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*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of the Barton Miller. At the time of writing, we have just had storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin blow across the country. We hope this has not caused any major disruption or damage to village livelihoods and properties.

With March comes the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, do check out the information regarding the Lent Courses and the Lent lunches on page 6.

Don't forget the follow up planning meeting for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June - see back page for details and we have information on other dates for your diary too.

**Copy for the March Barton Miller should be with the Editors  
by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022, please.**

Yours sincerely, Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins.

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## Lenten Reflections



Of all seasons, I find that spring is the one that stops me in my tracks!

The greening, the budding, the activity and lengthening daylight, all speak of new birth, new hope and new opportunities, and never fail to lift my spirit.

Last week I was so entranced by a new bird song filtering through my windows that I had to stop, open my window, and just stand and listen.

'Spring has sprung', as they say, and birdsong gloriously announces its arrival.

One of the things the Church of England is especially good at is announcing the different seasons of the Church Year through its liturgy and worship.

Just as the spring holds promise of new birth so too does the church season of Lent – a time when the church almost holds its breath as we reflect on the promise of life that God offers all of us – a restoring of relationship with him bound for eternity – all made possible through the life, death and resurrection of his Son Jesus.

By the time you receive this magazine we will be entering the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday (the day after Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day) and culminates on Easter Day with the celebration of Jesus' glorious resurrection.

For the church, this season is a time of solemn waiting and reflection.

The vestment colours reflect this (purple) together with the liturgy, and flowers are often removed from our places of worship.

Yet this is also a time of immense hope - when we are aware of God's unfathomable love for us all and promise for all who believe in his Son:

*'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16)*

Just as I needed to take time out to fully appreciate the birdsong in my garden, why not also take time out to join with the church in the Lenten Studies offered and, as we approach Easter, hear in church for yourself the story of Christ's Passion that has become for us the story of 'Good News'!

Full details of all of the studies and services are in the magazine.

*Prayer: Living God,  
Teach us that the Gospel not only sounds good news;  
It is good news! Amen*

Revd Gill



## **APOLOGY**

I am writing with regard to my article in last month's "Barton Miller". The purpose and intention of the article was to highlight the effect over the years of exposure to increasingly violent and explicit videos, video games and pornography. Memories are buried alive and what we allow to enter our mind stays there and is not without effect on thinking and behaviour in society. There are other factors at play, of course, but this is certainly one of them. Everything I said was to be understood within that context and against that backdrop.

On reflection I acknowledge that it was rather clumsily written and therefore open to being understood and interpreted in ways that were unintended and not at all what I believe or wanted to say. I therefore believe it only right to retract the article in its entirety. I sincerely apologise for any hurt or offence caused. Needless to say the views are mine and should not be assumed to reflect the views of the diocese, the Church of England or any other body.

Gordon Anderson

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**Churchwardens:** Dave and Jo Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328;

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### **St Mary's Parochial Church Council**

#### **Elected Members**

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**Other PCC Members :** Linda Jenkins, Frances Lewis and Sandra Woollard.



## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7pm Group Holy Communion Service  
at West Row church.

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH, WORLD DAY OF PRAYER,**  
10.30am A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE  
at ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, BECK ROW

### **SERVICES at BARTON MILLS CHURCH**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Sunday Celebration  
5pm Healing Service

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March MOTHERING SUNDAY  
9.30am Family Service

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**



## **LENT COURSES**

There will be two groups in Barton Mills. Both will be on a Tuesday starting on 8th March and running for 5 weeks.

The Daytime Course will be held at the home of Linda Jenkins (56 The Street) starting at 10am and led by Rev'd David Everett.

The Evening Course will be held at the home of Dave & Jo Traher (25 Church Lane Close) starting at 7.30pm and led by Dave Traher.

Both will be following the course "Living Luke", published by our Diocese. Each week draws on the stories of seven of Luke's characters. Most are known from the other Gospels, but Luke's treatment of them is distinctive and he uses them to tell the story that threads through his Gospel and Acts. Mary, Simon Peter the Fisherman, The Centurion at Capernum, Mary Magdelene, Mary the sister of Martha, Zacchaeus the tax Collector and the centurion at the Cross. We will look at 5 of these during the period of Lent.

**All are welcome to join either of these groups. Just turn up on the day!!**

## **LENT LUNCHESES**

### **BARTON MILLS CHURCH ROOM, TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH.**

During the six weeks of Lent, Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, until Easter, 17<sup>th</sup> April, various churches in our area will be holding 'Lent Lunches' to raise funds for Christian Aid. The lunches are simple meals of soup, bread and cheese and fruit, starting at 12noon, and finishing at 2pm.

The Barton Mills lunch will be served in the church room on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome to come, no need to book, and there will be a collection for money contributions for Christian Aid.



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



Dear Friends,

Firstly, I want to thank those of you who have contributed your donation to the Charity. We have raised the donation amount a little as we are very aware that maintenance of the fabric of the church is costly, and will continue to be so, and we need to ensure we have sufficient funds to move forward with this important work. I would thank those who generously give well above the regular gift and we are both grateful and humbled by your generosity. We value all involvement and donations and look forward to the year ahead as we plan functions and events which will enable more important projects to be completed. Hopefully we will see you at some events.

The electrical re-wiring went well and I would thank Peter Alder and those who installed the new equipment so efficiently. Thanks too for contributions towards this particular programme of work!

Now, as we look ahead, we are aware that there are a number of small projects/repairs that are needed on the roof slates and the walls on the North side of the church after the weather of the past weeks, as well as regular maintenance. The lime trees in the Church Yard need pollarding and this will take place in early March, the work having now received approval from the PCC and the Parish Council. Some repairs were undertaken on the Clock in the tower and it now chimes loud and clear. Swift Nesting boxes have been installed and we are grateful to those who spent time in the tower installing in cramped conditions. Thank you too, for donations towards the construction of the boxes and to Ken Venus who built them!

We will be joining with the Church membership and Parish Council in celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee and have booked "Midnight Oil", Martin Dobson's instrumental Jazz group, who will perform on Sunday afternoon of the Jubilee weekend. Tickets will be on sale in the very near future and we really hope it will be a wonderful concert for this special weekend.

Please do consider being involved in the Preservation Trust Charity. The Church is a wonderful, spacious, well-equipped building and can be used for all manner of functions apart from church services.

Please do support us as we seek to maintain this very "old" and lovely building at the heart of our village.

Dave Traher, Chairman, (01638 718328, e mail [dtraher@icloud.com](mailto:dtraher@icloud.com))



## BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



I expect, like me, you are all **hoping** to hear that this pandemic has finished its course and we can return to some sort of normality . One of my friends suffers from SAD (seasonal affective disorder), a type of depression, common in places with limited sunlight, due to short winter days. During this month, when we think we are experiencing seemingly endless winters, we can look forward to longer days and warmer temperatures. Evidence of the first signs of Spring can be borne out on our journeys to Mildenhall when we see the daffodils on the Playing Fields - what a wonderful sight.

The cold mornings recently have produced **some wonderful sunrises**, the snowdrops too, are pushing their way up and as in previous years have provided **a glorious picture of beauty in our gardens**. These signs also powerfully remind us of the way God's **hope** can break through even our darkest seasons and are all signs that **Spring** is only round the corner!

God has once again kept His promise of the seasons that we read of in Genesis Ch 8 v 22. The following poem too, I am sure, epitomizes exactly what I am trying to say:

**The snowdrops peeping through the earth remind us life goes on,  
And we can find new hope and strength  
When doubt and fear are gone.  
Now as we watch the seasons change, Lord teach us how to live,  
And how to share the joy of life  
And all the gifts You give.**

Many claim to have **hope** but only those whose **hope** is in Christ can claim it with certainty! **Hope** comes, not from strength, intelligence or favourable circumstances, but from the Lord. As Maker of heaven and earth, He alone has the right to promise **hope** and the power to keep the promise.

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

## REGISTERING YOUR APPLIANCES

Suffolk County Council are urging residents to make their homes safer by registering their appliances. As part of the Fire Kills Campaign, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, along with Suffolk Trading Standards, are encouraging people to make their homes safer by registering machines at [registermyappliance.org.uk](http://registermyappliance.org.uk).

Registering an appliance can be easily done regardless of whether this was already in situ at a property when you moved in, bought second-hand, or installed many years ago, as you don't need to have a receipt or know exactly when the item was first purchased.

Registering your appliance helps minimise the risk of fire posed by dangerous or faulty products which have been recalled. On the website handy tips guide the user through how to find the important model details, meaning all the user needs to supply is their name and address. This data then goes directly to the manufacturer for use exclusively in case of a recall.

To increase safety and the life of appliances the Register My Appliance portal also offers:

- A listing of appliance safety repairs and recalls
- Hints and tips on household safety
- Recommendations for appliance care

## SCAMS AND FRAUD

Scams are, unfortunately, on the rise. Scams include texts, emails, or phone calls, there are scams relating to Covid supposedly from the NHS or your GP, requesting payment for the Covid-19 vaccination or the Covid-19 Pass.

Although these can often appear genuine, the NHS will never ask you to pay for the vaccine or Pass, or to provide your bank account or card details. Whilst internet shopping, care should be taken when making any purchases online. Beat the cyber crooks by only shopping at reputable retailers and doing your research first. This can be done by using independent review websites such as Trust Pilot: [uk.trustpilot.com](http://uk.trustpilot.com). Paying for items using a credit card is another great way to help you shop safely, as if there's a problem with your purchase or the company you've bought it from fails the Credit Card company has equal liability.

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## Upcoming Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm.**

The meetings will be held in the Village Hall unless Government guidance changes.

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

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Website: [www.bartonmills.net](http://www.bartonmills.net)

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**BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. David Cauldfield will tell us about his life being a semi-pro musician in the sixties

Refreshments to follow

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# **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**

**Feb 22**

£30	64	J Traher
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## **MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY**

### **Mildenhall and District Museum.**

The museum will reopen on Tues. MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> 2-4.30pm. Volunteer training and a Spring clean will have taken place a few days earlier.

On THURSDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 the Museum Society will be addressed by Dr. Nick Amor on KEEPING THE PEACE in MEDIEVAL SUFFOLK. He has requested that attendees wear masks.

To book a place please email to [enqs@mildenhallmuseum.co.uk](mailto:enqs@mildenhallmuseum.co.uk) or if that is not possible try ringing 01638 716970 on the morning of the 1st after 10 a.m.

## BARTON MILLS W I -

### NEWS AND INFORMATION

Our speaker for February was Malcolm Busby on the subject of 'Tales of Country Folk'. He lamented upon the stories being heard but not written down & as a consequence being passed less & less down the generations. Stories such as 'The Hiring Fair' where maids lined up in the hope they would be chosen to serve a good Master. Another was of the 'Pedlar of Swaffham'. In the legend John Chapman, the pedlar in question learns of the whereabouts of a large sum of money in a dream which he gave to the church to provide a north aisle & magnificent tower. There are still carvings in the church of St Peter & St Paul in Swaffham today. Fairy stories? Maybe....



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## **Good Neighbour Scheme —** helping hands carrying on regardless.

As the 1950s gave way to the 1960s, a new genre of cinema films brought humour to lives that had experienced austerity for some considerable time after the Second World War. Amongst those films was one that perhaps we as a Good Neighbour Scheme could regard as reflective of what we do – “Carry on Regardless – Helping Hands”. Throughout the last two years when the country as a whole and our own locality have experienced periods of isolation as we endured the social and medical hardships of the COVID-19/Omicron pandemic, our volunteers and others who came onboard to bolster our resources provided those helping hands where needed and carried on regardless of the situation.

At this time when people are worried about prices rising and uncertain times around the world, the smallest issues around our homes and lives can take on greater significance. It is at such times that the Good Neighbour Scheme can offer that bit of help that will hopefully make all the difference to somebody's day. You can see from our advertisement in the Barton Miller the range of services that we offer free-of-charge from our willing volunteers but don't be afraid to ask if there is something that you need help with that is not listed but yet we may be able to help with. (We cannot offer professional services for which qualified personnel such as electricians, plumbers and central heating engineers must be engaged).

Please remember that you can contact us on **07419 211040** or e-mail us at [barton.neighbours@gmail.com](mailto:barton.neighbours@gmail.com) to see if we can help you with your needs.

We are always pleased to hear from potential new volunteers and if this is something that you would like to consider doing, then please contact us on our telephone number or at our e-mail address – see above.

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**BARTON MILLS VILLAGE HALL**

# **QUIZ NIGHT**

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## **NATURE NOTES**

### **Floral tributes in the Churchyard.**

When choosing wreaths, cut flowers or plants to be placed on graves at Eastertide, or any other time, one needs to be aware of the species that are especially liked by muntjac deer. Top favourites for the deer are primroses, primulas, tulips and roses, but others also will be eaten. It would be helpful if people shared their information on floral survivors/victims.

Blaming these small deer is unjustified. They are here by the hand of man, just one of the invasive introduced species which have been extremely successful and are now so common in England. Another that you all know about is the grey squirrel, which out-competed our native red squirrel, the last of which seen in our local forests was in the 1970s.

Reeves's muntjac, to give its full name (there are other species of muntjac, but not in UK), are native to China but were released from captivity in Bedfordshire in 1901 and subsequently from other locations. They gradually extended their range, hampered only by our rare severe winters when there has been deep, persistent snow, and are now present in almost all counties of England and some parts of Wales.

Births occur throughout the year, there is no fixed breeding season. Females can become pregnant when 10 months old, (sometimes earlier) and a single fawn is born 7 months later. Within a few days the mother is likely to be pregnant again.

*Norma Chapman*

St Mary's Church, Barton Mills, Charitable Preservation Trust

**MARTIN DOBSON AND HIS JAZZ QUARTET,**



**MIDNIGHT OIL**  
**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**



St Mary's Church Barton Mills Charitable Preservation Trust will be holding a concert in support of the church's Preservation Trust, whilst celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Back for the second time due to the resounding success of their visit last year. .... Martin Dobson and his Jazz Quartet, the Midnight Oil band, will be performing in the church on **Sunday 5th June** at 3pm. Tickets £15. An array of music and not "just Jazz", it will be an afternoon not to be missed and just a stone's throw from your front door! Reserve your tickets now, tickets and payments will be arranged in April.

We hope to hold some other concerts throughout the year, it would wonderful if local individuals or firms would be willing to sponsor future events to help with raising funds for the Church's Preservation Trust.

Phone Alan Butcher for tickets on 01638 713534  
or Elizabeth Jarvis on 01638 583728

**FELIX SIMPSON & TERRY ADAMS CONCERT,**  
**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Back for the third time due to their immense popularity, Felix Simpson, Terry Adams and their band will be performing on **Friday, 15th of July** at 7.30pm in our lovely Barton Mills church, that we are raising funds for.

The best live music in East Anglia? Possibly - as Felix comes to us following a stint at the O2..... we are lucky to have such talent right on our doorstep for £15 a ticket.

An array of music to suit the most eclectic of tastes - it will be an evening not to be missed.

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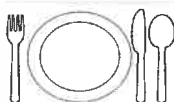
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