



The **BARTON** *Miller*

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the September edition of the Barton Miller. It's been an interesting summer! Weatherwise we started with too much rain, then moved in to drought conditions, so that our lovely green Playing Field is now a gentle shade of brown. But all the facilities are still there, and every day there are children playing on the slides and swings, and trying out all the other equipment. The Parish Council, helped by donations from various organisations, provide and care for all the equipment on that part of the field. In this Barton Miller you will find information about many activities happening in Barton Mills. Do take a look and join in when you can, especially to the Horticultural Show in the Village Hall on Saturday, 5th September.

Contributions for the October edition by 20th September, please. New ideas always welcome!

Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins, Editors.

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. **12.15pm -12.40pm**

This will be the following Saturdays - 12th Sept and 10th Oct.

Vicar's Letter

As I look out of the office window at the Vicarage, I see a figure lurking on the street corner. He is there all the time at the moment, and suddenly appeared about a week ago.

Is this some kind of criminal presence on the streets of Barton Mills?

No, it's actually the figure of King Charles in the form of a scarecrow. He looks a bit younger than he does now because this is King Charles as he was about twenty years ago in the heyday of Guinness World Record holding Scarecrow Festivals.

He is advertising the "Scarecrow Retrospective on Saturday 22nd August" at the village hall, where we will be celebrating all that happened over the many years of the festivals.

I realise that as you read this, that date will have passed, but I'm not trying to advertise the event but celebrate the festivals themselves and what they brought to the village.

Is Barton Mills just somewhere that we sleep – a kind of dormitory with bigger cubicles – where no-one knows anyone around them and there is nothing which brings people together? Or is it a community - where people join together, supporting each other and creating events where people get involved and work together?

In the parishes I was Vicar of before I came here, one village had a huge community spirit with lots going on in the past, but by the time I arrived it had just become a dormitory for Norwich. People slept in the village, but nothing really happened in it. And people used to complain "it's not how it used to be."

Then two or three younger couples moved into the village and hated what it had become. They worked hard together, and with the village organisations that remained, to create events that would bring people together and within two years the whole atmosphere in the village was totally different. Once they started to work, others joined in and soon new groups were forming in the village and people noted how much they enjoyed living there.

Just like bread needs yeast and a little bit of sugar to rise, so a village needs some keen people and events which enable people to work together to truly become a community. That's what the Scarecrow Festivals did. Thanks to Lis and Colin Brotherton and a small committee of committed people, the whole village was brought together.

So in the Retrospective we celebrate their creativity and hard work, for the community spirit they engendered, and ask the questions – who's next to spearhead us being community not dormitory, and what's next to bring us together again?

Mark McCaghrey

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To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Elected Members

Treasurer: Jo Traher

Diocesan Synod Representative: Peter Alder

Other PCC Members : Alan Butcher, Heather East,
Linda Jenkins, Rodney Knight, Frances Lewis, Sandra Woollard.

Prayer Chain - There is access to a prayer chain for anyone
needing prayers for themselves or others. Please contact Heather
East 07970 997090 or email heather.east19@yahoo.co.uk with
any requests.



COFFEE MORNINGS

EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 TO NOON IN
THE CHURCH ROOM



ALL VERY WELCOME



CHURCH SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday 30th August 11 am GROUP SERVICE
of Holy Communion in Barton Mills
Church

Sunday 6th Sept 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th Sept 9.30am Sunday Celebration

5 pm Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday 20th Sept 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th Sept 9.30am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evensong with Choir at St Peter's,
West Row

Sunday 4th October 9.30 am Holy Communion

EVERY MONDAY at 9 am a short service of Morning Prayer

All are welcome to join us at these Services



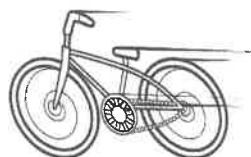
SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

This will take place on Saturday 12th September 2026.

Participants ride or stride (walk or run!) around local churches, calling in to as many as they can, and then collect sponsorship money for their efforts.

The money raised will be divided between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the church that you have chosen to support.

If anyone is interested in taking part, to help church funds, please contact our Barton Mills church representative who is Sandra Woollard on 01638 510781, for more information.



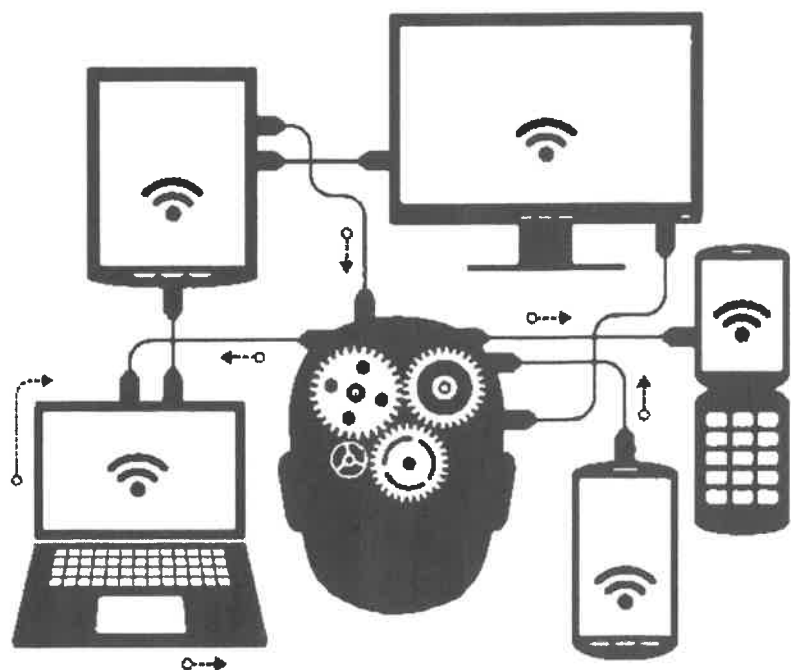
'THE BARTON MILLER' on the INTERNET

Did you know that you can find 'The Barton Miller' on the internet? Just put 'The Barton Miller' into Google or your own search engine, and you should see (after a couple of Parish Magazine adverts) a long list of all the monthly publications, dating right back to February 2016.

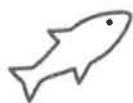
This is all part of the Parish Council site,

<https://bartonmills-pc.gov.uk> › parish-magazine

and it is very useful if you want to refer back to a previous article, and you have already carefully put the back copies into the paper recycling bin!



Autumn Quiz Night



The Friends of
St Mary's Barton Mills



Invite you to come and join us
in Barton Mills Village Hall

**For a Fish and Chip Supper
and Quiz**

6.30pm Friday 16th October



Questions set by
Quiz Master Kevin Milligan



***Doors open from 6.30pm, meal at 7.00pm
from The Handy Plaice Fish Van***

***Tea, coffee, and soft drinks available in the interval
Please bring your own drinks and tableware
Donations gratefully received for the Raffle.***

***Tables of up to 8 people available
Chicken and vegetarian options available***

***Tickets from Liz Jarvis at £15.00 per person
on 01638 583728 or
friendsofstmarysbm@outlook.com***

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

CPR AND DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We are interested in holding some free training sessions on how to perform CPR and use the defibrillator. This training lasts for 1 hour.

If you would be interested in attending, please email clerk@bartonmills-pc.gov.uk to register your interest.

BETTER RECYCLING

West Suffolk Council are collecting approximately 100 tonnes of food waste each week which is used for bio gas ie. Fuel, heat and electricity and digestate ie. Animal bedding, fertiliser.

Why it makes sense to recycle

Today's costs are: Energy From Waste (residual black bin) £120.00 per tonne

MERF (recycled) £50.00 per tonne

Anaerobic Digester (food) £20.00 per tonne

For every tonne that is recycled West Suffolk Council save a minimum of £70.00

FLOODED RIVER FOOTPATH

Discussions are still ongoing within Suffolk County Council regarding a future potential project.

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 1st September 2026** and **Tuesday 6th October 2026, 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 during public participation.

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 BAPTIST CHURCH



Sadly we **take so much for granted** and not a moment goes by when we cannot think of something **God has done for us**. We are carried along daily by His **unending supply of wonderful gifts, love, mercy, wisdom and power**, attributes we cannot do without. **Every breath we take is a gift**. We are told in Psalm 100 v 4 to **“Be thankful for Him and bless His Name”** and Paul in Ephesians 5 v 20 tells us to **“Give thanks always for all things to God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”**. It would be good for us to **recall daily His constant protection, His faithful provision and His abiding presence**.

“IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE”

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,
because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like
If only once He had sat down and said “That's it I'm through
I've had enough of those on earth so this is what I'll do.
I'll give my orders to the sun – cut off the heat supply, and to the
moon give no more light and run the oceans dry.
Then just to make things really tough, and put the pressure on,
turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone
You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game,
For no one has been more abused or met with such disdain
Than God, and yet He carried on supplying you and me with all
The favours of His grace and everything for free!
Men say they want a better deal and so “on strike” they go,
But what a deal we've given God, to Whom all things we owe.
We don't care who we hurt or harm to gain the things We like – BUT –
What a mess we'd all be in if **GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE**.

“DON'T LET THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GIFTS CAUSE YOU “TO FORGET THE GIVER”

We warmly invite you to the Baptist Chapel in Barton Mills Street: Sundays at 3 p.m.

F. A. RUTTERFORD, MBE

Also we are willing to visit you to discuss Spiritual Questions or Pray with you,
01638 713892, sweetarrpeace@yahoo.co.uk



The Friends of St Mary's Barton Mills

friendsofstmarysbm@outlook.com

Scarecrow Retrospective thanks

The committee would like to thank all those who have contributed items and photos which have made the display so wonderfully comprehensive.

Especial thanks go to Alison, Colin Brotherton's niece, who has been inexhaustible in her efforts on Colin's behalf to discover and present all the memorabilia that he curated with such care.

We have had great support from Frances Lewis, who also kept many items, and was of course one of the key organisers of the festivals, along with Rodney and Diana Knight who put on a good part of the weekend entertainment at The Manor.

Our next fundraising event will be the Autumn Quiz on Friday 16th October in the Village Hall.

As always, we will hope for a strong Raffle to accompany the fun and challenge of quizzing, so would grateful for donated items for that.

Please see the full-page advert for details of times, tickets and food options.

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**

July 2026

£50	178	J. Coomber
£30	20	D. Spurling
£20	102	P. Kerridge
£10	139	T. Scargill
£10	189	B. Klatt

August 2026

£50	12	S. Norton
£30	138	F. Lewis
£20	182	D. Judd
£10	3	J. Langton
£10	17	P. Parsons

If you would like to become a member please contact our Treasurer: Janette Miller - 49 The Street. Tel 07818820955

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

Prizes of £50, £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 - 4pm



MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY TALKS

Thursday 3rd Sept – Jason Middleton - History of Jewellery

Talks are held at the Museum.

Doors open at 7:00 for 7:30 pm start

£2 members £4 non-members

Refreshments available

Annual Society membership £10



Barton Mills & District Gardening Club

MEMBER OF R.H.S.

Annual Subscription £20.00

£2.00 fee per meeting for members

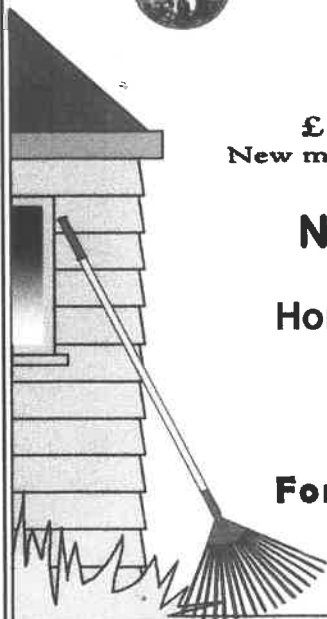
New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

£5.00

**Next Meeting Tuesday
Saturday 5th September
Horticultural Show (see pages 20,21)**

**Tuesday 24th September
AGM**

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



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

**WEDNESDAY 2nd September. 2.00pm at the Village Hall
Mike Wabe will present "GHOSTS AND PHANTOM PLATFORMS".**

**WEDNESDAY 16th September. 2.00pm at the Village Hall
Lisa Jones will present "BEHIND THE BATHROOM DOOR"**

REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

**Wednesday Club Annual Membership £10 payable in January
Admission - £2 members £3 non members
CONTACT ANN JACOBS TEL 01638-510008**



Good Neighbour Scheme

As the song goes "Silence is Golden" but the silence of the Good Neighbour Scheme telephone is concerning rather than rewarding!

We recognise that our services may not be required in Barton Mills every day or week and we are not alone amongst the County's Good Neighbour Schemes that have seen a slowing of demand. Indeed, I have been advised that our closest Scheme in Lakenheath has had to close, at least partly as a result of difficulties in finding volunteers, as well as fewer enquiries being received.

"Times are a-changing" and people harbour worries about the cost-of-living, the impact of climate-related heatwaves, etc. But whilst the Good Neighbour Scheme cannot solve such issues, we can at least try to help our neighbours through these tough times and hopefully help to bring some cheer to others in need of it. Our volunteers are in no way judgemental and their support is offered in a way that is beneficial to both the helper and the helped. And of course it is free of charge.

Our services are designed to support villagers across the entire Parish of Barton Mills. This includes all residential properties along Station Road, those on either side of Worlington Road and those along Tuddenham Road. See our advert in this Barton Miller that sets out what our range of services can offer. Please remember that you can contact us on **07419 211040** to see if we can help you with your needs.



Barton Mills Ladies Club

Our Speaker for August was Sandra Gold-Wood, who told us about 'The Canary Girls' women who during both World Wars worked in munition factories.

As a rule only single women worked, traditionally in factories, mills or in service. These were considered appropriate occupations but as soon as they married they had to give up work and run the house.

When the first World War began there was a shortage of people to work in the munitions factories as most of the work was done by men who had enlisted or were called up to fight. Married women working was not approved of but they were needed. The work was dangerous, filling the shells with minimal protection in the Danger Shed. The chemicals that they worked with turned their skin yellow, which is how they got their nick name. It also had an affect on their livers and made them sick, limbs and lives were lost. From all of this came great camaraderie, it was accepted that they were essential to fighting the war.

With the outbreak of the second World War the same thing happened, but there were some improvements. There was better accommodation for them, canteens and better pay. Bigger factories were built for this dangerous work, scattered over the country, disguised from the outside so that they could not be identified from the air.

As yet there is no national memorial to these women and Sandra is passionate that there should be one. She gives her speakers fee to the group that is trying to set one up.

Trees Word Search

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Apple

Ash

Aspen

Birch

Buckthorn

Cedar

Cherry

Chestnut

Chinkapin

Cottonwood

Cypress

Dogwood

Elm

Fir

Hawthorn

Hazel

Larch

Maple

Oak

Pine

Poplar

Redwood

Sequoia

Spruce

Sweetgum

Sycamore

Walnut

Willow

Yew

MILDENHALL MUSEUM

Stephanie Palmer has recently stepped down from the position of Chair of Trustees of Mildenhall Museum, after 50 years of valuable service to the Museum. She started as Secretary of the Archaeology and Natural History Society, then when the museum moved to King Street a board of Trustees was set up and she became Secretary to the Trustees and then later Chairman. The original exhibition had been "temporary" for the Festival of Britain in 1951 and was organised by the Mildenhall Archaeological and Natural History Society. In the following years it evolved from two rooms of 'hotchpotch stuff', through various locations, to the splendid building and exhibition that we see today. The replicas of the famous Mildenhall Silver are shown in a special upstairs room of the Museum.

Stephanie has guided the Museum Trustees through much of this development, and has worked hard to keep it all available for us to enjoy today. Thank you Stephanie.

The Voluntary Network

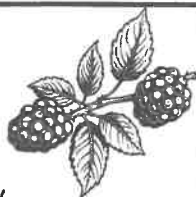
Sometimes it's the little things that make a huge difference. The Voluntary Network is a small charity making a big impact, helping vulnerable people stay independent, connected and less isolated. We want more people to know about the support we offer — and how we may be able to help in your community.

Our Befriending Service supports people aged over 60, and demand is growing. We are looking for friendly volunteers who enjoy a chat and could offer someone an hour a week, either in person or by phone. Volunteering is flexible, and befriending often becomes a rewarding friendship for both people involved.

We also provide a reliable, affordable transport service for social, work and medical journeys, as well as onward bus or rail connections. For many people, this service is a real lifeline — and our drivers are known for their friendliness and care.

To find out more about our services, or to volunteer, please visit our website. **www.thevoluntarynetwork.org**

Have you foraged any blackberries this year?
How about an easy blackberry and apple
recipe to use them?



INGREDIENTS: 1 pack of ready-made shortcrust pastry.
3 apples (any will work, but if you use cooking varieties, or not quite ripe windfalls, add a bit more sugar).

150g blackberries (freshly foraged are ideal, although frozen berries work just as well if thawed and drained first)

An egg, beaten.

2 Tbsps. Demerara sugar

Spice, to taste (we used cinnamon, but you could use whatever you have in your cupboard - Chinese Five Spice also works well, but only a tiny bit).

Custard, cream or vanilla ice cream to serve.

METHOD 1. Unroll ready-made shortcrust pastry on to a lined baking tray and top with three thinly sliced apples and 150g blackberries, leaving a 2cm border around the edge.

Sprinkle over 2tbsps of demerara sugar and a tiny bit of spice to taste.

Brush the pastry edge with beaten egg, fold it over the fruit to create a rustic border, then glaze with more egg to make it shine.

2. Bake at 200° C for 20 minutes until golden and crisp.

3. Serve warm with custard, cream or vanilla ice cream for a simple pudding that's bursting with the sweet-tart flavours of late summer.



NATURE NOTES September '26

Have you noticed there seems to be a distinct lack of wasps in the garden this year? I thought that too, so a quick bit of research revealed that wasp populations are indeed well down this year. Love them or hate them, wasps are the gardeners' friends. They are serious predators, which feed on aphids, caterpillars and other assorted insects that munch your prize plants. Alas, they are also partial to the odd jam sandwich, so one needs to be careful when dining outside. All wildlife is cyclical to some degree or other so populations naturally wax and wane depending on prevailing conditions.

The Common wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*) generally nests under the ground in redundant mouse holes or Rabbit burrows. However, wasps become much more noticeable when they build a paper nest on a tree or even inside a building. Their amazing structures are built using layers of chewed-up wood fibres cemented together with saliva. In 1719 Rene Ferchault, a French scientist, observed Paper wasps making paper nests from wood fibres but it wasn't until 1844 that machines were developed to turn wood pulp into paper. Prior to that, paper was made from cloth fibres from cotton, linen or wool. No doubt making objects from papier mache was also copied from wasps.

The Common wasp has an interesting life cycle – an over-wintering queen builds a small paper nest in which she lays several eggs. After 5-8 days the eggs hatch into grub-like larvae which she feeds on protein-rich insects. The larvae go through a pupa stage and, after about 4 weeks, emerge as adult wasps. These are sterile female workers. The workers then help to expand the nest while the Queen focuses on laying eggs. This leads to a rapidly expanding nest, and colony, which can then number in the thousands. In autumn, new queens mate and leave the nest to find secure overwintering places. As cold weather sets in, the old nest is permanently abandoned. Only the queen wasps will survive until the following year.

During this year's drought, many of our garden plants have struggled to survive. However, some of our most beautiful

wildflowers seem to be much more resilient. Cornflower, Knapweed, Meadow cranesbill, Musk mallow, Oxeye daisy and Scabious have all done well this summer; some of them have long taproots which find moisture well below the soil's surface. Another couple of scabious-like plants that have done well in our garden this year are the deep maroon flowered Macedonian scabious *Knautia macedonica* and the pale-lemon flowered scabious *Cephalaria alpina*. All of the above are great favourites with insect pollinators.

Speaking of insect pollinators, many people have mentioned to me they are seeing Hummingbird hawk moths in their gardens. This day-flying moth from southern Europe is now firmly established in the UK. Its orange wings and black and white chequered rump make it easy to spot when hovering over plants to feed on nectar. Another day-flying moth from southern Europe which is becoming more frequent is the Striped hawk moth. It is brownish with a pale stripe down the centre of its pointed wings. When exposed, the hind wings are pale pink. It feeds at night but can also be seen during mornings and evenings.

The worst possible news for the people of East Anglia is the devastating fire that has destroyed Dunwich Heath. This site has been one of my favourite places for many years; we have visited several times each year to see Dartford warblers, Nightjars and Woodlarks, all scarce birds. Various estimates suggest it could take 15 – 25 years to fully recover. The Heather should re-grow fairly quickly but many of the trees and shrubs will die. No doubt the National Trust will formulate a recovery plan and, perhaps, carry out some replanting. Nature has a habit of bouncing back so, in time, we may enjoy the benefits of walking in nature on Dunwich Heath again.

Ken Venus.



5 September 2026 Barton Mills

Horticultural Show Categories

1. Baking – Adults: Bake us your favourite! Max. size 20cm diameter.
2. Baking - Children 7 years & under: Bake us your favourite! Max. size 15cm diameter.
3. Baking - Children 8 to 14 years: Bake us your favourite! Max. size 15cm diameter.
4. Jar of savoury preserve, Chutney, Jam, Pickle
5. Jar of sweet fruit, Jam or Jelly
6. Jar of Marmalade
7. Jar of Lemon or Orange Curd
8. Pot Plant – Foliage only
9. Basket of fresh flowers and foliage
10. Pot Plant – Cactus or Succulent
11. Vase cut flowers – 3 varieties, 3 Stems of each
12. 1 Stem large flowering rose
13. 1 Stem Floribunda rose
14. 5 mixed roses, any variety
15. 5 different herbs, NO FLOWERS allowed
16. 5 Dahlias, any type
17. 1 Stem Sunflower
18. Floral arrangement on a log or root of a small tree with fresh flowers & foliage
19. Floral arrangement in a China Jug, fresh flower & foliage
20. Beetroot, 5 on a plate
21. Onions, 5 on a plate
22. Shallots, 5 on a plate
23. Runner beans, on a plate
24. Courgettes, 3 on a plate, max. size 20cms
25. Carrots, 5 on a plate
26. Cabbages, 2
27. Potatoes, any variety, 5 on a plate
28. Onion, large 1 on a plate
29. Onions, salad 5 on a plate
30. Cucumbers, 2
31. Tomatoes, large 5 on a plate
32. Tomatoes, small 5 on a plate
33. Pumpkin, 1



34. Marrows, 2, max. size 35cms
35. Peppers, 2 on a plate
36. Aubergines, 2 on a plate
37. Chillies, Hot, any variety 5 on a plate
38. Garlic, 3 on a plate
39. Raspberries, 8 on a plate
40. Blackberries, 6 on a plate
41. Apples, 5 on a plate (desert)
42. Apples, 5 on a plate (cooking)
43. Any other fruit on a plate.
44. Children for 7-year-olds & under - Make a face on a plate using fruit & veg
45. Children for 7-year-olds & under - Paint a picture of the sea and sea creatures.
46. Children for 7-year-olds & under - Make a model using clay or playdough
47. Children for 7-year-olds & under - Make a small model from LEGO or DUPLO
48. Children Odd-shaped vegetable (all ages)
49. Children Largest Sunflower (all ages)
50. Children 8 to 14 years - Make a miniature garden in a biscuit tin lid.
51. Children 8 to 14 years - Make a LEGO model, max. size 25cm x 25cm
52. Children 8 to 14 years - Decorate a jam jar and fill with flowers.
53. Children all ages - A photograph, max. size 20cm x 15cm
54. Adults A photograph, max. size 20cm x 15cm
55. Adults A basket of home grown produce, NO EGGS.



Please remember to leave stalks on all fruit and vegetables and to follow size and quantity guidelines.

Entries for the baking categories must include a list of ingredients.

Entry for the show can be made at the village hall between 6.30 pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September or by email to grahamswifty32@gmail.com.

Last minute entries can be made on Saturday morning from 8 am with a maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor. These entries are subject to a £1 per entry category fee.

On show day the exhibitors display cards will be ready for collection from 8.00 am.

Please remember no exhibits can be collected until after the show has closed.

What's on in Freckenham at the village hall

[www.Freckenham Village Hall \(freckenham-pc.gov.uk\)](http://www.Freckenham_Village_Hall(freckenham-pc.gov.uk)) this will be changing watch this space! **We have air cooling to keep you cool!** **Monday Meet Up** at the Village Hall 2 – 4pm. Free event but donation appreciated. All ages welcome. We often get the carpet bowls mat out, so come and join us to have a go or if you have experience you can make sure we are scoring properly!

Coffee Caravan visits to East View Car Park off Mildenhall Road, first Tuesday of the month 1st Sept, last one 6th Oct. 2 – 4pm. Free cuppa, cake, chat and lots of advice, though there is a donation pot to help fund this valuable community project. If wet, we move to the village hall.

Friday 18th Sept - Caroline – On our big screen - a New Musical a pre-recorded show of the Eastern Angles theatre and other theatres in the area a musical, with acting, dancing, singing and musical instruments. I saw it live at the Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds it was fantastic! The theme is of course around Radio Caroline in the 1960's which was from the pirate radio ship moored off the coast in East Anglia! Doors and Bar open 7pm, screening starts 7.30pm.

Tickets £9 contact VH mobile 07542 198 933 or email freckenhamVH@outlook.com or direct with Eastern Angles.

Farmers Market with some Crafts are back 26th Sept 10 – 12 noon many regular stalls and even some new ones wood, apple drinks

First Friday of Month Film Night on a summer break back 2nd Oct with Song Sung Blue (2025) Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams. PG-13

Check out our weekly events contact the organiser before just turning up for a weekly event! We have a new dance session starting in September for 6 – 17 year olds called 4th Dimension. Check their website www.4d-dance.co.uk for more details and booking in. Check for other events coming up bingo & quiz nights on [Facebook FreckenhamVH & Freckenham, Suffolk Community Group](#).

CLUB NEWS

KNIT and NATTER GROUP

We have been asked by the vicar to see whether we can produce large knitted nativity figures for the children's services , at Christmas . Work is well under way with Dorothy Lydford having knitted the figures . We have decided to dress them with fabric to save time. Lynn Elkington has done a shepherd and Ali Swift has done a king, going to look quite something when they are finished! We are very happy to be involved in something to do with the village.

New members always welcome – come for the 'Natter' even if you don't knit. We meet in the church room every Wednesday afternoon, 2 to 4pm.
Ali Swift 07982679926,

SOCIAL ART GROUP

If you fancy drawing, painting or just colouring in, you might like to come along to the Social Art Group. We meet from seven till nine on a Friday evening in the church room and we are all beginners trying to get better! For more information give me, *Glenda Berrett*, a ring on 01638 717925.

BOOK CLUB

When the Book Club met on Thursday 16th July, we talked about the book by Bill Bryson 'I'm a Stranger Here Myself', which describes his life and impressions when he returns to America after living for some time in England. Bill Bryson has an easy reading style, and in this book he does rather poke fun at some American habits that are different from what we do in England. But we agreed that perhaps some of our national habits might seem a bit strange to others!

We had planned our August meeting for Thursday 13th August, but as the day and evening were so hot, we postponed that meeting to Thursday 10th September, when we shall be discussing Joanna Lumley's autobiography 'No Room for Secrets'. Then, our next book, for October, is 'The Lightkeeper's Daughters' by Jean E. Pendziwol.

New members will be very welcome. For more information please phone *Frances Lewis* on 01638 713155, or e-mail *frances_lewis11@hotmail.com*



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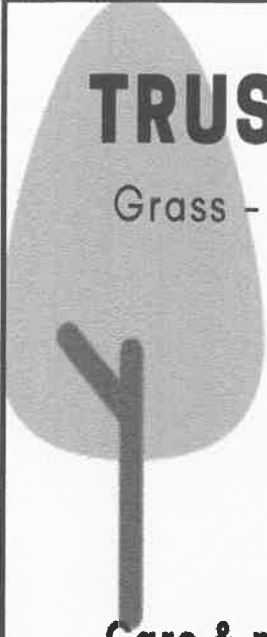
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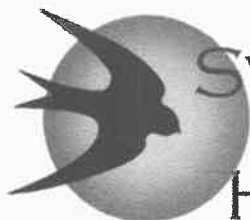
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The Parish Council and individual Councillors have received a number of concerns in relation to the accuracy in how the survey that was conducted by a small group of residents of the village was carried out, which has now been submitted as part of a petition for the development on the land used for the car boot, A11. Residents have reported that they have been persistently contacted to complete a survey regarding this planning application, and views only listened to if they objected to the development, any supportive comments were dismissed and omitted from the survey giving the impression that the survey was only ever going to be a petition against the development. One Councillor has received video footage from a resident where those carrying out the survey have stated that the scheme is part of a larger development of 100+ houses which is untrue and this has been used to obtain signatures for objections.

The pre-prepared statement that people were asked to sign contains a number of factual errors and misleading points. In addition to this, verbal information provided during the survey also included incorrect housing percentages in the Neighbourhood Plan and the offer of an alternative site for the scheme at Church Lane which is untrue and has misled people into signing something that is inaccurate. Many of those who have signed the statement have raised concerns with Councillors as they were not aware that it formed a response to WSC as they were not told this when signing; after clarifying the inaccuracies with Councillors most have said that had they have been aware of the facts that they would not have signed. There is also concern around those who have signed the statement who are oblivious that their comments have been submitted to you and personal details shared as this was not shared with them.

If you have any concerns over how your data has been shared with West Suffolk Council regarding this planning application, please contact the Case Officer Amy Murray by emailing amy.murray@westsuffolk.gov.uk