

***Dear Friends,***

The summer can often be a time to reacquaint ourselves with old friends along with making new ones. With the longer and milder days, it's also a season of weddings, BBQs, gardening and perhaps a holiday, which can be a chance to gather with others – or escape of course!

However I've been struck by recent reports about the epidemic of loneliness, which can affect our health. Whilst it may be grabbing headlines at the moment, it's nothing new, as many of us will know through our own experience, or of those whom we know, love, and live alongside. It is most often highlighted among older people, however a recent study undertaken by Kings College London highlighted just how prevalent it is for young adults, regardless of gender or socio-economic background. Their findings reported that young people who are more likely to have a negative view of where they live, had a greater sense of isolation, irrespective of whether they came from rural or urban areas, wealthy areas as well as deprived ones. Loneliness can affect us all no matter our age, where we live or how we live.

As Christians we are just about to mark the festival of Pentecost, which saw the birth of a new worldwide community as the message of Christ's resurrection was shared by Peter and the disciples. Community is at the heart and the health of what it is for me to be a person of faith, and so welcome and hospitality are inextricably linked to it. Words from St Matthew's gospel, "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me", are as important now as they were 2,000 years ago when that new community was born.

May you know and indeed have the courage to offer friendship and companionship this season as we enjoy the summer in our community.

Much love Becca

*Rev Rebecca Gilbert, Lordsbridge Team*

## **Church News**

### **Coffee Mornings**

Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>: The monthly Saturday Coffee Morning 10-11.30 am in the church. A chance for a relaxed chat with friends and neighbours with coffee and biscuits- no charge. Do join us.

### **Safari Supper: Saturday June 22nd.**

Another Safari Supper, starting at 6.30pm in the church, for drinks and canapés, across to the village hall for the main course and then to the pavilion for dessert and coffee. a lovely evening to enjoy good food and wine with friends and neighbours. The cost for the evening will be £18.00 per person and booking forms will be available in the church or from Anne Coulson 262666 or Barbara Tomes 262692. Numbers are limited so if you hope to come book early, the event is open to all. Proceeds are for church funds

### **Friends of St Peters: LIFE MATTERS talks**

**LIFE MATTERS continues with a series of notable speakers**

**Monday 3rd June** The Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely  
**Not so far away - Human Trafficking and the Clewer Initiative**

### **Monday 10th June**

Andy West, BBC Investigative Journalist; **Just say it, Homelessness**

### **Monday 17th June**

Dr Rowan Williams PC, FBA, FRSL ,Master of Magdalene College:  
**Issues of Mental Health**

### **Thursday 27th June**

Dr Anna Jones, Science Leader of the British Antarctic Survey's Atmosphere, Ice, and Climate Team: **Climate Change**  
**£10 per talk to be paid on the night.**

Wine/coffee/tea, savouries and cakes included. To book your seats for the talks please contact: Ruth Bond - [ruth.bond52@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.bond52@gmail.com) / 01223 262985 or Margaret Winterbourne - [mwinterbourne@btinternet.com](mailto:mwinterbourne@btinternet.com) / 01223 26235

### **Cream Teas**

We will be serving Cream Teas again this year in St Peter's Church on Sunday July 28th from 3pm to 5pm. Do join us, it is a happy afternoon & a chance to catch up with friends. The cost is £5 per person. All proceeds to the Church.

*Barbara Tomes*

## **Barton Baptist Church News**

A couple of days ago I found myself thinking about the swallows which at this time of year are usually swooping across the house, darting to and fro accompanied by the shrill warning song as they hurry to build their nests. Their arrival is always a sign that Spring is here and I love watching their amazing gymnastic aerobatics as they catch flies on the wing. I also gain much pleasure from their chicks which make their presence known by lots of chirping as they compete for the next mouthful of food! These thoughts were accompanied by an inner sadness as it dawned on me that the swallows should have arrived by now and as they hadn't it was highly unlikely they would. Along with this realisation was a tinge of guilt, had all our hotel guests driven them away? Had our residence outdoor cat spooked them? If they didn't return this year would they ever return?

It was then with some relief that the following day I read an article by Robin Page in a national newspaper where he addressed this concern of the missing swallows. As I am sure you are well aware Robin Day lives in Barton and is chairman of the Countryside Restoration Trust. His sister Mary West has been a member here at Barton Baptist for many years. In the article Robin starts off by commenting that his farm has not had their annual arrival of swallows. He too shares his concern and sorrow and goes on to explain why he thinks this is so.

The large majority of migrating swallows returning to England fly through Egypt on their return journey. As they pass through they are trapped in fine meshed nets which come from China and Robin reports that up to 140 million birds are slaughtered every year in this manner. Robin says, "Some are not even killed straight away; they have their wings broken and are taken alive to traders, who slit their throats to satisfy halal tradition. Then they are sold for the equivalent of a few pence"

As I reflected on these poor swallows being trapped and killed I found my mind pondering on that wonderful verse from the Bible "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father" Matthew 10 v 29. Jesus goes on to explain that if God is aware and notices swallows how much more is He aware of you and I. Jesus says, "And even the hairs of your head are all numbered" This led me to question if my concern for the swallows was greater than for those around me who did not know Jesus and who were struggling with life and all the challenges and heartaches it brings. Was I putting my love for nature before people? Here at Barton Baptist we want people to be aware that they are loved so much by God that he evens know how many hairs they have on their head and Jesus promises us "don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" Matthew 10v31.

*Alison Foster*

## ***Barton Parish Council Jottings***

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

The Parish Council would firstly like to thank the 65 residents who attended and contributed to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Council hope the presentations and response to questions were effective in giving residents faith that the Council is trying to work assiduously for the Village. As stated, we are hoping to have a greater level of community engagement going forward. Accordingly, it is hoped residents will feel happy to communicate ideas, concerns or raise issues.

County Councillor Lina Nieto outlined the increased environmental agenda and introduced the idea to produce resilient and sustainable communities in a time of great change in the County. Clearly issues exist with designing and financing transport infrastructure, appropriate social services and create financing through investment rather than large increases in Council Tax. To visible support she announced that libraries were being supported. In response to a question she clarified the division between County and District responsibilities as education, Highways and Libraries being County whereas Planning, Environmental concerns and Health are District. Interestingly Waste management is mixed between both. Another question concerned the overall Greenways scheme which Lina outlined in principle but said that an overall budget is not yet finalised neither are final decisions on routes and infrastructure. The PC working groups will keep in touch with developments and again ask if residents have points to make that they contact.

District Councillor Ian Sollom talked about the priorities of the District and presented the Local Business Plan. He informed the meeting that SCDC receive no Central Government funding and constantly seek investment to ensure a sound financial footing. Ian added information and answered questions regarding the complex Cambourne- Cambridge busway plans. He shared the frustration of the meeting concerning a perceived lack of integrated thinking. He asked that residents do respond to the various surveys and consultations.

There followed introductions of and short outlines from Councillors regarding the work of the Council, which were well received.

The remainder of the meeting was given over to an open forum.

There was a lengthy discussion about the recent cycle path widening and in general the meeting was concerned about the aesthetics and materials used. Additionally, there are potential safety issues with the concrete slabs utilised. It was apparent that the details of the scheme were not fully appreciated and in summary, the Parish Clerk would contact District and County councillors and the Greenways Officers as a matter of urgency to ascertain what can be done to ameliorate the effects so far.

A resident raised the issue of roadside parking opposite Mailes Close and also opposite Ivy Field. Support from the meeting was obvious and again the Clerk will contact Highways department. Other questions concerned downsizing housing, affordable housing, general housing issues, and traffic calming. Finally, a resident offered heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Margaret Penston who had recently resigned from the PC having given many years of devoted service. This was warmly received.

### ***Village Trust***

The Village Trust created by a resident is now operational and details will be released soon to detail as to how bids might be made for the funds and any criteria needed.

### ***SCDC Community Chest Fund***

The Community Chest Grants scheme is available to voluntary and community groups wishing to improve the quality of life in South Cambridgeshire. They are small grants of up to £1,000 for one-off costs relating to a project or activity.

Applicants must:

- Be a non-profit group or organisation based in South Cambridgeshire or benefiting South Cambridgeshire residents OR a public sector body with a demonstrable community focus (individuals and businesses are not eligible)
- Be a Parish Council or Parish Meeting with less than 160 registered electors
- Have a written constitution or mission statement
- Have an elected committee or representative steering group
- Be able to provide an up to date copy of their accounts and any relevant protection policies

Applications online:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

### ***Recreation Ground***

The PC are investing considerable sums to ensure the recreation ground will be suitable for playing football again next season. Similarly, and in response to a number of resident contacts the PC are taking action regarding dog fouling both on Recreation Ground and generally across the Village. Again, having committed financial resource at the recent PC meeting Once again though it is a minority of selfish dog owners and we all wish they could change their community commitment.

### ***SpeedWatch and MVAS***

As an update the PC will be purchasing an MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) kit and over next few months will be active in collecting data to engage in potential traffic calming across the village. High Street and Wimpole road have been added to the roads applicable for speedwatch activity.

### **Forthcoming Bin Collection dates**

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> June Black                      Weds 12<sup>th</sup> June Green & Blue  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June Black                      Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June Green & Blue

**Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 7.30pm Village Hall

**Future Meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 7.30pm Village Hall

**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*

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### **Village News**

#### **Village Magazine**

We urgently need someone to help edit/proofread this village magazine if it is to continue. You need to be able to do basic word processing and be able to give a few hours each month – although with more volunteers it need only be a few hours every other month. Please email [bartonpmag@gmail.com](mailto:bartonpmag@gmail.com) if you can help.

*Barton Magazine Team*

#### **PlayGroup**

This term we are focusing our activities around the theme of "minibeasts". The children will be learning how to care for the creatures in our natural environment and using the topic to discuss fears and emotions and how to cope with them. We will enjoy storytelling, music, art and maths activities using minibeasts as our focus and even use the theme in our physical activities, moving through an assault course like a snail, bee or earthworm.



Our school visits are continuing with the children enjoying time in the reception class facilities and getting to know the staff and feel of the school environment. Our Toddler Group continues 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. 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, just log in to the Give as You Live app or site first, and start raising money.

*Caroline Parsons*

#### **Barton WI**

Our April Jigsaw evening was most enjoyable. The walking group, 11 members and 2 dogs, had beautiful weather for their recent outing to Guilden Morden. Our May speaker, Alain Bardouleau, had given the connection between Lewis Carroll, mathematician and author, and Juliet Margaret Cameron, photographer of note, as the subject of his talk but, after a brief mention of them, he spoke mainly about his

own life with some history of photography and printing. There have been vast changes over a short period in the field of printing and, in the current digital age, communication is virtually instant, photos and printing included. Mr Bardouleau wondered what would happen in the future to the printed word. Our June speaker, Gillian McClure, is going to tell us about Korean folk tales.

*Ann Killen*

**Barton Lunch Club: Friday June 7th 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**

Our Plant Sale and Coffee Morning took place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to all those who came along and helped to make it an enjoyable and successful occasion. Special thanks to everyone who donated plants, and helped out in the kitchen and on the plant stalls. Our next event was going to be the Barton Gardeners Outing to Castle Ashby Gardens, Northamptonshire on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately, we haven't had enough interest in the outing, so we are sorry to confirm that it will not be going ahead.

Our next event will now take place on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in Barton Village Hall. It will be a talk on 'The Wonderful World of Willow' by Sandra Barker. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Please let us know if you are interested. Tel: 01223 262792 or email

[bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk)

*Barton Gardeners Committee*



### **Barton Wednesday Women WI**

The Wednesday Women are a fun, friendly, informal and active Women's Institute. We now have a new meeting place and meet at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, High Street, Barton on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. 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*

### **Barton Wildlife Group: Dates for your diaries**

Rifle Range Second Visit, April 29<sup>th</sup>: The highlight of our first visit to the rifle range last September was the discovery of around 8000 ivy bees' nests, burrowed into the large sand banks that form the 'stop butt' and 'mantel' at the north end of the rifle range. On our second visit, we decided to focus on the same area of the rifle range, to see what other species might be taking advantage of this favourable habitat for solitary and mining bees. As we arrived, we could see that there was

plenty for all sorts of insects to feed on, as a colourful array of wild flowers was already in bloom. Apart from red and white dead nettle, we saw: ground ivy (purple), stork's bill (pink), field forget-me-not (grey-blue), spotted medick (yellow), woodruff (white) and wild parsnip (greeny-yellow). We found at least 8 different species of bees, some of the *Nomadae* family that resembled tiny slender wasps, and other larger ones, such as the bright orange common carder bee, buff and white-tailed bumble bees, and the more unusual black and white 'mourning bee', which is known as a 'cleptoparasite', because it steals pollen from the nests of other bees. Apart from bees, we found other insects, such as a brightly coloured harlequin ladybird, a sloe bug, which is far more beautiful than its name suggests, and the fascinating 'bee fly'. With a furry striped abdomen, the bee fly looks at first sight like a small bumblebee, but is distinguished by its long, fixed narwhal tusk-like proboscis. This gives it a slightly sinister appearance which hints at the darker predatory side of this insect; for while the adult feeds on nectar, its young, conveniently laid near or inside the burrows of solitary bees and wasps, will feed on their grubs as they hatch.

*Mary Macdonald*

### **Barton Primary School**

The summer term is flying past so quickly; it is a busy term filled with lots of fun activities. The school pool is now up and running with all classes excited for their swimming lessons. Our playground is looking very different. We now have a mound on our playing field which will allow the children to play at different levels. We are all very much looking forward to rolling down it, sitting on top of it and creating games around it. The reflection area now has a new bench and raised beds for us to fill with different plants to create a sensory garden and a quiet space for the children at playtimes. We are very proud of our school and all who learn and work here. If you are looking for a school for your child, then please come along and visit us. You can book an appointment with the office on [office@barton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@barton.cambs.sch.uk) or phone the school on 01223 262474.

*Claire Coulson and Bonny Weaver, Headteachers*

### **Comberton Library**

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

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July (10.30 -11.00 am). The session on 3<sup>rd</sup> June will be a special **Pyjamarama Rhymetime**, so do come along in your pyjamas for some rhyming fun! Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

*Rosemary Pryke*

### **Burwash Lazy Sunday Car Boot Sale**

Lazy Sunday Car Boot Sale at Burwash Manor on Sunday 2nd June 11am - 4pm.

*Emma, Burwash Manor Events*