

**Dear Friends,**

We are looking forward to celebrating Easter at St Peter's on the 21st April 9.30am. As ever, all are welcome as we gather to celebrate. Through a wide range of services and activities reflecting different aspects of the Easter story we will celebrate with other churches locally, and across our Lordsbridge Team of Churches to which we belong. We will be remembering the last supper as we gather on Maundy Thursday and share Holy Communion together, we will also pause to pray at a number of churches when we carry the cross on Good Friday for a walk of witness - we begin in Barton at 1pm this year - then on to the joy of Easter Sunday as we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

What these services represent of course is the retelling of the story of Jesus' last days, as he gathered with his disciples to have one last meal, encouraging them never to stop meeting and sharing together - to the pain and agony of Jesus crucified on the cross on what is now known as Good Friday. His death, an act of sacrifice of God himself upon the cross in the person of Jesus reconciling us back to himself, only makes sense when Sunday comes. Risen, Jesus stands alive, conquering death - and we gather in joy on Easter Sunday to celebrate that love wins, trusting again in the hope offered to each one of us through the saving act of the cross.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith we are offering an Alpha Course after Easter. This is one particular way to explore the Christian faith in the company of others. All are welcome. It begins on May 7th at Haslingfield Vicarage at 7.30pm and runs for 6 weeks. If you would like to know more or book your place, email me: [rebeccagilbert@lordsbridge.org](mailto:rebeccagilbert@lordsbridge.org).

May you have a Happy Easter!

Much love Becca

*Revd Rebecca Gilbert, Lordsbridge Team*

## **Church News**

### ***From our Church Registers***

February 28th	Funeral and burial at Arbory Trust	Richard Parker
March 15th	Service of Thanksgiving	Sheila Boocock
March 30th	Memorial service	Tom Godfrey
February 20th	Cremation	Alice Bell
March 7th	Funeral (Baptist Church) and cremation	Victor Pratt

### ***Open Gardens & Teas***

Sunday April 7th Gardens open in the village with teas in the church. Proceeds from the teas for church funds. We would be grateful for offers of cake and/or help; please contact Anne Coulson 26266 if you are willing to assist.

### ***AGM***

Monday April 8th Annual Church Meeting 8pm in the church.

### ***Churchyard Clean Up***

Saturday April 20th Churchyard clean up. If you could help for an hour or two to tidy up the churchyard ready for the summer we would be delighted to see you. Please bring a few basic tools, shears, a rake, secateurs, garden fork etc. We will enjoy a cup of coffee mid-morning with the flower arrangers working in the church.

### ***Lent Course***

The Lent course continues on Wednesday April 3rd and 10th at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church.

### ***Friends of St Peter's***

#### **LIFE MATTERS returns with a new series of talks for 2019:**

21<sup>st</sup> May: "Stephen Hawking, Local Hero, International Icon"

Author Kitty Ferguson

3<sup>rd</sup> June: Human Trafficking, The Clewer Initiative, Bishop Stephen Conway

17<sup>th</sup> June: Mental Health matters, Dr Rowan Williams

Also

Different aspects of Climate Change, Professor Jane Francis, Professor John Shepherd and Tony Juniper

All talks to begin at 7.00pm in St Peter's Church, details and dates for these ticketed events in the May issue

#### **St Peter's welcomes new Friends for the annual subscription of £12.00**

To become a Friend of St Peter's and for Life Matters tickets

Contact Margaret Winterbourne 01223 262353 or [mwinterbourne@btinternet.com](mailto:mwinterbourne@btinternet.com)

Ruth Bond 01223 262985 [ruth.bond52@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.bond52@gmail.com)

## **Barton Baptist Church News**

Are you a film buff? Did you watch the recent Bafta Awards? I'm neither, but a few weeks ago I was at a loss on what to watch for a few minutes before the 10 o'clock news, so I flicked through the channels and ended up on this awards ceremony. I'm sure you know the formula - incredulous winners, over-the-top compliments, crying, hugging and lots of 'Thank you's! I'm sure it must be the most wonderful ceremony if one is given an award but awfully dull if not. Anyway, the EE Rising Star Award was announced and onto the stage came a young (25yrs) British-Guyanese actress called Letitia Wright. I particularly like her name as one of my daughters has Letitia as a middle name! You might know her from a very popular film called "Black Panther." She played a character called Shuri. Then for the next few minutes this actress opened her heart and shared her faith, she thanked the Lord for her many blessings, she thanked Him for looking after her and she put her success down to God. Wow! I couldn't believe what I was hearing. For a few moments the cameras flipped to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge who were sitting in the front row. They couldn't disguise that expression which shows, awkwardness, discomfort, embarrassment and surprise all rolled into one! Do you know that face? I tried to analyse why I was so surprised and to be honest so proud of Letitia. I concluded: Firstly, there probably aren't many actors who are Christians, Secondly, it isn't cool or politically correct to identify with one particular faith and certainly not appropriate to talk about it, Thirdly, how many people would put their success down to God and then speak about it? and fourthly, how many young actors would threaten any future work by sharing their faith in front of a TV audience of millions? It pulled me up fast. How often am I prepared to share my own personal faith? How often do I avoid the subject in case I experience that particular "look"? Am I prepared to take a stance which might affect my job? In the Bible there are many incidences where people were not prepared to stand up for Jesus. The most obvious one is where Peter denounces the Lord three times. We are told "Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him, "before the cock crows today, you will disown me three times". He went outside and wept bitterly." A little later his Lord was crucified. As Easter approaches I pray that I will learn from Letitia's braveness and determination to tell others about God. I pray too that Barton Baptist will continue to be a Christian presence in the village of Barton as it has for over 100 years.

Please do join us for our Prayer meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

*Alison Foster*

## ***Parish Jottings***

### ***Annual Parish Meeting***

Firstly, notice that the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> Village Hall 7:15 for 7:30. The **Annual Parish Meeting** is not a **Council meeting**, but rather is a **meeting** of local government electors registered for the area for which it is held. It must be held between 1st March and 1st June. The purpose of the meeting is so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year, present future intentions and it enables the electors to meet their Councillors and have the chance to ask questions. Exact format of the meeting and the Agenda will be published asap.

### ***Parish Council meetings and Working Groups***

At the February PC meeting and after reasoned debate and a great deal of reflection, the decision was taken and the resolution passed to change the frequency of the PC meetings to bi-monthly. It represented a collective feeling that the amount of issues to discuss at an agenda driven PC meeting is not conducive to effective management, planning and decision making. In conjunction with this a resolution to set up 4 working groups (Governance and Finance, Highways Travel and Traffic, Village amenities and Open Spaces and Communications and Community Engagement) was passed unanimously. The intention is that between PC meetings the WG's can formulate action plans and responses and hopefully participate in greater community engagement to assist the reporting procedure. The WG's cannot take decisions but their recommendations will then be discussed and hopefully resolved at the relevant future PC meeting. A tracking system of progress made will be available to each group. The intention is for the Clerk to monitor this. In addition, any urgent matters or issues raised by residents will be collated and communicated by the Clerk for action. Should it be necessary the PC can call another meeting.

Accordingly the PC meetings calendar under the new regime is below:

No PC in April but by law have to hold the Annual Parish Meeting. This will be on 30<sup>th</sup> April, PC Meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> (1st meeting of new year), No June, PC July 2<sup>nd</sup>, no august, PC Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, no oct, PC Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, no December, PC Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2020, no Feb, PC March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### ***SPEEDING and TRAFFIC CALMING in the Village***

As Parish Clerk and on behalf of residents who have engaged with the PC, I have approached Cambridge Police to say that Barton Parish Council wish to run a Speedwatch group (again) to help with speeding issues in the community and to compile statistics to be used in discussions with the County Council Highways department. In particular there are concerns regarding Haslingfield Road, New

Road, Comberton Road, A603 Wimpole Road. So far I have 11 volunteers, if you would like to help please let me know ASAP via [ian.minto@bartonvillage.org](mailto:ian.minto@bartonvillage.org)  
In order to participate, volunteers need to be trained in the strict protocols that are relevant via community training organised by the Police. Attendance at one training session is required. The upcoming training session is at Cambourne Police Station 30/3 from 10.00-11.30. Please contact me and I can pre-book.

### ***Height Restriction Barrier***

The Council have resolved to install a height restriction barrier on the Recreation Ground and it should be installed late March/April. The procedures for locking/unlocking will be published but in meantime please contact [ian.minto@bartonvillage.org](mailto:ian.minto@bartonvillage.org) if you have any thoughts.

### ***From County Councillor Lina Nieto:***

- **Encampment:** Many local residents were substantially affected by unauthorised development and encampments this summer. In March, the Government published its response to last year's consultation on powers for dealing with unauthorised development and encampments. Residents may wish to review the Government's proposals for strengthening powers to deal with these in future. All relevant proposals can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/powers-for-dealing-with-unauthorised-development-and-encampments>
- **Funding portal:** Please do look at this link regarding community groups that wish to find funding pots. <http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/supportcamb>
- **Highways:** A reminder that you can report road maintenance issues here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>
- **Hedges:** If you have an issue with hedges then they would be advised to log their complaint on our website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>
- **Roadworks:** If you would like to know what is happening in your area you can check in this website. [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

### ***Creation of a 'Barton List' for communications***

I hope to engage with the variety of groups and organisations and many individuals in the village (and maybe beyond) by creating an email list of a lead contact for each group or simply as individuals. This list will be used to circulate important information I receive, for example notifications of consultations, so that the lead can pass on to their specific membership. Ultimately, I hope this will lead

to greater sharing of views and perspectives. I shall ensure all GDPR regulations are adhered to. Please contact via [ian.minto@bartonvillage.org](mailto:ian.minto@bartonvillage.org) if you would like your organisation or simply yourself to be part of this community engagement

**Greater Cambridge Partnership: Choices for Better Journeys Survey**

The GCP have launched a consultation following up on their previous ‘Big Conversation’. Residents are urged to take part in this survey as it will help shape a much broader strategy for improving transport in and around Cambridge. In particular the survey seeks to address how greatly improved public transport services could be funded and what further measures could be taken to reduce the traffic that is clogging up the roads not just in Cambridge, but in South Cambridgeshire (including Harston & Comberton ward).

The survey close of 31st March and can be accessed online here:

[https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/choices-for-better-journeys/survey\\_tools/choices-forbetter-journeys1](https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/choices-for-better-journeys/survey_tools/choices-forbetter-journeys1)

There are also several events scheduled – details from the GCP website.

**Festivals**

Strawberries and Creem Festival 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The Cambridge Club 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Cllr Ian Sollom from SCDC has reported that the licence application hearing for the above festivals at Haggis Farm took place on 1st March and the licence was approved with extensive conditions. Those who made representations may now choose to appeal to the Magistrate’s Court. Anyone may also request the licence to be reviewed after the event.

The Rock Festival is returning to Barton and Haggis Farm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. The organisers are keen for appropriate community engagement with local residents and organisations for example by assisting as marshals for the car park in return for donations.

**Forthcoming Bin Collection dates**

Wednesday 3 April 2019	Blue and Green
Wednesday 10 April 2019	Black
Wednesday 17 April 2019	Blue and Green
Friday 26 April 2019	Black
Thursday 2 May 2019	Blue and Green
Thursday 9 May 2019	Black
Wednesday 15 May 2019	Blue and Green

### **Dog Fouling**

Thanks to those who always 'pick up' but there continue to be instances where this does not happen. PLEASE ensure you have a commitment to behaviour that is considerate and complies with legal responsibilities.

<b>Next Council Meeting:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 2019 7.30pm Village Hall
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**Official notices and agendas and minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond or on the Website <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>**

*Ian Minto, Barton Parish Clerk*

[ian.minto@bartonvillage.org](mailto:ian.minto@bartonvillage.org)

### **Village News**

#### **PlayGroup**

This half term we are looking at art and artists. This will include shape, colour and colour mixing, with lots of opportunity for the children to express themselves and try out different artistic techniques. We will recap the work we have done on emotions with portraits as a focus and use different paintings in our story telling, literacy, ICT and maths. Our "stay and play" events in March for World Book Day and Comic Relief were a great success with siblings and families taking part in our themed activities. Don't forget our Toddler Group on Monday afternoons in term time, 1-30-3pm. The cost is £2 per child and 50p for additional siblings, with refreshments provided.



Finally, please consider signing up to 'Give as You Live', to support Playgroup. Give as You Live is a free and easy way to raise money for a chosen charity, just by shopping online. Simply download the app or register online and add Barton Playgroup as your chosen charity (look for the teddy bear logo). Then whenever you shop online using one of the many registered retailers (Tesco, Waitrose, Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Boots, Argos, John Lewis and many more...) simply login in to the Give as You Live app or site first, and start raising money! Your support is greatly appreciated!

*Caroline Parsons*

#### **Barton WI**

After a short Annual Meeting our March speaker, Jean Lawrence, supported by her husband, Gerry, and dog, Dino, told us about "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People". The most commonly used breeds are spaniels, labradors and poodles. The charity itself breeds about half of the dogs it trains. Training costs about £25,000 per dog and support during its working life amounts to around £15,000. "Hearing dogs" normally retire at about 11 and, if possible, remain with the person they have supported. Not all dogs can reach the exacting standards of a

fully qualified "hearing dog" but there are valuable supporting roles for the less qualified. The most intelligent dogs can help with people/dog assessments and matching or support people who are not only deaf but disabled in some other way. Jean emphasised the role played by the huge army of volunteers who support the charity at every stage of its processes and, to illustrate the fact that a "hearing dog" can offer its human partner independence, confidence, companionship and fun, Jean told us the history of three partnerships, including her own very emotive story. To raise money for the charity, Jean and Gerry sold beautiful wood-turned items they make themselves.

At our April meeting Rob Marsden will speak about "Liquid Gold" aka olive oil. We are holding another Jigsaw Challenge on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Make up your own team of four or come alone and we will try to assemble teams. The cost will be £5.

*Ann Killen*

**Barton Lunch Club:** Friday April 5th 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall.

The Lunch Club on the first Friday of each month is for Barton residents; booking essential. The cost of the meal is £3.50. If you wish to cancel a booking or add your name to the list please telephone Helen Newstead 262543, preferably by the Monday prior to the lunch.

*Anne Coulson*

### **Barton Gardeners**

On Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April Claire Matthews will be giving a talk about 'The History of Easton Lodge' in Barton Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome. Members free. Visitors £3. We look forward to seeing you there.



The Barton Gardeners Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will be taking place in Barton Village Hall on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. We would be most grateful if you would put aside any surplus plants you may have for the plant sale. Please label your donated plants, and if possible, deliver them to a BG Committee member. Alternatively, please deliver them to Barton Village Hall by 9.15am on the day. Thank you for your support.

There is still time to let us know whether you would like to go on our summer outing to Castle Ashby Gardens, Northampton. The dates we are considering are Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June or Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please let us know if you are interested. Tel: 01223 262792 or email [bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk)

Many Thanks

*Barton Gardeners Committee*



### **Barton Wednesday Women WI**

The Wednesday Women are a fun, friendly, informal and active Women's Institute. We meet at The White Horse, Barton on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The 17<sup>th</sup> April will be our AGM and we will be welcoming dance teacher Naomi Wallen. On 15<sup>th</sup> May we will be looking at the resolutions to be put forward at the national WI AGM. For more information, please visit our Facebook page Wednesday Women WI Email [wednesdaywomenwi@live.com](mailto:wednesdaywomenwi@live.com)  
Phone Sue on 263909

*Louise Gough*

### **Concert by 'Toft Session'**

Join us for an evening of traditional songs and music in St Peter's Church Barton on April 6th at 7.30pm. Donations for Church funds will be appreciated & refreshments will be provided. **Toft Session** delights audiences with an entertaining programme of songs and music from the best of the folk traditions of Britain and Ireland. Songs of love and loss, tales of tears and of joy are uniquely combined with traditional Irish tunes and the occasional modern classic thrown in for good measure.

*Barbara Tomes*

### **Barton Bowls Club**

**Jumble Sale on 6th April 2pm in Barton Village Hall.** This is an excellent way to recycle items. Items needed to sell: Bric a brac: Clothes-Women's, Men's, Children's, soft furnishings and nearly new; Shoes, toys, and books. Items can be taken before the sale to:

Meta Greenfield 114 High Street, Barton, Tel 262005

Ruth Ennis 7 Kings Grove Barton

or brought on the day to the Village Hall from 12 till 2pm

### **Report on Barton Church jumble sale**

This sale in February raised the excellent total of £480. Thank you to all who donated items to sell.

**Barton Bowls Club Quiz night** on 27th April at 6.45pm for 7pm start.

Included in £10 per person fee is a supper with desserts. Teams welcome while spaces available. Tickets available via the secretary Margaret Seymour at [m.seymour@orwellsbureau.co.uk](mailto:m.seymour@orwellsbureau.co.uk).

*Meta Greenfield*

### **Barton Wildlife Group**

April is a good time to sow wildflowers in your garden. This spring I am planning to turn a few square yards of my lawn into a wildflower patch. Apart from garden centres, there are plenty of websites where you can buy a packets of wild plant seeds, including a range of annuals, perennials and grasses. Other great sources of

nectar are some of the herbs, such as thyme, marjoram (great for ground cover) and fennel, which provide food for bees, hoverflies (natural predators of aphids) and other insects.

Bees and butterflies have been already been spotted earlier than usual this year: buff-tailed bumble bees, brimstone, comma and holly blue butterflies in early March. But now is the time to keep an eye out for the first arrival of summer-visiting birds such as swallows, house martins, willow warblers and chiffchaffs. It would be lovely to hear of your sightings. If you have a pond, do you have any frog or toad spawn yet? Please do contact us at [bartonwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:bartonwildlife@gmail.com) and look out for more information about upcoming events in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

*Annabel Keeler*

### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

I have collated the Poppy Appeal for Barton over the last four years but have advised the RBL that I can no longer be involved. Accordingly, someone is needed to take my place. If anyone is keen to help please contact me on 07742256557 or [ianminto1954@gmail.com](mailto:ianminto1954@gmail.com) and I can give you further information. The task is not particularly onerous and good support is given by the RBL full time officers. Hope to hear from you

*Ian Minto, Honorary Appeal Organiser, Barton*

### **Burwash Car Boot Sale**

Lazy Sunday Car Boot Sales at Burwash Manor will recommence on Sunday 7th April 11am - 4pm and the first Sunday of every month up to and including October.

*Emma, Burwash Events Manager*

### **Comberton Library**

**Monday:**10am-1pm, **Wednesday:**10am-1pm,2pm-5pm **Friday:**2pm-5pm **Saturday:**10am-1pm

If you are wondering where you can access information and support to help you, or someone you know, to live an independent, safe and fulfilled life, we have copies of the 2019 'Guide to Independent Living in Cambridgeshire' available in the library. The publication is full of useful information and tips ranging from staying independent at home, coming home from hospital to housing options, and has been produced by Care Choices in association with Cambridgeshire County Council and the NHS. Please do pick up a copy from the library, if it will be of use to you, a relative, friend or neighbour.

During the school Easter holidays, we will be holding the following events in the library for families:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** 10.30 -12 noon – Family Lego Session (50p per child)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** 2.30 -4.30 pm – Easter Craft Session (£1.00 per child)

**Upcoming Rhymetime sessions:** 29<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> May (10.30 -11.00 am). Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too! The library will be closed on Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, but will be open as normal on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

*Rosemary Pryke*

### **Volunteering at Addenbrookes**

Support your progressive local hospital by volunteering for just a few hours a week. Choose from a variety of roles such as talking to patients in wards, taking round the book trolley, guiding patients to clinics, visiting with a PAT dog or assisting with the courtesy bus service. Training is provided and after you start there is the opportunity to learn new skills such as sight guiding. For further info email Peter Sharratt [pjs30@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pjs30@cam.ac.uk) or have a look at the web-site <https://www.volunteering.cuh.org.uk/>

*Peter Sharratt*

### **Homestart: Trustees needed**

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire needs more Trustees. Our professional approach enables us to respond to referrals from many other agencies in the local community including health care, education, local authority, and to requests from parents. The range of issues includes:

- An isolated single parent with two young children, fleeing domestic abuse
- A family with five children, mother unable to leave the house due to anxiety and panic attacks
- A child with Autistic Spectrum Condition, mum feeling very isolated and judged unable to leave the house

We particularly need people with Finance, IT, HR, Social Media and Fundraising expertise; however, whatever your background, if you are keen to help us continue to make a real difference to the lives of local families, we would love to hear from you. Contact Maureen Brierley on 01763 262 262 <http://www.hsrsc.co.uk/>

*Tracy Aggett*

### **Cambridgeshire NHS survey**

#### **What would you do to improve health services in Cambridgeshire?**

The NHS is developing a local plan and needs your help. How would you make it easier for people to look after their own health and wellbeing?

Fill in this survey from Healthwatch and have your say on local services.

at <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do>

Call your local Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285, text 0752 0635 176

Or visit [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk)

**Cambridge Gliding Centre Open Day, Sunday 5th May, 10am - 4pm.**

Come and visit Gransden Lodge Airfield to find out about the sport of gliding. All welcome. Discounted trial gliding lessons with our qualified instructors will be available. Call 01767 677077 to book your flight in advance or just turn up on the day. Refreshments. Free admission. Free talks about gliding and static displays. More information online: <http://www.camgliding.uk/>

*Siobhan Woollard*

**Rotas**

Church Cleaning		Coffee	
6th	Lin Heaton	7th	Sue Carpenter & Gordon & Faith Johnson
		14th	Margaret Flook & Margaret Tomkys
20th	Margaret Flook & Julia Stibbs	21st	Julia Stibbs & Margaret Smith
		28th	Barbara Tomes & Jim Henton
Reading		Flowers	
7th	Jennifer Donkin & Meta Greenfield		
14th	Margaret Winterbourne & Hugh Greenfield		
21st	Barbara Tomes	20th	Group for Easter Sunday Flowers
28th	Ann Killen & Peter Smith		