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Dear Readers,

As you will see on other pages of this Barton Miller, we are delighted to be welcoming Rev Mark McCaghrey as the new Team Vicar for the Lark and Lee Group of four parishes, which are Barton Mills, Freckenham, West Row and Worlington. Mark and his wife, Fiona, will be living in Barton Mills Vicarage and he will be installed at a special service in Barton Mills church on Wednesday evening, 19th June.

May will be a busy month for our village with two Car Boot Sales on the field by the Village Hall on the mornings of the Bank Holiday Mondays, 6th and 27th May. These Boot Sales, with refreshments in the Village Hall, are always very sociable occasions (providing the rain holds off!) and pitch fees and refreshment profits go to various local groups. So do come along and support these events.

Please forward copy for the June edition of this magazine to the editors by 20th May.

Yours sincerely, Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins.

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. 2.00pm to 2.30pm.

This will be the following Saturdays - 25 May, 22 June.

Vicar's Letter

I think when I last wrote for the Barton Miller in April last year, I explained that I was writing as St Mary's Church was then in a period of vacancy. This was as a result of the retirement of Revd David Everett who had very kindly 'stood in the gap' for the previous two years, coming out of his own retirement to cover it.

Well, 12 months on and I have some very good news for the Lark and Lee group of parishes, of which St Mary's Barton Mills is a significant part. (The others being; St Peter's, West Row; All Saints, Worlington and St Andrew's at Freckenham).

An appointment has been made for the Lark and Lee Group and Revd. Mark McCaghrey has been offered and accepted the position of Team Vicar here. Mark will live in the Vicarage at Barton Mills and his licensing and induction will take place in St Mary's, Barton Mills at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th June 2024. All will be welcome to attend. We look forward to welcoming Mark as he moves to Suffolk from his current post in Norfolk. It will be really good for all the Lark & Lee churches to have a settled period with a new minister.

It seems that the future for this group of churches is very bright. We have a newly installed Team Rector in Revd Canon Chris Childs at Gazeley and the excitement of a new Clergy face in the Vicarage in Barton Mills. My prayer will be for Mark and his wife Fiona and the rest of his family as they make the move to Suffolk and for these villages as we all look forward to that bright future.

In the meantime, if you have any church related queries prior to Mark's arrival, please feel free to contact me.

Revd David Butcher – revdavidbutcher@gmail.com or 07747 816038

Fun with Fundraising!

Come and enjoy a lively and sociable evening in aid of The Preservation Charitable Trust



In St Mary's Church Barton Mills **7.00pm On Friday 3rd May**

Fish and Chip Supper

From The Handy Plaice Mobile caterers

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donated by your own friendly neighbours – please do also donate your own quality items (nothing electric)!

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Mr Paul Bonnett

Doors open and drinks served from 6.30pm Tea and Coffee, Wine and soft drinks available Donations gratefully received for refreshments

Tickets from Liz Jarvis at £12.00 per person on 01638 583728 or emjarvis68@gmail.com

BARTON MILLS CHURCH SERVICES for MAY 2024

Sunday 5th May

9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th May, ASCENSION DAY

7pm at West Row Church, Group Service of

Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May

9.30am Sunday Celebration

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 19th May PENTECOST

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th May

9.30am Sunday Celebration

Sunday 3rd June

9.30am Holy Communion

All are welcome to join us at these Services

Rev'd Chris Childs is the TEAM RECTOR for the Forest Heath Team of churches, which includes Barton Mills. He can be contacted at All Saints Vicarage, The Street, Gazeley, CB8 8RB. Tel. no. 01638 429212, e mail: revcchilds@aol.com.

Rev'd Canon Mark McCaghrey has been appointed as Team Vicar for our Group of 4 Lark and Lee Parishes. He will be installed as Team Vicar at a service in Barton Mills church on Wednesday evening 19th June and he will be living, with his family, in Barton Mills Vicarage.

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:

Churchwarden: Dave Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton

Mills. Tel 718328;

Elders: Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Elected Members

Secretary: Jenny Everett, 24 Oxford Close, Mildenhall IP28 7RP,

Tel 07807 912909, email jen.everett50@gmail.com

To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Tony Potts.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Rodney Knight and

Peter Alder

Other PCC Members: Alan Butcher, Linda Jenkins, Frances

Lewis, Jo Traher and Sandra Woollard.

Prayer Chain - There is access to a prayer chain for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others. Please contact the church Elders mentioned above



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BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Believe it or not on the 19th May we shall reach another milestone in the Christian calendar now commonly called Whitsun. As we enjoy this holiday we are reminded that after Jesus Christ rose from the dead He gave us the promise that a Visitor would come. Though He is invisible to our eyes, the Holy Spirit will visit with us every day, just as Jesus walked with His disciples on earth. John 16 v 7 says ".....it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter, the Holy Spirit will not come unto you, but if I depart I will send Him unto you, and in Acts 1 v11, on the day of His ascension into Heaven, His disciples were again promised of His return.

He keeps us honest, focused, and encouraged so that we too can glorify Christ. By this we know we can rely on Him every day. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews Ch 13 v 5) and with the help of the Holy Spirit is there to protect, comfort and counsel. As Christians, we know the marvellous yet mysterious experience of having the Holy Spirit as our companion and guide to rely on – even though we can't see Him.

GOD'S SPIRIT LIVES INSIDE US AND ALSO WALKS BESIDE US

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

F. A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 7th May in the Village Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the parishioners an opportunity to discuss parish affairs and for village organisations to answer any questions. It is NOT a meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Residents are invited to attend these meetings.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTION

A poll will take place on Thursday 2^{na} May between 7am and 10pm for the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner. www.choosemypcc.org.uk

SUNNICA ENERGY FARM UPDATE

The Secretary of State has decided to re-set the statutory deadline for this application to 20 June 2024.

A statement confirming the new deadline for a decision will be made to the House of Commons and House of Lords in accordance with section 107(7) of the Planning Act as soon as possible once Parliament is in session.

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Tuesday 7th May and Tuesday 4th June, both 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 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: Naomi Alecock, clerk@bartonmills.net

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 May 2024 in the village hall at 2.00pm.

JENNY GIBBS WILL TELL US THE STORY OF SILK AND PASHMINAS

Refreshments afterwards.

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

Entry £3 non members/ £2members
Annual subscription £10
Enquiries to Ann on 01638 510008 or
jacobs.family@me.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.

April 2024

£30 216 C. Powell

£20 198 D. Grinling

£10 81 J. Stirges

£10 57 R. Flack

If you would like to become a member please contact our Treasurer: Janette Miller - 49 The Street. Tel 712843
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The Museum opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 2 -4 pm; Friday 10.30 - 4pm

Limited 90th Anniversary of the Great Air Race merchandise is available from the Museum shop

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2024

Talks start at 7.30 pm and are held at the Museum 6 King Street, Mildenhall IP28 7EX

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Refreshments

2nd May A Talk about the Dad's Army Museum in Thetford. 6th June Guided walk in Bury by Martyn Taylor based around

Angel Hill and Chequer Square.

4th July My Journey to the Olympics - Nigel Wallace.

BARTON MILLS FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT

As I'm sure you are aware, Barton Mills FC have had quite the season! We are currently holding on to 2nd place in the Bury Sunday League and if results go the right way on Sunday 21st April we could gain automatic promotion; our opponents for this final league game are Inter Moreton Hall Youth Team.

Not only that, but we have manged to have a good cup run as well. We have managed to reach the final of the County Cup, where we will face Gardeners Arms at Needham Market's 4g pitches on the 28th April. Tickets are available on the Suffolk Association Facebook page but also available to purchase at the gate on the day (card payment only). We are also holding a Summer Fun Day on Saturday 13th July, on Barton Mills Playing Field, to raise funds for the club and 3 charities which the club have been in contact with, and who hold a precious place in our hearts. These charities will be announced closer to the time!

UP THE MILLS!

ONE-DAY WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP - WORLINGTON

Professionally-trained artist and textile designer Nicky Hunter will be holding a 10-4 watercolour workshop in Worlington Village Hall, The Street, Worlington on Fri, 14 June. There's adequate parking and a light lunch and refreshments will be provided but please bring your own watercolours, paper, brushes, etc.

Vicky will be tutoring us to paint a summer landscape. She is a very engaging and helpful teacher and this promises to be an extremely entertaining day of learning more about the beautiful medium of watercolour.

£60 will cover the tuition, lunch and refreshments.

Please ring Julie Merrick 01638 716177 or Viv Brown 07734 315138 for more information and to make a booking.



BARTON MILLS CLUB NEWS

KNIT and NATTER: This group meets every Wednesday afternoon, 2 to 4pm, in the church room. Knitting is optional! Any craft, or none, will do to accompany the nattering and tea and biscuits. New members very welcome – please just come along.

BOOK CLUB: This club meets in the church room at 7pm on the second Thursday evening of each month. At our April meeting we discussed 'Lady in Waiting' by Anne Glenconner. Opinions about this book were mixed – some thought that it gave an interesting insight into the lives of some members of the previous generation of the Royal Family whilst others felt that it was just a catalogue of name dropping! For the meeting on 9th May we are reading, with some difficulty because it is a very long book, Charles Dickens' 'Dombey and Son'. Then on 13th June it will be 'Guards, Guards' by Terry Pratchett. New members will be very welcome.

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Dear Everyone,

Well, things are finally moving ahead with our project to light the path to the North Door! Hopefully by the time you read this piece we will have completed work to install a sensor light above the door. The next stage is to raise funds to help us purchase and install a properly good quality, traditional Victorian Style Lamp-post to be a focal point at the corner by the path across to the Church Room.

With this in mind it's time to get ready for our big Summer Concert! This will be held on **Saturday June 8**th at 7pm, when we really hope the weather will be warm and sunny. Please encourage your friends and relations to come along to enjoy this wonderful evening of classical entertainment.

We start with a **Pimm's Bar on the Church Lawn at 6.30pm** and then, moving into the building, we look forward to a beautiful concert performed by **THE KELD ENSEMBLE**, who have not been back to us for 5 years now! We hope you've missed them and really want to hear them again. They will be bringing you soloist Sarah Williamson, the superb clarinettist, as well as their own talented musicians.

We hope you will thoroughly enjoy their marvellous selection of classical music including pieces from Holst, John Williams, Sibelius, and Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major.

Tickets, £20.00 for adults, £10 for children, are available from Liz Jarvis on 01638 583728 or emjarvis 68@gmail.com or Alan Butcher, 07788 535104, or alandavidbutcher@gmail.com

Very Best Wishes to you all, Liz Jarvis



SATURDAY

With Sarah Williamson - Clarinet

Presented by
St Mary's Church
Barton Mills
Preservation Trust

8th JUNE 2024

Programme to include Mozart - Clarinet Concerto in A
Elgar - serenade for Strings
Holst - St Paul's Suite
John Williams - Film Music

7:00 pm

Tickets: £20 (£10 under 18's)
To book call Elizabeth Jarvis 01638 583728
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NATURE NOTES

As I write this piece we are experiencing gale force winds, hail stones and freezing temperatures. This is in complete contrast to the previous day which was a balmy twenty degrees! These unpredictable weather patterns are, apparently, a consequence of climate change so that we may not enjoy clearly defined seasonal weather patterns as we did in the past.

This reminds me of an article I read recently about Common swifts. They should have arrived as you read this but do not always have ideal weather to start breeding. Research has shown this may not be too much of a problem as swifts can go into a kind of torpor when conditions prevent them from gathering enough insect food. They can lower their metabolic rate by an average of 56% to conserve energy. Further research has now also shown that swifts lower their metabolism during the night when sitting on the nest regardless of weather conditions. They are super survivors!

May is an incredibly busy time of year for all forms of wildlife; there is so much to see and hear everywhere you look and listen. Roe deer give birth to their young in May and June. They generally have two kids unlike other deer species which usually have one. A pair of Roe deer has been seen in Norah Hanbury-Kelk Meadows recently so let's hope we have a chance of seeing a Bambi or two.

Hedgehogs should be mating in May so during your nocturnal forays to the recycle bin listen out for lots of grunting and snuffling in your back garden. I believe they mate 'very carefully' if somewhat noisily! We are lucky enough to have Hedgehogs in our garden so we look forward to the possibility of seeing some babies. They leave their little calling cards on the lawn and we see them drinking from their own little water bowl. Bread and milk are most unsuitable for hedgehogs but they do enjoy cat food especially the crunchy, dried kind.

Speaking of things nocturnal, May is an excellent time to see moths on the wing. On warm, still nights you may get to see some of the beautiful hawk moths — Lime, Emperor and Elephant. The Elephant Hawk moth is bright pink and green but is named after its caterpillar's resemblance to an elephant's trunk.

Many native plants put on a good show in May. Bluebells should be in flower now as will be Red Campion, Red Clover and the pretty little golden yellow

Bird's foot trefoil. No-Mow May could be an excuse to leave your grass uncut and see some wild flowers pop up in your own patch.

Finally, if you like getting up early, May is the best month to experience the Dawn Chorus. As dawn breaks thousands of birds burst into song. They sing to defend their territories and attract a mate but sometimes I think they sing just because they enjoy it! Blackbirds and Robins are usually the first to spark up closely followed by the other species so that by full light there is such a lot of song happening that it becomes difficult to identify all the individual species. By mid-morning things quieten down a little but, in the spring, the countryside is never completely devoid of birdsong. May 5th is International Dawn Chorus Day so why not give it a try? I promise you will not be disappointed. You can always go back to bed afterwards!

Ken Venus.



MILDENHALL LADYBIRDS

We are a <u>new</u> Women's Group based in Mildenhall Fenland Room, Parish Council Offices, alongside the Jubilee Centre.

We meet on the third Tuesday morning of each month at 10.00 am (arrival from 9.45 am).

Your first ever meeting will be free of charge

then £3 per meeting membership.

Many cultures believe the ladybird is a positive symbol of good luck and new beginnings, standing for protection, healing and good fortune. It is this ethos that the Ladybirds, Mildenhall strives to achieve.

21 May. Introduction to British Sign Language

18 Jun. Tour of Mildenhall Museum with Refreshments

16 July. The History of Textiles and Sewing 20 Aug. The East Anglian Air Ambulance

17 Sept. Benefits of Organic Skin Care: Factory and Herb Garden Tour

Any Questions? Call 01638 715732

Barton Mills Ladies Club

Our Speaker this month was Amanda Sutherland, who returned to tell us more about her life and ladies' fashions through the last few hundred years and her connection with it in her work as a costume designer for stage and screen. She began with telling us about the fashion of panniers, boards which stood out from the waist which were difficult to move in and had to be lifted to enter through a doorway. This led on to padding tied around the waist to accentuate the 'posterior', these gradually in shape and size and then the waist was highlighted. Amanda asked use to think back to watching Pride and Prejudice and the fashion of Jane Austen's era when there was no shaping in women's wear. The bust line then was high, which altered in later years and became lower and lower forming a waist line, which later was even lower with 'flapper' dresses.

She talked of crinolines, bustles and the need for corsets to keep up with fashion. The peplum shoulder pad later reemerged in the 1980's in TV dramas like Dynasty. She said that basically fashion designers look back to fashion ideas of the past for inspiration. So the motto is don't throw anything away it will fashionable again eventually!

She no longer designs clothes for films and TV, having worked on Titanic, Downton Abbey and Bond films to name a few, but when watching such productions she is super critical to see if the correct style, fabric etc. has been used.

She has now diversified and makes and designs hats, jewellery, hand warmers from recycled materials. We spent a considerable time choosing and buying from the beautiful selection she had brought with her.

Our Speaker next month is Rev. David Atkins whose talk is entitled 'It shouldn't happen to a Vicar' Come and join us in the village hall in Barton Mills at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th May



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Good Neighbour Scheme – May we offer a helping hand?

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The Scheme is based within the Parish of Barton Mills, which includes the residential properties in Worlington Road and Tuddenham Road. If you need help that is within our ability to provide, please do not hesitate to contact us to find out how we might assist. It may be a one-off task or ongoing through regular calling in for chats and befriending.

You can see from our advertisement in the Barton Miller the range of services that we offer <u>free-of-charge</u> from our willing volunteers but don't be afraid to ask if there is something that you need help with that is not listed. We may still be able to help or point you to other services or organisations that could assist. (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 <u>barton.neighbours@gmail.com</u> to find out 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.

What's on in Freckenham

Monday Meet Up at the Village Hall 2-3.30pm. Free event but donation appreciated. Sometimes a carpet bowls mat &/or table tennis table is there for

people to have a go.

First Friday of Month Film Nights 3rd May LIVING set in London in the 1950's is the story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence, who at the eleventh hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful. Stars Bill Nighy& Amiee Lee Wood. Film PG-13 1 hr 42 mins. £7 a person free popcorn. Doors & Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm. Next film June 7th – The Holdovers – Paul Giamatti and Da'Vine Joy Randolph TBC

Farmers Market with some Crafts 25th May 10 – 12 noon Fruit and Veg stall from Plantation Farm, West Row, along with our usual stalls and more stalls outside (weather permitting). Lots of local garden plants, veg and bedding plants being sold for charity. Entry free. Refreshments available of hot & cold drinks, bacon rolls & homemade cakes. Next market dates 29th June then a

break till September

Yoga (& seated), Pilates, Karate, FitSteps, Circuits, Table Tennis & Dance Club sessions continue. You can just turn up, but best to contact tutor if you have not been before or had a break! Pilates is book a block of lessons. Just keep looking out &/or follow us on Facebook as more events are planned. Join us on facebook freckenhamvh, Freckenham Community Group, Freckenham Film Nights & the website https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall



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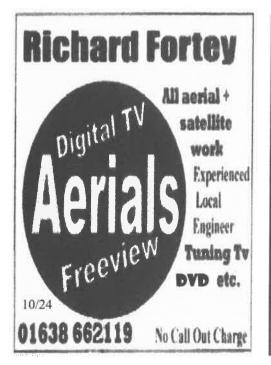
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