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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the June issue of the Barton Miller. As you probably know, this magazine is delivered, free of charge to every home in Barton Mills Parish, having been sponsored by St Mary's Church and produced and circulated by the team of people listed at the top of this page. But now the Delivery Team need some new volunteers, so please see if you can help with this.

The Editors try to include news from all areas of Parish Activity, but if you have something that you would like to be included, do please let us know.

Copy for the July issue of the Barton Miller should be in by 20th June, please.

Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins, Editors.

BURY ST EDMUNDS MOBILE LIBRARY VAN DATES (Route 4)

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

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

This will be the following Saturdays - 20th June and 18th July.



Let's play a Word Association Game.

I'll start with a word.

Apple.

What comes next for you?

What about summer? Or holidays? Or family?

And what about church?

When we think of the word church, lots of associations may come to mind, (some positive, maybe some not so much if your experience of church and faith hasn't been good).

I suspect the image that comes most easily to mind is building, which is to be expected given the visible presence of St. Mary's in our village. It is a visible reminder of the Christian belief that God is present with us.

But the building is really just a gathering space because the church is the people. As I write we are about to celebrate Pentecost (what used to be called Whitsun), the festival where God's Spirit and power came upon the first followers of Jesus. At that moment they not only received an amazing spiritual gift but also became knit together as those in a living relationship with God as Father.

Church is simply those people who have come to know the amazing love of God for themselves in Jesus Christ and have committed themselves to serving him and his world.

This is my experience. I didn't "go to church" as a child as I grew up in a non-religious home. I went to a church school but found the experience boring. When I left school, I vowed never to go into a church building again if I could avoid it.

But when I became a Christian at the age of twenty, I became aware of God's love for me, warts and all that was quite overwhelming, and a spiritual sense of God's power at work in my life. As a new member of God's family, I knew that I was now part of the church. I no longer went to church. I was church.

The bible says that God created each one of us to know his love in a personal way, and that the gift he gave the first disciples at the day of Pentecost is open to all of us, just as I unexpectedly discovered it forty years ago.

Don't miss out on that gift. Discover the amazing love of God for you in Jesus Christ.

St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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Prayer Chain - There is access to a prayer chain for anyone
needing prayers for themselves or others. Please contact Heather
East 07970 997090 or email heather.east19@yahoo.co.uk with
any requests.



COFFEE MORNINGS

**EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 TO NOON IN
THE CHURCH ROOM**



ALL VERY WELCOME



BARTON MILLS and GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE 2026

Sunday 7th June

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th June

9.30am Sunday Celebration

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 21st June

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th June

11am GROUP All Age Worship Service at
West Row church, followed by a barbeque.

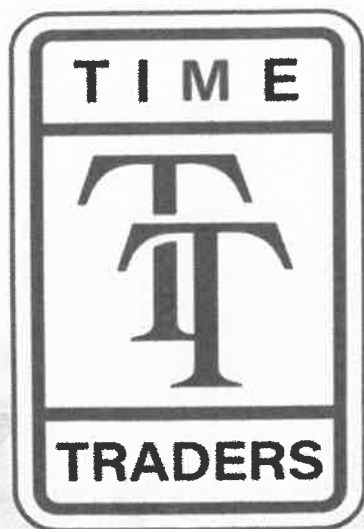
Sunday 5th July

9.30am Holy Communion

Every Monday at 9am, in church, a short service of
Morning Prayer.

Barton Mills church is open every day from 10am to 4pm.
You are welcome to come in and enjoy the peaceful
atmosphere of this lovely building.

THE FRIENDS OF MARY'S PRESENTS



THE TIME TRADERS

Dance Music from the 1960s to Today

ST MARY'S CHURCH BARTON MILLS
6TH JUNE 7:30PM TO 11PM

Dance the night away to songs from
The Rolling Stones, The Animals, Elvis, Eddie Cochran,
Status Quo, Otis Redding, Bruce Springsteen,
The Killers, Bryan Adams, Darius Rucker, Queen,
Chris Stapleton and the Stereophonics!

Tickets £15 available from:
Liz 01638 583728 • Alan 07788 535104

- Refreshments will be available, donations appreciated.

?? BARTON MILLS ?? VILLAGE HALL

?? QUIZ ??

FRIDAY 10th JULY

**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

TREE SURVEY

Works identified in the tree survey on the playing field are scheduled to take place on Friday 19th June.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator has been sent to the supplier for repair. As soon as this is repaired and returned it will be placed back in the telephone box on Bell Lane.

POST BOX

The post box at the top of Church Meadow has now been replaced.

CURRENT FUNDS

We are in receipt of the precept of £37,632.00 for 2026/27 from West Suffolk Council and our bank balances are currently sitting at £718.65 in the current account and £58,589.09 in the deposit account as of 13th May 2026.

FALLEN TREES – RIVER LARK

We have received several reports of fallen trees in the River Lark, these have been reported to the Environment Agency for them to inspect.

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 2nd June and Tuesday 7th July 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 during public participation. 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



If you happen to wake up around 4 a.m. at this time of 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 crows. 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 colours, habits and call. Genesis 1 v 21 tells us “And God created.....every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”

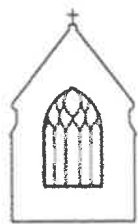
I have a bird feeder outside my lounge window. It’s wonderful to be able to sit and watch our feathered friends as they dart about and keep an anxious watch on any intruders which may disturb their feeding. We can learn so much from their antics and a few of the lessons are as follows. **Dependence on 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, seek His provision expectantly for He has satisfied you before and seek His provision actively, taking responsibility to gather it in.

The Bible is like a table, laden with nourishing food we need every day - *promises, instruction, wisdom, comfort and encouragement*. Like any good host, God tells us “Come and get it!” How often we fail to do this. **We depend on everything but Him and wonder why our faith is so feeble.** If we, like the birds, 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. In Acts 14 v 17 Paul tells his readers that God’s eternal power and Godhead are clearly seen in the created world. He makes Himself known through nature. He speaks to us through His marvelous creation. His power and majesty are inescapable, we should take time from our busy schedules to listen to Him!

We warmly invite you to the Baptist Chapel in Barton Mills Street, Sundays at 3 p.m. Also we are willing to visit you to discuss Spiritual Questions or Pray with you, 01638 713892, sweetarrpeace@yahoo.co.uk

F. A. RUTTERFORD, MBE



The Friends of St Mary's Barton Mills

friendsofstmarysbm@outlook.com

We really look forward to seeing you at our
June musical event...

**PLEASE take time to read our advert in this copy for
The Time Traders music concert...**

**This will be a summer evening of great pop music dance
tunes, with seating and dance-space.
on Saturday 6th June, from 7.30pm.**

**We are very pleased to say that you will be welcomed by the
Pimm's Bar on the lawn in front of the church, where you will
also find wine and soft drinks throughout the evening. Tea and
coffee will be available during the interval, available inside.**

**You can buy tickets at £15 per person from
Liz on 01638 583728 or Alan on 07788 535104**

**We are planning an August afternoon in the village hall
for a Scarecrow Festival Retrospective. We will be
asking for your photos, and scarecrows if you still have
them, to display. We will also have a short ceremony to
honour Lis and Colin Brotherton for all their fantastic
work putting on the original festivals.**

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**

May 2026

£50	61	J Berrett
£30	156	M Titcombe
£20	162	O Denman
£10	200	C Langton
£10	3	C Langton

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 - 4pm



Thursday 4th June – The British Trust For Ornithology.

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY TALKS

Talks are held at the Museum.

Doors open at 7:00 for 7:30 pm start

£2 members £4 non-members

Refreshments available

Annual Society membership £10



Barton Mills & District Gardening Club

MEMBER OF R.H.S.

Annual Subscription £20.00

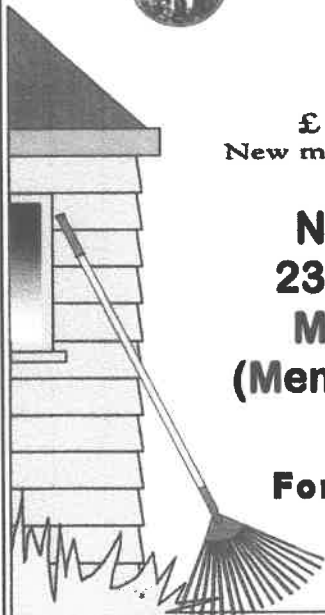
£2.00 fee per meeting for members

New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

£5.00

**Next Meeting Tuesday
23rd June - A garden visit to
Minden House, Station Rd.
(Members and their guests only)**

**For more information contact -
Secretary - Zoë Morris
01638 482986.**



All over 50s Welcome BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

**WEDNESDAY 3rd June - John Vigar will talk about MURDER,
SEX AND MAYHEM IN ENGLISH CHURCHES**

**2.00pm at the Village Hall
REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS**

**WEDNESDAY 17th June - Gilbert and Sullivan - Pirates of
Penzance at Burwell (further detail from Ann Jacobs)**

**Wed Club Annual membership £10 payable in January
Admission - £2 members £3 non members
CONTACT ANN JACOBS TEL 01638-510008**



Good Neighbour Scheme

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.”

I penned this thought in my June 2022 message about the Barton Mills Good Neighbour Scheme and it holds good today in 2026 when we have added another four years to our lives, our experiences, our knowledge and our friendships. The world is no less troubled and politics both domestic and global constantly hit the headlines, usually in negative terms. But strength lies in how we respond to each other as neighbours and friends. As a village there is a host of activities that draw villagers together and I have heard it said by “outsiders” that they wish for their own villages to be so active and accommodating, including bemoaning the lack of a Good Neighbour Scheme where they live.

Until recently there were 45 or more Good Neighbour Schemes across Suffolk, Here in what was the former Forest Heath District we had just two – Barton Mills and Lakenheath. Sadly I learned recently that Lakenheath has had to close its Scheme and whilst I am sure that the good work that they did for the last 20 years will have forged good friendships and encouraged willing neighbours to continue to privately support neighbours, it is nevertheless a sign of the times when we hear of shops, businesses, charities and community schemes having to close. Is this a case of **“use it or lose it”** as was said of many village Post Offices and shops a few years ago? I hope not.

You have seen our adverts in the Barton Miller. Take a little time to see if what we offer to provide in the way of support might benefit you or your neighbours and give us a call on **07419 211040**.

Barton Mills Ladies Club

Ladies Club – Report of May Meeting

Our Speaker was Stephen Poulter who told us the story of Milady Charlotte Atkyns who became known as 'The Norfolk Pimpernel'. Stephen said that he came upon this story quite by accident and had to find out more.

Charlotte was born in 1758 and came from Ireland, she was an actress, singer and dancer. She performed at Drury Lane and the King's Players and became the darling of the stage. At one time she dressed as a soldier which back then was quite shocking. She married Edward Atkyns of Ketteringham Hall in Norfolk. At this time these performers usually became mistresses not wives.

They moved to Paris, where life was more free and sociable. While in Paris she met and became friends with Marie Antoinette and court members. When the Queen was imprisoned, Charlotte made up her mind to help her escape. Her plans failed, one was to dress as a maid and exchange clothes with the Queen and on another occasion she dressed as a soldier to save her. Sadly, she was unsuccessful, the Queen was more concerned about her son, the Dauphin.

She almost bankrupted her husband paying out money to try and rescue the Queen and the Dauphin. It is believed eighty thousand pounds (fifteen million in today's money).

On her death in 1836 she asked to be buried in Ketteringham Church but there was not enough money left for this. She died in 1836 and was buried in Paris in an unmarked grave and, there is a marble plaque in the Church in Ketteringham.

There is no speaker on June 9th. This will be our A.G.M. Our next open meeting is on 14th July when Sarah Doig returns to talk to us about Local History through East Anglian village signs.

The meeting starts at 2 p.m.

Barton Miller Delivery Team News

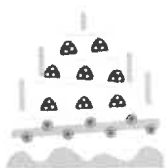
We have ten months of the year when volunteers walk along a particular route and hand-deliver Barton Millers to all the homes of parishioners in the whole village.

I want to offer my grateful thanks to both Debbie Francis and Derek Judd for their years of voluntary delivering!!

I am hoping for two more people who would be willing to help with the delivery of these magazines.

One route is all of Church Lane, and the other is Grange Lane, including Lamb Court. Either of these could be augmented by one stretch along The Street between Church Lane and Bell Lane.

Please contact Liz Jarvis on 01638 583728



St. Peter's (WEST ROW) Birthday Weekend

Friday 26th June 2026 to
Sunday 28th June 2026

Come along!

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

10:00AM – 5:00PM: FLOWER FESTIVAL & REFRESHMENTS

7:00PM – 9:00PM: SING ALONG TO MAMMA MIA*



SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

10:00AM – 5:00PM: FLOWER FESTIVAL & REFRESHMENTS

10:00AM – 12:00PM: FAMILY CRAFT AND GARDEN GAMES

6:30PM – 8:30PM: SING ALONG TO FROZEN*

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

11:00AM – 12:00PM: CELEBRATION SERVICE

12:30PM – 14:00PM: BBQ*

2:00PM – 5:00PM: FLOWER FESTIVAL & REFRESHMENTS

* Means Booking is required.

Scan the QR Code,
visit tinyurl.com/stpetersbirthday2026
or Ring Tricia on 07413 598636



Barton Mills and District Gardening Club

Are you a keen gardener? If you are, have you considered coming along to the gardening club that meets in the village? The Barton Mills and District Gardening Club has been in existence for 21 years now and was formed following a survey of village residents. There was a lot of interest and an enthusiastic group of people founded the club. Since then we have met monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall with an interesting speaker and refreshments. In addition to the meetings, there have been visits to members' gardens, trips organised, plant sales and an annual horticultural show. We would like to recruit new members as our numbers have gone down recently. We are a friendly group and would welcome you at our meetings. Annual membership is £20 with a sub of £2 at each meeting. Guests are welcome with a fee of £5. Please see the separate advert about our next meeting on Tuesday 23rd June. We look forward to seeing you. For more information contact Zoe Morris, our secretary, on 01638 482986.



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Form Filling, Technical Help (Computers, Phones, TVs, etc.),
Emergency Meals or just a Chat**

Call us on 07419 211040

BARTON MILLS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Why not Volunteer or become a Friend of the Scheme?

Phone us for details or e-mail us at

barton.neighbours@gmail.com

As I write this piece, we have just received some much-needed rain. Probably not enough but very welcome, nonetheless. This prompted me to write about our recent visit to Sutton Hoo. This National Trust site near Woodbridge is part of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This stretches from Kessingland in the North to the River Stour in the South. The location of a longship burial, Sutton Hoo is thought to be the final resting place of King Raedwald, who ruled East Anglia in the 7th Century.

On arrival, it was obvious the landscape was parched, with most plants brown rather than green. As heathland plants are adapted to such conditions, they will no doubt recover. Britain has 58,000 hectares of lowland heath, which is about 20% of the World resource. So, what is a heath? A heath is an area of grassland, gorse, heather, scattered trees and bare ground on poor, acidic soils. In the case of the Suffolk Sandlings, the soil was formed from material washed out from the ice sheet during the last ice age, between 10,000 and 70,000 years ago. As the ice retreated, the landscape became wooded. When the human population increased, many of the trees were cleared for grazing and agriculture, forming heathland. By the end of the 17th Century, the landscape was probably much as we see today.

When searching for a particular species of plant or animal, one must first establish where the subject may be found. Heathland has its own range of flora and fauna – those which have adapted to the conditions. Plants make up the most important category and most creatures depend to a greater or lesser extent on those present. Acid heath is generally home to gorse and heather supported by scattered trees of Silver birch and Scots pine. These were the pioneer species but, more recently, Oaks have appeared.

Insects are abundant. Several species of moth are present, including the spectacular Emperor moth, Common heath, Fox moth and the Beautiful-yellow-underwing. Not only are these moths eaten by the nocturnal Nightjar but their hairy caterpillars are an essential food for the Cuckoo.

You may love or hate spiders but you will find many species on heaths; the Silky Gallows spider, the Heath grasper, the Wasp spider and the Nursery web spider. The tiny, lime-green Cucumber spider, no more than 8mm long, sits on foliage to ambush passing insects. Spiders form a large part of the diet of the Dartford warbler; they don't usually breed unless there is gorse present, where many of these spiders can be found. They generally build their nests in the heather but are so well hidden they are difficult to find. The other important heathland species is the Woodlark. A ground-nester, its beautiful song is not to be missed!

In addition to the Cuckoo, Dartford warbler and Nightjar another bird, the Stonechat, is a lover of heathland. In fact, Dartford warblers and Stonechats are often found nesting close to each other. They seem to have a kind of symbiotic relationship. A small falcon known as a Hobby can also be seen hawking for dragonflies although, generally, only if there is a body of water nearby.

Most of our heathland is now under the care of one or more conservation organisations. Without regular management, heath would eventually become woodland. Nature is always fluid but, without preservation, many of our heathland species would be lost.

As they say in all the best advertisements, "other heathland is available". You could visit Cavenham Heath, Knettishall Heath, Dunwich, Westleton, Snape Warren, Tunstall and Blaxhall Commons or Sutton and Hollesley Commons. They are all beautiful in their own way.

Ken Venus.





BARTON MILLS FOOTBALL CLUB **CHAMPIONS , CHAMPIONS. CHAMPIONS**

Barton Mills Football Club have finished their season, and what a season it was! Barton Mills wrapped up their league campaign with Stradbroke FC failing to win a

deciding game against Sudbury Swans. This handed the mighty Barton Mills the division 2 winners' trophy for the second year running. The Mills will now perform in the highest league in division one Bury and District league. Barton Mills also celebrated winning the division 2 Suffolk County Cup after reaching the final for the 3rd year running, though previously losing both times. Barton Mills FC narrowly missed out on reaching the division 2 knockout cup final after being beaten by Mendlesham who went on to win it.

Barton Mills Manager, Mark Morley, and chairman, Kieran Hayden, handed awards to Lewis Stevens (players' player & chairman's player), Olly Hollands (top goal scorer), and Spike Murkin (clubman). Logan Halls won Manager's player and most improved player. Mark Morley added that to him everyone deserved a reward, as the whole squad has been amazing this season and at times quite unplayable. Also the background staff Aaron and Sophie, Jon and Hayley, Dave Tappendale and not to forget Barton Mills biggest fans David and Alec Scott who never missed a game, have been brilliant.

Barton Mills would like to thank the Parish Council for their support over the season and for providing the resources to keep the club running; the Bury and District League who organise everything and everyone else involved in this great season.
Barton Mills FC / Mark Morley / Keiran Hayden

SUMMER



WORD SEARCH

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road trip

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vacation
watermelon
play

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popsicle
lemonade

Dandelions - Love them or not?

I remember as a young boy picking my mum bouquets of dandelions. The smile that came to her face, the gentle kiss on my forehead and the soft words she spoke as she reconfirmed what I already knew. "Sweetie, those are the prettiest flowers I've ever seen." She would say. "How about we put them on the table where everyone can see them." I'm convinced they were beautiful since they always made her happy.

Years later I moved into my own home and my neighbours were consumed with the war they'd declared on the "dreaded dandelion." I sheepishly grinned within because I knew they were up against a worthy opponent. Nonetheless, they brought in their heavy artillery and advanced across the battlefield destroying and crushing under their feet, mum's favourite flower.

One early morning, while having a cup of coffee on my deck, admiring the beautiful array of yellow dining room flowers canvassing my "No War Zone." I was reminded, everything and everybody that God created is beautiful and valuable in His eyes, designed with a purpose.

I've learned three valuable lessons from the dandelion. First, they will bring a smile to a mother's eyes. Second, they aren't destroyed when they're exposed to heat. Thirdly, they spring forth the next morning full of life. No matter how hard they were hit the day before. I do realize I said three reasons, but this one is free since this is my story and I can. My grandpa always said, "If, Jesus can turn water into wine. Then certainly he can make a good wine out of a dandelion."

And, a final thought to pass on about the dandelion is, even though you can't see it at dawn's break, doesn't mean it's not there. So is, our faith the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen. The dandelion springs forth with new life when exposed to the morning sun, just as our faith becomes alive when we're exposed to the "Son."



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CLUB NEWS

KNIT and NATTER GROUP

Knit and Natter, held our usual Easter Raffle and special afternoon, and we are all so grateful to Heather Damsell for her wonderful effort in raising so much money. We had some lovely prizes donated and had food and refreshments and it was a lovely afternoon ... £260.00 was raised, divided between St. Nicholas Hospice and Meseret Charity, supporting mothers and babies in Ethiopia. Our small group has now raised over £1000., since we started. So proud of everyone for their support, donations and knitted items for the babies .

I would also like to say how sad we are that Lindsay is no longer with us in body but she is definitely with us in spirit. She was a huge support to our group, knitting so many ' Fish and Chip Jumpers ' - so called because they went to babies who would otherwise be wrapped in newspaper, without them. A truly humbling thought. Lindsay was always so stoic and uncomplaining - she came to our meetings right up to her being really poorly. We had a lovely afternoon, with her, and she will always hold a special place in the heart of our group.

We are a friendly lot, you don't have to knit, you can do any handycraft - or none - just enjoy a Natter and a cup of Tea. Every Wednesday in the church rooms from 2.00 pm. till 4.00 pm. *Alison Swift 07982679926.*

SOCIAL ART GROUP

If you fancy drawing, painting or just colouring in, you might like to come along to the Social Art Group. We meet from seven till nine on a Friday evening in the church room and we are all beginners trying to get better! For more information give me, *Glenda Berrett*, a ring on *01638 717925.*

BOOK CLUB

Our May read was 'The Diary of a Bookseller' by Shaun Bythell. This was easy reading, taking everyone into the daily life of an independent bookseller, with many details and stories of the ups and downs of this way of life. We were fascinated by all the details that the author included. The book for the next meeting, on Thursday 11th June, 7pm in the church room, is 'The Warden', an Anthony Trollope Classic. New Group members will be very welcome.

More information from *Frances Lewis 01638 713155.*

What's on in Freckenham at the village hall & church

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

Monday Meet Up at the Village Hall 2 – 4pm. Free event but donation appreciated. All ages welcome. We often get the carpet bowls mat out, so come and join us to have a go or if you have experience you can make sure we are scoring properly!

Coffee Caravan visits to East View Car Park off Mildenhall Road, first Tuesday of the month 2nd June, 7th July, 7th August etc. 2 – 4pm Free cuppa, cake, chat and lots of advice, though there is a donation pot to help fund this valuable community project.

First Friday of Month Film Night 5th June The Roses (2025) Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy and Theo: successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But, beneath the façade of their supposed ideal life, a storm is brewing, as Theo's career nosedives while Ivy's own ambitions take off, and a tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites. Certificate: 15 Running Time 105 mins Doors & Bar Open 7pm film starts 7.30pm. £7 per person. **Next Film Night 3rd July film then a break till 2nd Oct.**

Farmers Market with some Crafts 27th June 10 – 12 noon all our usual stalls and some garden plants, veg and flower seedlings for Charity Arthur Rank Hospice and Blood Cancer Research. Free entry refreshments available. **The market then has a break - back 26th Sept.**

Open Gardens. We have postponed till 2027 date yet to be decided!

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! [Facebook FreckenhamVH & Freckenham, Suffolk Community Group.](#)

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Mildenhall Museum is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. Please come and visit us to see our 'Pop Up' exhibit and have the opportunity to purchase our new publications 'Roald Dahl - 'The Mildenhall Treasure' and its companion 'A Guide to the Mildenhall Treasure' as well as other merchandise. We will also have 75th Anniversary souvenirs available. Our opening times are

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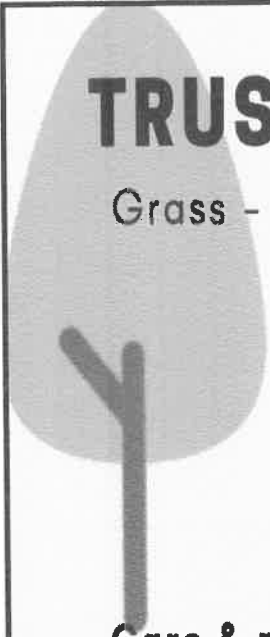
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Exception Site to provide affordable Homes for Barton Millers

Status

The revised drawings and updated reports for the 15 new houses on the car boot field site on Newmarket Road have now been submitted to West Suffolk Council to reflect the revised layout preferred by the planners. This will be formally consulted on around June with a decision July/August.

Church Lane Location

A number of residents have been conducting a private "survey" suggesting the land off Church Lane would be a better alternative. This site is NOT available for this exception site and the owners (Suffolk County Council) will not give it to the Parish Council. SCC are now advancing their interest in a commercial development. It is the view of the Parish Council this unofficial survey is misleading and inaccurate.



Recent Queries Raised by Parishioners

- The road is not safe with its 60mph speed limit **The application includes provision for a new 30 mph limit**
- The road is not safe for crossing **The application includes a pedestrian crossing**
- Lots of trees will be cut down **The landscaping plan allows for more trees to be planted than will be cut down**
- Why do the houses have to be on this site **The rules on where an exception site can be built are very strict. This is the only site in the village that meets the rules and the landowner is happy to give the land free to the Parish Council**
- There is no demand or need for these houses **The recent Parish Council survey established the need for around 35 homes**
- What type of homes will there be? **There will be social rental and shared (part) ownership**
- Who can live in them? **The houses are just for people with a proven housing need And a "connection" to Barton Mills**
- When will they be ready? **This is dependent on planning but will probably be around 12 months from planning approval so hopefully Summer 2027**

Consultation

If you have any views on these houses (good or bad) please do come along to a Parish Council meeting and the Parish Council will be happy to listen to any concerns and answer any questions. As part of the planning consultation anyone can send in their comments (they do need to be relevant to the application)