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Dear Readers,

By the time you get this issue, the clocks will have changed and we will have darker mornings and evenings. Do take care when out and about.

November brings the annual Act of Remembrance at the Peace Garden organised by Glynn East. Please see page 7 of this issue, detailing when and where the event will take place.

A note to our advertisers - please see page 17. We are having to implement an advertising rate change as of **Feb 2025**.

Our next publication will be the second double month issue of the year - Dec/Jan. Please have any Christmas event information or other articles to us by 20th November.

Yours sincerely, Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis

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This will be the following Saturdays - 9th Nov, 7th Dec.



Vicar's Letter

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

Albert Einstein

As we commemorate Remembrance Day 2024, we look back eighty years. The allied forces were deep into occupied Europe – knocking on the doors of Germany itself from both West and East and the tide in the Pacific well and truly turned.

How different things looked three and four years earlier, when the UK battled on its own, and although the German planes had been defeated and the danger of invasion less imminent, things seemed very dark indeed.

What keeps us going when times are tough, and problems seem overwhelming? Hope. Hope helps us carry on – that things will be different.

Hope energises and encourages – that our actions will make a difference.

Hope motivates us - that evil and darkness can be overcome. Hope is not a feeling, but a spur to action, an inspiration to build a better world. Hope is lighting the candle despite the dark storm swirling.

As I write, our world seems to have many dark storms swirling – the ongoing carnage in the Ukraine and the conflict in Israel/Palestine/Lebanon, let alone the ever increasing impact of global warming.

We have inherited the fruit of the hope of those who fought in WW2, that the evil of Nazism and the Japanese Empire could be defeated. Where do we find hope in the face of the dark storms of today, that will bear fruit for future generations?

For Christians, hope is not found in an emotion, but a person – Jesus. That when we come to know his good news, he can bring hope to our lives, and by transforming us, bring hope and healing to our world. (That's why almost all food banks in the UK were set up by Christians – to bring hope and healing to those suffering from poverty.)

I believe that despite the dark storms that face our world now, we can still have hope, and that God intends each one of us to know that hope for ourselves.

As we commemorate on Remembrance Sunday those who served and those who were lost in World War 1, World War 2 and conflicts since, may we learn from yesterday, live for today and discover hope for tomorrow.

Mark McCaghrey.

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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



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CHURCH SERVICES, NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday 3rd November

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th November **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

9.30am Morning Worship

10.45am Service of Remembrance at the PEACE GARDEN

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 17th November

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th November

9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 1st December **ADVENT SUNDAY**

9.30am Holy Communion

All are welcome to join us at these Services

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: The Barton Mills Service of Remembrance will start at 10.45am by the Peace Garden by the Village Hall. All are invited to come to this special Service.

Barton Mills Parish Council invites everyone in to the Village Hall for refreshments after the service at the Peace Garden.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - gifts for needy children, home and abroad. Can you pack a box for a deprived child? There are leaflets with information in the church porch and in the church room. 17th to 18th November is National Collection week, but there will be a local collection at Freckenham Church at 3pm on Sunday, 3rd November. Boxes for this collection can be left in Barton Mills church by 1pm, Sunday 3rd November.

More details on samaritans-purse.org.uk

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - 'THANK YOU'

We have received the following message from Tim Bright at the King's Church in Mildenhall who run the Mildenhall Food Bank:

'Please pass on our most grateful thanks to the amazing congregation of St Mary's Church, Barton Mills, and others, for all the food they have kindly donated to the Food Bank from the Harvest Festival, enabling us to support those in our community who are in extremely difficult situations. Secondly for the very generous donation of £151 so that we can also buy in food when stocks become low. This will help us greatly as we face the oncoming winter months.'

The Davies Charity

This long standing distribution of aid for the elderly and widowed of the village is ready for updating.

A number of people are already included, but newcomers need to apply.

The criteria is:- being 70 years of age or over and have lived in the village for five years; or being widowed.

If you are not already listed please contact -
Davina Peachey Tel 716265 by 5th December please.

Act of Remembrance

We are pleased to announce that we are holding our Village Act of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November 2024 at the Peace Garden, starting at 10.45 am. The first Village Act of Remembrance was held in November 1995, to commemorate 50 years since the ending of the Second World War. This year, 2024, marks the 30th anniversary of our Village heartfelt tribute to those who gave their lives to ensure our freedom.

Wreaths are laid on behalf of the Parish Council, on behalf of U.K. and USAF Veterans and White Flowers on behalf of children and young people of the village. In addition a wreath is laid on the War Grave situated in the Churchyard.

Glynn East
Lay Elder St Mary's Church.



Six Months in Barton Mills (and reading Barton Miller)!

When our friends moved to the Village from Essex a few years ago we had some very enjoyable visits, ahead of a dream house coming up for sale in the summer of 2022.

It took a while, but then most things worth having are worth the wait, and we finally moved in at the beginning of this year. We had browsed the Barton Miller as guests but as residents it gave us everything we needed in terms of local trades and news of events and clubs. We have found all the trades people extremely reliable and competent; we received a warm welcome on joining the gardening club and book club and from neighbours and the Village in general. The quiz nights are great fun. When I shared our views at a recent Book Club Meeting, Frances asked if we could also share it in the Barton Miller. We are delighted to do so and hope you enjoy this month's issue!

Julie and Nigel – Mildenhall Road



**BARTON MILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH**



November 11th is the day we remember **to give** thanks for all those men and women who sacrificed so much during **the two World Wars** and other conflicts since. **We remember them with** gratitude as it gave each one of us **the freedom** we enjoy in our country today.

How good is your memory? Having worked at RAF Mildenhall for 63 years I met countless people from all over the world. Often they returned to the UK, on business or vacation, and it was **good to renew** acquaintance, however, **it got increasingly more difficult** for me to remember their names. **I prided myself on remembering each one** of them and their children's names but unfortunately now it is not so good. Although **forgetfulness** increases with age, it's really common to everyone. Even **children have** lapses of memory, how often have you heard **a child say "I forgot"**. In a world of cell phones and speed dialing, **our ability to remember may be** short-circuited by reliance on technological gadgets. We don't need to remember all the numbers of our family and friends, all we need to do today is just **push a button**.

Letting a phone number slip our minds or to forget a face is trivial, but keeping a mental grip on God's Word is of the utmost importance. Many years ago now my father was losing his sight, he gave thanks daily that early in life he had been taught in both Sunday and Day school to **remember portions of Scripture**. It was part of their weekly lessons to **learn texts from the Bible** and to recite them publicly.

The Psalmist said, "Thy Word I have hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee", "I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways" and "I will not forget Thy Word", all these wonderful verses are found in the longest Psalm 119, verses 11 and 15-16.

**DEPOSIT GOD'S WORD IN YOUR MEMORY BANK, AND YOU'LL
DRAW INTEREST FOR LIFE**

We give you a warm welcome to our service, sadly only one now, 3 p.m. every Sunday.

F. A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 3rd December, 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 notice boards. The Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak at the relevant item. To raise an item at any meeting please contact the Clerk at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

For any issues please contact:

Chairman: Neil Horne, 07590 672963

Clerk: Naomi Alecock, clerk@bartonmills-pc.gov.uk

Website: www.bartonmills.net **Facebook and Nextdoor:** Barton Mills Parish Council

All over 50s Welcome
BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 2.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL - "TALES OF AN OCCASIONAL
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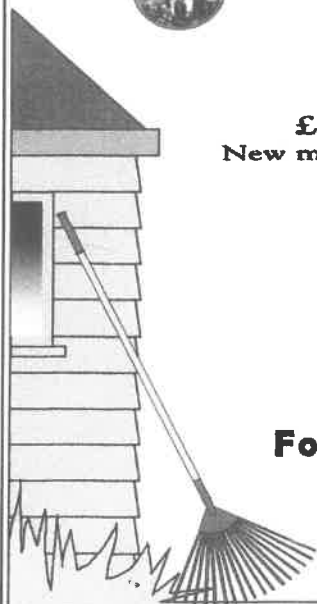
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BARTON MILLS 100 CLUB

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. **If you are a village organisation who would benefit from a 100 Club financial grant, please do speak to Jackie Stirges - jackstirges@btinternet.com**

October 2024

£30 145 J. Peachey

£20 157 C. Raven

£10 153 M. Bassett

£10 202 C. Bailey

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 !!

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MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

**The Museum opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Saturday 2 -4 pm; Friday 10.30 - 4pm**

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY



Upcoming Society Talks:-

Thursday 7th November "Welcome Lord Christmas" Sarah Doig.

Talks are held at the Museum 7.30 pm refreshments available.

Members £2 non-members £4 Annual Membership £10



ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST



Dear Barton Millers,

I am taking this opportunity to explain, for the benefit of new village residents, the history and purpose of our organisation.

The main aim of the St Mary's Church, Barton Mills, Preservation Charitable Trust is to raise funds for the maintenance of the building that is at the centre of our village: the 800 year old parish church. The intention is that the building can be kept in good structural and decorative order and can be used for a variety of community events as well as for Sunday services.

The Trust was founded in 1996, and, over the years has raised many thousands of pounds, especially from the Scarecrow Festivals, which have mostly been organised by The Preservation Trust, as well as Quiz Nights, concerts of both classical and modern music and raffles of which the final proceeds have added to the Trust's funds.

Money has been spent on many projects, including past restoration of stonework, protection of the stained-glass windows; drainage by the north wall, conservation of the 'Good Shepherd' mural and installation of a major new boiler to heat the church. More recently we have improved the lighting around the outside of the building and had walls re-mortared and plastered with lime-based materials.

We work very hard in the background to put on events that we hope give pleasure to our members whilst being effective in fund-raising. The committee is currently very small, with 3 officers and 3 other members, meeting bi-monthly. We would dearly like to hear from anyone who feels they could contribute ideas, time (roughly 3 times a year) for events, and an injection of good spirits to our small band of trustees. If you think you might like to discuss joining us, please do get in touch with me at:

emjarvis68@gmail.com or on 01638 583728 (answerphone)

Very Best Wishes to you all, Liz Jarvis

Barton Mills Ladies Club

Report of October 2024 Meeting

This month we were sadly let down by our speaker, but Catherine Buchanan kindly stepped in at the last minute. She gave an interesting and sometimes amusing talk on six prominent women from Bury St. Edmunds. The first was **Norah Lofts**, the historical novelist. She also used pseudonyms to write in several other genres, just to show she could. **Ella Joyce Cockram MD** was the first female doctor in Bury St Edmunds and set up the first blood bank in England in the town. **Eva Wollaston Greene** (nee Boughey) was the first woman to serve as a councillor, the first female Mayor of Bury St Edmunds and the town's first female Magistrate. **Rose Mead** was a prolific artist who exhibited at the Royal Academy summer exhibition and the Paris Salon, returning to look after her aged parents after study at the Lincoln School of Art and then the Westminster School of Art, as was expected of the youngest daughter. She earned her living painting local dignitaries at her studio 18 Crown Street. **Eleanor Wadsworth** (nee Fish) was Britain's last surviving WWII female pilot and flew hundreds of missions delivering war planes including 132 Spitfires which became her favourite plane. She flew 22 different types of aircraft, from Spitfires and Hurricanes to Tiger Moths; she died in 2020 aged 103. **Winifred Challis** spent most of her life in West Suffolk and during the Second World War was one of nearly five hundred people who kept a diary for the social research organisation Mass Observation. For several months in 1942-43 she immersed herself in diary-writing, producing commentaries on wartime life in and around Bury St Edmunds.

Next month on Tuesday, 12th November, we will be having a Christmas craft afternoon

BURY BACH CHOIR CONCERT

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BARTON MILLS CLUB NEWS

KNIT and NATTER

This cheerful Group continues to meet in the church room every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4pm. New members always very welcome – knitting skills not essential!

Information from Alison Swift (07982 679926)



BOOK CLUB

We discussed the book 'The Shell Seekers' by Rosamund Pilcher at our October meeting. This was a gentle read, with beautiful descriptions of Cornish scenery and other countryside and gardens. It also gave rather true to life accounts of family life and differences!

At our next meeting, 7pm on Thursday, 14th November, we shall talk about the book 'Stop Them Dead', by Peter James, a ruthless crime story. For the December meeting in the church room, which will start at 2pm on Thursday 12th December, the book for discussion will be Simon Reeve's autobiography, 'Step by Step'.

New members are very welcome – details from Alison Swift (07982 679926), or just turn up and join in!



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NATURE NOTES

NOVEMBER

All eyes looked to the sky in mid-October when we were able to see the Aurora Borealis or 'Northern Lights'. This bright pink and green spectacle is rarely visible this far south but an exceptionally strong geomagnetic or 'Solar' storm created a much brighter display. No need to go to Iceland or Norway this year!

As if that weren't enough, and about the same time, we witnessed Comet C/2023 also known as Tsuchinshan-ATLAS passing Earth. Although it is only 3.2km in diameter, and some 85 million km from us, it was clearly visible with the naked eye. If you missed it you won't get another chance as it will not re-appear for another 80,000 years!

The October weather was incredibly mild so very few trees are displaying their full autumn colour yet. As temperatures drop the green chlorophyll fades revealing red, orange or yellow depending on the species of tree. Field maple is one of the first to change with its bright yellow leaves on show in hedges and woodland everywhere. The crimson leaves of Dogwood give one of the best displays in my view.

Colder weather and shorter days farther north trigger bird migration; strong north-easterly winds in early October brought a host of rare and unusual birds to our shores. Many species which do not breed in the UK were forced across the North Sea. Rare vagrants such as Barred warbler, Radde's warbler, Red-breasted flycatcher, Red-flanked bluetail and Yellow-browed warbler appeared in good numbers; most of these species come from Eastern Europe or Siberia. More common species such as Fieldfare and Redwing also started to arrive in big numbers in mid-October. They should now be visible in our fields and hedgerows.

One feature of bird migration is that many familiar species we see in our gardens may also be incoming migrants from Scandinavia or Northern Europe. Thousands of Robins pass through southern Norway and Sweden in autumn to winter in the UK. Goldcrests also undertake the perilous journey to us to escape cold weather. These tiny birds, weighing just 5 grammes (the weight of a 20 pence piece)

migrate in their thousands, possibly millions, to come here. So that Goldcrest or Robin you see in your garden may be a foreigner.

This is the month when Hedgehogs start to hibernate so don't forget to check your bonfire before lighting it! Happy wildlife watching!

Ken Venus.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BARTON MILLER ADVERTISERS

As of the February 2025 edition of the Barton Miller, there will be
NEW advertising rates for commercial/business advertisers

NEW RATES PER ANNUM

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The rates for clubs/societies will remain unchanged as these have
recently increased.

Please note that adverts will not go to print until fees are paid.



BARTON MILLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Barton Mills Turn Around Their Season with Three Consecutive Wins!

After a difficult start to the season, Barton Mills FC has turned things around in spectacular fashion, securing three consecutive wins. Regaining key players has allowed the team to field a full-strength squad, and their performances have reflected that strength and depth. Most recently, the Mills dominated Ixworth FC in a commanding 7-0 victory. Goalkeeper Matthew Webb, alongside his solid backline of Calum Maddix, Zak Morley, Spike Murkin, and Conor Gordon, kept another clean sheet, showing their defensive prowess.

With this winning momentum, Barton Mills now looks forward to finishing October with two key cup fixtures: on 20th October at home against Occold and on 27th October away against Mendlesham FC 10:30am kick off.

November promises more exciting action, with four league games lined up: 3rd November vs Occold FC (Away) – 10:30am kick off

10th November vs Thurston FC - ground TBA.

17th November vs Risby Greens (Away) – 10:30am kick off

24th November vs Red Lodge Rovers (Home) – 10:30am kick off .

With their renewed form and confidence, Barton Mills will be aiming to continue their winning streak and climb the league table.





Good Neighbour Scheme – **Join us for our Christmas Coffee Morning** **– FREE teas, coffees & cakes**

We see the gold of Autumn spreading across the village as the leaves on our wealth of greenery turn that glorious colour as they die back and prepare the trees and hedges for the Winter to come and the new green life that Spring will bring next year.

However in the short term our focus turns to the pressures and pleasures that Christmas brings, whether that be financial or preparing for the joyous gathering of families to share time and festivities together. For some though this time can accentuate the loneliness that they may be feeling with our advancing years and sometimes distance from family members.

The Good Neighbour Scheme exists not only to help tackle those small jobs that are needed to ease living on one's own but also to provide friendship through befriending, calling in for a chat and collecting shopping or prescriptions, as required. It can of course be the same for couples isolated from family and friends for whom those same befriending volunteers can be a lifeline to providing support. We are also able to put villagers in touch with other appropriate support organisations in cases where we are not equipped to provide specialist help. This is done through our links with a County-wide support network.

We are making the preparations for our annual **Christmas Coffee Morning** in the **Village Hall**, and we hope that you will be able to come along for **free** teas, coffees and cakes on **Saturday 7th December from 10.00am until 12.00 noon**. This is a splendid opportunity for villagers to meet up and socialise. For those who might have difficulty getting to the Village Hall we can arrange to collect you by car and take you home afterwards.

I would like to remind readers that our services, which are free of any charge, 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 particular needs.

What's on in Freckenham

New website Freckenham Village Hall (freckenham-pc.gov.uk)

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 Night 1st Nov – The Miracle Club (2023), stars the late Dame Maggie Smith in 1967 Dublin, 3 friends win a trip to Lourdes. £7 per person free popcorn. Doors & Bar 7pm, film 7.30pm. Next one 6th December, film TBC.

Shoe Box Send Off at St Andrews Church, 3rd Nov 3pm, hear where the boxes have gone and the difference they make.

Cash Bingo Night Friday 8th Nov. Doors and Bar open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm, £1 a game, £2 entry fee pp for Village Hall funds. Best to book your table on 07542 198 933 DM facebook or freckenhamVH@outlook.com.

Quiz Night Friday 15th Nov - Doors & bar open 7pm, prompt start 7.30pm. Max team of 6 £3 per person, professional quiz master, cash prizes. Can each team donate a raffle prize please. Popular event best to book on FreckenhamVH Facebook or text 07542 198 933 or email freckenhamvh@outlook.com

Farmers Market with some Crafts 30th Nov 10 – 12 noon, free entry, refreshments available. Will have a Christmas feel as it is our last market of 2024. TFM Meat, Plantation Farm Fruit & Veg + plants, Pies, Bread & baking, honey, preserves, cards, jewellery, plants and more to confirm. Back January 2025

An afternoon Beetle Drive Sun 2nd Feb 2025!

Weekly events continue check website or FreckenhamVH on facebook. Wednesday weekly Tumbletots sessions! Fun physical play programme for under 5's, divided into age groups Term Time Only. Contact fran.badcock@tumbletots.com, 07979 757 202 for more details and to book.

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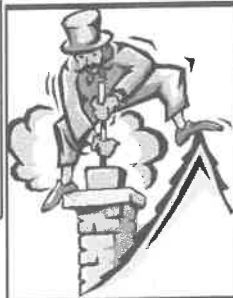
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