



The BARTON *Miller*

June 2022



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YOU ARE ALL FORMALLY INVITED TO THE:



**2ND – 5TH
JUNE**

The Village Hall will be open 10am–4pm on Friday 3rd June and Saturday 4th June, to drop in for refreshments and to pick up a guide to the weekend's events for a recommended donation of £1.

The guide will include entry to the following competitions:

Royal Scarecrow Treasure Hunt: find all the scarecrows on display in the village and guess the year with which each one is associated. The entry with the most correct answers will win £25!

Children's Jubilee Trail: Find all the royal symbols on the Millennium Walk signs around the village. All completed entries will receive a commemorative pack of flower seeds, and be entered into a draw where one entry picked at random will win a Jubilee-themed prize!



Thursday doors open 6:30 pm – Quiz night with fish and chips, start at 7pm, food at 8 pm
****SOLD OUT****

Friday 10am – 12noon – Coffee morning in the Village Hall

Friday 2–4:30pm – Classic vehicles on the green

Saturday 10am – The Jubilee Cup, 7v7 football tournament, teams by invitation, Final KO at 12:30 pm

Saturday 1 pm onwards – Picnic on the Green

- please bring your own picnic and picnic rug/fold up chairs
- a limited selection of refreshments will be available to purchase, including hot drinks
- Children's entertainer with a show at 2:30 pm,
- Free children's activities including face painting, crown making, biscuit decorating
- Jubilee cake competition – all entries to be brought to the Village Hall by 2 pm
- Saplings provided by the gardening club will be distributed to children in the village

Sunday 11 am – Open-air church service on Village Green

Sunday 12:30–2 pm – BBQ on the Village Green

Sunday 3 pm – The Midnight Oil jazz quartet concert and Pimms Bar at St Mary's Church, tickets available on the door £15 pp

If possible, please bring your own fold-up chairs to any of the events on the green.

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Dear Readers,

The very special Jubilee Weekend is happening right at the beginning of this month, and Barton Mills, along with all the Nation, will be celebrating. We are blessed in the steadfastness and devotion to duty of our Queen, who has now served us all for 70 amazing years. There are many of us who do remember the Coronation in 1953 – I remember sitting all night on the pavement with the crowd in Hyde Park to see the procession pass by the next day. There was the golden coach, with the Queen waving to us, and I especially remember seeing Queen Salote of Tonga, in her open carriage, waving cheerfully in the rain. So do join in the celebrations – the Parish Council programme is on the back cover, and there are more details on the centre pages.

Yours sincerely Frances Lewis and Nancy Higgins

**Copy for the July edition of the magazine to be
submitted by 20th June please.**

BURY ST EDMUNDS MOBILE LIBRARY VAN DATES (Route 4)

Email: help@suffolklibraries.co.uk Telephone: 01473 584563

The Library Van visits Barton Mills (Lamb Court) on Saturday aft. 2.00pm to

2.30pm . **This will be the following Saturdays - 25 June ,23 July
and 20 August 2022**

Have you recently looked through a magnifying glass?

A couple of years ago I took my grandson to an activity centre for pond dipping. It was a grey day and very chilly but interesting. The 'grown-ups' got completely involved in the exercise and became as excited as the children in what they were able to find.

My first attempt at dragging the net through the water appeared to have brought up nothing but weed, but after focussing my eyes I could see small creatures wriggling in the water. My grandson and I identified all we could see and were then invited to place the insects in a special viewing container which magnified everything even further.

It was really incredible to see the captured insects so clearly, but even more amazing was the sight of hundreds (literally) of tiny microscopic water fleas and minute beetles that had not been visible to the naked eye (well not mine anyway!). It was fascinating to see such abundance in a very small amount of water - even more astonishing was the fact that under a more powerful magnifier we could have seen even more!

This experience gave me a different outlook and respect for the hidden world around me in a way that I had not done before. Even walking back to the car (just missing the rain!) I was absorbed in reflecting on what was being trod underfoot in the puddles!

I have always admired God's handiwork - the cleverness of season, harmony and new life, but how much more I wonder still remains to be noticed and praised!

My attention has been drawn to the book of Isaiah (chapter 40 v12) The Lord asks us to consider his handiwork - 'Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?'

Rain or shine, the earth trembles with life, and we are the most precious of his creation. He has placed us in a most amazing world yet sometimes we are unable to see what is literally beneath our feet! As we, along with so many in our world, witness scenes of cruelty and destruction, see the devastation that famine, illness and drought brings, it's a struggle and great sadness to witness so much evil co-existing with life-giving beauty.

Let us be reminded that God desires so much more for us than what we see at the moment.

We can be harbingers of hope - believing that God has not withdrawn from our world but is very much part of our lives and evident in those willing to see with his eyes and work for the transformed vision of others!

Rev'd Gill



St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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Churchwardens: Dave and Jo Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328;

Elders: Glynn East and Dave Traher.

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 : Alan Butcher, Linda Jenkins, Frances Lewis and Sandra Woollard.



Prayer Chain - There is access to a prayer chain for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others. Please contact the church Elders mentioned above

COFFEE MORNINGS

**EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 TO NOON IN
THE CHURCH ROOM**



ALL VERY WELCOME



CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2022



Sunday 29th May,

11am Group Holy Communion Service at
West Row

SUNDAY 5th JUNE, JUBILEE SUNDAY,
11am, OPEN AIR WORSHIP and CELEBRATION
SERVICE for the QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
on Barton Mills Playing Field

Sunday 12th June

9.30am Morning Worship
5pm Prayer for Healing

Sunday 19th June

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th June

9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 3rd July

9.30am Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT THESE SERVICES



ST MARY'S CHURCH, BARTON MILLS

**ORGAN RECITAL by
DAVID POULTER**
on SATURDAY 9th JULY 2022
at 7pm, in the church

A celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Some of the works that may be included: Coronation March: Orb & Sceptre - William Walton; Pomp & Circumstance, Imperial March No.1 in D, Edward Elgar; Imperial March - Edward Elgar; Music for The Royal Fireworks - G F Handel; and much more glorious music!

TICKETS. FROM DAVE TRAHER or FRANCES LEWIS:
£10 per person (unreserved),
children 16 and under £5.

Heartfelt Thanks

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, cards and flowers, following the recent death of Michael. It has brought me great comfort during this most difficult time.

Carole Langton





ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST



Well, it's almost time to celebrate our Monarch's 70 years on the throne. What a long life of commitment! I am so looking forward to the many events planned in Barton Mills and hope that all have a wonderful time together both as families and a community.

The Preservation Trust Charity is moving forward. Ros Oke and Jayne Chainey are settling into their roles handling accounts and Liz is busy as secretary and we are excited as we move into a new dispensation and look to the future. I am excited to have been able to share their enthusiasm and exuberance as they have taken up their roles.

I do need to thank all of you in our community who commit towards the Charity (as we now are!) and highlight the important role we have in helping to maintain our beautiful church. It's a wonderful functional building and has been used for many hundreds of years as a place of worship and celebration as well as remembrance. These are all important and we must ensure we keep this precious space well-loved and functional. If you would like to become a supporter, please do contact our secretary, Liz Jarvis, or me, Dave, who will enthusiastically welcome you into the fold!

I have recently had some evaluation/survey work done on the north wall (interior!) of the church which is in need of vital plaster work. This will cost us £1,400 which is a small price to pay for such important work which is needed to maintain our stone walls in good condition. The simple truth is that there will always be something that needs to be done.

To that end, we really must seriously consider ways to increase our income. We have the Midnight Oil Jazz Concert on Jubilee Sunday and I really encourage you to support this and join us as we "swing!" into the future, so to speak. Tickets are available. We also have the Simpson concert in July and tickets are now on sale. (See details below!) I would urge you to join us in these functions but also please do contact me Dave Traher or our Secretary Liz Jarvis if you have any suggestions/ideas as to fund raisers. We would love to hear from you.

So, we move forward. New Boiler installed, re-wiring completed, trees pollarded and much more that goes un-noticed as the building and church yard are kept in good shape and clean. We look forward with confidence. Thank you.

Have a wonderful June and a lovely summer. Onward and upward!

Davet, Dave Traher Chairman

Tickets: Alan Butcher 01638 713534 and Liz Jarvis 01638 583728



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



As I write this item for our Miller, celebrations are well underway to remember the **wonderful reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. During her Coronation in 1953, with her hand on the Bible, she promised to “maintain the laws of God, the true profession of the Gospel to the utmost of her power.”** I believe she has maintained that promise and **we wish her well for many more years to come.**

I am sure we will be hearing the National Anthem, **God Save our Gracious Queen**, many times in the next few weeks. These words must have been **sung countless times in the last seventy years** by a multitude of voices on a variety of occasions. In one sense **it is a prayer for the Queen** to enjoy a long life and reign but in another, it has a very different and far **more significant meaning**. At one level **the Queen is no different from any of us, each one of us needs the salvation of God**. The day will come when **high and low, rich and poor will be judged by God**, wealth and power will be no protection. That is why **we must pray God save our Queen, God save us all**. Salvation can be ours by grace alone, it is a gift from God through faith alone, it cannot be earned or deserved.

Sadly the Queen **will not reign forever**, however, there is a Monarch whose reign is everlasting. **He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords**. We read in Psalm 10 v 16, **The Lord is King forever and ever** and in Revelation Chapter 17 v 14.....for **He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings**.” One day every knee will bow before His throne and **every tongue will confess “He is Lord”**. Whatever we do to honour Queen Elizabeth in her special year, let us also honour the Lord Jesus Christ, **the King of Kings and Lord of Lords**.

We meet at the Chapel each Sunday at 3p.m. why not join us? You will be made most welcome.
F.A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

In preparation for the Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend, the Parish Council held a litter pick weekend of Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May. Thank you to those who came along and helped.

CHANGES TO THE RIVER LARK

In October 2021 James Dyke from the Environment Agency, attended the Parish Council meeting to present proposed changes to the River Lark. James now has some drawings he would like to present to the Parish Council.

James will be attending the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7th June to show the drawings to the Parish Council and residents.

Residents are welcome to attend the meeting to find out more about the proposed changes.

COUNCIL TAX REBATE GRANT

The Government scheme is being administrated locally by West Suffolk Council. A grant of £150 is available to those on band A-D properties to help towards the increased costs in energy bills. Households who pay their Council Tax by Direct Debit will have the grant paid to them automatically.

Households that do not pay by Direct Debit need to complete a simple online form:

www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/WSrebate

If households do not apply before 31st May 2022, any eligible households will have the rebate grant applied to their Council Tax bill to reduce payments for the rest of the year

WEST SUFFOLK LOCAL PLAN

West Suffolk have commenced a review of the local plan which will set out the long-term planning and land use policies for the area.

West Suffolk Local Plan Preferred Options consultation will begin on Thursday 26th May and end on Tuesday 26 July 2022

For more information, please visit the West Suffolk website:
https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/Planning_Policies/

Upcoming Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be **held on Tuesday 7th June**

The meeting will be held in the Village Hall.

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 during the meeting 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

All over 50s Welcome

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday **1st June at 2.00pm** in the Village Hall. Come and help us celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with singing from the Mildenhall Singing Together Group followed by afternoon tea.

We look forward to seeing you all and welcoming new members.
£3 non-members/ £2 members

*Enquiries to Ann on 01638 510008
or jacobs.family@me.com*



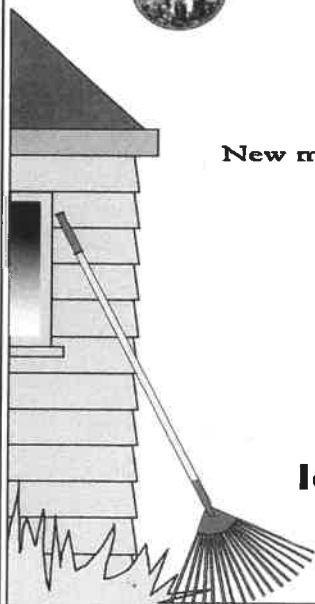
**Barton Mills & District
Gardening Club**
MEMBER OF R.H.S.

Annual Subscription £12.00

New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

**Tuesday 28th June
AN OPEN MEETING
AT THE OLD RAILWAY
STATION. BM.**

**For further details
telephone
Ian Anderson. Tel 515741.**



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 22

£30	90	D Bliss
£20	63	D Traher
£10	93	C Bevington
£10	149	Q Howard

**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

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY.

There will be no meeting in June because of the Jubilee events happening locally.

For the meeting on Thurs. July 7th Ellen Bazeley-White will speak about the Exploration of Antarctica. Members and visitors welcome, 7p.m. at the Museum

We began our evening with a short talk from John Robinson from LPA (Lasting Power of Attorney) made simple. He explained the importance of getting our affairs in order for those families with close members who have lost their mental capacity. It was very thought provoking.

We found the Resolution a difficult one to talk about, several members added their thoughts to the discussion and then we voted. It left more questions unanswered than answered.

The Committee all agreed to stand for another year but called for more members to join as there are only four at present.

To lift the mood of the evening we ended with a Beetle Drive and our Raffle.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 14th June when we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a floral arrangement workshop in red, white and blue and dressing in red, white and blue for the occasion.

Website www.wibartonmills.weebly.com



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BARTON MILLS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Why not Volunteer or become a Friend of the Scheme?

Phone us for details or e-mail us at

barton.neighbours@gmail.com



Good Neighbour Scheme – Summer's Here

A Summer Reflection

A time to recharge our lives as the Sun shines upon us
We reflect on the year past and our future labours.
As we witness a troubled world that impacts upon so many lives
We're thankful that here we live as caring neighbours.



As the well-known song advised us:-

**"When you've got friends and neighbours, all the world is a happier place.
Friends and neighbours put a smile on the gloomiest face. Just take your little
troubles and share them with the folks next door. It makes it twice as easy to
bear them - that's what friends are for".**

The Barton Mills Good Neighbour Scheme is here to help in ways that can help to alleviate those problems that many of us experience from time to time. Whether that is needing practical help (shopping; collecting prescriptions; help with IT, TVs and smart 'phones; moving furniture; one-off garden tidy-ups; help with pets; etc.) or just a volunteer calling in for a chat that will help to lift the spirits, we aim to make a difference to our neighbours lives where we can.

Please remember that you can contact us on **07419 211040** or e-mail us at **barton.neighbours@gmail.com** to see if we can help you with your needs.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

What is Connecting Communities?

Connecting Communities is for people traveling around Suffolk that don't have access to a regular bus or train service

What could it be used for? Social, appointments, study, shopping, work (you can book multiple return journeys in advance)

**For more information or to book a journey
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Cheap Fares are based on what a normal bus journey would cost

Flexible Journeys can be booked online or by phone around your schedule

Convenient Pick-up and drop-off from your door or a convenient location

Modern Clean, comfortable and well maintained vehicle

CAR BOOT SALES on BARTON MILLS PLAYING FIELD

Car Boot Sales are held on Barton Mills Playing Field, next to the Village Hall, on the mornings of Bank Holiday Mondays. Many people ask how they started, and why they only happen on these days. Many years ago, the W.I. held boot sales on the field, and the church combined a car boot sale with their summer fete.

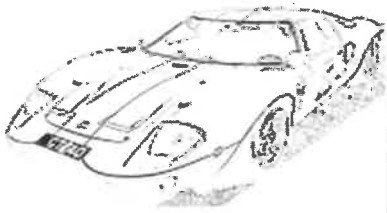
The playing field is owned and maintained by the Parish Council, and it was soon realised that it would be better to have a regular system for groups who wanted to hold boot sales. Because the field is a valuable area for everyone to use and enjoy the space, it was agreed that sales should only be held on Bank Holiday Mondays, and thus avoid upsetting football games and the free use of the field, especially at weekends.

There are five Barton Mills groups who are involved in the boot sales – the Village Hall committee, the W.I. the church, the Allotments Association and the Football Club. There are four available Mondays – Easter, May Day, Spring Bank Holiday and late Summer Bank Holiday, so a sharing system was devised. Each group provided the people to organise the field and/or to provide refreshments in the Village Hall. These days, the refreshments are provided by the Village Hall committee, the W.I, and the church, while the field is mostly organised by the Allotments Association and the Football Club. Each group raises money for their own funds, but the group on the field usually take a bucket collection at the exit, as well as taking the pitch fees, and the bucket collection is often for another charity. This year the Allotments Association have supported the Ukrainian Relief Fund and have given to allotmenteer Karen Farrar who has done the Moonwalk in London for Breast Cancer research.

The Boot Sales are friendly, sociable occasions, when it is possible to meet up with friends, and make new friends, as well as finding bargains on the stalls. Many of the stall holders are regular attenders and local people take the opportunity to sell on unwanted items.

There will not be a Boot Sale on Jubilee Weekend (no Monday holiday!), so the next one will be on Monday, 29th August. We all hope for fine weather, and look forward to the event. Look out for the publicity, and make it a date!





ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

You are invited to bring your Classic Cars and Classic Motorbikes along to the Barton Mills Village Green on

Friday 3rd June 2022

as part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.

This informal gathering during the afternoon is a chance to exercise our classic vehicles, chat with fellow enthusiasts and show our prized vehicles to the public, who are invited to come and view such historic gems.

The classic vehicles should arrive on the village green between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. The public can then tour the cars and motorbikes and chat to the owners from 2.00pm until 4.30pm. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall until 4.00pm.

There is no charge for this event to either classic vehicle owners or the viewing public.

For more information contact Peter Alder on 07840 385723 or e-mail at paptalder@gmail.com

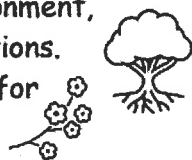


Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee



Celebrate in our village from Thursday to Sunday

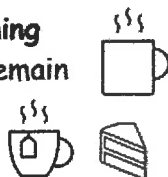
We have lots going on, things to do, to see, to hear and to enjoy for all ages. We are supporting **Queen Elizabeth** in her wish to celebrate together, and to think about the environment, developing a **Green Canopy** as one of our competitions. There are indoor and outdoor events, and things for everyone to look out for.



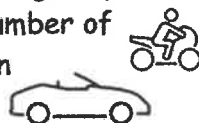
You're lucky if you've bagged a place at the **Thursday evening Quiz**, with a **fish and chip supper with raffle**, as only two or three seats remain! Doors open at 6.30pm



On **Friday** there will be a welcoming **Coffee Morning** at 10.00am in the Village Hall (which is going to remain open throughout Friday and Saturday) with delicious cakes and a friendly atmosphere.



In the afternoon you may well spot some interesting shapes and colours, and possibly hear some rumblings as a number of **Classic Vehicles** (and their owners) will gather on the playing field and be available for viewing.



You can pick up a guide for the **Royal Scarecrow Treasure Hunt** and the **Children's Jubilee Trail** for a tiny suggested donation of £1 from The Village Hall where refreshments will be available until 4pm on both days for people walking through the village, discovering the Royal Symbols and the imaginative scarecrows in our gardens.



Weekend events

We kick off with a 7v7 football tournament on **Saturday** at **10.00am** from our local youth teams, the final starting at **12.30** and the winners rewarded with a Jubilee Cup.



Picnic on the Green will start at **1.00pm**, and you are invited to gather, bringing your preferred lunches, drinks and rugs in preparation for the afternoon's events:

At **2.30pm** we have a **Children's Entertainer** coming to present a show and offer tricks and skills during the afternoon.



These will include Jubilee decoration of biscuits, Community Crown building, face-painting, the Great Jubilee Sapling Give-away and the **Jubilee Cake competition**, which will be judged at **4.00pm** and then we will all enjoy **Afternoon Tea and Cake**.



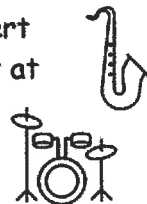
Sunday will start off with an **Open Air Service**, open to all, at **11am**, to be followed by a **BBQ on the Village Green** at **12.30**, hosted by the Church, to which everyone is welcome.



Again, your own chairs and blankets would be appreciated.



The weekend of celebration will conclude with a concert from the **Midnight Oil Jazz Quartet** which will start at **3.00pm** in the Church; with a delicious **Judds Pimm's Bar** in the interval outside on the church lawn.



We really look forward to celebrating the **70th Jubilee** with you!

**JUBILEE SUNDAY, 5th JUNE,
3pm in BARTON MILLS PARISH CHURCH**

Martin Dobson's

**MIDNIGHT OIL
JAZZ QUINTET**



Music for all, "a dash of POP, SOUL and FUNK".

A return visit from this amazing Group, proudly presented by

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, BARTON MILLS,
PRESERVATION TRUST CHARITY**

**TICKETS £ 15 pp from Alan Butcher 01638 713534
and Liz Jarvis 01638 583728**



**FELIX SIMPSON & TERRY ADAMS CONCERT,
FRIDAY 15th JULY**

Back for the third time due to their immense popularity, Felix Simpson, Terry Adams and their band will be performing on **Friday, 15th of July** at 7.30pm in our lovely Barton Mills church, that we are raising funds for. The best live music in East Anglia? Possibly - as Felix comes to us following a stint at the O2..... we are lucky to have such talent right on our doorstep for £15 a ticket.

An array of music to suit the most eclectic of tastes - it will be an evening not to be missed.

Tickets now available. First come first served.

Please contact: Alan Butcher

01638 713534, or

Elizabeth Jarvis 01638 583728

What's on in Freckenham June & July 2022

At last more things are happening in Freckenham! Various things to celebrate the Jubilee, anyone welcome to come along.

Friday 24th June Quiz Night in aid of Suffolk Refugee Support. Free entry, raffle prizes and donations welcome but booking essential as space limited, Jacqui Burke 07770 477688 or messenger. Max team of 6. Doors & bar open 7pm for 7.30pm.

Monthly Farmers Market with some Crafts 25th June. 10 – 12 noon, free entry, refreshments of bacon rolls, cakes & hot drinks in aid of hall funds. All our regular food stalls and varied range of craft stalls. Then we take a break till 24th September.

Chippenham Fen by Natural England Talk Friday 1st July doors & bar open 7pm, talk 7.30pm and then **Walk** Sunday 31st July, meet at village hall car park and car share, then back at hall for refreshments in aid of village hall funds details still being finalised.

Saturday 30th July Praise the Roof concert at St Andrew's Church, doors and bar open 6.30pm for 7pm start. Favourite hymns, interval then last night of Proms. Free entry but donations appreciated to Church upkeep.

Film Nights – need volunteers who want to be involved with this.

Weekly classes please keep looking at the Freckenham website, Facebook or phone V Hall mobile 07542 198 933 to ask what's coming up! **Table Tennis** has started back 7pm Tuesday evenings £3 a person text VH mobile 07542 198 933

<https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>.

We are on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH

Nature Notes.....



Hedgehogs – are in serious decline. Are you fortunate in having a regular or occasional one or two visiting your garden? Their diet includes slugs, cockchafer, weevils, dung beetles, earwigs, millipedes and earthworms. They probably need about a hundred of this assortment per night but if they find carrion such as a dead bird or small mammal they'll have a feast. They are very much the gardener's friend and they can be greatly helped by providing a shallow dish of water, especially in dry weather, and providing a little wet-type cat or dog food, or dampen the dry sort. Put the food out after dark. If there is a likelihood of a cat cashing in on an extra feed, devise a covering which a hedgehog can enter but a cat couldn't. Another big help is to contribute to a hedgehog highway so they can travel from garden to garden. A hole in a fence need only be 13cm x 13 cm for an adult to pass through. In a radio-tracking study some were known to travel 1-2 miles in a night – but that would depend upon the habitat and availability of food items.

Most hedgehogs are born in June and July, in a nest made of grass and leaves. If the mother is disturbed within a few hours of giving birth she is likely to desert or eat the babies. At birth the spines are covered in skin and look like little pimples.



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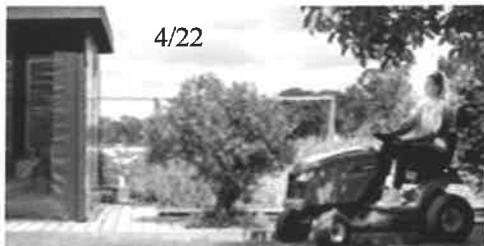
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