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Dear Readers,

As we move forward into March, it's beginning to feel as if Spring really is on the way. We can see the flowers and feel the warmth in the sunshine! There are Village events to look forward to – the Preservation Trust Talk on the 1st March, the Village Hall Quiz on the 10th, and all the regular meetings of the various Groups and Organisations. We are fortunate to be living in a community where there is so much friendship and activity.

For the Church it is a quieter time of the year, moving through Lent, towards Good Friday and Easter, in April. But Mothering Sunday comes on 19th March, when there will be gifts of flowers at the 9.30am service. Everyone will be welcome at that service, whether or not you are a parent, or have children with you. Please do come.

Yours sincerely, Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins

**Copy for the April 2023 edition of the Barton Miller to the editors by
20th March 2023 please.**

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Vicar's Letter

I am very pleased to be asked to write for your magazine in my capacity as Rural Dean and if there are any matters you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to be in touch. I am sure we all send our very best wishes to Rev David in his retirement and the process of selecting a new Vicar is well under way.

We live in an anxious age. Many people suffer with anxiety which leads to depression and heaven knows what other mental or physical illness. Such 'dis ease' has always been with us and sometimes covered up but there does seem to be an epidemic these days. I suspect that some of it is fuelled by the rhetoric of extreme politicians, 24hr news delivered even to our watches and Social Media used wrongly. Extremism doesn't naturally stalk this land but there are elements within our political establishment that have tended to tell of poor consequences if people do not act in such and such a way. Some people have almost demonised others. All this makes the most rational people anxious and concerned; I wonder if we become what we hear?

When we are anxious and worried our outlook on life and decision making is surely adversely affected. The direction of our lives can be altered, but it is fair to say that suffering has always been part of human experience and so we must learn to cope somehow.

The Gospel reading Matthew 6 25-end addresses this issue well - reminding us that Jesus does not want us to be full of worry or make our decisions based on fear. He wants the direction of our lives to be established on Eternal Truths, not the empty and hollow promises of our political classes. This seems far too simplistic to our intelligent 21st century minds but perhaps all Jesus was addressing is the kind of destructive anxiety that causes us distress and deprives us of sleep. It robs us of joy and can create a paralysis that disables us from work. When we respond out of our fears we do not operate out of a spirit of love.

I feared that the Free pantries set up in some of 'my' churches for anyone who found themselves in severe difficulty would be abused. They weren't. Was I, are we conditioned by what we hear so that we do not do good for fear of? Do we assume the worst because we hear such things constantly?

Cont'd Overleaf

This example could not be extended to areas of Safeguarding but the fact that there has been no abuse has conversely blessed us all by seeing essential goodness in humanity and encouraged.

Fear diminishes our capacity to live the Eternal Truths of the Kingdom of God with its different values to the world. Life in the Kingdom of God includes the poor, merciful, those who mourn, those who are persecuted, those who hunger and those willing to serve with a grateful heart.

We cannot understand why God has woven threads of suffering into our experience - they make life so hard to bear for many. Some people are more anxious in their personality than others, but we all trust that our present sufferings will find their ultimate relief through Christ.

We get afraid - but always remember your loving Father is with you. He loves you dearly and will bless you – not if you do this or that but because you are you. As we approach the great Christian Festival of Easter, why not take the opportunity to engage in Christianity – you may find a great deal of strength, and doing good for others following the Eternal Truths may well bless you too.

With prayers and all good wishes for you all.

Rev Canon Chris Childs, Gazeley Vicarage, Newmarket



New person required to take over a distribution delivery route for the Barton Miller

This would be Station Road, Bridge House, 3 copies at the flats near the bridge, the north side of Worlington Road as far as and including Cricket View. 36 copies in all.

If you are able to help with this distribution of the village magazine please contact the house to house distribution coordinator - Liz Jarvis
- emjarvis68@gmail.com

Thank you

CHURCH SERVICES, MARCH 2023

SERVICES in BARTON MILLS CHURCH

Sunday 5th March 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th March

9.30am Morning Worship

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 19th March MOTHERING SUNDAY,
9.30am Family Holy Communion

Sunday 26th March 9.30am Morning Worship

6pm **Group Praise and Worship Service**, a service of modern worship songs, prayer, and bible study, on the theme of Hope, led by Revd David Everett

Sunday 2nd April 9.30am PALM SUNDAY, Holy Communion

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.

Barton Mills Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place, in church, on Wednesday, 26th April, 7 for 7.30pm

WORLD DAY of PRAYER, Friday 3rd March. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Taiwan- an engaging service with stories of faith to encourage and spur prayerful action.

There will be local services on that day at:

10.30am at St.John's Church Hall, Beck Row, led by Rev Caroline Butcher

12 noon at All Saints Church, Gazeley, led by Revd Chris Childs

2.30pm at Mildenhall Methodist Church, High Street, Mildenhall, led by Revd Sue Leathley.

Everyone will be welcome to join in these services and be part of a wave of prayer encircling the earth. Refreshments will be served after these services.

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 and Jo Traher, 25 Church Lane Close,
Barton Mills. Tel 718328;

Elders: Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Elected Members

Secretary: 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 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



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QUIZ NIGHT

7pm FRIDAY 10th MARCH 2023

in BARTON MILLS VILLAGE HALL

QUIZMASTER

KEVIN MILLIGAN

**Come as a team (up to 8 people) or come on your own
- teams can be made up on the night.**

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**Tickets: £12 per person, before the night,
to include**

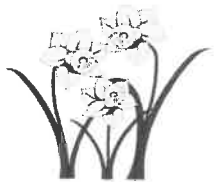
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Gifts of raffle prizes will be very welcome

Tickets from:

Frances Lewis, 11 Church Meadow, (713155)

**Numbers will be limited, so early booking is important.
Proceeds to Barton Mills Village Hall funds.**



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



I am not in the habit of wishing my life away, however, the other day I was accused of doing just that. I don't think I'm alone in feeling happy that the **Winter is past** even though it has been quite a decent one, and the last few days have been **unseasonably mild** which help us feel **Spring is on it's way!**

I am certain we are **elated at the sight of the first snowdrop, a sure sign that Winter is really over.** Fortunately we don't have to travel to far off lands to appreciate the marvels of His creation. In a few weeks time we can all witness this phenomena on our playing fields when the daffodils put on their wonderful display of colour. **As we see the wonder of His creation all around us let us never fail to recognize and worship the One who designed them.**

Centuries ago, Job in Chapter 9 v 10, exclaimed that ***it is God who does great things past finding out, yes, wonders without number. It is God who guides the birds southward in the autumn and then brings them north again in the Spring. It is God who reminds the sun to rise at its appointed time every morning. It is God who keeps the earth steadily rotating at tremendous speed. It is God who feeds the sparrow and dresses the lilies in their splendour.*** Jesus in Luke Chapter 12 v 27 said **"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin, yet I say unto you, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these".**

**GOD IS BEHIND THE SCENES CONTROLLING THE SCENES
HE IS BEHIND**

Why not join us in our Worship Service on Sundays at 3p.m. You will be most welcome.

F. A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

LOCAL ELECTIONS (District and Parish) – 4th May 2023

If you would like to be involved in making decisions to improve our local community then please consider this opportunity to join the Parish Council.

If you are considering standing then please come to our next meeting on 7th March to see what is involved and what your Parish Council does.

To qualify to stand as a Parish Councillor you must:

- *be British, a citizen of the Commonwealth or other European Union Citizen*
- *be at least 18 years old*
- *be registered to vote in the parish, or have lived, worked or owned a property in the parish for at least 12 months prior to the election.*

Barton Mills Parish Council has a maximum of nine members. If there are more than 9 candidates, it is a contested election and a poll will take place on Thursday 4th May. No poll is required if there are 9 or fewer candidates. The new members will take office from Tuesday 9th May 2023 for four years.

Standing: Notice of Election will be published on Wednesday 22nd March and candidates need to deliver their nomination papers by 4pm on Tuesday 4th April. More detailed information including nomination packs can be found on West Suffolk Council website: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/elections

Voting: Statement of Persons Nominated will be published on Wed 5th April

The deadline for registering to vote is **Monday 17th April**

The postal vote deadline is **Tuesday 18th April**

The proxy vote deadline is **Tuesday 25th April**

The poll will take place on **Thursday 4th May**

To vote at a polling station, you will now need to bring **photo ID**.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

The next Parish Council meetings will be **held on Tuesday 7th March and Tuesday 4th April 2023**. The meetings 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: Jadi 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 1st March** in the **village hall at 2.00pm**. John Vigar – Leave no stone unturned – the lives and burial places of the famous and infamous.

Wednesday 15th March – to be decided by 1st March

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

Annual Subscriptions now due £10
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Enquiries to Ann on 01638 510008 or jacobs.family@me.com



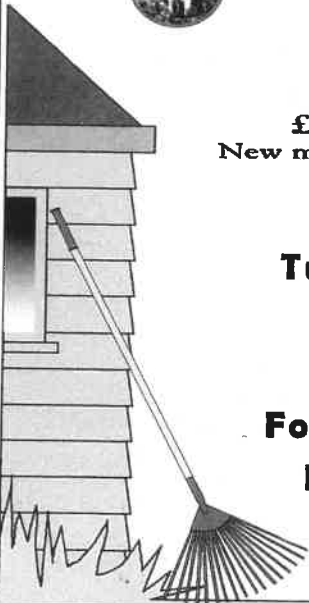
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New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

**Tuesday 28th March - Peter
Maddison will talk on
"Butterflies"**

**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

Feb 23

£30	A. Palles-Clark
£20	A. Low
£10	D. Powell
£10	P. Jarman

If you would like to become a member please contact our Treasurer: Janette Miller - 49 The Street. Tel 712843

IF YOU WANT TO WIN, YOU HAVE TO BE IN !!

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



MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

MILDENHALL AND DISTRICT MUSEUM will reopen after the winter break on MARCH 1st. Opening times are 2-4.30 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays but 10.30 - 4.30 on Fridays. Whether you are new to the area or a long-established resident, do visit. Our volunteers will be pleased to welcome you. Admission is free, donations welcome. The end of February marks the 40th anniversary of the museum being on its present site in King Street.

NEW FOR 2023 The Margery Frape Research Corner

We are opening a study area for visitors, with photographs of local places on a touchscreen, and folders containing information about our local villages. Also, for a small fee of £5 per session, visitors can access our wide range of resources covering general history, local history and geology, an ideal starting point for family history research.

Our short-term (pop-up) displays are changed regularly.

From March to May, come and learn about Mildenhall shops from the past and see retail items used from years gone by.

Museum Society - Next Meeting - 2nd March - ... Keith Robinson will talk to us about 'The Iceni'

For our February meeting we went to the Yum Yum Tree Fudge Factory based at Woolpit. It is a family run business and their aim is to produce the finest quality fudge.

We were each greeted with a hot chocolate fudge drink and given a hair net to wear. We were given a guided tour of the factory, showing all the processes in making this toothsome delight - with tasters enroute.

The business started in a modest way about 14 years ago with fudge made at home and given as presents. The recipients were so impressed it was suggested that it should be sold at Farmers Markets. The owners expanded their home to accommodate demand, sheds and a conservatory which in time was still not enough space. The move was made to bigger premises in Woolpit.

The aim is to be as eco friendly as possible, having installed solar panels and storage batteries to power 3 electric vehicles. Wherever possible, local British sugar, milk and butter are used and natural flavours and cater for gluten free and dairy free products.

After our tour we were 'let loose' to buy our favourites, difficult when there are over 40 to choose from.

We all left with our yum yum bags full.



**Take a look at our website -
www.wibartonmills.weebly.com**

NATURE NOTES



Nest boxes for birds. Many of our garden birds will now be prospecting for nesting sites. There is still, just, time to make or buy boxes for birds to use this year. Information and instructions can be found on the websites of the RSPB and the British Trust for Ornithology, as well as important advice on suitable locations and heights according to the species you hope to attract.

Several species of bees have been about in the recent sunny days – not honey bees but some of the many species of solitary bees- some may have emerged from underground burrows or from tiny nooks and crannies, either natural or man-made.



Bee-keepers and farmers are very aware of the appalling losses of honey bees, essential for pollination of crops, because of the use of agri-chemicals, and garden chemicals also kill beneficial and harmless insects.



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ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST



Dear Everyone,

Thank Goodness we're finally having some warmer weather and the Spring flowers are cheering our gardens and woodlands! It is also just the sort of weather for a spot of lime-mortaring which we hope will soon have the interior of the Church looking at its best once again.

The Preservation Trust is really looking forward to welcoming you to our next evening of entertainment, hopefully warmer than the last!

If you are into Horse-racing and interested in Britain's top-notch classic racing circuits, an enthusiastic Historian or a fan of the great painters of our times, then this is an unmissable opportunity to indulge all three, plus good wine, food and company!

We are SO lucky to be able to welcome Christopher Garibaldi, formerly director of The National Horseracing Museum, who is helping us to support the Trust by giving his time for FREE and offering us entertaining lecture in the Church on 'Treasures of the Turf, the Fine and Decorative Art of Horseracing' on Wednesday 1st March, 7pm.

Tickets from Liz Jarvis 01638 583728, or Alan Butcher 01638 713534

Doors open at 6.30 for wine and Canapés. Tickets will include a complimentary glass of wine, £15 on the door.

Coming up early in May, our next event will be an evening of music and dancing with the always popular Felix Simpson and Terry Adams duo on Friday 5th May in Church, kicking off the Bank Holiday weekend of the Coronation of Charles III...

Again, you will be able to buy tickets in advance from Liz or Alan: phone numbers above. They will be £15.00 but we must ask that this is pre-paid, as reservations are really important for this popular event.

Warm Wishes to you all, Liz Jarvis, Secretary



Treasures of the Turf

In St Mary's Church Barton Mills
7.00pm On Wednesday 1st March

An entertaining and thrilling account for the history of
horseracing told through marvellous artworks

Given by
Christopher Garibaldi
Formerly director of the National Horse Racing Museum

Refreshments and Canapés served from 6.30pm



BARTON MILLS VILLAGE CAR BOOT SALES

Village Car Boot Sales are held on the Playing Field, next to the Village Hall, on Bank Holiday Mondays, with refreshments being served in the Village Hall.

Various organisations work on these occasions to raise funds for their groups. Boot pitches are charged as £6 for a single pitch and £10 for a double, but, because refreshments are on sale in the Hall, catering vans and stalls are not permitted. Parking is free for customers who come to look and to buy, but not to sell. The advertised time for the event is 7am to 12noon, but many people do come before 7am! These are always very sociable occasions, and it's always a good idea to wander round, look for bargains, and chat to friends – old and new!

CAR BOOT SALES ON BARTON MILLS PLAYING FIELD, 2023

Day	Date	Hall	Field
Easter Monday	10 th April	Village Hall	Football Club
May Day	1 st May	WI	Church
Spring Bank Holiday	29 th May	Church	Allotments Assn
Late Summer Bank Holiday	28 th August	Church	t.b.a.

THE BURRELL TRUST CHARITY

This is a local charity whose full name is “The Maria Louisa Burrell Charity of Barton Mills”. It started from a fund set up in 1920 by Maria Louisa Burrell in memory of her husband, Percy Burrell, to establish and endow “a Workmen’s Club Reading and Recreation Room in the Parish of Barton Mills”. The building that was that Reading Room is now a private home at 54 The Street, and it is still sometimes referred to as “The Old Reading Room”. In 1958 the present charity was set up with some existing funds and money from the sale of the property and was registered with the Charity Commission. Its charity number is 208752 and it has a formal constitution.

The Trustees are “seven competent persons” specified as The Rector and two Churchwardens of St Mary, Barton Mills, and the Chairman of the Parish Council of Barton Mills, together with three co-optative trustees being persons residing or carrying on business in or near the Parish of Barton Mills. At present, these three people are Faith Rutterford, Barry Klatt and Derek Judd , (known as 'village representatives'). Frances Lewis is the Clerk to the Trustees, but she will be retiring in April this year.

The capital funds of the charity are invested in shares with the Charities Official Investment Funds (COIF). The income, which is about £1300 a year, may only be used for very specific purposes i.e. *“in or towards the upkeep, maintenance and repair of any building in the Parish of Barton Mills which is used as a village hall or in or towards the upkeep and maintenance of any recreation ground in the said parish”*. In effect, this means that funds can only be used for the Village Hall and the playing field, including the Football Club building. At their meetings, the Trustees, who usually meet twice a year, consider any requests that are sent to them for funds for these areas.

In the last 15 years the Burrell Trust has met part or all of the costs for – the fencing round the children’s play area on the field, the external electric socket on the Football Club building, new curtains and blinds in the Village Hall, new showers and replacement windows for the Football Club, a new cooker in the kitchen and new flooring in the store rooms for the Village Hall, floodlighting to the field, items for the children's play equipment on the field, repairs to the roof of the Football Club building, new fire doors for the Village Hall, junior goal posts on the field, redecoration of the Village Hall toilet rooms, and external lighting on the Village Hall.

February 2023

WORD SEARCH - no answers - find what you can.

Spring

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Good Neighbour Scheme – volunteering to help in our community

Albert Sweitzer once said of volunteering *“Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it.”*

He recognised that a worthwhile gift that we can give to others in our communities is that of help when help is needed. Our volunteers are truly gifted and committed to freely offer their time and support to neighbours in need where it is within their gift to do so. Our range of support services are set out in our advertisement in this edition of the Barton Miller so do please look at it and see how we might be able to help when you need it.

During January our volunteers were again busy operating the Warm Welcome scheme that we established in the Church Room. As we experienced in November, the numbers of villagers coming along to share the comforts and refreshments during January were very few in number - we offered free hot drinks, snacks (sausage rolls, cakes and biscuits), freshly made hot soup and rolls. As a result we reluctantly had to make the decision that the initiative could not continue forward on the same basis so consequently we decided not to open the doors in February. However, we stand ready to help in whatever ways we are able to offer in the event that our help is needed during these tough and troubled times.

There are however Warm Spaces that are still operating at The Mildenhall Hub in Sheldrick Way by the Suffolk Library Service and at the Pavilion next to the Jubilee Playing Fields in Mildenhall by Mildenhall High Town Council.

Can I please remind you that our usual services are free of any charge and are designed to support villagers across the entire Parish of Barton Mills. 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.

What's on in Freckenham

March & April 2023

Meet Up Mondays still temporarily at the village hall 2 – 3.30pm sometimes we get a carpet bowl out! Cuppa and chat all welcome

First Friday of Month - Film Nights March 3rd – Fisherman's Friends One & All (2022 12A) £7 a person. Doors & Bar + themed cocktails with snacks opens 7pm, film 7.30pm.

Live Theatre back at the village hall Saturday 18th March with Last Shot & Confess <https://www.raisingcainproductions.com/last-shot-confess>. A comedy thriller set in a village hall! Involves a famous actor & film director coming to do their latest picture. The question is why in a village hall? They join in a local support group at the hall but why? Some confessions start to spill out! £10 pp appreciate if you can pre-book (so we know how many chairs to get out!) 07542 198 933. Doors & Bar open 7pm, raffle & performance 7.30pm.

Farmers Market with some Crafts 25th March. 10 – 12 noon, many of our regular stalls + some extras! Lots will have ideal gifts or treats for Mother's Day and Easter. Refreshments available. In the evening **Cash Bingo** £2 per person entry fee for village hall funds. £1 a game all money goes in the prize pot, so the more who play the bigger the pot! Doors & Bar with snacks open 7pm eyes down 7.30pm. No April film night due to Bank Holiday and Easter.

Freckenham Fun Time under 5's group now Weds 10 – 11.30am £3 per family suggested donation with free drink. Also offering this event as a WARM SPACE for anyone to join them for cuppa & chat to come along. Freckenham VH or Freckenham Community Group Facebook, website or 07542 198 933 for updates. New class Pound Unplugged great workout, along with regulars like FitSteps, Circuits (cardiovascular but at your pace), Yoga, Pilates, Karate, Table Tennis & Dance Clubs! 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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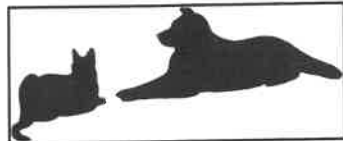
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