

Dear Friends,

I write this on the 3rd September, which this year is the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War. The year, which has included the 65th anniversary of D-Day, has offered important opportunities for those of us born long after the war to understand more of the sacrifices that the generation before us made to ensure that we should be born into a free world. I am always struck by stories not just of heroism and sacrifice by the armed forces but also of all the less visible sacrifices made by those who stayed behind. I have no wish to ‘get political’ or speculate about whether war is ever just but, whatever else one believes, it is always important to remember and honour the sacrifices of those who have gone before. I have recently set myself a little project of reading history from the 1960s up to the present day, the period since my own birth. It is helping me to understand some of the cultural influences which shaped my upbringing and the realities behind the people and stories which as a child passed me by. I was nearly a historian and I make no apology for looking back. I agree with the view that, if we do not understand our history, we are condemned to repeat its mistakes in one form or another and, unless we know where we have come from, we cannot understand the forces shaping our present and likely to shape our future. That sounds a bit grandiose, but I am firmly committed to the view that Christians, and indeed all those of good will, need to be thoughtful and active in our present society to play a part in shaping the values of the future. In this autumn season, which includes remembrance of those we have loved and who have gone before us, I invite you to reflect with me and to decide what part you can play in shaping our values and society, for no-one’s contribution is unimportant, however small it may seem.

Wishing you every blessing,

Cheryl

The annual All Souls Service will be held on Sunday 1st November at 6pm and this year will be at Coton. If you have anyone you have loved and lost that you wish to be remembered, please let Cheryl know.

Church News

From the Registers

Marriage: September 18th Sabrina Hemmins and David Greenley

Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th October 10am to 12 noon, Village Hall.

As well as the usual Bring and Buy stall, gifts, raffle for church funds, we hope to have Christmas cards on sale from Save the Children fund; come and buy some cards for a good cause in a relaxed setting over a cup of coffee!

Our monthly coffee mornings in the church during the summer have now finished, but we hope to hold them again next year, watch this space!

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church News

It was good to welcome Elizabeth Pinder-Ashenden into our fellowship last month as she starts as our Minister in Training. We look forward to her ministry and work in the village.

On the 4th October we will be celebrating God's bountiful harvest. There is still time to make a donation to *Harvest for the Hungry* or to give tools which you no longer use for *Tools with a Mission*. Details of both in last month's magazine.

We will have a service at 10.30am and a tea at 5pm followed at 6pm by a harvest *Songs of Praise*. Do join us for either or both of these services if you can.

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

Thanks to Chris Westgarth who came as our speaker in September. We learnt about the important work of CRiS (Christian Resources into Schools) giving support and ideas to teachers who must include spiritual, social and moral themes in the curriculum.

On Wednesday Oct 14th our speaker will be the Rev Ron Minor (who was originally booked for September). He will be telling us about the Community of Jesus UK, to which he and his wife belong. All are welcome at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Report

Fiona Whelan told us that she is continuing to press for repairs of pavements and potholes (some done in New Rd) and attention to flooding near Duck End; she has lobbied for improvement of schedule and service on no. 75 bus. The County

Council is still discussing the implications of the Transport Innovation Fund re. congestion charging. Comberton VC is expanding to 300 pupil intake per year and will have a Sixth Form; there is an increasing likelihood that Cambridgeshire will become short of secondary school places in the next few years.

District Councillor Report: Francis Burkitt commented that government inspectors have agreed the North West Cambridge area plans, containing development slightly closer to the M11 with research buildings as a buffer. There were concerns by Barton councillors about encroachment on the Green Belt; however, we were told that the economic importance and world status of the University were crucial factors.

Cambridge Rock Festival

Seemed to go off with little disturbance for Barton, many people enjoyed themselves in spite of the deluge one evening and some problems with the sound system, the organisers would like to involve villagers at an earlier stage, if they hold an event next year. Some excess noise was heard in Coton.

Barton BeaVers and small works

A tremendous amount of work has been achieved over the summer – installation of benches, tidying in Church Close, repairs to shelters, seats and fences, as well as vegetation cuts to keep country footpaths in good order. Warm thanks are due to so many people, but John Boocock and Keith Barnes have worked tirelessly.

Wayside Benches

There are now over 20 of the simple but robust wooden benches sited throughout the parish. The Parish Council has paid out around £750 for materials. The labour for fabrication and installation has all been given by volunteers. We would like to add a few more benches to complete the coverage and invite donations (at £40 per bench) to defray costs. Please contact the Clerk, likewise if you have suggestions for specific sites you feel would benefit from having a bench.

Horse Owners

We are seeing an increase in the number of Tack & Horsebox thefts within Cambridgeshire. Please can you all review your security in and around yards and remember to report any suspicious activity to Cambridgeshire Police on 0345 4564564.

We at Cambridgeshire Police are also supporting Horsecatch - an information sharing body aimed specifically at horse owners & riders. We are in the process of forming a group within our County - for more information please email your details to me at horsecatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

Haslingfield Road Bridge

The Parish Council has requested the University to retain the bridge, in other words to adopt the box culvert option. The Council feels this is imperative owing to issues of road safety, the speed of vehicles along the road, preserving the historical and visual heritage and strong ecological considerations, namely the presence of a barn owl population and a habitat providing a haven for wildlife. A University committee will decide the outcome.

Doorstep Sellers - advice from PCSO Trudy Newman-Hart

1. Check the seller's identity - Were you expecting them? If not, be very cautious. If you are interested in what they are selling, you can ask them to come back at another time that is more convenient for you (for example, when you have someone else with you). Always ask for an identity card and look at it carefully. Check their identity by ringing their company using a number from the phonebook (not a number they give you).
2. Take control - you ask the questions - if you decide to have a meeting with a doorstep seller, make sure you are in control, not the salesperson. Remember it is a business situation, not a chat with a friend.
3. Never sign on the spot, shop around. The price you are quoted may be a lot cheaper somewhere else.

Older people can obtain free consumer advice by phoning Age Concern on 0800 009 966 or Help The Aged on 020 7278 1114. If you have any concerns about a company or door step sellers in your area contact Trading Standards.

Noticeboard and Website

Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board outside Conkers or on <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>

Next Council meeting: Tuesday 6th October, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

[Patrick De Backer 262577 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:Patrick.DeBacker262577@bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com)

Village News

Barton Lunch Club

Friday October 2nd 12.30 for 1pm. For cancellations or reservations please contact Helen Newstead 262543. As ever we would welcome offers from those who might like to cook for us from time to time.

A sincere thank you from Kings Tithe

I would like to thank all our friends in Barton for all the wonderful letters and cards I was sent as a result of my accident.

Now after three months I write this note and say, 'I just had no idea that I really had so many friends, and am so glad we have decided to remain in the village, and thank you all once again!'

Liz Thorne

Information, please, about a former Barton resident

I am trying to trace a Rob Thompson who lived in Barton in the 1930's. The only information I have is that he was a builder and his family owned a building firm nearby. I believe he could have been born around 1907. There may be some older residents of Barton who remember the Thompson family, or maybe there are some of the family still living there. My information is that he died quite young (don't know how accurate this is). I am keen to try and trace any descendants, as this man was a very close relative and I would dearly love to know more about him.

Pearl Earrey earrey.pearl@googlemail.com or 01728 746118

Flu jabs in Barton

Comberton Practice is planning to hold a flu jab session for Barton patients in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th October from 2pm to 3pm. Patients should telephone the surgery to make an appointment in the usual way.

Friendship Club

On October 6th we have a mystery tour starting at Great Close at 10.30am. We will be having lunch at Waresley Garden Centre. We will be back in Barton by 3.30pm. If you would like to come please let Richard Parker know as soon as possible as we are limited to 16 people. The Coach is free but you will have to pay for your meal at the garden centre.

On the 20th October John Terry from the Countryside Restoration Trust will be speaking to us about the work of the trust. It should be a very interesting meeting. Non members are always welcome so come along if you can.

Brian West

Barton Gardeners

Our September meeting was very well attended and we were entertained to the most stunning images of Herbaceous Borders in their full glory. Richard Ayers grew up at Anglesey Abbey and went on to become Head Gardener. Since his retirement, he has designed the gardens at Kirtling Tower where the Delphiniums grow to over 8 feet! He has also developed his own garden in Lode, which he opens to the public, into a colourful haven of variety and beauty.

Our next meeting is the AGM on Monday 12th October 7:45 swiftly followed by Stephen Hall from Giles Landscapes. This year Stephen and his colleague won the coveted RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal for their Courtyard garden. Cheese and wine will be provided to keep everyone sustained so please make sure you take your seat for what promises to be an excellent evening on garden design. Visitors £2, Members Free.

Richard Miller

John Bowen Production

In January next year we shall be presenting **PINOCCHIO**, by John Morley, in the Village Hall, Barton. If anyone would like to audition for a part (there may be some singing in the show, but don't be put off) or if you are interested in working back-stage or in set-building, please contact Judith Bowen on Cambridge 262186 for further information. As usual, we will be donating the net proceeds to charity. We all have a lot of fun, so come and join us!

Judith Bowen

Barton Drama Group

The autumn production will be **Steel Magnolias** by Robert Harling. A touching and hilarious play, set in a beauty parlour somewhere in Louisiana, it is about six women who run the gamut of birth, marriage and death. It has been produced in both New York and London and was then made into a successful film starring Dolly Parton, Julia Roberts and Shirley MacLaine. So why not come along and see the stars of your own Drama Group on Wednesday, November 25th to Saturday, November 28th at 8pm in Barton Village Hall?

Tickets £7.50, (concessions £5.50), to include refreshments, from Norma Eaton, 263561.

Helen Newstead

Barton Bowls Club

The Club is holding a jumble sale on Saturday, 3rd October, at 2pm in Barton Village Hall. Offers of jumble would be welcome. Contributions can be left at 114, High Street or at 7, Kings Grove during the week or brought to the Hall on the morning of the sale.

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The bid for the new play equipment has successfully gone forward to the next round, with a conditional offer of £30,000. The second phase of the application is due in by October 16th, and we await the outcome with interest. Many thanks to Karen and Sophia for all their hard work on this application.

Thank you to those who supported the Safari Supper. We all met up at the start and end of the evening, and had a gentle walk between courses to our next destinations, and finished with coffee at the Old School House to exchange notes about the evening. We had a great time, and it is an event that will be repeated next year. £200 was raised in ticket money, and we received donations of £50.

The next fundraising event will be the Hallowe'en Party on 31st October, in the Village Hall, primarily for the primary school children, which will be a fancy dress event, so start planning your costumes now. Please look out for further information nearer the time.

We will also be holding a Coffee Morning on November 14th, in the Village Hall, when we will be selling home made preserves, cakes and sweets. We look forward to your support.

Mary MacDonald

Wimpole Hall Farmers' Market

Second Saturday in each month, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December, 11am-3pm, Free Entry. www.farmersfayre.co.uk for dates and more information.

Afternoon Tea Dances at Comberton Village Hall

Thursday 22nd October, Thursday 19th November, £2.50, payable at the door; Tea and biscuits included.

A variety of dances and music to enjoy on your feet or on your seat.

Singles Coffee Morning

Do you fancy a bit of company, a chat and a cup of coffee? Why not come to Burwash coffee shop on Saturday, October 31st at 10am? Thereafter we hope to meet on the third Saturday of every month, same time, same place.

Neighbourhood Watch

Holly Chandler, Watch Scheme Support Officer,

Direct Dial 823314 holly.chandler@cambs.pnn.police.uk

We have been alerted that a number of distraction type burglary offences have occurred in Norfolk & Suffolk recently whereby a male knocks on the door of elderly persons purporting to be an electrical engineer checking switches in the house. He asks the occupant to remain in the kitchen and switch on the sockets and count. The male is described as 40 to 50 years of age, large or chubby build with a round face.

We know that when offences of this nature occur in neighbouring police forces they are usually committed by 'travelling criminals' who have in the past come into Cambridgeshire and tried their hand in our area.

Please be extra vigilant and if you can, pass this to your neighbours. We encourage all members of the public to operate a simple doorstep procedure of locking front and back doors, stopping to think if you are expecting anyone, using a door chain or bar and carefully checking any identification offered. Be extremely cautious with any callers who are insistent that they must have immediate access to your home and dial 999 if you are at all concerned.

Cornie Thorne

Comberton Village College

Comberton Village College, Catering Department, require a catering assistant to join its busy kitchen team.

The job mainly comprises of washing up (pot wash) and serving on counter, but flexibility is necessary.

Hours of work: 9.30 am – 2 pm term time only

Rate of pay: £6.30 per hour

Start date: Monday 2nd November 2009

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An Enhanced CRB check will be carried out for the successful candidate.

For more information, please contact Debbie Rogers or Debra Hough on 01223 262503 ext 227.

For an application form, please visit our website www.combertonvc.org or contact the Personnel Administrator on 01223 262503 ext 204 or e-mail: thecollege@comberton.cambs.sch.uk