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BARTON
Miller

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Village 30th
Act of Remembrance
Sunday 9/11/25
10.45 a.m.
at the Peace Garden



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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the November edition of the Barton Miller. November is a time for Remembering, especially on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, when, at our Village Ceremony, starting at 10.45am by the Peace Garden by the Village Hall, we pay tribute to those from Barton Mills and all who have fallen in war. And we pray for peace in these troubled times. After the ceremony, our Parish Council invites everyone into the Village Hall, where warming refreshments will be served.

The December edition of The Barton Miller covers December and January (the Barton Miller Team don't work over Christmas!), so please think ahead and send your articles for the two months, by Thursday 20th November. Even if you are not a regular contributor, why not write a piece and send it in – new contributors are always welcome. And please see the note about help needed with our printing process.

With best wishes from the Editors, Frances Lewis
and Nancy Higgins.

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The Library Van visits Barton Mills (Lamb Court) on Saturday aft. **12.15pm -12.40pm**

This will be the following Saturdays - 8th Nov 2025 and 6th Dec 2025.



November 2025

The Rise of Homo Idioticus: Are We Getting More Stupid?

This was the title of an article in Psychology Today in June this year, with the subtitle "Science shows that our cognitive capabilities are in decline."

Apparently, IQs are on the decline (and have been since about 1975), function illiteracy is on the rise, and that lives lived online come at a cognitive cost.

I'm not going to lean into the debate over whether previous generations were better off before smartphones, (not least because the start of the decline predates them by 35 years, and complaints about the next generation can be found as far back as 2400BC in ancient Egypt).

But I am wondering what it means for the act of remembering. When we rely on our phones and digital devices to do the remembering for us, it easily becomes an act without meaning. Unless we are reminded to remember by our devices we forget.

November contains three traditional dates where we are invited to stop and remember – the Christian festivals of All Saints and All Souls, and the national Act of Remembrance on 11th November and the nearest Sunday (this year the 9th). If we don't stop and remember then the flow of time just takes us on and we neither remember and honour those whose sacrifice bought us life, nor remember and learn how to work towards peace. The actions and lives of previous generations become even more opaque and forgotten.

So, this year, I invite you to take the time to actively remember by participating in the village act of remembrance on **Sunday 9th November at 10:45 at the Peace Garden by the Village Hall**. Come and join the others from the village who stop to remember, stop to honour, stop to commit to work to peace. Don't be one of the many who drive past, or spend time at Sainsburys, or at a sports event and who forget. For a short time, let's put our phones down, get out of our cars, stop our lives and make a determined effort to remember.

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St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Secretary: Nancy Higgins, 67 Church Meadow, Barton Mills, IP28 6AR. Email - nancy@bartonmills.com

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Elected Members

Treasurer: Jo Traher

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Peter Alder and Glynn East

Other PCC Members : Alan Butcher, Linda Jenkins, Rodney Knight, 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



CHURCH SERVICES, NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2nd November

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

9.30am Morning Worship

10.45am Service of Remembrance at the PEACE GARDEN

5pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 16th November

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd November

9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 30th November **ADVENT SUNDAY**

9.30am Group Holy Communion Service at Freckenham

Sunday 7th December

9.30am Holy Communion

At 9am on every Monday, there is a short service of Morning Prayer.

All are welcome to join us at these Services

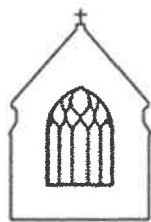
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: The Barton Mills Service of Remembrance will start at 10.45am by the Peace Garden by the Village Hall. All are invited

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. 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 2nd November. More details on samaritans-purse.org.uk



The Friends of St Mary's Barton Mills

The Friends group now has its own email:
friendsofstmarysbm@outlook.com

We had a successful Quiz Night with our guest Quiz Master Ken stretching our brain-cells in different directions! We are very grateful to everyone who bought tickets and took part in the raffle, in total raising over £360 for church funds.

Our next event will be **in the Church on Sunday 7th December**, a mainly social event with both hot and cold beverages and wine, plus sweet or savoury snacks, **between 4-6pm**.

You will also have the opportunity to meet the new (not SO new!) committee and gain an insight into the slight changes in focus and operation between the PCT and the Friends.

We would very much appreciate offers of donations in the provision of snacks from the Friends, although the gathering will be open to all... the more the merrier! Please use the above email to contact the committee if you would like to offer cake or savouries.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

The Barton Mills Peace Garden

In 1995 cities, towns and villages across the United Kingdom commemorated 50 years since the ending of the second World War. Barton Mills did not have a designated war Memorial so Glynn East, a Parish Councillor at the time, proposed and subsequently designed and supervised the construction of a Peace Garden along with a new Village Hall/Playing Field car park.

In November 1995 the first Act of Remembrance at the Peace Garden was led by Glynn under the auspices of St Mary's Parish Church, Barton Mills in his role as a Church Lay Elder.

Glynn has led the annual service for the past 30 years and over the time the attendance has grown and nowadays it is a well-established and much cherished village event

The service includes the laying of wreaths by veterans, and members of the Parish council together with a basket of white flowers laid by a child to represent the children and young people of the village.

This year marks 80 years since the ending of the war but sadly due to illness Glynn is unable to lead the 2025 service, but it will take place as usual on Remembrance Sunday.



The Davies Charity 2025

The Davies Charity is a historical Barton Mills charity. In the past few years we have made a small Christmas monetary donation to help those in need in our village who are 70 years of age or over and have lived in the village for at least 5 years. However, the trustees are keen to widen the criteria to include a greater range of needs in the village, as indeed was the original purpose of the trust.

Therefore, whilst we still welcome new applicants (if you are already a recipient you are automatically included this year) who meet the criteria of having lived in the village for at least 5 years and being 70 years of age or over, we would like to open applications further. These are through personal nominations.

If you know of someone living in the village who you think would really benefit from a Christmas donation this year, please nominate them, briefly outlining your reason. The trustees will consider all nominations received by **November 23rd**; applications to Davina Peachey: Tel 01638 716265. 24 Church Lane Close

Events for Families, coming up at St. Mary's, Barton Mills



@ St. Mary's Church
Barton Mills

Sat 6th December 2025

**drop in from
14:00 to 16:00**

It's Free!

Christmas Crafts, Refreshments and Fun



And don't forget our Carols and Christingle on Christmas Eve at 5pm!





BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



“Remember, Remember” the 5th, 11th and the 26th November. I am sure we all have different memories of these dates; the children for the 5th when we celebrate with fireworks, the 11th for all those men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom in world wars and subsequent conflicts, and finally the 26th with our American friends, to **give thanks for everything the Lord has provided for us!**

When things are going well we can easily become preoccupied with what we own, **we become tied to so many non essential, unimportant things**. We tend to grow overly concerned about cars, houses, furniture, appliances, clothes and countless trappings of modern life. We must try to recall again that **life itself** is enough reason to **remember to thank God and praise Him for all His goodness to us**. The apostle Paul wrote about **thanksgiving** more often than any other New Testament author, **23 times**. As we pause to **thank God for every way He has blessed us**, it's good to **remember that our greatest treasure is His unfailing love**. Too often **our thankfulness** ebbs and flows with our health or financial security. We **equate God's blessing** with freedom from pain and sorrow, but **through faith and experience** we learn that **God's great love for us expressed in Jesus Christ can calm our hearts and minds even in the most taxing situations**.

Four times in Psalm 107 we read, **“Oh that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.”** Even when life seems overwhelming, we can cry out to the Lord and find His deliverance from our distress. It is not health or wealth, but **God's unfailing love that sets us free in every circumstance of life**. Let us not lose sight of **God's goodness, the source of all our blessings!**

Sadly we only have one Sunday service at the Chapel now, 3 p.m., however, you are most welcome to attend whatever time it is!

F. A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Cllr. Jon Pearlman who was co-opted onto the Council at our October meeting.

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

A service will take place on Sunday 9th November from 10.45am at the Village Peace Garden. Attendees are invited into the village hall for refreshments after the service courtesy of the Parish Council.

SPEEDING

Following concerns of the volume and speed of traffic through the village, we have now downloaded data from the Speed Indicator Devices which we are sharing and analysing with our stakeholders.

We have also joined a consortium with neighbouring town and parish councils to discuss shared concerns and to collectively find a resolution in conjunction with SCC.

STREET LIGHTING

The quickest way to report faulty street lighting is direct to SCC, either online or by telephone www.suffolk.gov.uk

The next Parish Council meetings will be **held on Tuesday 4th November and Tuesday 2nd December 2025, 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:

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

Website: bartonmills-pc.gov.uk **and Facebook:** Barton Mills Parish Council

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 2025

£30	217	J. Marsh
£20	71	G. Spurling
£10	186	M. Titcombe
£10	81	J. Stirges

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

The Museum is OPEN.

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 2 -4 pm;
Friday 10.30 - 4pm**

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Talks:-



**6th November Geoffrey Robinson -
The Worlingworth Fire Engine and the BBC**

Talks are held at the Museum 7.30 pm, refreshments available.

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

Mildenhall Museum is a registered charity and relies totally on your donations.



Barton Mills & District Gardening Club

MEMBER OF R.H.S.

Annual Subscription £20.00

£2.00 fee per meeting for members

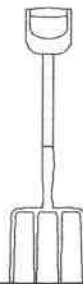
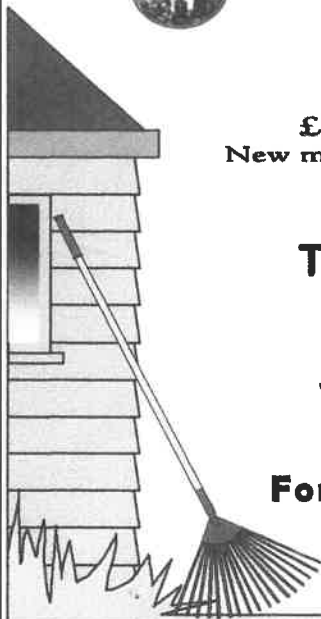
New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

£5.00

Tuesday Nov 25th 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

Swifts at Worlington Church
- by Becky Ingham

**For more information contact -
Secretary - Zoë Morris
01638 482986.**



**All over 50s Welcome
BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB**

**Wednesday 5th November, 2.00 pm. in the Village Hall -
15th ANNIVERSARY AFTERNOON TEA WITH QUIZ**

**Wednesday 19th November, 2.00pm. In the Village Hall -
MIKE WAVE WILL ENTERTAIN US WITH STORIES ABOUT
FATHER CHRISTMAS - MYTHS AND MISTLETOE**

REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

**Annual subscription £10 payable in January
Entry £2 members £3 non members
Enquiries to Ann on 01638 510008 or
jacobs.family@me.com**



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.

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 6th 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** to see if we can help you with your particular needs.

We should like to thank you for the support that you have given to the Scheme over the past 8½ years that it has been running whether as a donor, sponsor or service user. It is your Good Neighbour Scheme and it exists for those villagers in need of the range of help that we can give. We look forward to continuing to serve the village and parish in years to come.

Barton Mills Ladies Club

Ladies Club – October Meeting

Catherine Buchanan made a welcome return and her topic was 'Must have Christmas Presents'.

She started her talk by telling us that rubber ducks bought for babies as a play toy in the bath are no longer deemed safe water collecting in them could gather bacteria and harm the child. Who would have thought that this harmless toy would pose such a danger? During her talk she shattered our illusions about toys completely. Good House Keeping and Hamleys decide early in the year just what the 'Must Have Toy' will be for Christmas. Over the years fashions have changed, TV programmes feature largely, cinemas franchises, more and more technology is involved.

The giving and receiving of toys has gone on throughout the ages. Christmas gifts are given at different times throughout history. Pope Julius 1st declared that 25th December should be the date to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In Scandinavia and Europe 6th December, St Nicholas Day, presents are given to children.

Catherine gave us a potted history of toys that have been popular throughout the years.

In the 1700's jigsaws and board games were thought to be educational so were much favoured. Some toys were only played with on Sundays and considered suitable, such as a Noah's Ark. Pre- first world war most toys were made in Germany, that had to change, British makers then had to develop their own play things. She went through names of toys familiar to us during our childhood - Hornby trains sets, snakes and ladders, Pelham puppets, play doh, Sooty and Sweep, Cindy and Ken, Spirographs, the list was endless and we all reacted in the same way, bringing back memories from either our own childhoods or buying these toys for children and grand children.

The biggest shock was when she told us just how much some of these toys are now worth. Anyone who watches any antique programmes knows that there is often more value in the box than the toy.

The latest craze is kidult - adults who buy toys for themselves and collecting toys. Jonathon Ross is said to have the largest collection toys. Buying and collecting toys is an expensive hobby!!!

At our next meeting -11th November, Fran Saltmarsh will talk about "The Roaring Twenties".

Please come along and support

THE BARTON MILLS GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME
CHRISTMAS (free event) COFFEE MORNING
AND TOMBOLA

SATURDAY 6th December 2025

10am to Noon in the VILLAGE HALL

OPEN TO ALL.

Do you need a lift to the hall? Ring us on 07419 211040

Donations welcomed

***Are you able to offer cakes/savouries and
raffle prizes to this event?***

***Please take them to Karen at 23 Church Lane BM
or call 07912 645549***



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BARTON MILLS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Why not Volunteer or become a Friend of the Scheme?

Phone us for details or e-mail us at

barton.neighbours@gmail.com

BARTON MILLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Barton Mills went into September with a fixture against Sudbury Swan FC which ended in a home win for the Mills as Sudbury could not field a team. Barton Mills then faced Stradbroke United in the Cup Group Stage, but failed to beat Stradbroke, losing 3-0 at home. The Mills then faced their old foes Risby Green FC who were always their bogey team, but Risby were up against a relentless Mills who were determined to get back on track in the league. The Mills were victorious beating Risby 3-1 on the day, with some confident football. Next up was Stoke by Clare in the open cup, and Barton Mills were 3-1 up by the 65th minute but, sadly, the Mills switched off and 3 quick goals from the home team, Stoke, saw the Mills defeated once again.

Barton Mills fixtures for November, all Sunday games with 10.30am KO:

- 2nd Nov. Barton Mills v Hardwick, HOME, knockout cup
- 16th Nov. Barton Mills v Stradbroke, HOME, league game
- 23rd Nov. Barton Mills v Glemsford, HOME, league game,
- 30th Nov. Hardwick v Barton Mills, AWAY, league game,

Barton Mills welcomes all to come and watch and cheer us on.



THE BARTON MILLER ARTICLES: when you read the Barton Miller, do you sometimes think- 'I should like to say something about that' or, perhaps -'I could do better than that' – or even 'that's not correct, I shall tell them'? If so, why not write in to the Editors (see p.2) and tell us what you think.

HELP with PRINTING THE BARTON MILLER: the Barton Miller is duplicated on an elderly but efficient risograph – a big duplicating machine. Each month, printing the 620 copies takes about 5 hours, and at the moment it is done by just one person. So we are looking for help from someone who has daytime available on a day near the end of each month and who is willing to learn how to use the risograph (or who even can already do this) and who can shift boxes of paper! If you would like to know more, and if you might be able to help, please contact the Editors.



NATURE NOTES November

I get very little feedback from readers as to whether they follow up on my advice about wildlife watching. It would be good to hear from you!

With Guy Fawkes Night approaching, a timely reminder about hedgehogs is appropriate. If you are having a fireworks party and bonfire, please check before lighting that you have no hedgehogs hibernating. With the mild weather so far this autumn, they may not be going into hibernation just yet. Feeding your hogs is also a good thing to do at this time as they need to put on fat reserves before winter. They will eat cat food, either wet or dry.

A dead Cherry tree was recently taken down in Church Meadow. Before it was felled I saw it had a large, golden Chicken of the Woods fungus growing on one side. This edible fungus is fairly common and grows on both live and dead trees. Another fungus to look out for is Jelly Ear. Mainly found on Elderberry bushes it has a striking pink colour and looks remarkably like a human ear. There are thousands of different species of fungi visible at this time of year – you may be surprised if you look!

Starlings are forming autumn flocks now. Murmurations will start building up as the nights grow longer; some flocks can reach hundreds of thousands. Good places to see a murmuration are Suffolk Wildlife Trust sites Lackford Lakes, Redgrave and Lopham Fen and Hen Reedbeds. RSPB Minsmere on the coast is also a good site. It's best to arrive about 30 mins. before sunset to witness the spectacle.

Grey seals have their pups between October and January with peak months being November and December. A good place to see them is Horsey Beach in Norfolk. This is a traditional site and close views of adult seals and their young can be had. The much larger males are ready to mate again and can be quite aggressive so it's best not to get too close.

The changing leaf colour is one of the best features of autumn with the reds of Dogwood and Cherry and yellow of Field Maple. Fruits and berries can be just as interesting too. Red Hawthorn berries, black berries of Buckthorn and Wild privet and golden Crab apples all look lovely. In my view these are outshone by the fruits of Spindle - bright cerise pink fruits which open up to show bright orange seeds inside. The leaves of Spindle bushes also turn a bright crimson in autumn.

With the summer migrant birds already gone their place is filled by the winter arrivals. Blackbirds, Fieldfares, Redwings and Song thrushes in their thousands have joined us from as far afield as Northern Europe and Russia. They will happily search for food on the ground until freezing conditions force them to feed on berries; there is a good crop this year. Finches are represented by Goldfinches, Redpolls and Siskins. Redpolls in particular have turned up in huge numbers this autumn; a small finch, slightly smaller than a Goldfinch, they are mainly brown with a red cap and a black chin. These finches are happy to patronise your garden bird feeders with a particular liking for Sunflower hearts.

You may have heard Tawny owls calling in the late evening. They are now pairing up ready for the nesting season. Tawnies are mainly nocturnal unlike other owls which are crepuscular (feeding around dawn and dusk). The exception to nocturnal activity is the Short-eared owl. This bird is diurnal i.e. it hunts during the day. It breeds in small numbers in the UK but numbers increase in winter with migrants mainly coming from Scandinavia. The best place to see Short eared owls are large, open areas of grassland where they can find small rodents. Burwell Fen in Cambridgeshire is the best site locally. Happy owl watching!

Ken Venus.



*because
you matter*

St Nicholas Hospice Care

Light
up a life

Local hospice invites community members to Light Up a Life remembrance events this autumn.

St Nicholas Hospice Care is once again inviting people across West Suffolk to come together for its annual Light Up a Life remembrance events, offering a meaningful way to remember those they miss during the festive season.

This year's events will be held at local churches across the area including Sudbury, Newmarket, Bury St Edmunds, Lavenham, Thetford, Haverhill, and Mildenhall, with services starting in late November and continuing throughout December.

Each gathering will feature music, readings, and moments of reflection, providing comfort and connection for all who attend.

The hospice warmly welcomes everyone, whether or not they have a direct connection to St Nicholas Hospice Care. As in previous years, attendees are invited to have the names of those they wish to remember read aloud during the event.

Names can be submitted via the hospice's website.

To find your nearest event, submit a name for remembrance, or make a dedication online, please visit www.stnicholashospice.org.uk/lightupalife or call the charity's Supporter Care Team on 01284 715566.

St Nicholas Hospice Care provides compassionate support for people living with dying, death, and grief throughout West Suffolk and Thetford. The charity relies on the generosity of the local community to continue its vital work.

Light Up a Life 2025: dates, times and venues:

Sudbury: St Gregory's Church, CO10 1BA on November 23 at 3pm

Lavenham: St Peter and St Paul Church, CO10 9SA on November 25 at 7pm

Thetford: Methodist Church, IP24 2BQ on December 4 at 7pm

Bury St Edmunds: St Nicholas Hospice Care, Hardwick Lane, IP33 2QY on
December 6 at 3.30pm (booking required)

Bury St Edmunds: St Mary's Church, IP33 1RT on December 7 at 4.30pm

Mildenhall: King's Church, IP28 7EF on December 9 at 7pm

Newmarket: All Saints Church, CB8 8ES on December 11 at 7pm

Haverhill: St Mary's Church, CB9 8AX on December 13 at 3pm

Bury St Edmunds: St Nicholas Hospice Care, Hardwick Lane, IP33 2QY on
December 14 at 3.30pm (booking required).

SPORT WORD SEARCH

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 TENNIS
 VOLLEYBALL
 WRESTLING

Homemade
 GIFTS MADE EASY

CLUB NEWS

KNIT and NATTER GROUP

The Knit and Natter Group continues to meet in the church room every Wednesday afternoon from 2 till 4 o'clock. As well as knitting and exchanging news, we are supporting two charities – the St Nicholas Hospice, and Meseret which supports mothers and babies in Ethiopia.

This is a very friendly group – not everyone knits – and new members are always very welcome. More information from *Alison Swift* 07982679926.

SOCIAL ART GROUP

The Barton Mills Art Club continues to meet each Friday in the Church Room from 7pm to around 9pm. We are a small group just trying our hand at drawing and painting using different media. Some of our work was on display at the Church Autumn Fair. It is a low-key and sociable evening and new members, even those new to the Art world, will be very welcome. If you would like some more information, just give me a ring:

Glenda Berrett 01638-717925

BOOK CLUB

At our October meeting we discussed 'Miss Benson's Beetle' by Rachel Joyce. We enjoyed this fun, and at times, quite unbelievable, story about a lady whose life-time ambition is to find a gold beetle in New Caledonia, but it does have a very emotional aspect to it as well. The author, Rachel Joyce, has written other books, so we were pleased to be introduced to a new and interesting author.

For our next meeting, on Thursday 13th November, 7pm in the church room, we are reading 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman. Then for the December meeting it will be Donna Tartt's 'The Secret History'.

Some members read on Kindle, some with Audio books, some get the books from Suffolk County Library, and sometimes we are able to buy inexpensive used copies of the books from book dealers.

New members of the Club will be very welcome.

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Monday Meet Up at the Village Hall 2 – 3.30pm. Free event but donation appreciated. At the moment we get a carpet bowls mat out for people to have a go on a regular basis. We hope it will expand into being on a regular Monday afternoon after the Meet Up.

First Friday of Month Film Night 'The Salt Path'. Doors & Bar Open 7pm film starts 7.30pm. £7 per person. Next film date 5th December, film to be confirmed.

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No market in December back 31st Jan 2026.

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Weekly events - we have a day time and evening Pilates on Thursdays contact Sarah Ferries SF-Fit@hotmail.com or 07599 907208. Check on <https://freckenham-pc.gov.uk/>. for more details! Follow us on Facebook FreckenhamVH & Freckenham, Suffolk Community Group.

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The Parish Council are trying to reconfirm the level of housing needs for this scheme and also to collate a list of interested parties who will be contacted as the scheme proceeds. The Parish Council are hoping to achieve planning consent late 2025. With the properties available late 2026/early 2027

In order to be added to the list of interested parties please contact the Barton Mills Parish Council Clerk. The Parish Council will just require some basic details (name, address, contact details and local connection).

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The affordable rental properties will have rents set at social housing levels. This is designed to allow people with a local connection to Barton Mills to return to the village, which they would otherwise not have been able to do so. The shared ownership properties will be offered under the modern rules which allow a much-improved process and conditions for buyers. It will allow purchasers get "onto the housing ladder" in Barton Mills with a brand-new home.

The initial "registration of interest" carries no costs or obligations and the Parish Council encourages all interested parties to come forward.