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Dear Readers,

It is a great relief that life is, at last, returning to near normal. But there are, sadly, many things that will never be the same again. There have been a number of bereavements in the village, and many people have lost friends and members of their families.

As most of you may already know, Joy Willis died on 3rd May, just a few weeks short of her 100th birthday. Together with her other interests, Joy edited the Barton Miller for nearly 30 years. I have a copy of the May 1991 issue, where Joy's 'Dear Readers' welcomes Canon David and Rosie Meilke to Barton Mills, and a copy of our September 2020 issue where Joy hands over the editorship to 'Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis'. This is a hard act to follow, but we will do our best!

We will continue to publish news and views from our village. So please remember to send us your copy for the July 2021 issue by 20th June.

Yours sincerely, Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis

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2.30pm . **This will be the following Saturdays - 26 June, 24 July .**

Vicar's Letter

Is it right to do it!

The relaxation of the lockdown rules which came into effect on Monday May 17th, seems to have raised the mood of people although the concern about the Indian variant of COVID has tempered our enthusiasm a little. As we gradually come out of the period of lockdown the Government seems to be moving from a situation of regulation and prohibition to control the spread of the virus to saying to people it's up to you now but use your common sense. It will be up to us then to decide whether it is right for us to do things. This then poses the question for each one of us that whilst we have the right to make these decisions for ourselves, is it the right thing to do?! Just because we can, should we?!

As a Christian I try and live my life the way Jesus lived his, although I am very aware that I get it wrong many times! His example shows us that he calls us to put God's will and other's needs before our own. This is borne out in the commandments which Jesus gave to his disciples, to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all you mind, and with all your strength. And to love your neighbour as yourself". I also remember from my Sunday School days the words, "Jesus first, Yourself last and Others in between". This will bring **JOY** to your life.

I believe it would be good for all of us, Christians or not, to hold on to these things as we make decisions about what we are going to do as the lockdown restrictions are eased, and beyond, and to ask ourselves what impact our decisions will have on other people, not least on those who are finding it difficult to take the risk of going out again, before we go ahead and do them.

We may have the right to do it but is it the right thing to do!

May God bless each one of us as we wrestle with these things.

Rev'd David Everett

Team Vicar



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St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Elected Members

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

Treasurer: Tony Potts.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Rodney Knight and Peter Alder

Other PCC Members : Steve Hills, Linda Jenkins
Frances Lewis and Sandra Woollard.

Mothers Union

Next Meeting - Suspended for the time being.
(Usually the 3rd Monday every month - varying venues)



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

COFFEE MORNINGS... Will be fortnightly picnics on Thursdays
3rd and 17th June on the Village Green from noon. But after
21st June we hope to be able to hold regular Thursday Coffee
Mornings in the church room, 10am to 12noon. All welcome.



CHURCH SERVICES, JUNE 2021

On every Sunday, there is a virtual Zoom service at 11am that can be received via the internet or by phone. This is a Team Service and is led by various Team Clergy members. To access the link to a service for the internet or by telephone, please contact Revd David Butcher, (phone 01638 515665, 07747 816038, e mail, revdavidbutcher@gmail.com).

SERVICES in CHURCH

BARTON MILLS CHURCH

Sunday, 30th May, Trinity Sunday, 9.30am, Holy Communion
Sunday, 6th June, 9.30am, Holy Communion
Sunday, 20th June, 9.30am, Service of the Word
Sunday 4th July, 9.30am, Holy Communion

On these Sundays, after the service, the church will remain open during the day, until 5pm, for individual private prayer. We hope to be able to return very soon to our policy of the church being open every day. At the moment you are requested, please, to comply with covid regulations when you come into the church, by wearing a face covering, using the hand sanitiser, and keeping to social distancing.

WEST ROW CHURCH

On the Sundays when there is no service in Barton Mills church, there is a service in West Row church at 9.30am.

WORLINGTON CHURCH

Sunday, 6th June, 11am Holy Communion
Sunday, 20th June, 11am, Service of the Word

FRECKENHAM CHURCH

There is usually a service every Sunday at 9.30am in Freckenham Church, but not on 30th May.

COFFEE MORNINGS in the church room: every Thursday 10am to 12noon, starting again on Thursday 24th June.

THURSDAY PICNICS: 12noon on the Playing Field, 3rd and 17th June.

MEMORIAL SRVICE

The last 18 months have been very difficult for anybody who has lost a loved one during that period. For those who were able to attend a funeral they may well have felt that, because of the restrictions, it was not the celebration of the life of their relative that they would have wanted it to be, and for those who could not attend because of the limitations on numbers they may well not have had the opportunity to say their goodbyes at all.

This is advance notice that on Sunday 5th September 2021 at 3pm we will be holding a Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Barton Mills to which ALL are invited. This will give an opportunity for all of us to give thanks for and celebrate the lives of those we have lost, to give thanks for all that they were to us and to help each other as we move forward. After the service there will a chance to chat and support each other with drinks and cake.

THIS SERVICE IS FOR EVERYBODY so please do pass the message on to all who would might like to join us.

Rev'd David Everett



Can you help please?

We are looking for a new co-ordinator for the distribution of the Barton Miller. (10 issues per year). This involves receiving the magazine once printed and collated and distributing the correct number to those that deliver to a set number of houses.

Claire Miller, currently in the role, has advised us that she is no longer able to undertake this task due to other commitments. If you think you could volunteer, please get in touch with Claire to see what is involved - claire.b.miller1@gmail.com
Tel 07585 383334.

Claire is able to do the June distribution so we are looking for someone to take over from July onwards.

The Barton Miller team would very much like to thank Claire for her work as distribution co-ordinator. We also thank all the distributors for delivering our magazine around the village.

CAR BOOT SALE

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next to the Village Hall

**BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY, 31st May
7am to 12 noon**

**Pitches £6 single, £10 double
(no need to book)**

**Boot fees in aid of Barton Mills
Allotments Association**

Refreshments in aid of Church Funds

Next Boot Sale, Monday 30th August



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



I do not need to remind you that **this year has been difficult for all of us**. However, I am sure you will agree **our village is a delightful place to live** and we should be thankful that we can enjoy great walks, enabling us to think about where we live and possibly reflect on our claim to fame. When we think **this pandemic has been a matter of life and death for many**, years ago our country was in the same position, however, like **the vaccines today have saved many lives**, the discovery of penicillin in 1929 by Sir Alexander Fleming, a Scottish physician and microbiologist, discovered penicillin and did the same. On a wall just beyond Bell Lane in The Street there is a plaque stating this great man lived here in the village from 1921 – 1955. I know I have mentioned this story before but it is certainly worth repeating at this time.

A gathering of friends at an English estate nearly turned to tragedy when one of the children strayed into deep water. The gardener heard the cries for help, plunged in, and rescued the drowning child. That youngster's name was Winston Churchill. His grateful parents asked the gardener what they could do to reward him. He hesitated then said I wish my son could go to college someday and become a doctor. "We'll see to it, "Churchill's parents' promised.

Years later, while Sir Winston was the Prime minister, he was stricken with pneumonia. **The country's best physician was summoned, his name was Dr Alexander Fleming**, (mentioned above), he was also the son of that gardener who had saved the young Winston from drowning. Later Churchill remarked, **"Rarely has one man owed his life twice to the same person"**.

Churchill's experience reminds us of our double indebtedness as Christians to God. First our Heavenly Father gave us the previous gift of physical life, then through His son, the Great Physician, He imparted to us the priceless gift of eternal life." This should motivate us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to the Lord (Romans 12 v 1) to Him we are doubly indebted for life.

**WE CANNOT FULLY ENJOY THE GIFT OF PHYSICAL LIFE UNTIL
WE HAVE RECEIVED THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE**

Please note at the present time we are just having one service at the Chapel at 3 p.m.
F.A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

EXCEPTION SITE

An Exception Site is a site for affordable homes for people with a local connection, where there is a housing need.

In 2017 the Parish Council with Hastoe Homes conducted a housing needs survey and this established the need for 10-15 affordable homes.

The Parish Council then began the search for a suitable site that met the criteria of an exception site and was available to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council's first choice of site was land owned by Suffolk County Council (SCC) on Church Lane, however SCC decided that the site was unavailable to the Parish

Council as an exception site. The second choice of site, was on Church Lane, but the land owners and the Parish Council could not agree a mutually acceptable shape/layout for the development.

Early 2020 the Parish Council accepted the offer of land on the corner of the car boot sale field on Newmarket Road and work on this scheme is now underway.

The Parish Council have had some initial input in the scheme which aims to provide 15 1,2 and 3 bedroom properties which will be a mix of affordable rent. and shared ownership, all of which will be for people with a local connection.

Thank you to those who responded to the Parish Council's recent request, asking if they would like to be considered for a home on this site. As the scheme progresses you will be informed on how to formally apply for a home.

Any residents who wish to comment on the site proposal will be given the opportunity, as for any other planning application, when the public consultation period begins.

LITTER

Help us keep the village a litter free zone by putting your rubbish in the bins provided or taking it home.

The Parish Council have ordered a new larger bin to be installed on the playing field, at the corner of Mildenhall Road and will be looking into costs to install further bins on the playing field to help tackle the litter problem.

To report a litter problem please contact West Suffolk Council's customer services team. West Suffolk Council can clean up litter on land that they are responsible for, such as roads, pavements and public parks. They can serve notices to the occupiers of business premises or private land requiring them to clear it and they can also take steps to prevent the land being defaced by litter again. West Suffolk Customer Services
customerservices@westsuffolk.gov.uk or 01284 763233

Upcoming Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday 1 st June and 6th July at 7:30pm**. The meetings will be held in the Village Hall unless Government guidance changes. If you wish to attend a meeting, please let the clerk know prior to the meeting to book a seat.

Walk-ins are permitted but priority will be given to those who have booked a seat. In the event of an extraordinary meeting being held before the next scheduled meeting, it will be published on the website and on the notice boards. 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. **Chairman:** Neil Horne, 07590 672963 **Clerk:** Jadi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841 **Website:** www.bartonmills.net **Find us on Facebook and Nextdoor:** Barton Mills Parish Council

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

All Over 50s Welcome

Your committee is starting to think about a programme of events for when we can return to meeting again. We would love to hear your suggestions for speakers as well as visits.

Are you happy to travel on a coach or shall we wait until next year to resume our visits? Please let us know.

Keep smiling and keep in touch.

Enquiries to Ann on 510008 or jacobs.family@me.com



Barton Mills & District Gardening Club

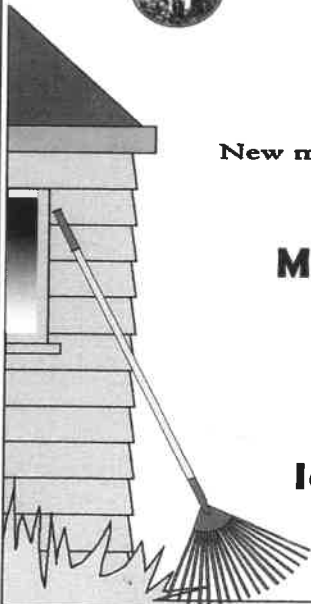
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New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

**Meetings still suspended
for the time being.**

**For further details
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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.

100 CLUB WINNERS - May 21

£30	29	M Spurling
£20	70	D Francis
£10	136	W Starling
£10	215	D Powell

**If you would like to become a member please contact our Treasurer:
Janette Miller - 49 The Street. Tel 712843**

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

Prizes of £30, £20, and 2 x £10 monthly and twice a year additional prizes of £150.



MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

News from your local museum.....

The Museum Trustees hope that from MAY the Museum will be permitted to open. Watch the notice board at the Museum for opening times, and also the Covid precautions set up in the Museum and required of visitors.

Postponed for the time being,
but watch/listen out
- your committee will be in touch

**Take a look at our website -
www.wibartonmills.weebly.com**

GARDENERS TIPS

Get rid of broad-leaved weeds in your lawn and feed the grass at the same time by putting a teaspoonful of Growmore in the middle of each weed. The excess fertiliser kills the weed (it grows itself to death) and it also encourages the grass to grow over the empty patch

Always pick up hoed remains of weeds that are flowering. They will continue to set seed even when they appear dead. Groundsel is notorious for this.

Get rid of couch grass by growing tomatoes where the couch grows. The tomatoes give off a substance that couch grass doesn't like, and it won't come back.

Make sure your anti tetanus jabs are up to date. The tetanus bug lurks in the soil in most parts of Britain, and gardeners are particularly vulnerable.



Our V.I.P. PLANT

A few days ago, a glance over the church wall revealed, within a few yards, a delightful array of at least ten species of colourful wild flowers. Buttercup, speedwell, ox-eye daisy, white dead nettle, red dead nettle, mouse-eared chickweed were all there plus forget-me-nots, surely the most appropriate species for a churchyard. Most pleasing of all was the amount of our rarity, the inconspicuous tiny fine-leaved sandwort (*Minuartia hybrid*) which has tiny white flowers. We usually see a few specimens growing on top of the wall but now there are patches on the well-drained, chalky and sandy soil which it needs and why it is very limited in its distribution in Suffolk, occurring only in the Breckland area and a few places in the south-east of the county. It is Nationally Scarce and declining, classed as Endangered. This area certainly doesn't need to be mown; such action could wipe out the colony.

What a pleasure too to have seen carpets of common daisies and dandelions (their seeds are food for various birds) on uncut verges in various parts of our district.



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GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

- a shared journey

Having reached the third destination on the “Roadmap to Easing” it gives the sense that we really are emerging from our hibernation and seeing the sun (and the rain) and sniffing the fresh air of comparative freedom. We can now become more social (not yet totally though) and start hugging family members and close friends. We must still hide behind masks when in shops and venues such as cinemas and churches. Whilst they hide our smiles they cannot disguise the friendliness that most people are displaying to their fellow beings, and none more so than in our village. Volunteers are once again becoming busy in helping our neighbours in a variety of ways, not least in being able to call in for chats with people who have been feeling the lonely effects of the lockdowns and isolation from friends and family. Such befriending visits bring new dimensions to people’s lives as life stories are shared and interests and current affairs are discussed over cups of tea and coffee. All involved benefit – befriended and befrienders alike. In recent weeks we have heard from and met villagers who have started the process of regaining normality in their lives following the isolating restrictions that have necessarily dominated the way that we have all been living. However the pandemic has taken its toll on all of us and confidence, fitness and social interaction has often suffered through the limitations that we have experienced. As we all rebuild (or try to) those facets of our lives a helping hand is there to assist in a number of ways and through a variety of groups and organisations. The Barton Mills Good Neighbour Scheme is one such group that can be called upon to help. Can I therefore remind readers that we offer a range of support services and please view our advert in this magazine to see if we can help you. If in doubt, ask us on 07419 211040 or e-mail us at barton.neighbours@gmail.com.

Don't forget there will be work parties in the churchyard on the last Friday of each month, 9am to 12noon.

Please come along to help out.





ST MARY'S (BARTON MILLS) PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST

Dear Friends,

At last we can see some daylight in the way forward and we need to really press onward.

Thank you so much for the really wonderful response to membership donations to the Charity. If you have not yet connected and joined us in our new adventure please do consider coming alongside. Donations really are welcome and needed as we move forward. Contact Frances Lewis at 11 Church Meadow, e mail frances_lewis11@hotmail.com, we would love to have you join us!

The wiring programme for the church is now advancing. The PCC has established a small committee who have now selected four really good and competitive quotations which, along with the full report as to requirements to update the wiring, have been sent to the Diocesan office for approval and a "Faculty" which gives approval to progress the work. This will mean, when completed, that we will be in a good place for years to come as to wiring and general safety.

The church can be used for a multitude of events and has been, for many years. IT IS A REALLY WONDERFUL ASSET for our village and community. Thanks to so many of you who have enabled us to keep it in great shape and usable for generations to come!

So we press on.

Don't forget to pre-order your tickets (£15 each) from Alan Butcher or Dave Traher for the FELIX SIMPSON CONCERT on Saturday 25th September,

And please don't forget that we desperately need someone to undertake the role of Treasurer to the Charity. Contact me for a chat if you are interested..

Sadly we have said 'goodbye' to our Committee Member, Joy Willis, who died on 3rd May. Joy had an amazing memory for details, and took part in all our meetings and functions until she was 98. We all miss Joy.

Warm greetings to all as we step out into summer and greater freedom. Keep safe and well.

Dave Traher, Chairman.

Joy Willis 26/6/1921 - 3/5/2021

Bob and Gill Nelson would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support on the death of Bob's Mum Joy Willis. We have been very touched by the number of people stopping and chatting at her house, especially those whose children went to St Mary's and are now in their late 40's with successful jobs!. Joy would be most gratified.

Thank you also to those who attended her funeral who were so understanding about the Covid Regulations

With many thanks Gill and Bob Nelson

Written by Joy Willis for Morning Service Sunday 31st July 1994

*When all began the Spirit moved across the waters' face
Bringing the breath of life to all at God's decree
Bequeathed to earth as token of God's grace
Mentor, and guide to truth for all who sought to see*

*Through countless ages guide to prophet, seer and king
Speaking through visions, trials, deeds and dream
Of God's omnipotence - and care for everything
Pointing the way to He who would redeem*

*God, in due time, sent Son in lowly birth
Then Spirit showed from heaven as a Dove
And shone through all his selfless life on earth
Free sacrificed for us in wonderous love*

*As Comforter the Spirit to the apostles came
Reversing their fear and giving mystic strength
To heal, to preach, to write, perchance to bear the shame
Of spreading the good news across world's breadth and length*

*So much we know of how the spirit grew
In all who trusted in his mystic power
Of trials o'ercome, of strengths and works run true
Of natural gifts enhanced and brought to flower*

*And We, who feast on truths the Spirit showed
To countless others as the ages sped
Where do We stand? How do we take the road
To manifest this source whence all are fed*

*We are God's reeds - through which the Spirit blows his tune
Pray that we not a strident discord make
But speak of hope, joy, caring, courage, strength'ning boon
And grow in love to all for Jesus' sake*



JOY WILLIS

Joy, whose full name was Eleanor Joy Willis, died on 3rd May, just a few weeks before her 100th birthday. She had lived in Barton Mills for more than 40 years and was well known for the many ways that she had taken a full part in the life of Barton Mills, and especially as a committed member of our parish church, St Mary's.

Within the church community her special interest was in Mission, and especially in supporting The Children's Society and Christian Aid. She was a founding member of the Church Preservation Trust and usefully attended all the committee meetings, where her amazingly accurate memory often put us right as to previous decisions and events! She also used her memory and wide knowledge in helping on the Fabric committee of the Church P.C.C.. She was a leading member of the Mothers' Union and she arranged their meetings when they were held in Barton Mills, sorting speakers and setting up the church room to be ready for everyone.

Joy had many friends and many interests, so it would take more than this brief tribute to mention all of them, but to present readers of the Barton Miller, she was the Editor, and writer of 'Dear Readers' with topical notes and greetings, for more than 30 years.

We all miss Joy, and it was appropriate that at her funeral service on 19th May the message that was used most was 'love'. It is with love that we remember Joy.

Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins

What's on in Freckenham June 2021

The Government Road Map to Recovery means that we have started having some classes back in the village hall - Karate, Zumba, Yoga Tues & Wed mornings, & FitSteps. With the positive news that we are also looking for more to join this list so please keep looking at the website and contact the tutor direct, it's on the village hall pages of the Freckenham website or phone V Hall mobile 07542 198 933

<https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>. On Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH. We are also looking at a new tutor to do a combined seated exercise class and a bit more should you want to get back to regular exercise. The class will replace the classes Julia Cragie did, more details soon.

The **Farmers Market with some Crafts** will continue over the summer so 26th June, 31st July etc still partly inside and outside. It will include all our regular stalls along with seasonal variations and new crafty people dipping their toes in selling publicly! Just keep an eye out for updates. We will make sure we follow the latest guidelines for Covid-19 awareness including social distancing & making it a one-way system, you will have to wear a mask to visit the stalls if inside. Check the website and social media, so you can pre-order to avoid disappointment as some stalls are very popular! The Golden Boar is open from 10.30am to offer hot drinks, breakfast and lunch from 12 noon, so take a cool bag and make it a proper outing!

Creative Arts East (CAE) live theatre music events. They'd like to track how you're feeling about returning to events by sending you a survey regularly over the next 6 months, which will ask many of the same questions each time so that we can see how things change.

The survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete, and you can access it via the link below.

SURVEY LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BNXNVW8>

Friday Film Nights – maybe autumn.

The Golden Boar Inn – open with food, quiz and music nights so check their Facebook page or give them a ring 01638 723000 to find out!

St Andrew's Church is currently holding weekly informal service at 9.30am on Sundays.

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The Parish Council continue to push SCC for an update as to when the bridge will be replaced and in use. SCC require UKPN to shut down overhead electricity cables, to enable a tree to be felled to facilitate the work. SCC have informed us that UKPN can attend the site in June, although no exact date has been confirmed.

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