



# *The* **BARTON** *Miller*

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Dear Readers,

Revd Mark McCaghrey is now the Team Vicar for St Mary's Barton Mills Church and for the other three Churches in our Group – Freckenham, West Row and Worlington. We were delighted to welcome Mark at his special licensing service on Wednesday 19th June. With his wife, Fiona, he is living in Barton Mills Vicarage, and he has written the 'Vicar's Letter' for this issue of the Barton Miller.

For the August/Sept double issue of the Barton Miller, please send your copy to the Editors by 20th July. And, also, please note that there will not be a September issue, as the team that would put it together are not available at the end of August. So any information for September that you want to publish, must go into the August issue.

Yours sincerely, Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins

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## Vicar's Letter

Hello, my name is Mark McCaghrey and I am the new Vicar of St. Mary's, (as well as Freckenham, West Row and Worlington).

So here's a little about me...

I grew up in West Norfolk, in a house leased from the Sandringham Estate. At the age of 18 I had two plans for my life – to leave East Anglia (because life was more exciting, and the beer was better elsewhere) and to never enter a religious building in my life (because I was an atheist and had got thoroughly bored by school religion). As you can tell I have achieved both my plans very well!

I became a Christian in 1986 at university and then moved to Farnborough in Hampshire to work as a Software Engineer. It was in Farnborough that I met my wife, Fiona. I left Farnborough to train as a Vicar, and in 1997 moved to Lowestoft where I was Vicar of a parish in the most deprived part of the town for 15 years. I then moved to Mattishall in Norfolk to be Vicar of six rural villages until the move back into Suffolk to become your Vicar.

Outside of my role as Vicar, I like to spend time with Fiona and my family – I have four adult children, and two small grandchildren – enjoy walking, good meals and watching movies. Fiona is a primary school teacher in Brandon.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and serving the village as your Vicar. It is a great privilege to be a Vicar, to be involved in important events in the community, or in people's lives, such as Christenings, Marriages and Funerals. It is also a privilege to share with you the good news which I discovered for myself nearly forty years ago – that the Creator of the Universe, loves me and you personally, sent his only Son to die for us, and wants us to be with him for eternity.

There's a song that I love that brings all this together. It's called "So Will I" and you can find it on YouTube here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2U7ffUM5Ec>. Why not have a listen?

**St Mary's Church Barton Mills.**

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Tel. No. 01638 495001

E mail mark.larkandlee@outlook.com

**Church Representatives:**

**Churchwardens:** Dave Traher 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:** Jenny Everett, 24 Oxford Close, Mildenhall IP28 7RP,  
Tel 07807 912909, email jen.everett50@gmail.com

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.

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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**ALL VERY WELCOME**



## **CHURCH SERVICES JULY 2024**

**Tuesday 2nd July**

11am Funeral Service for Charlie Peachey (family flowers only)

**Sunday 7th July**

9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 14th July**

9.30am Sunday Celebration

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

**Sunday 21st July**

9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 28th July**

9.30am Sunday Celebration

**Sunday 4th August**

9.30am Holy Communion

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

Rev'd Mark McCaghrey is now the TEAM VICAR for the Lark and Lee Group of Parishes, which is Barton Mills, Freckenham, West Row and Worlington.

He can be contacted at Barton Mills Vicarage, 1 The Street, Barton Mills, IP28 6AP; e mail [mark.larkandlee@outlook.com](mailto:mark.larkandlee@outlook.com); phone 01638 495001.

The LICENSING SERVICE for MARK, which was led by the Bishop of Dunwich, Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison and the Archdeacon of Sudbury, Ven Dr David Jenkins, was held in Barton Mills church on Wednesday evening, 19th June.

This was a splendid service and the church was full, with members of Mark's family and people from his previous parish, clergy from all the local parishes, the churchwardens and other members of all the four Churches in our 'Lark and Lee' Group, and other local representatives.

The combined Mildenhall and Kennett Valley choir, led by their choirmaster and organist Philip Asher, sang two special items, and led the congregation in the hymn singing. Elizabeth Klingaman and Trevor Nicholls also played the organ, which sounded glorious in our lovely church building.

Did you hear the bells ringing to welcome everyone?

After all the necessary formalities of the Licensing, and a final blessing from the Bishop, everyone gathered on the lawn in front of the church for refreshments and friendship. Many thanks to those who provided both!



**ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS,  
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Dear Barton Millers,

Well, my earlier optimism about summer arriving was a little previous, but I think maybe it has finally decided to give us some warmer days now.

Luckily, the evening of our early June concert with The Keld and Sarah Williamson was warm enough, and I have heard very complimentary reports that the music was of a fantastic standard, hugely well received by the audience and that we were ultimately successful in pleasing a different demographic of supporters of the Trust.

We are very grateful to Derek and Lindsay for their provision of the elegant Pimm's on the Lawn that helped give character to the evening, and to Riverside Printing for the tickets. Also thanks must be given to all of you who made handsome donations for those Interval drinks.

We wouldn't have been able to bring you this concert, however, without some extra sponsorship from some very generous people; and as a Committee, we must look with an honest heart and analytical mind at how our fund-raising can be achieved, to be the most effective in supporting our main purpose of keeping our Church Building in a strong structural and decorative state for future generations to enjoy.

We are looking forward greatly to working alongside the PCC as they move into a new era, having Revd Mark McCaghrey at the helm. The Service of Licensing and Installation and the sharing of food that followed was a lovely and positive celebration that gives us all cause for cheer.

Very Best Wishes to you all, Liz Jarvis

# **???? ? QUIZ ?????**

**in BARTON MILLS VILLAGE HALL**

**QUIZMASTER: KEVIN MILLIGAN**

**FRIDAY QUIZ 7pm 12<sup>th</sup> JULY,**  
*just one table still available*

**AND**  
**SATURDAY QUIZ 7pm 13<sup>th</sup> JULY,**  
*four tables still available*

Booking has been brisk for these popular Village Hall Quiz Nights. There will be two in July, on consecutive nights, but with different questions on each night! So, when you book, please say which night you would prefer, or 'don't mind', or 'both'!

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: £13 per person, before the night, to include, at 7pm, FISH (OR CHICKEN OR VEGGIE) & CHIP SUPPER**

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**Frances Lewis, 11 Church Meadow, (01638 713155)**

**Proceeds to Barton Mills Village Hall funds.**



## BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



If you happen to wake up around 4 a.m. this time of the year you will be privileged to hear the “Dawn Chorus”. It’s a time for the birds to herald the arrival of a new day. **Birds of many species** break the early morning silence with their songs. I am delighted to welcome into my garden robins, blackbirds, sparrows, song thrushes and the not so welcoming pigeons and starlings. **I thank God for the gift of hearing** and the variety of sounds which fill His earth. **He created hundreds of varieties of birds each with their own colors, habits and call.** In Genesis 1 v 21 we read, “And God created.....every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”

I have a bird feeder outside my lounge window. It’s wonderful to be able to sit and watch our feathered friends as they dart about and keep an anxious watch on any intruders which may disturb their feeding. We can learn so much from their antics and a few of the lessons are as follows: it is wonderful to see the smaller birds who are able to reach the feeders and knock the seeds to the ground for the waiting pigeons and even crows who are patiently waiting to be fed below. Sometimes though, they use their size to rob the smaller birds of the seeds and fat balls placed on the bird table. **Dependence on God is right and reasonable for all of God’s creatures, including you and me!** Like the birds we should seek God’s provision daily and seek His provision expectantly.

We depend on everything, but Him, and wonder why our faith is so feeble. If we, like the birds who come and feast *daily, expectantly and actively*, our divine host will provide all our needs. Depend on it! **Let us thank God for the multitude of signs and sounds and colours and species that enrich our world.** I praise Him for His creativity in not only forming our world but making it so beautiful – and good.

***This is my Father’s World – the birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.***

### IN NATURE WE HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

We extend a warm welcome for you to join us at our Worship  
Service at 3p.m.

**F. A. RUTTERFORD**

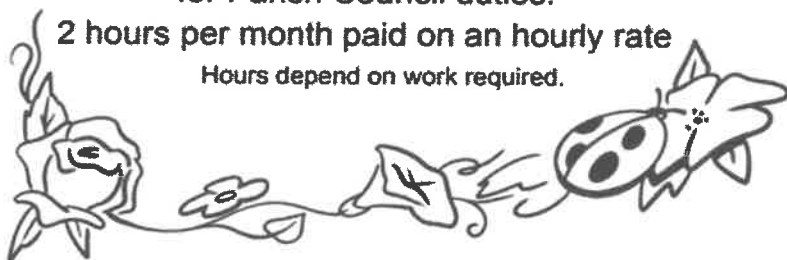
## BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

# Gardener required

for Parish Council duties.

2 hours per month paid on an hourly rate

Hours depend on work required.



In the summer months we receive reports about such issues as overgrown pathways between the village and Mildenhall.

Please rest assured that all reports are forwarded to the relevant authorities and we follow up on all actions.

Although the PC does not meet in August we can still be contacted to address any concerns.

Contact details below.

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**The next Parish Council meetings will be held on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September,  
both 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.

**Chairman:** Neil Horne, 07590 672963

**Clerk:** Naomi Alecock, [clerk@bartonmills.net](mailto:clerk@bartonmills.net)

**Website:** [www.bartonmills.net](http://www.bartonmills.net) **Facebook and Nextdoor:** Barton Mills Parish Council

**All over 50s Welcome**  
**BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd JULY 2024  
in the village hall at 2.00pm.

**Janette Miller will present**  
**'MEMORY BOXES'**

**Refreshments afterwards**

We look forward to welcoming new members

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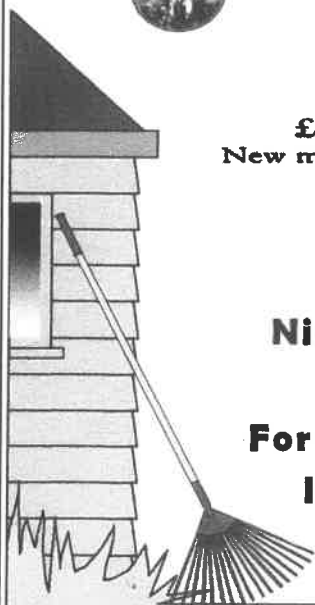
**Annual Subscription £15.00**  
**£2.00 fee per meeting for members**  
**New members and friends welcome as paying visitors**

**Tuesday 23rd July 2024.**

**7.30PM**

**Nigel Start - "Pruning Fruit  
Trees and Bushes"**

**For more information contact -  
Ian Anderson. Tel 515741.**



# 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.

## June 2024

£30 196 M. Conner

### Extra June Prize

£20 177 H. Marsh

£150 134 D. Ashton

£10 29 M. Spurling

£10 138 F. Lewis

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



## MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

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

In the Museum in July and August the temporary displays are Olympics related. A limited amount of merchandise connected with the 90th anniversary of the Great Air Race is on sale in the Museum shop. **Please ask in the museum about the special commemoration book of the race.**

### **MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY -**

At the meeting on 4th July, starting at 7.30pm, the speaker will be our local Olympian Nigel Wallace. The title of his talk is 'My journey to the Olympics'.

No Museum Society meeting in August.

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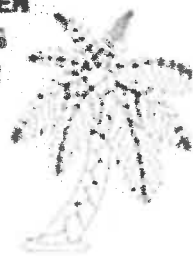


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# **Barton Mills Ladies Club**

## **Report of June 2024 Meeting**

This meeting was our AGM. It marked the end of our first year.

The Committee decided to stay on for another year but asked members to come forward and help when times are busy.

Our afternoon was spent playing board games and judging by the laughter it must have been popular.

We ended the meeting with home made cakes, some of which had sparklers and a number 1 candle to celebrate.

Our next meeting is on July 9th in the village hall at 2 p.m. when Donna Martin will be telling us about the history of glass. We have asked the ladies to bring an unusual bottle they might have at home. Why not join us?

The Police Community Support Officer, PCSO, for Barton Mills is now Anne-Marie Powell, or in her absence Bill Butcher.

**To report crimes, please use the online reporting system on: [sufflok.police.uk](https://sufflok.police.uk) (our area is Manor and Red Lodge) or dial 101**

Community Policing Officer, Emma Harper visits different parts of our area on a weekly rotation and also is responsible for the Mobile Speed Camera unit. To communicate with Emma: i.e. not immediate crime reporting, but to raise concerns or follow-up, use email: [cpt.forestheath@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:cpt.forestheath@suffolk.police.uk)

## NATURE NOTES

We are now halfway through the year but there is still plenty of activity taking place in the natural world. On warm, humid days you may witness flocks of flying ants leaving their nest to mate and establish new colonies elsewhere. On landing, the larger females bite their wings off and begin to search for a suitable site in which to nest. Once established she digs an underground chamber and lays her first few eggs which she rears to adulthood. These daughter workers will then find food for her. Her colony can eventually exceed 20,000 ants!

Watch out for the orange and black striped caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth which can be found feeding on Ragwort plants. Although Ragwort is toxic to most creatures this caterpillar is adapted to cope with the toxins so it becomes toxic itself, hence the warning colours. The pink and black adult moth can be seen flying during the day.

The charity Butterfly Conservation is holding the Big Butterfly Count which runs from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August. It involves recording which butterfly species you see in a 15 minute period. If you wish to participate see their website for details.

Plants to see this month include Houndstongue, Meadowsweet and Viper's bugloss. Meadowsweet was formerly used for medicinal purposes as it is high in salicylic acid which is a pain reliever. This is now synthesised chemically and sold as Aspirin. The large dark brown seeds of Houndstongue are infamous as they are covered with barbed hooks which make them stick to clothing and even your cats and dogs. This is how their seeds are spread far and wide. The Viper's bugloss is a beautiful plant with tall,

bright blue flower spikes. It is common in the Brecks and coastal dunes where it thrives on poor soil providing a rich nectar source for bees.

If you are out at night you may find Glow-worms. Not a worm at all but a small beetle, the female of which glows in the dark to attract a mate. The glow is achieved by a chemical reaction causing them to become bioluminescent. In Suffolk, good places to see them are Blaxhall Common and Newbourne Springs SWT reserves. In Cambs., Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits is a good site. However, you may be lucky enough to see them in grassland nearer to home.

With a general election looming, it would be good to think that the poor state of our native wildlife would be high on the political agenda. Sadly, having seen their manifestos, all political parties seem to have given this situation a very low priority. With 70 of our once common birds species red-listed as being of serious conservation concern and another 70 amber-listed one wonders what it needs to get governments to take this issue seriously. There is no single cause for this catastrophic decline but a combination of factors of which I am sure we are all aware. I seriously do not know who to vote for!



## **BARTON MILLS CLUB NEWS**

**BOOK CLUB:** This club meets in the church room at 7pm, usually on the second Thursday evening of each month, but the July meeting will be on Thursday 18th July, when we shall be discussing the book 'Magpie Murders' by Anthony Horowitz.

At our June meeting we considered the book 'The Crow Trap' by Ann Cleeves. This is the first Vera Stanhope detective novel and we looked at the ways in which Vera in the book compares with Vera in the television series. We also discussed the various ways in which the information in detective novels is offered to the reader and whether it should be possible to discover 'who done it' before the author gives all the solutions!

New members will be very welcome.

For more information please call Ali on 07982 679926.



**KNIT and NATTER:** This group continues to meet every Wednesday afternoon, from 2 to 4pm, in the church room. Knitting is optional! Any craft, or none, will do to accompany the nattering and tea and biscuits.

New members very welcome – please just come along.





## **Good Neighbour Scheme – At last a Summer Glow is forecast**

**The strength of the sun gives warmth in its rays.  
It engenders a feeling of wellbeing, and for some,  
schools end their terms and 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. Our volunteers are keen to assist where they can and wait for your call.

Please remember that you can contact us on **07419 211040** or e-mail us at **[barton.neighbours@gmail.com](mailto:barton.neighbours@gmail.com)**.

## **What's on in Freckenham**

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

**First Friday of Month Film Nights July 5<sup>th</sup> - *What We Did On Our Holiday*** - David Tennant, Rosamund Pike and Billy Connelly. £7 a person free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm. Then on a summer break till 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**Cash Bingo Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July** Doors and Bar open 7pm eyes down 7.30pm, £1 a game, £2 entry fee pp for Village Hall funds. Popular event best to book your table on 07542 198 933.

**Farmers Market with some Crafts** now on a summer break till 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Follow us on Facebook Freckenham Film Night, FreckenhamVH & Community Group <https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall> Yoga (& seated), Pilates, FitSteps, Circuits, Table Tennis & Dance Club sessions all you can just turn up but best to contact tutor if you have not been before and some do take a summer break! Pilates is book a block of lessons. Tumbletots for the under 5's will be starting from September.

**We are looking at putting on extra one off events** so just keep looking out &/or follow us on Facebook as more events are planned. Join us on facebook [freckenhamvh](https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall), Freckenham, Suffolk Community Group, Freckenham Film Nights & the website <https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall>

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At this time our thoughts are with Pam and the family.

## Barton Mills Neighbourhood Plan

Thanks to all those that attended our drop in event and took the time to complete surveys for our Neighbourhood Plan. Your input is invaluable to the next stages of developing a plan for the whole village. We will keep you informed as we progress. Thanks also to the members of the steering group who are working tirelessly to drive this project to completion.