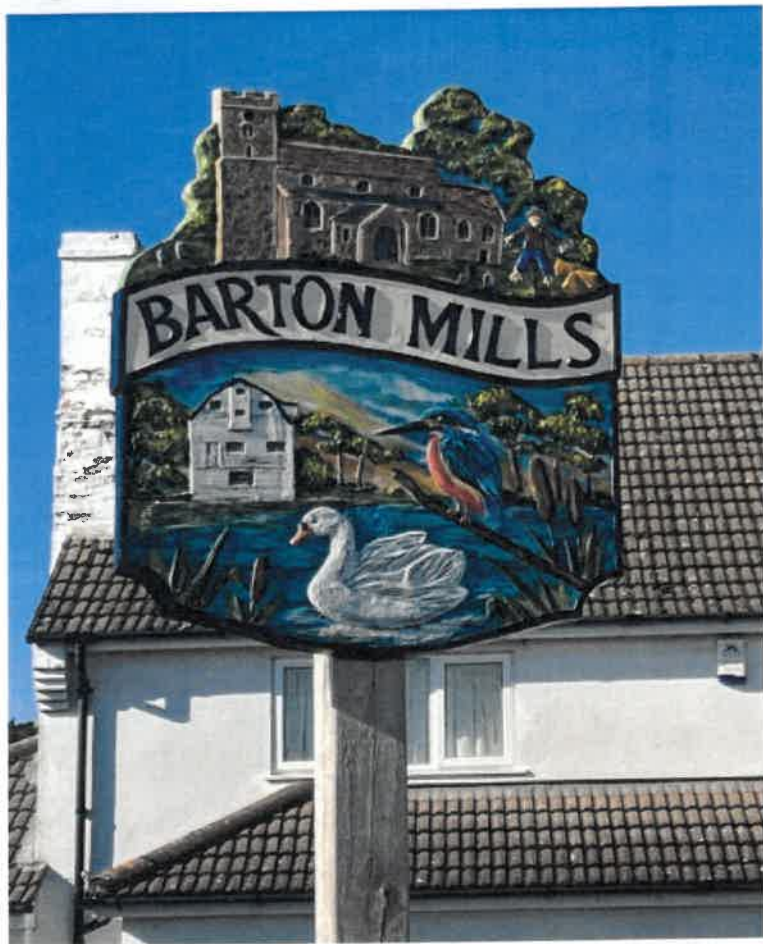




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Dear Readers,

As we approach the middle of the year in June, the weather is definitely warming up outside and our thoughts move to “will I need sun cream? And where’s my sun hat?” These are always a good sign, if you like the warmer weather. If you don’t, I guess we’ll find you in the nearest shaded spot, where possible.

Following the events of the Coronation etc. last month, we have a more routine magazine for you this time. Nevertheless, still some interesting articles for you to enjoy. If you have anything you think would interest the village readership, please forward to the editors.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis

(Copy for July Miller to editors by 20th June please).

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Email: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk Telephone: 01473 584563

The Library Van visits Barton Mills (Lamb Court) on Saturday aft. 2.00pm to 2.30pm .

This will be the following Saturdays - 24th June 2023 and 22July 2023

Vicar's Letter

Gill's Reflections

At last! Signs of growth amongst the runner beans I planted what now seems like ages ago! The garden has burst into growth, and is it my imagination, or does everything seem bigger and more robust this year? Maybe due to all the extra rain we have had recently! Or perhaps absence has made the heart grow fonder.

Such hope, such promise. The sight of a previously bare tree suddenly covered in colourful growth always fills me with such pleasure. And it never ceases to amaze me how the seasons repeatedly mark the year with growth and decay - sometimes with speed and sometimes with crushing slowness.

Life's a bit like that isn't it!

Sometimes it just skips along in a riot of pleasure and colour.

At other times we can feel stuck in a situation that, rather like the winter greyness, seems to go on and on with no sign of improvement – just dreary darkness eating away at our peace of mind.

Yet, unseen, new creation is always waiting for the call of the Creator – biding time and visible only through promise. And then, (maybe after the faintest hint), change can arrive overnight and within days the landscape of our life is transformed; made new and ripe with fresh opportunity.

Great times, difficult times.

They are all there making up the bigger picture.

Some of which can be hard to make sense of.

I once read that life can look rather like the reverse side of a tapestry – whilst some areas are neat, others seem to be all wrong. Instead of order and shape, the colour and pattern are obscured by breaks in the yarn and knots with uneven stitches going all over the place. However, when the tapestry is turned right side up, you can clearly see the picture – showing all the love, hard work and hope that had been put into it.

God clearly sees the picture, the bigger perspective. That is what counts! We do well to trust God in the waiting, in the searching, and in the finding.

Rev'd Gill Anderson



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 7th May on the Village Playing Field.

In the May Barton Miller there were adverts and programme details for the Coronation Celebrations that were being arranged for Barton Mills. These were all scheduled to take place on the Playing Field, and we were so lucky with the weather, that everything went according to plan, and it was a great day of celebration.

But it is important to remember that it was Barton Mills Parish Council who were behind all the arrangements, and, through them, special thanks must go to Keith Fuller, the only BMPC member at the first meeting to sort the plans, to Liz Jarvis, now a BMPC member, and to Jack and Dougal Connor who provided the Wigwam stage that was the focal point for the activities. Without the hard work and efforts of these few people, there would not have been any organised celebrations in Barton Mills.

On the Day, lots of other people came to help. The Worship Service was led by Revd David Everett and attended by about 50 people. Then the children's entertainer kept a big audience happy with his balloon shapes and chatting with the children. Lots of families brought their picnics for the 'Coronation Big Lunch' and an interesting collection of classic vehicles were driven onto the field as well. In the afternoon the KATS Dance Display was watched and enjoyed by a big crowd. In the final item of the day, Barton Mills proved to have a wide variety of talent!

Refreshments were served by a group of helpers all through the day, and money donations given were so generous that contributions have been sent to two charities chosen by KATS.

Let's hope that we can all keep good memories of the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III, and also remember to thank everyone who worked so hard to arrange everything, including making the bookings for the entertainers, setting up and moving the tents, moving all the tables and chairs and clearing up at the end of the Day. THANK YOU.

CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2023

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
6pm Praise and Worship Service at West Row church

Sunday 11th June 9.30am Morning Worship
5pm Healing Service

Sunday 18th June 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th June 9.30am Morning Worship

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

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.

Tickets, £12 each (to include interval refreshments)
from Frances Lewis (01638 713155) and Peter Alder (01638 714048).

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

COFFEE MORNINGS

EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 TO NOON IN
THE CHURCH ROOM



ALL VERY WELCOME





BELLFEST 2023

Raising funds for East Anglian Air Ambulance

Barton Mills Bell

Saturday 17th June 2023 3pm to 11pm

BELLFEST 2023

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- Bands (including the return of the popular THE GOVERNORS)
- Karaoke Clive
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More to follow – keep an eye on social media for updates

Follow:



Barton Mills Group &/or Barton Mills Bell



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Last June, celebrations were well underway to remember the wonderful reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In May, this year we had a different celebration, the Coronation of King Charles III and with his hand on the Bible, he promised to “maintain the laws of God, the true profession of the Gospel to the utmost of his power.” We pray that he will maintain that promise and we wish him well for many years to come.

The National Anthem, God Save our Gracious King, was heard many times last month as we watched on our TVs, the Coronation and other special events, and I am sure we too have sung those words countless times. In one sense it is a prayer for the King to enjoy a long life and reign but in another, it has a very different and far more significant meaning. At one level the King is no different from any of us, each one of us needs the salvation of God. The day will come when high and low, rich and poor will be judged by God, wealth and power will be no protection. That is why we must pray God save our King, God save us all. Salvation can be ours by grace alone, it is a gift from God through faith alone, it cannot be earned or deserved.

Sadly King Charles will not reign forever but there is a Monarch whose reign is everlasting. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We read in Psalm 10 v 16, The Lord is King forever and ever and in Revelation Chapter 17 v 14.....for He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings.” One day every knee will bow before His throne and every tongue will confess “He is Lord”. Whatever we do to honour King Charles during his reign, let us also honour the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

KINGS CORONATION

Thanks to a group of volunteers and those who attended, the Kings Coronation Big Lunch Picnic in the Park was a big success.

The Council would like to thank all those who helped make the celebration such a success, including those who planned the events in the background, those who kindly provided the Wigwam and sound system, those who helped on the day ensuring everything went smoothly and to the refreshments team.

A special thanks goes to the dancers from KATS who entertained the crowd with their wonderful performances.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Parish Council

Following the recent elections and the Parish Council meeting held on 16th May when the Chairman and Vice Chairman were elected and two members were co-opted, your Parish Councillors can be confirmed as:

Chairman - Neil Horne Vice Chairman - Mick Colsey

Robert Lewis Steve Mullender Keith Fuller

Tanya Newman Ros Oke Elizabeth Jarvis

There is one vacancy which can be filled by co-option,
see back page for more info.

District Councillor

The poll which took place on 4th May 2023 resulted in
Dave Taylor (West Suffolk Independents) being elected.

County Councillor

Lance Stanbury

Elections for county councillor will take place in May 2025

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6th June 2023**. The meeting 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: Jodi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841

Website: 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 7th June, in the village hall at 2.00pm.** Mervyn Linford will present his talk on "A Journey Down the Stour".

Saturday 17th June – A trip to Swaffham Bullbeck to see "The Sorcerer". Tickets must be booked in advance.

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

Entry £3 non-members/ £2 members

*Enquiries to Ann on 01638 510008 or
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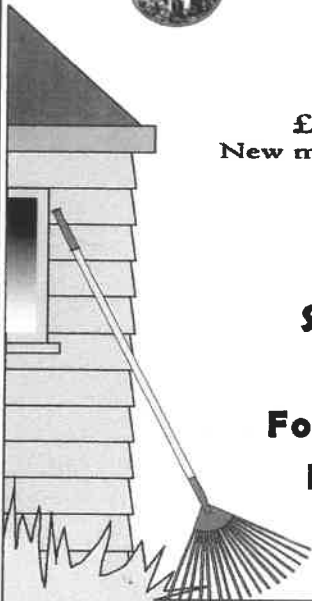
Tuesday 27th June

Sheldrick Way Allotments

OPEN MEETING 7.30pm

For further details telephone

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.

100 CLUB WINNERS

May 23

£30	I Fulcher
£20	A Marshal
£10	J Crone
£10	J Stirges

**If you would like to become a member please contact our
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MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

MILDENHALL MUSEUM

Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday: 2.00 – 4.30pm,
Friday: 10.30 - 4.30pm. All Welcome.

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY.

At the meeting on Thursday 1st June, the talk, by Helen Ackroyd, will be about Anglesey Abbey. Meetings, in the Museum, start at 7.30pm, members £2, non-members £4. Refreshments. ALL WELCOME.

YOUR WORD FIND CHALLENGE FOR JUNE

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Parish Council Survey for the Playpark area of the Village field

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a user feels the playpark area should be fenced all round as they feel this would prevent dogs being able to run up to children in the area.

We would welcome the opinion of all the users of the Field and Playpark about looking into fencing the Playpark off completely or keeping it as it is. Please respond through the following range of contacts...

Completing a survey on the **Barton Mills Facebook** group, or **Nextdoor**, or via email to the **Clerk to the Parish Council** on clerk@bartonmills.net or speak to/leave a message for Liz Jarvis on 01638 583728



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



Dear Everyone,

We were SO lucky with the weather here for the Coronation Weekend events!

At Church on Friday evening, we had a great crowd, really good music, the most dancers ever to Twist and Jive, and otherwise express the joy from hearing Felix Simpson and Terry Adams doing their thing. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the event, and all of you who not only bought your tickets but contributed generously to both the Pimm's Bar and the Drinks and snacks.

We can also say that it was fantastic to see so many people from the village and local area come together for Coronation Sunday, bringing an ALL-denomination service, a Balloon Art entertainment team, the KATs dancers and various brave singers to the Wigwam, and picnickers to the field, driving, walking, arriving in their classic cars for a warm and sunny afternoon, with teas, coffees and cakes flowing all day.

The Preservation Trust committee are always willing to hear your opinions on the types of events you would like us to put on, and always very grateful when different volunteers pull together to create a meaningful and enjoyable experience.

Please let us know any ideas you may have had brewing, as we begin to look at planning 2024!

Warm Wishes to you all, Liz Jarvis, Secretary



Good Neighbour Scheme – Summer's Here

A Summer Reflection

**A time to recharge our lives as the Sun shines upon us
We reflect on the year past and our future labours.
As we witness a troubled world that impacts upon
so many lives
We're thankful that here we live as caring neighbours.**



As the well-known song advised us:-
“When you've got friends and neighbours, all the world is a happier place. Friends and neighbours put a smile on the gloomiest face. Just take your little troubles and share them with the folks next door. It makes it twice as easy to bear them - that's what friends are for”.

The Barton Mills Good Neighbour Scheme is here to help in ways that can help to alleviate those problems that many of us experience from time to time. Whether that is needing practical help (shopping; collecting prescriptions; help with IT, TVs and smart 'phones; moving furniture; one-off garden tidy-ups; help with pets; etc.) or just a volunteer calling in for a chat that will help to lift the spirits, we aim to make a difference to our neighbours lives where we can.

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.

BARTON MILLS NEW VILLAGE SIGN

You may remember that, some years ago, after the re-routing of the A11 and Newmarket Road, there was a small patch of land left unused, in front of the building that was The Dog and Partridge pub (and is now a private house). This land lay neglected and overgrown with weeds, until 2020, when Barton Mills Parish Council decided to investigate the possibility of erecting a new village sign there. The position would be ideal to welcome people turning off the A11 into Barton Mills, and would be an entry way into the village.

The small island of land is owned by Suffolk County Council, and our Parish Council needed to obtain a licence to set up a sign and maintain the area. This licence was obtained in April 2021.

Neil Horne then started work on designs for the sign, and the two final choices of design were presented to parishioners in the October 2021 Barton Miller, so that they could be voted on. The choice made was the sign that you can see standing there now. It shows the church and a scarecrow, the old mill, and the river, with a swan and a colourful kingfisher included.

The ground was tidied up and landscaped for low maintenance, with some plants being provided by a generous parishioner, and a strong oak post set in position for the new sign.

Neil has made the sign to the chosen design and it has now been set up and is there in full view as a welcome to Barton Mills.

(See picture on the front cover)

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NATURE NOTES

The Devil's Dyke, which runs from Woodditton to Reach, is mainly in Cambridgeshire but passes through Newmarket Race Course. Believed to have been constructed between AD 330 and AD510 it comprises a ditch and a bank up to 30ft high. No-one really knows its original purpose – maybe a defensive barrier or built to regulate trade between marshes in the North and dense woodland in the South. The marshes were later drained for agriculture (now The Fens) and the woodland was also lost to farming.

You may be asking “what has this got to do with nature?” Well, over the centuries this ditch of some seven and a half miles has developed into a real gem for wildlife. It has been colonised by trees, shrubs and wild flowers; Box, Hawthorn, Silver Birch and Wild Cherry dominate plus the odd Oak tree with scattered pines.

So, on 14th May Sue and I walked the section between Woodditton and Newmarket. Our mission was to see the wild Pasque flowers (*Pulsatilla vulgaris*) which grow on the Dyke. We were not disappointed! The deep purple flowers were there in profusion together with Bloody Cranesbills and Horseshoe Vetch. Because construction threw up the underlying chalk it created ideal habitat for lime-loving plants and their associated fauna. As chalk downland has largely disappeared from East Anglia the ditch offers a little compensation for its loss.

One lime lover, Horseshoe Vetch, is the food plant for the Chalkhill Blue butterfly. Its caterpillars feed on nothing else. The Adonis Blue has the same food plant but, once a Suffolk resident, it is now only found much further South. These two butterfly species are on the wing from July to September so you have the chance to see them. The Pasque flowers however will have largely gone over by the time you read this.

Nature notes wouldn't be the same without mentioning birds and the Devil's Dyke has its fair share.

We recorded Nightingale, Willow warblers, Common whitethroat, Lesser whitethroat, Blackcap, Blackbird, Song thrush, Chaffinch and Goldfinch. We even had a Common curlew (not Stone curlew) calling from rank grassland on the racecourse.

No doubt lots of other birds and animals live on the ditch; Brock the Badger deserves mention – Badger setts are found there too but you'd probably have to visit at night to see a Badger! Rabbits are resident but not in sufficient numbers to graze the turf short so important for the wild flowers. This is achieved by grazing sheep periodically.

So if you fancy some healthy exercise why not talk a walk along Devil's Dyke? Our visit was just a snapshot of Spring but you will surely find much of interest at any time of year.



SaferNeighbourhoods

If you want to be certain your house is as safe as you can make it,
here are 10 tips you should follow.

1. Fit strong locks to external doors and windows, and make sure they are locked at all times
 2. Always remove all keys from inside locks, and keep them out of sight and in a safe place
 3. Fit sturdy deadlocks (British Standard BS3621) to all doors
 4. Make sure your doors and frames are strong and in good condition - wood doors should be at least 44mm thick
 5. Mark your property - having it marked helps police verify it's been stolen
 6. Fit a door chain or bar and door viewer (spy-hole), and use them.
 7. Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place such as under the doormat, in a flowerpot or behind a loose brick - thieves know to look there first
 8. When you are out in the evening, leave your lights on and shut the curtains
 9. Install outside security lighting; if other people can see your property a burglar may think twice
- Keep your tools and ladders securely locked up – a burglar could use them to get into your house

You can get useful advice at www.crimereduction.gov.uk.

You can also register you property at www.immobilise.com

What's on in Freckenham June 2023

Coffee Caravan monthly visits to East View car park on the first Tuesday of the month 2 – 4pm 6th June, 4th July, etc. Warm welcome guaranteed, lovely cakes, cuppa, chat and friendly advice on offer! **Free event** but donations appreciated.

First Friday of Month Film Nights 2nd June Ticket to Paradise stars George Clooney and Julia Roberts. A man and his ex-wife race to Bali, Indonesia, to stop their daughter from marrying a seaweed farmer. As they desperately try to sabotage the wedding, the bickering duo soon find themselves rekindling old feelings that once made them happy together. £7 a person. Doors & Bar + themed cocktails with snacks opens 7pm, film 7.30pm. Next date 7th July

Farmers Market with some Crafts 24th June. 10 – 12 noon, many regular stalls including our local Fruit & Veg stall, TFM Butchers of Isleham, The Pie Kitchen, Buttercupps of Beck Row, baked goods including ciabatta & focaccia bread, along with cakes, honey & preserves. Upcycled wood crafted into planters, boot jacks, chopping boards is back, Jewellery, Cards, Branching Out, hair accessories and more. Plants from local gardens, veg & bedding plants too! Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls and homemade cakes. Then a break till September

It could be that bingo is coming back soon, so get ready for eyes down. A talk on Cavenham Heath Fri 14th July, followed by a guided walk in September. So look out or join Freckenham VH and Freckenham Community Group Facebook pages to find out the latest, website or 07542 198 933 for updates. 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, <https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>

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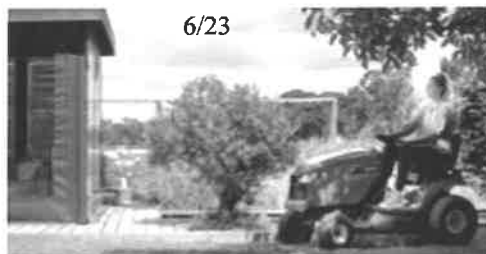
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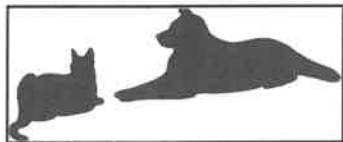
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