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See leaflet inside

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Dear Readers

From time to time people ask “Why Pancake Monday?” - Shrove Tuesday being the traditional day for pancakes. Tuesdays is the village regular day for several other clubs and groups, when members of these were also church members, who would be doing the “work” behind the pancake event, so we switched to Monday and it developed into a regular feature without clashing other “movable” date decreed Shrove Tuesdays. The idea for pancakes on this day came from the very old tradition of using up accumulated food (particularly eggs) before the beginning of Lent with its dietary restrictions. This also allowed a period when eggs could be hatched into the next generation at a good time for chicks, followed by hens coming back into full laying mode. Pancake Monday is one of our most popular events.

See elsewhere in this issue for Lenten arrangements and join us when you are able - it can be quite refreshing and is much more than “giving up chocolate for Lent”

April copy to me by 20th March please.

Yours sincerely Joy Willis

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The Library Van visits Barton Mills (behind Lamb Court) on Saturday aft. 2.00pm to 2.30pm . **This will be the following Saturdays -**

7 March 2020/4 April 2020

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

As I write, spring is definitely in the air, flowers are budding, birds are tweeting – and yet the country is undergoing, in many places, the worst flooding in living memory. Luckily for us, we haven't seen the worst of it in our part of the country, but our hearts go out to those further north and west who have seen their villages, farmland and homes devastated. I heard a man on the radio this morning, who when asked by the interviewer, "Are you concerned about the effects of climate change?" said, "I don't know that it has anything to do with climate change – it's just these relentless storms we keep having, I've never seen it like this before!" His comment sounded to me like a pretty good description of a climate that is changing.

As you may know, I recently travelled to Ethiopia, where people struggle daily with the fact that the weather they are experiencing is not like anything they have seen before. If you would be interested to know more about my experiences, I am going to be giving an illustrated talk at Freckenham Village Hall on Sunday 5th April at 7pm. All are welcome, there will be a bar, no charge for entry but we hope you might feel moved to make a donation to Christian Aid towards the work they are doing out there.

Another event open to all which is designed to help us to become better informed about these things is a film night, also at Freckenham Village Hall, followed by discussion. This will be on Saturday 21st March, doors open at 7pm – the film will be "An Inconvenient Sequel" Al Gore's recent follow-up to his 2007 film "An Inconvenient Truth".

While I am telling you about forthcoming events, let me also tell you about our Alpha Course – if you have ever wondered whether there is anything in the Christian faith but never really looked into it properly, this is a great way to find out more with no strings attached. It's a 12 week course in a very relaxed atmosphere, on 12 Wednesday evenings (plus one Saturday) from 22nd April. We still have a couple of spaces left, so if you think you might be interested to get in touch (revsandiebarton@gmail.com or 01638 720770) Hope to see you at one of these special events!

Blessings

Sandie x



St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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Churchwardens: **Dave Traher**, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328; **Alan Butcher**, 3 Church Lane, Barton Mills. Tel 713534

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Elders: Colin Brotherton; Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Elected Council Members

Secretary: Diana Knight, The Manor, Barton Mills, IP28 6BL. Tel 711274. To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Steve Hills.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Nora Shipley and Rodney Knight.

Other PCC Members : Davina Peachey, Jo Traher; Sandra Woollard and Peter Alder.

There are also sub-groups to help with various aspects of church life. Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Mothers Union

Next Meeting - Monday 23rd March 2020

2pm at Beck Row

(Usually the 3rd Monday every month - varying venues)



There is also a **Prayer Chain** for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others. Please ring **Colin Brotherton 713440.**

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Thursday 10.00 - noon in the Church Rooms.

ALL VERY WELCOME



CHURCH SERVICES in MARCH

Sunday 1st March 9.30am: Holy Communion (by extension) with Dave Traher

**Friday 6th March, World Day of Prayer: 10.30am Service at
St John's Church Hall, Beck Row**

Sunday 8th March

8am: Informal Early Holy Communion with Revd David Butcher

9.30am: Cafe church - an informal service with discussion – and refreshments - all welcome, including families with children.

5pm: Healing Service

Sunday 15th March 9.30am: Holy Communion with Revd Gill Anderson

Sunday 22nd March MOTHERING SUNDAY, 9.30am: Sunday Celebration, led by Glynn East, and with gifts of flowers for everyone

**Sunday 29th March 10am Joint Group Service at Barton Mills
with Revd David Butcher**

To contact our Parish Priest Revd Sandie Barton, please phone her on 01638 720770 or e mail her at revsandiebarton@gmail.com

CAFE CHURCH

On the second Sunday of each month, the 9.30am service in Barton Mills church will be an informal time with refreshments – help yourself throughout the service - and discussion, some worship, and activities for children. Come in at any time.

ALL WELCOME. Please see separate leaflet or, pick up a leaflet in church.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL in the church room
6pm Friday 27th March. All welcome

LENT LUNCHES

Simple lunches of soup, bread, cheese and fruit, will be held on **Tuesdays in Lent**, from 12noon to 2pm, at various venues around the Mildenhall area to raise funds for **Christian Aid**.

Tuesday 3rd March at West Row Church Hall

Tuesday 10th March at Cottage Rooms, Mildenhall

Tuesday 17th March at St Mary's church rooms, Barton Mills

Tuesday 24th March at Mildenhall Methodist Church

Monday 30th March at Mildenhall Kings Church

LENT COURSES

The Lark and Lee Lent Groups 2020 Programme: "saying YES to life"

This year we are following the Diocesan Lent Course based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book "Saying Yes to Life". Each session will look at one chapter of the book, which is based on the six days of the biblical account of creation.

The Lent courses are being held in the four churches of our group, Barton Mills, Freckenham, West Row and Worlington. Groups will meet as follows, starting the week beginning Thursdays , 27th Feb in Beck Row and Freckenham, Mondays , 2nd March in Worlington, Tuesdays, 3rd March West Row, Wednesdays, morning and evening, starting 4th March, in Barton Mills.

You are welcome to join the groups at different addresses if times are more suitable for you. For more information please pick up a leaflet from the church.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BARTON MILLS PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST

This year sees the 24th anniversary of the foundation of the Trust as a sub-committee of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church. This informal arrangement had worked well over the years, but this year, both the Trust committee and the P.C.C. have agreed that it will be better and more transparent if the Trust becomes an independent charity.

This may well make it easier for people who are not churchgoers or who are members of other faiths, but who care about the beautiful and historic church building in our village, to become members of the Trust.

Over the past 24 years, the Trust has raised many thousands of pounds, much of it from the Scarecrow Festivals, and this money has been used to keep the building in good order, so that now it is a pleasant and welcoming place for all to enjoy. And the church building can be a community centre for very many different purposes, such as concerts, meetings and other activities.

So we are moving into a new phase in the life of the Church Preservation Trust. There is an opportunity for new people to become members, and to become Trustees and help on the committee. We need to continue to raise funds for the Trust, both by regular donations and by special money raising events. Would you like to help with some of this?

The new Charitable Trust was launched at the 'Pancake Monday' meeting on 24th February, when we also thanked our recently retired Chairman, Rodney Knight, for his generous and skilful leadership since the Trust was founded in 1996.

If you would like to know more about the new Charitable Trust, please contact the Hon Sec, Frances Lewis, 11 Church Meadow, Barton Mills, phone 01638 713155, e mail franceslewis35@gmail.com.



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

How often **we take things for granted**. I remember back in the 1970's when the electricity companies were striking for better conditions and wages, we had to experience up to 3 - 4 hours of power cuts. When I came home from work, even though I knew the whole village was in darkness, **I still attempted to switch on the lights**. When **we turn our taps on**, we always expect to **receive running water and many of us take it for granted** that when **we switch on the ignition of our cars** in the morning, **they will start up first time**. Following is a poem I thought well worth passing on.

"IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE"

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike, because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like;

If only once He had sat down, and said "That's it! I'm through: 'I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do -

I'll give my orders to the sun - Cut off the heat supply:

And to the moon, give no more light, and run the oceans dry."

Then just to make things really tough, and put the pressure on ,

"Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone".

You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game, for no-one has been more abused or met with such disdain

Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me with all the favours of His grace, and everything for free!

Men say they want a better deal and so 'on strike' they go; but what a deal we've given God, to Whom all things we owe,

We don't care who we hurt or harm to gain the things WE like - BUT - what a mess we'd all be in **IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE**.

We take God and His marvelous attributes for granted. Because we are carried along daily by His unending stream of **love, wisdom, power and mercy**, we are apt to accept His goodness as just an ordinary part of life. **We might even forget what a great God we have**. The apostle Paul realized how prone we are to do this, for in Romans 11 he breaks forth in praise to God, v 33 says **"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"** Take time now to think upon God's greatness and thank Him for His grace, v 36 tells us **"of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things."**

"DON'T LET THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GIFTS CAUSE YOU TO FORGET THE GIVER"

We extend a warm welcome for you to attend any of the following: the usual Bible Study at 7.30p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays at 11a.m, or the Worship Services at 3p.m. and 6.30p.m.

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Good Neighbours' Scheme

Christmas Coffee Morning

The annual coffee morning on the 7th December in the Village Hall was a great success again, with a good attendance and a chance for villagers to meet neighbours old and new. The net total of funds raised for the Good Neighbours Scheme was £274, which means that, this year, we will not be seeking funding from the Parish Council or other local organisations,

Thanks to all who attended and to those who helped with the event, particularly Karen Colasante who organised everything ably assisted by Anne Low

John Berrett
Hon Sec



BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

All Over 50s Welcome

Wednesday 4th March – 2pm. Fraud and Scams. Stacey from Barclays Bank will keep us safe.

Wednesday 24th March – 2pm. A trip to Bury St Edmunds Theatre to see Round the Horne. Pre-book only.

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**Meetings are held at 2pm in the Village Hall:
£2 members £3 non-members.**



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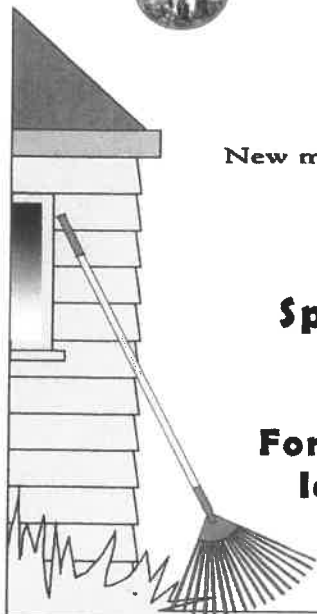
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BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The Great British Spring Clean is a national campaign with a single aim: to bring people across the country together to help clear the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and beaches.

Barton Mills Parish Council wish to join the campaign and have organised to hold a litter pick on **Saturday 4th April**.

The Parish Council invite all residents, including accompanied children to join them on the litter pick.

West Suffolk Council are providing us with the equipment required including litter-pickers, hoops, bin bags and high visibility jackets, these will be available to collect from the village hall between 9:30am and 10:00am.

If you have any questions, please contact Cllr Amin Harji on 01638 510251 or Cllr. Neil Horne on 07590 672963

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council have their own website. The website is used to publish parish news, events, facilities, services, clubs and Parish Council business.

A copy of the current and past editions of the Barton Miller are published on the website for your reference.

Next Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 3rd March 2020 and Tuesday 7th April** 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 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: Amin Harji, 01638 510251

Clerk: Jodi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841

Website: www.bartonmills.net

Find us on Facebook: Barton Mills Parish Council

Regrettably there is no report from our Feb. meeting since our speaker failed to turn up.

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday 10th at 7.30 in the village hall.

Our speaker will be Cheryl Brighty and her subject is 'Artistry in Chocolate'. We will be joined by members from Beck Row.

Take a look at our website -

www.wibartonmills.weebly.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.

January 2020 Winners

£30	202	C Bailey
£20	171	L Bonas
£10	145	C Peachey
£10	4	M Langton

February 2020 Winners

£30	148	M Norton
£20	183	L Judd
£10	50	A Lowe
£10	29	C Spurling

**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, £15, £10 and £5 monthly and twice a year additional prizes of £150.



MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

News from your local museum

Mildenhall Museum re-opens on March 3rd. Come and look for any changes/additions. The only days it is closed all day are Sundays and Mondays. All other days it is open 2.30-4.30 and on Fri. 10.30- 4.30.

The temporary display in the Community Room is on loan from Mildenhall Cricket Club.. It tells of their amazing project "That's Over" which traces the history of the Club since 1876.

This month's talk to Mildenhall Museum Society will be on **Thurs. 5th** at 7.30 when Roger Pugh will speak about **Uncle Sam's Roots in Eastern England.**

If you heard Roger's talk about the development of tanks at Elveden you'll know you are in for an informative evening. Members £2, guests £4.

What's on in Freckenham March 2020

Weekly Meet Up Monday at The Golden Boar Inn 2.30 – 4.30pm free cuppa, chat & friendly faces – come & join us.

Friday Film Nights 6th March The Good Liar stars Ian McKellen & Helen Mirren. A serial conman and a very rich widow. No need to book just turn up £5 a person. Doors & Bar open 7pm film starts 7.30pm Running time 109 mins R. Popcorn, icecream and treats available. The Golden Boar is open for a pre-film supper best to pre-book & advise you are going to the film 01638 723000.

Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market Saturday 28th March -

Stalls to be confirmed but likely to include fruit & veg, meat, pies, cheese, olives, bread, honey, eggs, WI, chocolate, Suffolk Scone Lady, preserves & pickles, cards plus variety of crafts including jewellery, knitting in aid of St Nicholas Hospice. Hopefully plants & bound to be some ideas for Easter treats & gifts! Free entry.

Cuppa, cakes & bacon rolls available **Then in the**

evening of 28th March Cash Bingo! Doors and bar open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. £1 a game all the money goes back into the prize pot. Fun night for all ages, great way to get children interested in numbers!

Friday Film Nights 3rd April – Judy

We have weekly activities for all from an Under 5's group, seated exercise to zumba, table tennis to karate, dancing, pilates, even bodytone to yoga! Check the village website

www.freckenham.suffolk.cloud for updates. Contact the tutor if you are new or attending after a break. Some are only term time. Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @Freckenham VH

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	Field	Refreshments in the Hall
Easter Monday April 13th 2020	BM Village Hall	BM Village Hall
Changed MAYDAY FRIDAY 8th MAY	W.I.	W.I.
Late May Bank Holiday 25th May 2020	Allottment Association	Church
August Bank Holiday 31st August 2020	Football Club	Church

**Please note the changed date of the
early May Bank Holiday
in line with national events.**

Saturday 7 March 2020 at 7.30pm

Ends 9.00pm approximately

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds

Verdi

Requiem

Sarah Fox soprano

Prometheus Orchestra

Valerie Reid mezzo-soprano

Bury Bach Choir

Christopher Turner tenor

Philip Reed conductor

Tom Asher bass

In 1874, Giuseppe Verdi was Italy's most celebrated opera composer at the height of his Powers, feted throughout Europe, each new stage work eagerly awaited.

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The answers to the February Quiz -

1. **True** Originally the Roman calendar was only ten months. Two months were added at the end of the year, but later changed to become the first two months. This led to the inconsistency of the ninth to twelfth months actually getting their names from the numbers seven to ten.
2. **Latin**
3. **Purification** - The Romans held feast of purification during this month.
4. **False** There is a legend that he wanted the month named after him to be the same length as the month named after Julius Caesar, but there is no evidence to indicate that this is true.
5. **Primrose**
6. **Amethyst** for sincerity
7. **Every four years** There is actually a rare exception to this rule. When the year ends with 00, the first two digits have to be divisible by 4 to be a leap year.
8. **Candlemas Day**

How did you get on?



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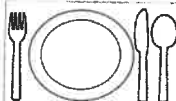
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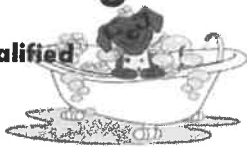
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