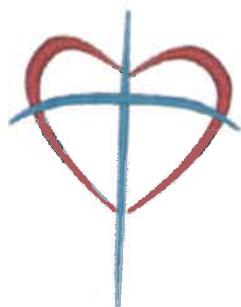




# The BARTON Miller

February 2023



Love is patient, love is kind;  
love is not jealous or boastful;  
love is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own  
way, love is not irritable or  
resentful;

love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in  
the right.

Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.'

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the February 2023 edition of the Barton Miller. At the time of writing, we once again have had a sharp overnight frost, making the outside world a spectacle of white crystals. I hope you, like me are able to venture out in the winter sunshine to perhaps walk along the river Lark. If not, I hope you are all able to keep warm and are looking forward to the coming Spring months.

Please enjoy this month's edition of the Barton Miller, with information on up and coming events in the village. You will see on the back page the Parish Council are looking for ideas on how we can celebrate the King's Coronation in May. Please come forward with your suggestions and ideas and help.

Yours sincerely, Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis

**Copy for the March 2023 edition of the Barton Miller to the editors by 20th  
February 2023 please.**

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**This will be the following Saturdays - 4 February, 4 March, 1 April**

# Vicar's Letter

## **Times and Seasons**

For most of us as each year progresses, we have particular times and dates which are significant to us. There are family birthdays, wedding anniversaries, public holidays and our own times when we have planned to go away on holiday. There will also be sad times when we remember those who we have loved but are no longer with us.

As I write this in the middle of January it doesn't seem long since we were celebrating Christmas. Our churches were full as we remembered the birth of Jesus and all that God gave us through His Son. But as you read this article the Christian Church will soon be starting to remember the events of Holy Week and Easter as the season of Lent, the time of preparation for Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday which this year is on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. As we enter this season, we give thanks that through his death on the cross, using the words from a well-known hymn, "Jesus died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good". And on Easter Day we celebrate that God raised Him from the dead so that we might have life in all its fulness. You are welcome to join us as we travel this journey over the next couple of months.

On a personal note, and following the theme of Times and Seasons, it is time for me to step down as Vicar of St Mary's and the other 3 churches in the Lark & Lee Group. It has been a privilege to serve in these parishes for the last 2 years but it is now time for me to stop and as from the 12<sup>th</sup> February I will be handing over the reins to the Rev'd Chris Childs, Rural Dean, who will be looking after St Mary's until a new Team Vicar is appointed. You will find his contact details on the St Mary's Church page. I have very much enjoyed my time in the Lark & Lee Group and I will continue to see you occasionally as I lead worship in the churches as part of the retired clergy team.

Rev'd David Everett

Vicar

**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 and Jo 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 and Sandra Woollard.



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## CHURCH SERVICES, FEBRUARY 2023

### SERVICES in BARTON MILLS CHURCH

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Morning Worship

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

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

ASH WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 7pm, Group Service of Holy Communion

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

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Holy Communion

### All are welcome to join us at these Services

**Rev'd David Everett** will finish his two year time as our Parish Priest on 12<sup>th</sup> February. We are grateful to David for his care and service to us all in Barton Mills and the other three churches in our Group.

After 12<sup>th</sup> February **Rev'd Chris Childs**, the Rural Dean, will be looking after us. He can be contacted at All Saints Vicarage, The Street, Gazeley CB8 8RB, Tel. No. 01638 429212, e mail: revcchilds@aol.com.

**WORLD DAY of PRAYER, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Taiwan- an engaging service with stories of faith to encourage and spur prayerful action.

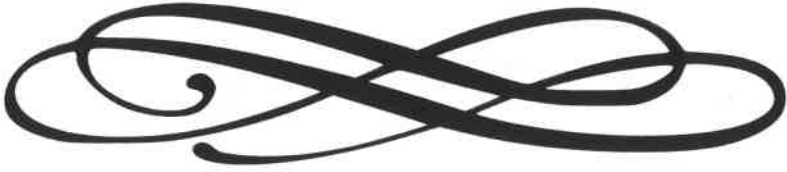
There will be local services on that day at:

10.30am at St.John's Church Hall, Beck Row

12 noon at All Saints Church, Gazeley

2.30pm at Mildenhall Methodist Church, High Street, Mildenhall.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE 2022** The church was filled to overflowing with the congregation at this lovely service. The Christingles were given to the children, who then sang "Away in a Manger" in the candlelight. The offerings received amounted to just over £800 and this is being sent to The Children's Society.



## **CHRISTMAS FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**“The Saturday Flower Ladies would like to thank everyone who bought Christmas floral arrangements from them in the Church Room in December. A total of £280 was raised and sent to Bowel Cancer UK.”**



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# **QUIZ NIGHT**

**7pm FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

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## BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



During **the last days of 2022 and the first few weeks** of 2023 we are given the opportunity to sort things out. **Serious** planning is needed so that the New Year runs as **smooth** as we can make it. Unfortunately my planning is not so good, insurance policies need reviewing, the car needs to be insured and an MOT on the car is essential for the year ahead. **All** of these problems seem to **get me** down and cause me to “WORRY”, so from a personal perspective the preparation of this article has been a great help to me too. **When I** really sum it up and look around there are many others with far more difficult burdens to bear, putting my worries into a greater perspective, making me feel totally ashamed.

One of the pitfalls of living in our troublesome world is that **we can become problem-centered rather than** God –centered. When this happens, we lose the proper perspective. Gradually, **all our problems** begin to look huge and the strength of Almighty God seems small. Instead of moving mountains by faith, **we become constant** worriers, creating mountains of needless pressure for ourselves and others. The Bible says that instead of being weighed down by our concerns we should give them to God. The apostle Peter put it this way “**Cast** all your care upon Him for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5 v 7) and the apostle Paul in Philippians 4 v 6, gives us similar instructions “**Be careful for nothing....**”. Jesus told His disciples not to worry about the necessities of life, because “...**your** Heavenly Father knows that ye have need of all these things...” (Matthew 6 v 32) The way to **forget our worries** is to **concentrate on the** goodness and loving care of God, not on the problems that get us down.

We are barely into 2023 **let's** make a concerted effort not to worry but **face** our coming problems and responsibilities with faith, **trusting God for His grace and provision**. He offers us more than a new perspective

He will renew our strength, and wings of faith will lift our hearts above our difficulties. Psalm 55 v 22 tells us “**Cast** your burden on the Lord and He shall sustain you”. Believe it and worry will lose its grip on your heart”.

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 FOOTBALL CLUB/PAVILION

Barton Mills Football Club has not had a team for a couple of years, and following breaches in the lease agreement there is no longer a Barton Mills Football Club. The Parish Council have now taken control of the pavilion, and are now responsible for all costs involved, which includes insurance, water and electricity costs. The pavilion also requires some urgent repairs to bring it back to a useable standard. The Parish Council would like to ask residents whether there is any interest in setting up a new Barton Mills football team ready for the 23/24 season and therefore take control of the building (once brought back to a useable standard) including all the costs involved. Or whether any residents have any ideas for alternative sporting uses. If you are interested or require further information, please contact the Parish Council clerk before the end of February.

## 2023 LOCAL ELECTIONS

On Thursday 4 May 2023, local elections are taking place across England. **To vote at a polling station, you will now need to bring photo ID.** Many forms of ID are accepted including: Passport; Driving License; Blue Badge; Senior Citizen's Bus Pass. You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date as long as it still looks like you. If you do not have a accepted photo ID then you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline to apply for this for the local elections on 4th May is the 25th April 2023. For more information please visit: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

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**Upcoming Meetings** The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 7th February and Tuesday 7th March 2023.** The meetings will be held 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](mailto:clerk@bartonmills.net) / 07724 737841

**Website:** [www.bartonmills.net](http://www.bartonmills.net)

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**BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.00pm** in the **Village Hall** when **James Middleton** will tell us all about Pearls. On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February** we will meet at **Chippenham Park** for a walk amongst the snowdrops. Meet at **Chippenham Park car park at 1.30pm**. Entry £7, cash only.

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

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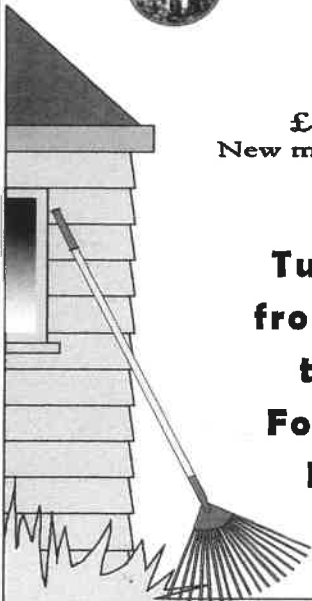
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# BARTON MILLS 100 CLUB

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

Dec 22

£150	97	A Stirges
£30	10.	P Fincham
£20	75	J Evans
£10	79	K Walker
£10	58	L Harvey

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

Jan 23

£30	145	J Peachey
£20	134	D Ashton
£10	192	D Grinling
£10	110	D Smiley

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

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**MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM  
AND MUSEUM SOCIETY**

**MILDENHALL MUSEUM  
will be closed until March.  
Watch this space next month for the  
spring reopening dates and times.**

## **Barton Mills WI Report - Jan 23**

Our first meeting of the New Year was an opportunity for a catch up on holiday activities. After our WI business the ladies had a jacket potato supper followed by a selection of cream cakes, just a few more calories to add to those consumed during the Christmas festivities! This was followed by a few games of 'Beetle' which got quite noisy at times. We ended our evening with our Raffle. A gentle start to 2023.

**There will not be a WI meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. as there is a morning outing for members only.**

Our next meeting in the Hall will be on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30p.m. when our Speaker will be Amanda Sutherland to tell us about her life in the theatre as a costume designer. She also makes jewellery from recycled materials which she will be selling.

Why not come and join us?

**Take a look at our website -  
[www.wibartonmills.weebly.com](http://www.wibartonmills.weebly.com)**

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## NATURE NOTES

- IN PRAISE OF **LACKFORD LAKES**, the nature reserve of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, entrance off the A1101. Apart from being a delightful areas to visit at any time I suspect that many local residents are unaware of the comprehensive range of events held there - something to suit all ages. An event of special interest this month will be the talk on **SWIFTS** by Simon who has been very involved with the facilities for swifts in Worlington church. The lecture room is not very large and I suspect this talk may be for members only. If you are not yet a member of the Trust, find all details on line.

All through the year there are activities for a whole range of age groups e.g.

**Wild Tots** 10-11.30 Some Wednesdays

**Holiday Club** 6-11yr. olds

**Connect** -For adults with learning disabilities, to connect with nature & each other

**Bird Identification walks** led by very knowledgeable leader.

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



Dear Everyone,

We hope all of you have had a lovely time celebrating Christmas and New Year with family and friends and enjoyed the Christingle service in the Church. It was great to see so many families there, filling our beautiful building with singing and light.

The Preservation Trust is looking forward to welcoming you to some exciting events in 2023... Please put the future dates into your diaries!!

We have the Post-Christmas Auction on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of January. We're having a go at something new, selling whatever folks wish to bring along for a 50/50 share, with good company, food, and drinks; 6.00pm onwards in Church. Auction to start at 7.00pm.

An evening with Christopher Garibaldi, formerly director of The National Horseracing Museum, giving us an entertaining lecture in the Church on 'Treasures of the Turf, the Fine and Decorative Art of Horseracing' on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7pm. Tickets will include a complimentary glass of wine, £15 on the door, £12 if you buy in advance from Liz Jarvis, The Flint House, No 1 Church Lane, tel/answerphone: 01638 583728

" 'Treasures of the Turf', looks at the history of horseracing from the late seventeenth century to the modern period through the fine and decorative arts. It examines the development of the sport in this country through its associated cultural material. Using the wealth of paintings, archive material and decorative art objects associated with and depicting the 'Sport of Kings', the lecture takes as its starting point the earliest origins of the sport including the development of Newmarket and the Jockey Club as racing's 'Headquarters' whilst also exploring other influential racing circuits nationally.

Fully illustrated, the lecture lasts about an hour and can also include a question and answer session afterwards." ... Lecture Synopsis: Treasures of The Turf - The Fine and Decorative Art of Horseracing By Christopher Garibaldi "

Our next event will be an evening of music and dancing with the always popular Felix Simpson and Terry Adams duo on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May in Church, kicking off the Bank Holiday weekend of the Coronation of Charles III... Details of tickets to come later.

Warm Wishes to you all, and looking forward to sharing plenty of fun in 2023  
Liz Jarvis, Secretary



## Good Neighbour Scheme – Challenging times ahead

**“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” Coretta Scott King**

The quotation above admirably reflects the compassion of our neighbours in the community of Barton Mills and the eager and willing volunteers that form the Good Neighbour Scheme are keen to assist those people in the Parish who from time to time need their help.

The range of services that we can provide have been well publicised but to ensure that newcomers know that they can call upon our free help, here is a summary: **collecting shopping or prescriptions; technical support (computers, TVs, phones); minor household repairs; one-off garden tidy-ups; form filling and letter writing; emergency meals; light housework; moving furniture; calling in for a chat and help with pets.**

During November our volunteers were busy operating the Warm Welcome scheme that we established in the Church Room. The weather was mild during November and the numbers of villagers coming along to share the comforts and refreshments were few in number. We resumed this initiative in January but again there has been a very limited take-up of the offer of free hot drinks, snacks (sausage rolls, cakes and biscuits), freshly made hot soup and rolls. This has been somewhat disappointing for the fantastic team of volunteers who have given greatly of their time in operating the scheme and their talents in making delicious nutritional soups to help those for whom the hours of a warm room, hot drinks and soup could help with the rising cost of living.

From Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January the Church Room will be open from 11.00am until 3.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays but the service will be kept under review in order to ascertain whether it should continue into February and March if villagers are not requiring it. Alternative Warm Hubs are available at The Mildenhall Hub in Sheldrick Way and at the Pavilion next to the Jubilee Playing Fields in Mildenhall.

Our usual range of support services continue to be available. Those 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](mailto:barton.neighbours@gmail.com) to see if we can help you with your needs.

# What's on in Freckenham

## February 2023

Meet Up MONDAYS temporarily at The Village Hall 2 – 3.30pm free event, we are giving carpet bowls a go at the session too!

First Friday of Month - Film Nights Feb 3rd Classic starring Audrey Hepburn - Breakfast at Tiffany's £7 a person free popcorn. Doors & Bar + themed cocktails with snacks opens 7pm, film 7.30pm. Next film night 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Quiz Night Saturday 11 Feb. Please can each table bring a raffle prize. Doors & Bar open 7pm, quiz starts 7.30pm. Professional Quiz Master Teams up to 6 people – Entry £3 per person – Cash Prizes Book your team or to make a team on 07543 198 933 or FreckenhamVH

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Mildenhall Museum Talk + photos of old Freckenham & Worlington (perhaps you have old photos of Freckenham & Worlington to bring along?), £2 pp & raffle in aid of Museum & Freckenham Village Hall funds. Bar and doors open 7pm for 7.30pm

**Farmers Market with some Crafts 25<sup>th</sup> February.** 10 – 12 noon, many of our regular foody stalls and the ever-changing crafts stalls. Free entry refreshments available. Next one 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Save the Date! **Live Theatre back at the village hall Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** with <https://www.raisingcainproductions.com/last-shot-confess>. A comedy thriller set in a village hall! £10 pp appreciate if you can pre-book (so we know how many chairs to get out!) 07542 198 933. Doors & Bar open 7pm, raffle & performance 7.30pm.

Freckenham Fun Time under 5's group now Weds 10 – 11.30am £3 per family suggested donation with free drink. Also offering this event as a WARM SPACE for anyone to join them for cuppa & chat to come along. FreckenhamVH or Freckenham Community Group Facebook, website or 07542 198 933 for updates. Weekly events are all listed on the website check first if attending for first time or after a break <https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>



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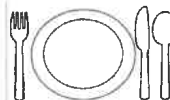
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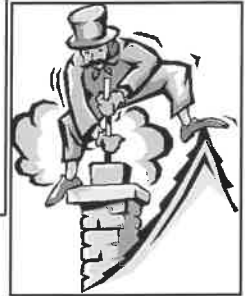
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To celebrate the King's coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 it has been confirmed that an extra bank holiday will take place on

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May,**

in addition to the Early May bank holiday on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

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