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Dear Readers,

Sunshine and showers – summer is here! It's really good to be able to enjoy the fine weather by spending time out-of-doors, though not so good to be watching the grass slowly turn brown. But grass does have an amazing ability to recover, and, no doubt, will soon be bright green again.

Perhaps many of us could say this about our own lives – sunshine of friendship and happiness and showers of less good times. I'd like to think that here, in Barton Mills, we can help each other along, enjoying the good times together and helping out in the 'shower' times.

As you read the Barton Miller, you will see that this really is quite a busy village. Plenty to do and to see.

The next edition of the Barton Miller will cover two months, August and September, because the volunteer staff are themselves not available at the end of August. So, if you are planning anything for August or September, and you want publicity, please get your copy to the Editors by 20th July. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins.

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Vicar's Letter

Friends

I wasn't sure whether I should have put the heading for this article in quotation marks as many people will immediately think of the American series when the words "Friends" is used! But clearly that word has far more usage and meaning than just that portrayed in the American television series. We still use the phrase "we have been friends for years" to refer to people we have known for years, some of whom may indeed be true long-term friends but many others are just people we have known in the past. We get "friend" requests on social media. Sadly, we often view these with some scepticism nowadays as people's accounts get hacked and we don't know whether the request is genuine! We also hear on social media "you know who your true friends are" when people are struggling or are in some other difficulties and those they thought were friends seem to disappear.

A true friend is indeed somebody who sticks with you through thick and thin. They may be the first person to tell you when you have got something seriously wrong and helps you to make amends and seek to put things right. They will walk with you through the difficulties.

One of the hymns that we use occasionally starts with the words, "What a friend we have in Jesus". We don't use it very often now as it can seem a bit Twee to modern tastes but it does convey what we as Christians believe, that Jesus is a true friend to those who follow him. In words from St John's Gospel, Jesus says, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you".

May you know Jesus as your friend, a true friend who will never desert you!

Rev'd David Everett





ORGAN RECITAL by DAVID POULTER

7pm in Barton Mills Church on

Saturday 15th July.

David is a renowned Cathedral organist who plays the organ once a month for our Barton Mills church services. He has formerly been Director of Music at the Cathedrals of Liverpool, Chester and Coventry. He will be providing marvellous classical, ecclesiastical and popular music for everyone to enjoy.

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CHURCH SERVICES JULY 2023

Sunday 2nd July 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 9th July 9.30am Holy Communion 5 pm Healing Service

Sunday 16th July 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd July 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 30th July 11am Group Holy Communion Service at West Row

All are welcome to join us at these services

Rev'd Chris Childs, the Rural Dean, is now looking after us as our Parish Priest. He can be contacted at All Saints Vicarage, The Street, Gazeley, CB8 8RB, Tel. no. 01638 429212, e mail revcchilds@aol.com

St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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

All Saints Vicarage, The Street, Gazeley CB8 8RB

Tel. No. 01638 429212

Email: revcchilds@aol.com

Your Church Representatives:

Churchwardens: Dave Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton

Mills. Tel 718328;

Elders: Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Elected Members

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

Tel 454898 To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Tony Potts.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Rodney Knight and

Peter Alder

Other PCC Members: Alan Butcher, Linda Jenkins, Frances Lewis, Jo Traher and Sandra Woollard.



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

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BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

The future is going to be very strange for me for a while. After 63 years working as a Secretary at RAF Mildenhall, I have now decided to retire. After reporting for work at 0800 Hours all that time it is going to be difficult. I have enjoyed it immensely and have made many wonderful friends, in fact I have been privileged to visit lots of them in America many times. Most of them are contracted to sign on for either a two or three year tour so I have been honoured to work for 16 Colonels during that time and still keep in contact with a majority of them. I have seen many changes including visits by Presidents and our present King. The aircraft have improved from initially carrying a handful of passengers to now carrying hundreds of people. Twice we have been saddened by the news that the base is to close but thanks be to God it is to remain open. The shock of not getting up at 6.30a.m. is going to be very difficult and discipline and commitment will be required to get used to this new way of life.

Sometimes we get lax in our commitment to follow the Lord. We get sidetracked by the enticing attractions of the world. We fail to use the avenue of prayer and to read God's Word. We need to stop and recommit ourselves to living for Jesus wholeheartedly. Our commitment to Christ will be tested as well. We may falter and need to be restored. Sometimes we'll have to pay a price for many reasons, i.e., suffering, rejection or loss. The only way to know the joy of Christ's approval is to give our lives fully and unreservedly to Him! We have an awesome responsibility. The Lord wants us to be committed to His service. He wants us to obey the Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28 v 19-20, and like Paul; when he was given a task to "...do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance for ye serve the Lord Christ".

PUTTING CHRIST FIRST BRINGS SATISFACTION THAT LASTS

We meet at the Chapel each Sunday at 3p.m. why not join us? You will be made most welcome.

F.A. RUTTERFORD

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Tanya Newman – responsible for social media and website
Elizabeth Jarvis – responsible for play equipment inspection and street lighting

ROAD INVESTMENT STRATEGY (RIS3)

West Suffolk MP Matt Hancock has an input on major road upgrades and he is asking his constituents to complete a survey. What you and other constituents tell him will determine his response to the Government consultation - technically called the Road Investment Strategy (RIS3).

This consultation feeds into this "RIS3" which sets out the planned investments in the strategic road network from 2025 to 2030. To ensure that the RIS3 aligns with our community's needs and priorities, your input is vital. He wants to hear your thoughts on which roads require urgent upgrades and improvements.

This is your opportunity to give your thoughts and opinions on Fiveways and the much-needed bypass.

You can fill out this survey on his website:

https://www.matt-hancock.com/campaigns/i-want-hear-your-thoughts-about-road-upgradeswest-Suffolk

or share your views and insights through the online questionnaire on the government website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/shaping-the-future-of-englands-strategic-roads

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. In the event of an extraordinary meeting being held before the next scheduled meeting, it will be published on the website and on the notice boards. The Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting or during the meeting at the Chairman's discretion. To raise an item at any meeting please contact the Clerk at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Chairman: Neil Horne, 07590 672963
Clerk: Jadi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841

All over 50s Welcome

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 5th July** in the village hall at 2.00pm. Amber from the Social Prescribing Service will tell us how to access various services.

Wednesday 12th July 12.30 for 1.00. Summer Party Tickets and information available from Ann 01638 510008

Wednesday 2nd August Picnic on the field at 12.30. Bring your own picnic and chairs.

Wednesday 16th August Trip to Sheringham with a steam train ride on the Poppy Lane. Details from Ann on 01638 510008

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

Entry £3 non-members/ £2 members

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



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.

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MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY.

Thursday 6th July 7.30pm at Mildenhall Museum Tony Diamond - 'The Hoxne Hoard' Members £2 Non-members £4 Visitors welcome

BARTON MILLS LADIES CLUB

Our first meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th June in the Village Hall in Barton Mills.

For our inaugural meeting we were treated to a profusion of beautiful flowers. Linda Allen and Diane Isaacson created some wonderful designs for us. In other meetings we have brought the flowers and they have given us their help and suggestions for ours to look good.

This time we were able to sit back and watch just how it should be done. All their creations were raffled at the end of the meeting.

We had a very pleasing response to this, our first meeting. Lots of familiar faces returning, along with many new ones. Several have re-joined and quite a few have now joined our newly formed group.

It was a very friendly, jolly afternoon.

Next month we have Fran Saltmarsh who is going to tell and show us all about 'Corsets, crinolines and camisoles'.

Why not come and join us Tuesday, 11th July at 2 p.m. in the village hall at Barton Mills.

For more information ring

Anne 01638 716753 or

Marilyn 01638 720633



BARTON MILLS and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 2.00pm

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

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Dear Everyone,

Well... good news at last!! You may well have noticed, if you are a churchgoer, that work has finally started on repairing the internal walls of the Nave. For those of us that don't go to church this is still major news, as it means that our venue for musical events will no longer suffer from damp, which could affect the organ and wooden furnishings. The works so far have included removing the wrong type of plaster and cement coating the clunch, and we now have the scratch coat of lime mortar which needs to dry out and is drawing water out of the walls themselves. The final smooth-plastering will take place at a later date, when the surface is ready. Hopefully the surfaces will be painted and presentable in time for the Autumn Fair.

Now to the outside... the Trust has an important request!

Calling all Lawnmowers

Please does anyone have a petrol lawnmower languishing in their shed? The church lawnmowers have been breaking down and 4 are now 2. This is not enough for the payback team to work with, to keep our graveyard tidy. We would be very grateful if anyone would donate a machine. Please call or leave a message for me on 01638 583728 if you can help.

Enjoy the summer while we have it but keep cool and keep hydrated!

See you in October for the Preservation Trust Quiz

Warm Wishes to you all, Liz Jarvis, Secretary



Good Neighbour Scheme -A Summer Glow

The strength of the sun gives warmth in its rays It engenders a feeling of wellbeing, and for some Schools end their terms, plans are made for holidays Time to recharge our energies for the year to come.

As villagers prepare for the joys of summer vacations, whether holidaying abroad or at home, our volunteers are always aware that there are neighbours in our parish who for many and varied reasons are unable to participate in the summer exodus to holiday locations. We are pleased to offer our services in various ways but especially through calling in for chats and befriending where that can help to make a welcome difference in some people's lives.

We are able to network with other support groups and organisations to seek assistance for those needing it where our own volunteers are unable to provide that help and have even managed to do that for people outside of our parish where there is no Good Neighbour Scheme in operation.

Our advert in this magazine sets out the areas of help that we can offer so do please read the advert and let us know if we might be able to help.

Please remember that you can contact us on 07419 211040 or e-mail us at barton.neighbours@gmail.com.



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NATURE NOTES:

A CELEBRATION OF TREES.

On a recent trip to Wales we visited a magnificent hanging Oak wood or 'hanger' near Llandovery. The term 'hanger' comes from the Old English or Anglo-Saxon term for 'wood on a hill'. This particular wood, Gwenffrwd-dinas, consisting mainly of Oak and Beech trees is host to many wild creatures not found in East Anglia. Bird species we saw were Dippers, Pied flycatchers, Redstarts and Wood warblers. Having not seen woodland of this high calibre before it set me thinking about the value of woodlands and the many benefits we derive from trees.

Climate change:

Trees remove carbon-dioxide from the atmosphere and produce the oxygen we breathe. They also lock up carbon for centuries helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Health:

Trees boost our physical and mental health. They filter pollution from the air, reduce noise and provide shade when it's hot. Their beauty offers relief from anxiety and depression.

Soil health:

Trees help to prevent soil erosion and slow down the release of rain into water courses thereby helping to prevent flooding.

Urban space:

Trees can reduce indoor and outdoor pollution by up to 50%; the trees in London's green parks are the lungs of the city. The amenity value of trees in our towns and cities is of immense benefit to us all.

As one of the least wooded countries in Europe only 13% of

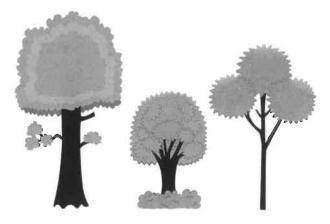
our land is forested, much of that being alien conifers. Only 2.5% of our land is ancient woodland. In our towns and villages we have precious little green space these days but much of it is under constant threat of development. Looking around the village I wonder how many new trees have been planted in the ten years we have lived here. The answer is very few and some of those are replacements of trees lost.

Since we are facing a climate emergency it seems to me we are doing little to combat these changes. Ever increasing temperatures and long periods of drought are already affecting us all. I have now taken a fresh look at trees – their beauty, their amenity benefits and their value to wildlife but most of all their potential to stave off some of the worst effects of global warming.

I for one would like to see a tree planting programme in Barton Mills. Space is available, funds are available and I'm sure there are lots of potential volunteers. We have no time to waste.

When all is said and done, what's not to like about trees?

Ken Venus.



YOUR WORD FIND CHALLENGE FOR JULY

4th of July Word Search

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A talk on Cavenham Heath Fri 14th July, doors & bar open 7pm talk starts 7.30m. Suggested donation £3 per person money split between village hall and Natural England. This will then be followed by a guided walk 3rd September time to be confirmed, which must be pre-booked. So look out or join FreckenhamVH and Freckenham Community Group Facebook pages to find out the latest, website or 07542 198 933 for updates.

Cash Bingo 22nd July Doors and Bar open 7pm eyes down 7.30pm, £1 a game, £2 entry fee pp for Village Hall Popular event best to book your table on 07542 198 933.

Farmers Market with some Crafts on a break till September.

Under 5's going through a change of volunteers so keep watching for update. Weekly events are all listed on the website check first if attending for first time or after a break and some take a summer break https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/



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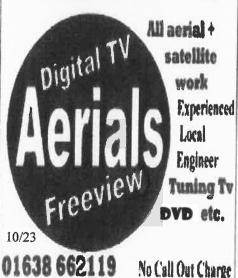
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Safer Neighbourhood Team





The council now has full membership.

Members are:

Mick Colsey, Keith Fuller, Neil Horne, Elizabeth Jarvis, Robert Lewis, Steve Mullender, Tanya Newman, Ros Oke, Rob Pollard.

We look forward to serving you.

The parish council would like to thank everyone who took part in the play area survey.

The results are as follows:

A total of 129 people voted.

70 fully fenced play area

41 unfenced play area

18 Dogs kept on leads

The survey was a response to public concern to dog behaviour around the play equipment. We will now explore all options.

Can we ask everyone who walks on the green to show consideration to families using the play area and control their pets at all times.