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Dear Readers,

Some of you will be aware that we have been/are in the process of replacing the old 'dodgy" boiler in the church. It is taking longer than anticipated, as a number of snags have presented themselves as the process goes on. We have been having our services etc, in the church room, where at least we have been warm. Hopefully, by the time you receive this edition, the boiler will be up and running ready for the return of the "beast from the east" forecast for February. We still have to raise more money to finish payment for this work and look for your support of events arranged with "profits to the boiler fund"

It may seem a little late to give good wishes for the new year 2019, but we wish our readers well all the time. January seems to have just sped by!

If you have anything funny or interesting which might go in the Barton Miller please let me have it before 20th each month.

Yours sincerely Joy Willis

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9 February 2019/9th March

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends

As you may know vicars everywhere head for the hills as soon as they can after Christmas to have a rest after all the carolling. Usually we try to find somewhere a bit warmer than here, but this time Lawrence and I decided to go to the other extreme and took a trip to Iceland.

We stayed in a cosy hotel on a rugged and lonely coast, overlooked by a glacier, with mountains and a river running out to the sea on one side and on the other a little, black, wooden church. We used the few hours of daylight each day to venture out (well wrapped up!) to look at our astonishingly beautiful surroundings, and our very first walk was to take a closer look at the church. There we discovered its story:

In 1816 local woman Steinunn Sveinsdottir had asked the Icelandic church authorities for permission to build a new church after the parish was officially abolished. They refused as the tiny hamlet was not deemed important enough to have its own church. Still she refused to give up, and though the church authorities continued to stand firm, she eventually procured permission from elsewhere - the King! The church was finally built in 1848, a wait of 32 long years. A ring on the door proclaims "This church was built without the support of the spiritual fathers". Steinunn died a few years later and is buried in her churchyard.

May she and her church be a reminder to us all not to give up on our hopes and dreams, whatever discouragement we may face. May it remind us too not to try to squash the hopes and dreams of others, even if we don't share their vision.

With blessings for the New Year
Sandie x



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St Mary's Parochial Church Council Members

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

Treasurer: Steve Hills.

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Nora Shipley and Rodney Knight.

Elders: Colin Brotherton; Glynn East and Dave Traher.

Other PCC Members : David Powell; Davina Peachey; Frances Lewis; Jo Traher; Diana Knight and Steve Hills.

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



Mothers Union

February Meeting — Mon. 18th Feb.

at Beck Row Church Room. 2.15pm

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

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Thursday 10.00 - noon in the Church Rooms.

ALL VERY WELCOME



BARTON MILLS CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 27th January 9.30am Sunday Celebration; Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 3rd February 9.30am: Holy Communion.
Generous God, Generous People 1

Sunday 10th February

8am: Informal Early Holy Communion

9.30am: Messy church - activities for children and adults! Please bring your children and enjoy a very practical and friendly time in the church

5pm: Healing service

Sunday 17th February 9.30am: Holy Communion
Generous God, Generous People 2

Sunday 24th February 9.30am: Sunday Celebration; Praise and Worship Service
Generous God, Generous People 3

Sunday 3rd March: 9.30am: Holy Communion
Generous God, Generous People 4

To contact our Parish Priest Revd Sandie Barton, please phone her on 01638 720770 or email her at revsandiebarton@gmail.com

LENT COURSES

Lent courses will be held in the four churches of our group, Barton Mills, Freckenham, West Row and Worlington, starting in March. We are going to watch and discuss the TV drama series 'Broken'. More information about the course will be available soon.

LENT LUNCHESES

LENT LUNCHESES: simple meals of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be offered from 12 noon to 2pm on the lunch days, at various venues around the Mildenhall area, to raise funds for Christian Aid.

The lunch in Barton Mills church room will take place in April.

World Day of Prayer 2019 - A Women led, global, Ecumenical movement, invites you to participate in 'Come - Everything is Ready' a service prepared by the women of Slovenia. The local service will be on Friday 1st March 2019 at 10.30am in Mildenhall Methodist Church.



The Children's Society

Our collection for the society taken at the 5pm Carol/Christingle Service last Christmas eve - including Gift Aid Allowance - stands at £1,061.00. We did not come up to last year's amazing amount, but still an extremely useful sum for this deserving work. Not so many as last year came to the service—hence a reduced amount of giving. Do you think the possibility of sitting in a cold church put people off attending?

Any comments to Joy Willis please.

**ST MARY'S (BARTON MILLS)
PRESERVATION TRUST
SPRING MEETING 2019
PANCAKE MONDAY 4th March,
in Barton Mills church**

**GUEST SPEAKER: NIGEL OAKLEY
'SUFFOLK SHIRE HORSES'**

Mr Nigel Oakley is a well known authority on Suffolk Shire Horses. He has been to many County Shows and has appeared on television and spoken on Suffolk Radio.

from 6.30pm - PANCAKES and snacks,
with wine and fruit juice, cafe style
7pm - a short report about the Preservation Trust
activities and plans for the future
7.20pm approx – Nigel Oakley

Tickets: £5 each, children 16 and under free

From: Alan Butcher, (3 Church Lane, tel 713534),
Frances Lewis (11 Church Meadow, tel 713155),
franceslewis35@gmail.com or at the door.





BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



No matter what political party you belong to, **each one is full of promises!** Weeks before a General Election we are told what **they promise to do for us when they get in power.** I make no apologies but must mention BREXIT – initially **we were promised** that – “We will have a deal with the EU that is as good as we currently have or better,” **that promise is still to be fulfilled!** According to the Collins English dictionary **a promise is a statement which you make to a person in which you say you will definitely do something or give them something.** If you look closely, a majority of us will see the words, **“I promise to pay...”** every day, when we hand a bank note over the counter.

God in His Word provides us with short, sharp slogans, better known as PROMISES. He tells us like it is but the difference is **we can depend on Him** with absolute confidence. **Here are just a few of the thousands of His Promises found in the Bible, His Word:**

GOD’S PRESENCE – “I will never leave thee” (Hebrews 13 v5).

GOD’S PROTECTION – “I am thy shield” (Genesis 15 v 1).

GOD’S POWER – “I will strengthen thee” (Isaiah 41 v 10).

GOD’S LEADING – “And when He putteth forth His own sheep He goeth before them” (John 10 v 4).

GOD’S REST – “Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11 v 28).

GOD’S FAITHFULNESS – “The Lord will not forsake His people for His great names sake” (1 Samuel 12 v 22).

GOD’S GUIDANCE – “The meek will He guide” (Psalm 25 v 9) and finally, one of the best

GOD’S WISE PLAN – “All things work together for good to them that love God” (Romans 8 v 28).

What a promising New Year we can enjoy if we read these verses each night and morning during 2019.

Our services remain the same: Bible Study at 7.30p.m. on Thursdays (Call 01638-713892 for Location) and Sunday School and Bible Study on Sundays at 11 a.m. or the Worship Services at 3 p.m. and 6.30p.m. Why not join us at one of these events, you will be made most welcome.

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CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

WE NEED LAWN MOWERS & STRIMMERS!

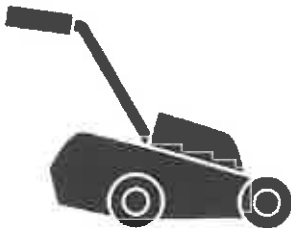
The Barton Mills Churchyard has been kept in good order for several years by groups of Payback Work Teams. These are people who are carrying out their Community Service orders and we have been very grateful to them for looking after our churchyard so well. Until now they have brought their own machinery, provided by the Probation Service - lawn mowers and strimmers - and we have just provided petrol and strimmer cord.

But now, we have been told that they can no longer bring machinery and we must provide our own.

So, this is the appeal for help – please can anyone give us a petrol driven rotary lawn mower, or a petrol driven strimmer? Or a money contribution that will help us to buy what is needed?

Please contact Frances Lewis (franceslewis35@gmail.com, 01638 713155) if you can help with this problem.

Thank you.



BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB All Over 50s Welcome

Wed 6th Feb: At 2 pm in the Village Hall, Chris Hainsworth will present an illustrated talk on "Chippenham Fen". Refreshments afterwards.

Wed 20th Feb: Visit to Willingham Auctions, departing 10 am. £26 for members, £28 for non-members, lunch included. Please book by 6th Feb.

Thurs 21st March: Visit to The Mercury Theatre in Colchester to see the musical *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Free time in Colchester before the show. £32 for members and £34 for non-members. Please book by 6th Feb.

Enquiries to Pamela on 510504 pamela@boura.org

Meetings in the Village Hall: £2 members, £3 non-members

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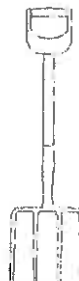
26th February 2019

"Weeding of the 5000 with 2 hoes and 5 wishes" Jamie Blake

For further details telephone

Ian Anderson. Tel 515741.

*Sincere apologies for printing the speakers name wrongly last month.
An editorial fault.*



BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Keep Britain Tidy is asking Parishes to become involved in the Great British Spring Clean between 22nd March and 23rd April 2019.

They wish to inspire half a million people to join forces to clear single-use plastic litter from our streets and parks, recycling as much as possible.

A parishioner has kindly volunteered to organise this event and more details will be available as they are confirmed.

WELCOME NEW COUNCILLOR

We would like to welcome Claire Miller, from the village, to Barton Mills Parish Council. Claire was co-opted at the meeting in December after the councillors met with the three candidates who applied for the vacancy. The Parish Council would like to thank the two candidates who were not co-opted, for their enthusiasm to join the Parish Council and for meeting with the councillors prior to the meeting to discuss the role.

FACEBOOK

Barton Mills Parish Council now have a Facebook page which we intend to use to keep followers informed of Parish Council and village news.

If you do not use Facebook you can also keep up-to-date with news and information by visiting our website.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next full meetings will be on **Tuesday 5th February 2019**

at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

The Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting or at the Chairman's discretion. To raise an item at any meeting please contact the Clerk at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

*If you attend a meeting so as to voice your concerns and wish your name and/or address to be publicised in the meeting's minutes we will require you to complete a consent form to ensure we comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). **Chairman: Amin Harji,** 01638 510251*

Clerk: Jodi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net 07724 737841

Website: www.bartonmills.net

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This month we welcomed back Liza Jones who gave an extremely entertaining talk on Knickers & other Undergarments through the ages. She showed a photo of a 16th century corset which she'd taken at the Victoria & Albert Museum. Understandably, the V&A were not about to let her borrow this garment and so, from the photo, made a replica herself, using cable ties in place of whalebone! We were given assorted garments to look at, including knickers with no gussets! "Who remembers Liberty Bodices"? we were asked - and about 95% of us raised our hands!

Our evening also included a jacket potato supper and a raffle.
An extremely enjoyable start to 2019.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th February at 7.30 in the village hall when our speaker's subject will be 'Aware, Alert, Alive'

Do come and join us, all are welcome.

Take a look at our website -

www.wibartonmills.weebly.com

WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCES

Keeping warm in winter is so important for those of us who are elderly or frail. However, we all know how expensive heating is so it is easy to say 'Keep nice and warm' but not easy to do if money is a bit tight.

So a scheme to help!! We all, over a certain age receive a winter fuel allowance, very nice, thank you government. For some it helps a bit while of course there are others who really don't need it and are a bit embarrassed by having it, feeling that they really shouldn't.

So - those who feel they don't need it can get it recycled to those who do. They can send it to The Surviving Winter Campaign at the Suffolk Community Foundation, The Old Barns, Peninsula Business Centre, Wherstead, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP9 2BB; while those who are in difficulties can just ring up The Suffolk Community Foundation (01473 298634) or go on the website Suffolkcf.org.uk and take it from there.

The people at The Foundation are always very helpful, so no one need be nervous about giving them a ring.

If you know anyone who might be helped by this scheme, let them know about it, you could save a life

Thank you so much.

Sally - from The Rural Coffee Caravan.

What's on in Freckenham February & March 2019

Friday Film Nights are back! 1st February **Mama Mia Here We Go Again** with optional singalong!! Five years after the first Mama Mia Sophie is preparing to re-open Hotel Bella Donna. No need to book just turn up £5 a person. Doors & Bar open 7pm film starts 7.30pm PG13

Friday 22 February – Join us for the Macmillan Mamouth Quiz Night. You can come as a team - maximum of 6, or come to join others to make a team. Appreciated if you could book your table details below. No entry fee but a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support is requested. Bar, hot drinks & snacks available. Doors open 19.00 hours. Raffle. Any queries call Jacqui on 07770 477 688.

Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market Saturday 23 February Stalls to be confirmed but likely to include our new fruit & veg who also does weekly veg box deliveries www.Poundsworth.co.uk + meat, pies, cheese, olives, bread, honey, eggs, WI preserves & pickles, herbs & planters, candles & diffusers, cards plus variety of crafts including knitting. Free entry. Cuppa, cakes & bacon rolls.

Friday Film Nights 1st March **First Man** – Following Astronaut Neil Armstrong's life from 1961-69, his sacrifices and cost to himself and the nation. No need to book just turn up £5 a person. Doors & Bar open 7pm film starts 7.30pm Running time 138 mins PG13.

Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market Saturday 30 March - Then in the evening of 30 March Cash Bingo! Doors and bar open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Hope you are all still trying to "get active", we have something for all from seated exercise to Zumba, table tennis to Karate, even bodytone to yoga! Check the village website www.freckenham.suffolk.cloud for updates and details of weekly activities. Contact the tutor if you are new or attending after a break. Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH

Saturday 6 April 2019 at 6.30pm

Ends 9.30pm approximately

NB please note the earlier than usual start time

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds

Bach

St Matthew Passion

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or

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Valerie Reid mezzo-soprano

Tom Asher baritone

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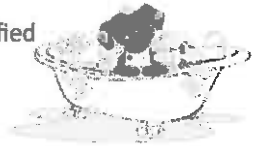
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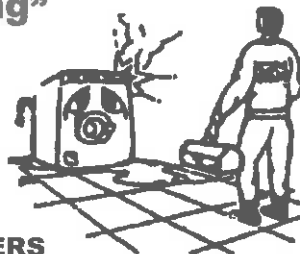
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