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Dear Readers,

As this is our first edition for 2026, the Editors would like to wish you all the very best for the coming year. Let's hope that we are now past the worst of the very cold weather. Already we can see the snowdrops and winter aconites blooming in our gardens, so Spring must be on the way soon!

Please do read about all the activities that are happening in Barton Mills, and, when you can, do join in! Nearly all the Groups and Clubs with entries in this magazine will welcome new members, and if you can't find the information that you need, the Barton Miller Team can usually help!

Please send copy for the March edition of the Barton Miller to the Editors by 20th February – and new entries, perhaps about something that you have enjoyed, or seen, in Barton Mills, will be very welcome.

Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins. Editors

BURY ST EDMUNDS MOBILE LIBRARY VAN DATES (Route 4)

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

This will be the following Saturdays - 28th Feb and 28th Mar.



It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas family activity afternoon on Saturday 6th December and at the Carol and Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.

Now that the Christmas Tree and decorations have been put away for another year, it is easy to think that we are done with everything Christmassy. But may I invite you this year to hang on to Christmas just a bit longer in 2026.

My wife, Fiona, dislikes the dark mornings and dark evenings. This time of the year each morning she leaves in the dark and each evening she gets home in the dark, even though she only works in Brandon. She is therefore pleased that today is a little brighter than yesterday and tomorrow will be brighter than today, with the hope of more hours of daylight to come. This hope keeps her going through the darkest of nights.

At the heart of Christmas is of course the belief that 2000 years ago something significant happened, and that in a dark world the true light was revealed. That's why we have the candle on the Christingle. That's why the reading from chapter 1 of John's gospel was repeated at every Christmas Service "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world".

When things are at their darkest, that's when we need light. 2026 has begun very dark, without a clear sense that things are going to get any easier any time soon. But let's not forget, when the bible was written 2000 years ago the world was no less dark. Those who first read John's words weren't living an easy life and didn't expect everything to work out OK just like that, just as we don't.

But what they did know is that the presence of Jesus in their lives brought light that the world's darkness could not destroy and gave hope that in the future the darkness would be dispelled, just as Fiona has hope that more light is coming as she travels in the dark to and from work. As you enter 2026, do you have that light of Jesus in your life that gives hope in the darkness of our world?

Mark McCaghrey

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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 the church Elder mentioned above



COFFEE MORNINGS

EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 TO NOON IN
THE CHURCH ROOM



ALL VERY WELCOME



BARTON MILLS CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st February Candlemas 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February 9.30am Sunday Celebration
5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 15th February 9.30am Holy Communion

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th February, 7pm Group Service of Holy Communion
at West Row Church

Sunday 22nd February 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 1st March 9.30am Holy Communion

EVERY MONDAY at 9am there is a short service of Morning Prayer.

All are welcome to join us at these Services

BARTON MILLS CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 10am to 4pm.
You are welcome to come in and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

Thank you from the East family.

Heather and her family would like to thank everyone for their care, kindness, cards and prayers following Glynn's recent death.

The family have gained much comfort from all the support they have received and appreciated everyone's attendance at the service of thanksgiving and celebration of his life .

Thank you for the many donations in Glynn's memory and a total of £935 has been raised for "My Wish" charity at West Suffolk Hospital.

Heather East

Thank You

I would like to thank my many friends in the village, who sent me good wishes during my time in The Chantry, in Ipswich, which is a wonderful rehabilitation centre where I was taught how to be self-sufficient. Also, thanks to the people who looked after my dog, and continue to walk her, and continue to be so kind doing the things I can't yet manage at home.

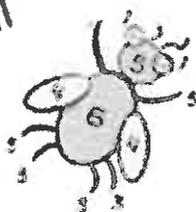
I wish you all a happy new year,
Brenda Morris

Friends of St. Mary's Barton Mills



To be held in the
Village Hall

Saturday 21st February
4.00-6.00pm



Followed by Pizzas
from the woodfired oven of
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Adults £5 entry – children free
All ages welcome from 5 to 95

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Email: friendsofstmarysbm.outlook.com

**?? BARTON MILLS ??
VILLAGE HALL
?? QUIZ ??
FRIDAY 20th MARCH**

**in BARTON MILLS VILLAGE HALL
QUIZMASTER: KEVIN MILLIGAN**

**7pm FISH (or CHICKEN) & CHIP SUPPER
from Handy Plaice – at the door
8pm start of QUIZ**

Come as a team (up to 8 people) or come on your own –
teams can be made up on the night.

RAFFLE PRIZES B.Y.O. DRINKS & TABLEWARE

Tickets: £15 per person, before the night, to include FISH (or CHICKEN
or VEGGIE) & CHIP SUPPER. Gifts of raffle prizes will be very welcome.
Tickets from: Frances Lewis, 11 Church Meadow, Barton Mills,
(01638 713155) e mail: frances_lewis11@hotmail.com
Proceeds to Barton Mills Village Hall Funds.

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

PROGRAMME OF MAINTENANCE PLAYGROUND REPAIRS

We have approved a programme of maintenance for the playground. Improvements will be starting shortly with the replacement of the train with a new piece of equipment. The works will be phased but will see improvements to all play equipment and benches.

EXCEPTION SITE

We have received interest in the proposed properties on the exception site from 18 individuals. This shows that there is still a need for housing and we look forward to this being progressed.

SCC REPORTING TOOL

The quickest way to report issues such as potholes, faded road markings, damaged road signage, faulty street lighting is direct to SCC using their online reporting tool at www.suffolk.gov.uk

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 3rd February and Tuesday 3rd March 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 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:

Clerk: Naomi Alecock, clerk@bartonmills-pc.gov.uk
Website: bartonmills-pc.gov.uk and Facebook: Barton Mills Parish Council



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



I am not in the habit of wishing my life away, however, the other day I was accused of doing just that. I don't think I'm alone in feeling happy that the winter is past although this year has not been too bad. As I look out on my garden in late February, I am 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.** Of course we may still have many cold days still to come, so we fear for their survival. Apparently, scientists tell us, that at early evening the snowdrop's head droops, its petals close and as it does so, it retains some of the daytime warmth. It continues to hold this heat, even when the night air is at its coldest. **God is so good; He looks after all His creation, even supplying the smallest flower with "central heating".**

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.

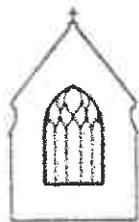
We don't have to travel to far off lands to appreciate the marvels of His creation. In a few weeks time we can all witness this phenomena on our playing fields when the daffodils put on their wonderful display of colour. We can argue that these wonders are simply the operation of the laws of **Nature**, however, just as civil law is the expression of human will, so **natural law is God's wisdom as it works in keeping with His will.** 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

We still meet ever Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. and we would love for you to join us. You will be made most welcome.

F. A. RUTTERFORD, MBE

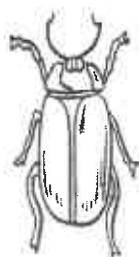
Any questions or home visits, Telephone 01638-713892 or E-Mail sweetpeace@yahoo.co.uk



The Friends of St Mary's Barton Mills

friendsofstmarysbm@outlook.com

As we enter 2026 in our new format, we are looking forward to a year of strong fund-raising and good fun along the way.



**We will be holding a Beetle-Drive
in the Village Hall
on Saturday 21st February 2026,
followed by Wood-Fired Oven Pizzas
available for you to buy from
'The Pizza People' truck.**



**Entry: £5 per adult, children free
The whole event will run from 4-6pm.**

**You do not need to be a child or have children to
come along – suitable for ages 5 to 95 !!**

In other news, you will see us out and about at the Bank Holiday Car Boots, either shaking our buckets at the carpark exit or on the White Elephant table, *for which we would appreciate donated items*. Anyone who would like to help out at those events, please contact us on the email address above.

Looking towards the summer we have a concert of dance music from The Time Traders (aka Paul Bonnett's band) on June 6th.

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**

December 2025

£150	39	P. Homer
£30	63	D. Traher
£20	130	H. Steggles
£10	215	D Powell
£10	60	A. E. Low

January 2026

£50	91	J. Miller
£30	211	T. Corcoran
£20	12	S. Norton
£10	166	R. Oke
£10	67	T. Kerridge

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.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 2 -4 pm;

Friday 10.30 - 4pm

(The Museum CLOSES Dec13th until

Mar 3rd 2026).



MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY TALKS

Thursday 5th February 2:00 (please note the time) AGM followed by talk -
The Kitchen - Kevin Boardman

Thursday 5th March 7:30 pm Uncle Sam's roots in Eastern England by Roger Pugh

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 Feb 24th 2026

7.30pm in the Village Hall

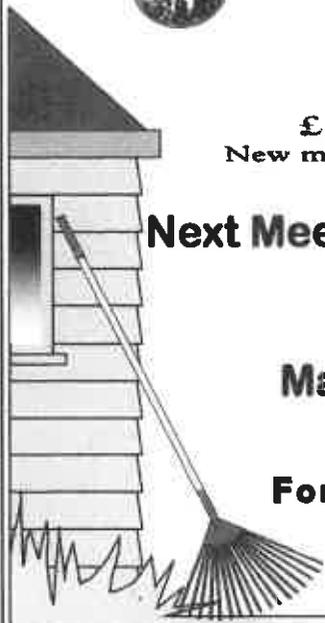
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For more information contact -

Secretary - Zoë Morris

01638 482986.



All over 50s Welcome

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY - MEET AT CHIPPENHAM PARK
FOR A WALK TO SEE THE SNOWDROPS. 2.00pm**

**WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY - JANETTE MILLER WILL BRING
SOME MUSEUM TREASURES FOR US TO EXAMINE. 2.00pm
REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS**

Annual subscription £10 payable in January

Entry £2 members £3 non members

CONTACT ANN JACOBS TEL 01638-510008



As we settle in to 2026, we have hopes and aspirations for our lives and wellbeing in this year, as we plan forward to meet the challenges that life presents us with.

It is sad to reflect on those friends, neighbours and relatives who have been with us as volunteers who have given their time and skills to help their fellow villagers but who have passed on or retired from the Scheme during the past almost nine years that the Scheme has been in operation. We remember the villagers whom we have been privileged to be able to help over that time and who are no longer with us in our wonderful, caring village.

We wish to pay particular regard to the incredible life and work of our Scheme Treasurer, Glynn East, who in his various roles within the life of the village over more than 50 years has helped to provide invaluable support to the community in many ways. It is with sadness that we in the Good Neighbour Scheme reflect on Glynn's passing in late November 2025 and our thoughts are with his widow, Heather, who has been and remains a stalwart of the village in a number of ways, including as a volunteer with the Scheme.

Please remember that the Good Neighbour Scheme belongs to the Barton Mills community and we are here to help in the ways that our advert in this magazine sets out. I would like to remind readers that 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** to see if we can help you with your particular needs.

Peter Alder, Chair

Barton Mills Ladies Club

Ladies Club – Report of January Meeting

Jason Middleton made a welcome return with a talk on Pearls. His talk was most informative and light hearted.

He told us that gems fall into two categories - organic and mineral and pearls fall into the organic group along with amber, jet and coral. Pearls have been used to decorate and adorn for thousands of years. Pearls are found inside molluscs, oysters and mussels. A pearl is formed when the sea creature is irritated by an uncomfortable foreign object in the shell, perhaps a piece of grit and begins to cover it with mother of pearl or nacre. Pearls take a considerable time to form and are known as natural pearls, they are now rare and extremely expensive. Such was the demand for natural pearls that they were superseded by cultured pearls when an irritant is introduced to the mollusc or oyster, in the form of a small 'button'. Today, there are now pearl farms in many countries Indonesia, Japan and French Polynesia to name but a few. In the past collecting the pearls was hazardous work and many lost their lives. Gradually, over time, more and more safety measures were put into place. Pearls come in many colours and shapes and all are beautiful.

One of our members celebrated her 100th birthday at the beginning of January so we carried on with the celebrations with a birthday cake, a bouquet of flowers and a card made especially for the occasion.

Our next meeting is at 2 pm on **Tuesday, February, 10th** in the village hall when Susan Widlake will talk about 100 years of hat making.

Why not come along and join us.

**CHRISTMAS FLORAL
ARRANGEMENTS**



Thank you!

Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported the sale of
our Christmas Floral Arrangements in the Church Room
in December.

The Money raised was a magnificent £345
which has been donated to

The ALZHEIMERS RESEARCH charity

Thanks again from the Saturday Flower Ladies



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BARTON MILLS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

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Well, it was a big surprise when we woke up to deep snow on the 5th of January, just before the Twelfth Day of Christmas. After a series of mild winters, a bit of snow was a welcome sight. The snow didn't stay long but the cold snap remained, with temperatures falling to minus 7 at times. This was an opportunity for wildlife watching; visitors to Lackford Lakes were treated to good views of a Water rail skating on the ice on the pond. There has also been a good Starling murmuration at Lackford with 5-6,000 birds seen. Garden bird feeders were also busy with high numbers of Goldfinches, Redpolls and Siskins, even one or two Bramblings.

Berried bushes are a lifeline for birds and small mammals during cold weather. Native trees like Hawthorn, Holly and Rowan have abundant berries but non-natives such as Cotoneaster and Pyracantha are also good. The berry crop seems to be particularly good this winter, not that they will last too long!

Have you seen any deer recently? I have received several reports of herds of deer, especially Red deer, wandering our area. On the 14th of January we saw a decent sized herd of Red deer just North of the A14 at Risby. It mainly comprised stags with their magnificent antlers; truly a sight to behold. The British population is around 350,000 with only about 12,000 in England so we are honoured to have good numbers locally. Their rut, or mating season, takes place in late autumn and calves are born in May or June. A good rutting site is Ickworth Park near Horringer.

Deer are featured prominently in folklore; they appear in many of Shakespeare's works but also in numerous other literary pieces. This should be no surprise given the nature of the beast. If you are fond of English pub names then you will also find references to deer quite common: The Roebuck, The Stag and the White Hart to name but three. Sir Francis Drake even changed the name of his ship from The Pelican to The Golden Hinde!

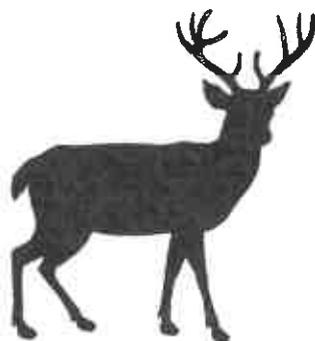
With spring not far away, we are now seeing Snowdrops and Winter Aconites beginning to flower. On warm days, a few butterflies may emerge. Comma, Peacock, Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell

are the most likely as some of these generally overwinter. Early flowering plants are a valuable nectar source; garden favourites such as *Sarcococca* (Christmas box), *Viburnum Bodnantense* and *Viburnum Tinus* should still be flowering in February.

Frog and Toad spawn can generally be found this month. Frogs from the local population appear in ponds to spawn but toads migrate from further afield to return to their favourite sites. Watch out for Toads crossing the road! Once the tadpoles have matured into tiny frogs and toads you may see lots of them hopping around your garden! They are food for many predators but some of them will survive.

Back to the birds, and a surprising number of species start their breeding cycle in February. Crossbills, with their appropriately named crossed mandibles, can start nesting as early as December. This is no accident; they time breeding to coincide with the availability of pine kernels which they extract with their crossed bills. If there is insufficient food, they will not nest. However, they are not deterred by cold weather. I have seen photographs of female Crossbills sitting on eggs whilst covered in snow! The nestlings are also adapted to cope with cold; if the parents have trouble finding food, they can go into torpor to reduce energy expenditure. Crossbills nest high up in pine trees, often a Douglas fir, and breed in Thetford Forest most years. They are difficult to find but, by listening for their "Jip! Jip!" calls, you may find them.

Happy wildlife watching. Ken Venus.





BARTON MILLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Barton Mills FC went into the Christmas period with games against Rattlesden FC, Mendlesham FC and Stradbroke FC .

Barton Mills were successful on their visit to Rattlesden scoring 4 goals in the second half to secure a 4-1 win, with goals from Kieran Hayden and Greig Dowding. The Mills then went to a tough Mendlesham FC looking to remain top of the table. The Mills took an early lead but soon found themselves 1-1 just before the break . But then the Mills took control, finishing the game 4-2, with goals from Calum Drain, Lewis Stevens and Olly Hollands.

Barton Mills then went to Stradbroke FC where they won the league last season, with hopes of doing the same and winning the league title for a second year running. The Mills were unfortunate to concede an early goal, going 1-0 down, but pulled it back to 1-1 just before half time. The Mills came out flying in the second half and were unfortunate not to score after many attempts. After what seemed like some terrible refereeing the ref blew for a free kick for Stradbroke and they scored to make it 2-1. The Mills battered Stradbroke for 30 minutes trying everything to equalise and finally found the net, to make it 2-2, only for the linesman to flag for offside. The game ended 2-1 to Stradbroke with the Mills now needing Stradbroke to draw one of their remaining games for us to win the title.

Remaining fixtures:

24th January Barton Mills v Rattlesden FC, at home, 10:30 ko,
League fixture

1st February Mendlesham FC v Barton Mills, away 10:30 ko,
County cup quarter final



CLUB NEWS

KNIT and NATTER GROUP

As well as knitting and exchanging news; we are supporting two charities. As a result of our Christmas fundraising we have sent £137 to the St Nicholas Hospice, and also, we have sent 4 warm jumpers to Meseret, which supports mothers and babies in Etheopia. The Knit and Natter Group continues to meet in the church room every Wednesday afternoon from 2 till 4 o'clock.

This is a very friendly group – not everyone knits – and new members are always very welcome. More information from *Alison Swift 07982679926*.

SOCIAL ART GROUP

This is a small friendly Group who meet every Friday evening from 7pm to around 9pm in the church room.

It is a low-key and sociable evening and new members, even those new to the Art world, will be very welcome. If you would like some more information, just give me a ring:

Glenda Berrett 01638-717925

BOOK CLUB

Our reading list covers a very wide range of books, including classics, biographies and autobiographies, murder mysteries and other books by a variety of authors. And the opinions of our members are very variable too. But in December we nearly all agreed the we did not like the book we had read for that meeting. This was 'The Secret History' by Donna Tartt. It is often described as a 'modern classic', but our conversation about it included the words 'depressing', 'nasty', 'unpleasant', 'disjointed' and 'repetitive'. So, we felt - not to be recommended by us!

At our January meeting we talked about Clive James' autobiography 'Unreliable Memoirs'. Again, opinions were divided. With no interest in the author, one person felt she could not read the book, others found the middle of the book rather tedious, but the early and later chapters gave an insight into interesting parts of Clive James' life.

For our next meeting, Thursday 12th February, 7pm in the church room, we are reading 'The Housmaid' by FreidaMcFadden.

New members of the Club will be very welcome.

Frances Lewis 01638 713155

What's on in Freckenham at the village hall

New website [Freckenham Village Hall \(freckenham-pc.gov.uk\)](http://freckenham-pc.gov.uk)

Monday Meet Up at the Village Hall 2 – 3.30pm. 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 out.

First Friday of Month Film Night 6th February Bridget Jones “Mad About The Boy”. Bridget jumps back into dating, what could possibly go wrong? Doors & Bar Open 7pm film starts 7.30pm. £7 per person.

Quiz night Fri 20th Feb professional quiz master, popular event, best to pre-book as a team or to join a team. VH mobile or Facebook message. £3 per person. Max team of 6. Doors & bar open 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm. Can each team bring a raffle prize.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 28th February 10 – 12 noon

All our usual stalls, with perhaps some new ones too! Free entry refreshments available. Next Market 28th March 2026.

With the Support of Creative Arts East “EYES DOWN”. Thurs

26th March - Interactive comedy - It's Bingo Night at The Stairway To Heaven Social Club, and 'Mr Razzle Dazzle' himself, Bertie Bingo, is ready for an evening of dabbers, Droopy Drawers... and death! As numbers roll in and tension mounts, a body is discovered - but whose number is up? Eyes Down is a thrilling interactive comedy where the audience plays actual games of bingo for real prizes while a comedy thriller unfolds. Just Some Theatre and writer David Payne brings this hilarious, high-stakes whodunit to UK audiences! Doors & bar open 7pm, performance starts 7:30pm. Early bird ticket price £12 pp until 1st March, then £15 pp Under 18s £8 pp Please pre-book: 07542 198933 or 07596 459301 freckenhamvh@outlook.com.

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!

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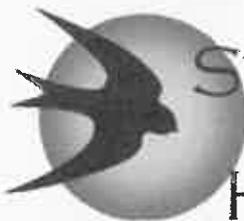
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