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Dear Readers,

Many of you will know a great deal more about village matters than I do, but, sadly, I have to tell you that Nancy Higgins' husband, Roger, has died after a short cancer illness. Nancy is the hard working compositor for the Barton Miller. We offer our sincere sympathy to Nancy and her daughter Philippa.

Since before 'lockdown' I have not been able to go out, apart from hospital check-ups. During the lockdown period a number of things have happened. Firstly, I have had my 99th birthday and am now using the days of my 100th year. Secondly, unfortunately, I have had some slight deterioration which makes it very difficult to read and write unless light and angle are exactly correct for me.

So, it would seem an opportune time for me to stand down as Editor of the Barton Miller. We have decided to publish a full edition for September 2020 and after our group discussion, the new editors will be Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis. Thank you all for your support over the many years that I have edited the Barton Miller.

Your sincerely, JOY WILLIS

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The Library Van visits Barton Mills (behind Lamb Court) on Saturday aft. 2.00pm to 2.30pm . **This will be the following Saturdays -**

19th September/17th October/14th November/12th December

Vicar's Letter

Changes and Chances

One of the loveliest services in the Church of England is Compline, or 'Night Prayer', a series of calming and peaceful readings and prayers to end the day and prepare for sleep. One of the prayers we sometimes use says this:

*Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

I've been reflecting much on changes and chances recently, particularly as I have passed some significant personal milestones. It's 40 years since I came to faith in my early 20's, 30 years since I set out on the path to ordination and 25 years since I first wore a dog-collar. So much has changed since that memorable day, in the church and in my own life. It's also 7 years since I took responsibility as Parish Priest of Barton Mills and the other parishes in our group – 7 years which have passed quickly and which I have much enjoyed. With advancing years I find as many people do that time seems to pass faster and faster, while I myself get a little slower and achier! So the time has come for me to announce my retirement as Parish Priest, with my last service coming on 1st November. My sadly neglected garden and home look forward to this date with much anticipation!

What follows will be up to our Bishop in discussion with the parishes, but in the short term we are very lucky to have a strong ministry team made up of our two curates, Rev David and Rev Caroline Butcher, as well as a number of very experienced retired ministers, so the change should be fairly seamless. After a suitable pause, I will no doubt join the team of retired ministers!

Rev Caroline is due to be ordained Priest on September 6th at 9.30am in a service which will be live-streamed from the cathedral – all are welcome to tune in on the cathedral website <https://stedscathedral.org/>

Love Sandie x



St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

Parish Priest in Charge: Rev. Sandie Barton.

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Email - revsandiebarton@gmail.com

Your Church Representatives:

Churchwardens: **Dave Traher**, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328; **Alan Butcher**, 3 Church Lane, Barton Mills. Tel 713534

Verger: Davina Peachey, 24 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 716265

Elders: Colin Brotherton; Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Elected Council Members

Secretary: Diana Knight, The Manor, Barton Mills, IP28 6BL. Tel 711274. To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Steve Hills.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Nora Shipley and Rodney Knight.

Other PCC Members : Davina Peachey, Jo Traher; Sandra Woollard and Peter Alder.

There are also sub-groups to help with various aspects of church life. Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Mothers Union

Next Meeting - Suspended for the time being.
(Usually the 3rd Monday every month - varying venues)



There is also a **Prayer Chain** for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others. Please ring **Colin Brotherton 713440.**

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Thursday 10.00 - noon in the Church Rooms.
Postponed for the time being.



Church Re-opening

Prior to the lockdown, we were proud to be able to say that St Mary's was open 365 days a year for private prayer and reflection, and we were saddened to have to close the doors on government orders. However now that restrictions are easing we have cleaned and sanitized the church and have begun to open for public worship on alternate Sundays. We hope to be able to return to weekly services soon, but please bear with us as we try to make sure that we can sustain a more regular pattern of worship whilst looking after everyone's health. More news soon!

BARTON MILLS CHURCH SERVICES **Church Services September 2020**

On each Sunday, there is a team **ZOOM service at 11am** that can be received via the internet or by phone. Joining instructions from revsandiebarton@gmail.com (01638 720770) or revdavidbutcher@gmail.com (01638 515665, 07747 816038)

6th September 9.30am: St Edmundsbury Cathedral: Ordination of Rev Caroline Butcher. Restricted attendance at the cathedral, but you can tune in to the service on <https://stedscathedral.org/>

13th September 9.30am Sunday Celebration service at West Row church

20th September 9.30am Sunday Celebration service at Barton Mills

27th September 9.30am Sunday Celebration service at West Row church

4th October 9.30am Sunday Celebration service at Barton Mills

On the Sundays when there is a service in Barton Mills church, the church will remain open during that day for private prayer. Please observe Covid 19 precautions.

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS: these have had to be suspended during the Covid pandemic, and no news yet as to when they can restart.. But there have been several Thursday lunchtime picnics on the playing field, attended and much enjoyed by regular coffee morning people, together with other visitors, and several dogs (all very well behaved)!

ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION TRUST

As from the February AGM on Pancake Monday we are now independent of the Church Parochial Council. We will be holding an AGM in late November to elect Trustees for the year 2021 and to agree accounts. *At the moment of course we cannot be sure as to whether the meeting can be held physically in the Church, Church Room or Village Hall, but a decision will be made nearer the time depending on current Covid 19 regulations.*

PLEASE consider Joining the TRUST, if you are not already a member, and getting involved, as we continue to maintain this wonderful asset to our community, St Mary's Church, Barton Mills. We use it for many Community Functions as well as for church services.

Maintenance work in the church:

New boiler: Boiler work has been completed and the boiler with all the switch gear is working well. We thank all those who attended fundraising functions as well as those who donated monies towards this project, including the 100 Club who gave a generous donation.

Church Clock. The bell striker is worn and needs urgent repair and re-building. The costs are to be shared by Parish Council who contribute every year towards the maintenance of the Clock, the Preservation Trust Charity and the 100 Club who have agreed to make another generous donation. **PLEASE BE AWARE that when this work starts, in the autumn, the Striker will be out of action so there will be NO Hourly strikes etc from the clock until this work is completed.**

Electrical wiring: Another major project for the coming year is that the Church wiring needs urgent attention and will be costly. We will keep the Villagers informed and really do ask for your involvement and support!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUTUMN FAIR: Saturday 17th October. Stalls in church, 1 to 5pm.

QUIZ evening, booked for Friday 23rd October. We will hopefully have the usual Quiz evening. It may well be in a different format but we press forward and will see what transpires/develops.

CHURCHYARD GARDEN: A BIG Thank you to those who have helped keep the gardens looking so lovely! This makes a MASSIVE impression on those who visit the church but also reflects on the vital role this Church plays in our daily lives. A SPECIAL place to just sit and think and pray!

David Traher

4th FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

A message from Debbie Hills:

Like me, I am sure, many have missed the monthly get together in the church rooms. This awful virus has taken a lot of social events away from us this year. In the last 6 months, the isolation has been difficult for many of us, some more than others. The zoom church meetings have helped and at last, many are now able to meet up for a weekly church service. A sign that things are slowly returning to some normality.

However, with the slow progress and caution that is being taken, it looks unfortunately, as if we won't be able to start the Fellowship Meals again in September. But with care, hopefully we will be able to start 2021 positively. Keep an eye on the Barton Miller - updates will be posted in there. Take care all.

Love Debbie. X

JOY WILLIS, EDITOR

As you will have seen, if you have read 'Dear Readers' on page 2, Joy Willis, who celebrated her 99th birthday in June, has decided that it is time to retire as Editor of the Barton Miller. Joy has been editing our village magazine for more than 30 years. She has efficiently helped it through various changes in the teams of helpers and the methods of publication.

The magazine has always been 'Originating from and produced by St Mary's Church, Barton Mills', but it has always carried church and village news, information and advertisements. Frances Cox has also been part of the production team through all these years, and Barbara Murphy has dealt with the accounts.

To Joy, and to everyone who helps with the publication and the distribution of the Barton Miller, we say a big 'thank you', and we look forward to being able to make sure that every home in the Parish of Barton Mills continues to receive their copy of this magazine, free of charge, every time it is published.



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



First let me apologize for this very **personal testimony** of my life during the past few weeks. One day during the self isolation period and lock down, whilst reading the portion set aside for that day, I was made aware not to sit and feel sorry for myself but to **“Get Up and Go”, “Keep Calm and Carry on”**. Excellent secular sayings which I am sure **encouraged** many of us during this still on-going **dramatic time** in our lives.

Also my **Daily Bible Readings** too were most **apt** and the portions of Scripture recommended were always **very appropriate**, ironically humanly planned before the pandemic. **John 16 v 33** tells us: **“These things have I spoken unto you that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”** and **Psalm 55 v 22** reminds us to **“Cast our burdens upon the Lord and He shall sustain us., He will never suffer the righteous to be moved”**.

Like the rest of the country for the first time in over 70 years I was **unable to attend a public place of worship** and so with a friend who had to self-isolate for an extended time, due to Type 1 diabetes and only a telephone for outside contact, we have a **short service** every Sunday, over the phone, each providing a reading and selecting a favourite hymn. **Normally we are encouraged not to “...forsake the assembling of ourselves together”** (Hebrews 10 v 25), however, these little events have been a **great blessing** to me and along with much support and encouragement from neighbours and friends we are getting **through this very sad time!**

These days **have** been trying for most of us but if **we put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ** and consider the verses referenced above, **He will be with us as promised** in Hebrews 13 v 5, **“...I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.”** **How wonderful is that?**

At the moment Services will be somewhat different at the chapel but notices will be displayed outside on the gate providing revised times.

F. A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council have continued holding meetings since March 2020, but these meetings have been held remotely on Zoom. Members of the public have been invited to attend remotely, which has been advertised on the published agendas and the Parish Council's website.

The Parish Council will continue to hold meetings remotely until such a time allows for meetings to be held in the Village Hall safely.

If anyone wishes to raise anything at a Parish Council meeting or wishes to give their views on an agenda item but cannot attend the meeting in person or remotely, then please contact the Parish Council Clerk or Chairman who will speak on your behalf.

EXCEPTION SITE

The Parish Council have been busy along with Havebury Homes to provide another exception site in the village for local people.

A site at Newmarket Road, was agreed at the Parish Council meeting held in February and the chosen Housing Association have been carrying out legal work and working on a site plan.

The Parish Council hope that a public consultation can be held before the end of the year, once the site plans are available and the necessary work has been carried out.

Details of the public consultation will be published in the Barton Miller, on the Parish Council website and the Facebook page.

GOODBYE AND THANKYOU

The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Garry Flack for his service on the Parish Council. Garry will be leaving the Parish Council in September, following his service of 9 years.

We wish Garry and his family well in their new home.

Following Garry's resignation, there will be a vacancy on the Parish Council, further details can be found on the back page.

Next Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Tuesday 1st September 2020. It will either be held remotely on Zoom or in the Village Hall, the details will be published on the agenda nearer to the meeting date.

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 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 Home, 07590 672963

Clerk: Jaci Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841

Website: www.bartonmills.net

Find us on Facebook: Barton Mills Parish Council

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

All Over 50s Welcome

We wish we were able to say that a date had been set for re-starting the Wednesday Club but just at the moment the situation is not safe for us to meet. We sincerely wish that this current pandemic improves soon and we all stay safe. The Committee will meet again in November to consider the situation and it is hoped that we will be able to have our first meeting on 6th January 2021. This will be the AGM. For those of you who paid your yearly subscription last January/February, we have decided that you will not have to pay anymore for 2021 membership.

Many speakers have been cancelled and we will try to re-book them for next year. We are so grateful that we received a refund for our theatre trip last March.

We must now look forward to a Healthy 2021.
Keep smiling and keep in touch.

Enquiries to Ann on 510008 or jacobs.family@me.com



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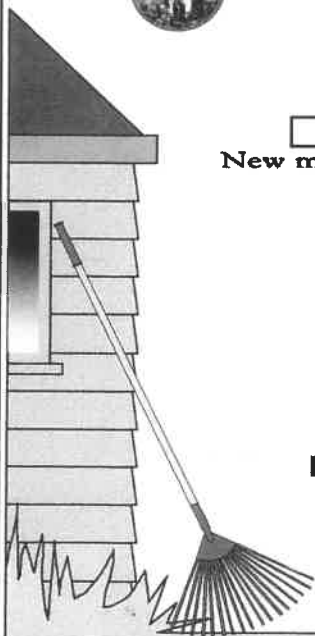
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For further details telephone
Ian Anderson. Tel 515741.



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,

March Draw

£30	76	J. Titcombe
£20	208	D. Taylor
£10	29	C. Spurling
£10	3	C. Langton

June Draw

£150	75	J. Evans
£30	212	K. Bruce
£20	185	P. Humphries
£10	103	P. Fincham
£10	105	S. Bonnett

April Draw

£30	187,	S. Delaney
£20	133,	F. Lewis
£10	112,	A. Harji
£10	158,	F. Raven

July Draw

£30	100	N. Wilson
£20	161	P. Peachey
£10	200	C. Langton
£10	17	P. Parsons

May Draw

£30	60	A.Low
£20	24	L.Howard
£10	6	A. Fuller
£10	214	R. Nelson

August Draw

£30	16	S. Limmer
£20	171	L. Bonas
£10	8	P. Jarman
£10	157	C. Raven

**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, £15, £10 and £5 monthly and twice a year additional prizes of £150.

Sadly, along with other clubs and activities our WI meetings have ceased for the time being. Our last meeting was in March and we are now looking to next year to meet up again.

Guidelines from WI and the Village Hall, which must be carried out, do not make for our usual friendly, relaxed and sociable event.

We were looking forward to talks about the history of Ickworth House and its grandeur, the wonderful work of the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and all about 'Nettles'. We now hope that these Speakers will come to us when the situation allows.

We are hoping to have an informal gathering on the Recreation Ground at Barton Mills at some time, bringing our own refreshments and chair.

Marilyn Badger, Secretary

Take a look at our website -

www.wibartonmills.weebly.com



**MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM
AND MUSEUM SOCIETY**

News from your local museum.....

Reopened from August 4th with slightly reduced hours.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. 2 – 4 pm.

Fridays, 10.30am - 4pm.

Visitors are to enter wearing masks and will be given nitrile gloves to be worn throughout the visit. A one way route will be in operation and social distancing is to be observed.

Maybe for September Saturday opening will be re-instated.

Check the Museum noticeboard or tel. 716970.



Neighbours rallying to help their neighbours during the COVID -19 Pandemic

March 2020 saw the spectre of the COVID-19 pandemic impacting upon the wellbeing of communities such as ours. As vulnerable or unwell residents prepared to shield and safeguard themselves from this insidious virus, Barton Mills' friendly and caring neighbours called upon those requiring support to ensure that they were able to receive shopping and medications when needed, as well as providing telephone support for chats to alleviate isolation.

The Good Neighbour Scheme became a hub for support requests and volunteers at the outset of this period and worked in conjunction with the Parish Council, St, Mary's Church and the Baptist Church to ensure that as wide a coverage as possible could be provided. We were also very fortunate to receive support from West Suffolk Council to cover any expenses that we might incur specifically as a result of the work that we do in this connection.

We received a good number of requests for support in the early stages of the self-isolating/shielding/lockdown period and a considerable number of new volunteers came forward to offer their services to support such neighbours, for which the Good Neighbour Scheme Committee wish to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks for their help. Volunteers have during this time continued to support the needs of the neighbours who they were initially asked to help and I feel that there has been a strengthening of neighbourliness in the village through such links and also in the community as a whole beyond the work of the Good Neighbour Scheme.

In recent weeks there have been far fewer requests for help from the Scheme and I would urge anyone needing support within the scope of the Scheme, whether relating to the COVID-19 pandemic or in general, to contact us on 07419 211040 or e-mail us at barton.neighbours@gmail.com

Peter Alder

READERS' LETTERS

Do you sometimes feel that you would like to tell everyone in Barton Mills what you think about something? Although there are now various ways of saying things on social media, this magazine is the only way of getting your views in to every home in the parish.

So – how about writing a 'Letter to the Editor'? We hope to start a new section of the Barton Miller when it is published in October, but we need your letters to do this. Please put your thoughts, preferably on a local topic, and definitely in printable language, into a letter, and send it to the acting co-editor, Frances Lewis, by hand or post to 11 Church Meadow, Barton Mills, IP28 6AR or by e-mail to frances_lewis11@hotmail.com.

The editors' decisions on publications will be final, and letters may be edited before publication!

Frances Lewis, Nancy Higgins

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club Committee recently met to decide if we should have an AGM and how to proceed. A copy of the accounts will be circulated on which members will be asked to comment, We will hold elections for officers and the committee when we are able to hold a full AGM, If anyone wants to stand for the committee please let me know and we can arrange to co-opt them until those elections can be held.

It was decided that we could not afford to open for club meetings with limited numbers and with the cost of speakers, we would lose too much at every meeting. All programmed meetings are cancelled, as has the New Year Lunch.

We decided we would produce a News Letter comprised of any garden related topic members wish to submit..

We will meet to decide future action at the end of the year, unless government advice changes the situation.

Ian Anderson

Autumn Fair

St Mary's Church

Barton Mills

Saturday 17th October

1pm – 5pm

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Book a free session on Tuesday 8th September at 2:15 pm

Contact Marta at: marta.maj@mmhealthandfitness.co ; phone 07914493352

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Young Yoga After School

We will play and work with poses to increase flexibility and strength, develop coordination and posture, and explore relaxation and stress reduction tools. Each class will start with breathing practice, warm up Yoga games to mobilise joints and prepare body for asana practice. Appropriate for children age 7 - 11.

Book a free session on Tuesday 8th September at 3:45 pm

Contact Marta at: marta.maj@mmhealthandfitness.co; phone 07914493352

CAR BOOT SALE
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FIELD

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in the Village Hall

Car Boots on the field:

proceeds to Barton Mills Football Club.

Refreshments in the Village Hall and

White Elephant Stall on the field:

proceeds to Barton Mills Parish Church.

NATURE NOTES

Is your garden **hedgehog-friendly**? Is there safe passage between gardens ? Do you provide a ground level shallow dish of water- especially important in hot weather. Is there a suitable place to hibernate - e.g. undisturbed piles of leaves in a quiet corner or under a shed or a hedge.

Always thoroughly check a bonfire heap before lighting it.

These delightful animals need all the help we can offer: Their numbers have declined alarmingly in the U.K., but you can help with hedgehog survival.

Norma Chapman



Patrick McDonough



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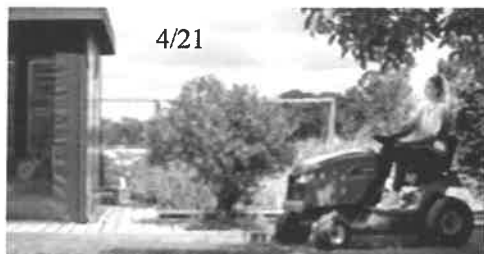
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These have been difficult times for our community. As a council we were required to close the play area for some time and we saw some public services disrupted. The play area is now open again and services are getting back to normal. The members of the council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village for their co-operation and patience in these difficult times. The response to keeping the field and village tidy and abiding by the restrictions placed upon us represents the very best of community spirit. There were many references to "war time spirit" and nowhere was this more evident than in this good parish.

Councillor Gary Flack will be leaving us after 9 years service. We would like to thank Gary for all he has done for the village in that time.

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