



# The BARTON Miller

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# LENT



Lenten  
Lunches

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Dear Readers,

We may have been a little "silent" on the project for Swifts in the Tower, but I'm pleased to report that we now have a block of nesting boxes, especially made to fit the suitable space available, in position ready for the coming nesting season. These will be accompanied by a viewing camera, (viewing at ground level) and a recorded sound to attract birds to use them. Once the birds have accepted the site, I'm sure many will get a lot of pleasure from the installation as well as doing our bit for nature conservation. Thanks to all those involved with setting this up.

Two community events to join in this month - "Pancakes" etc. on 4th March - tickets £5.00 and a series of Lent Lunches in various churches. No pre-booking for these lunches is required, just come along for a very sociable lunch; full particulars within this issue. Don't forget the Village Hall quiz on 8th March too. More details inside this booklet.

We begin Lent on Ash Wednesday March 6th. with a service at Freckenham and we have our mothering Sunday service at Barton Mills on Sunday 31st March.

Looking forward to some of you joining us at these events.

Items for the April issue to me by 20th March please.

Yours sincerely Joy Willis

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to 2.30pm . **This will be the following Saturdays -**

9th March/6th April

## Vicar's Letter

This month's letter comes from Rev'd Gill Anderson, one of our team of ministers.

Dear Friends

I recently found an ancient pack of bulbs that had been mislaid and not planted in the autumn. So, instead of a warm bed of soil, these rather sorry-looking, forgotten bulbs, were planted last week on a biting cold morning in hard, frozen earth in the hope that they might yet grow and flower this spring! It was worth the effort – I figured I didn't have much to lose except 30 minutes inside in the warm!

It is this sort of optimism which 'raises its head' every time we decide that something is worth taking a chance on – despite poor odds! And many of us I am sure go that extra mile regularly to do just that. 'I'll try one more time!' 'It's worth another attempt... etc. etc.'

It is this type of attitude – hardy optimism – that flavours our lives, and when we are rewarded with a positive outcome, the joy is all the more sweet and increased in value.

There's a well-known bible story about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. One of his sheep goes missing and even though the ninety-nine were all accounted for, the shepherd leaves them to look for the one that was missing. When he eventually finds it, he joyfully brings it home, calling everyone to share in his happiness.

This story is really telling us that every single one of us is important to God, and that when we get a bit lost, he will not give up in searching for us.

It's easy to lose our focus, to stray away from all we know to be good and true - when we are feeling low, unsure about the future, or sad about a situation. We can so often want to give up and turn our backs on optimism and hope.

Isn't it great then that God doesn't give up on us! Every second of every day he plants, and replants, seeds of love and hope into our lives, waiting for germination – this season, next season – and even when we are hard and unyielding he continues to sow in joyful anticipation that we will recognise our Creator and grow towards him.

So when you next see or plant a forgotten bulb, say a prayer for all who believe they are forgotten and outside the love the God – remembering to give thanks that God will never give up on any of us, his beloved.



Rev'd Gill Anderson

**St Mary's Church Barton Mills.**

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Tel 713534

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Tel 716265

**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** Apologies to anyone who went to Beck Row on 18th Feb – due to circumstances the date had to be changed to 25th at very short notice. The normal MARCH date 18th (also Beck Row) has also had to be changed to 25th too.

Hoping to be back on track for April.



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



## CHURCH SERVICES in MARCH

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, World Day of Prayer: 10.30am Service at  
Mildenhall Methodist Church**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30am: Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton and  
Deacon David Butcher**

**Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm: Group Joint Service of Holy Communion at  
Freckenham church**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

8am: Informal Early Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton

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 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am: Holy Communion (by extension) with Glynn East**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am: Sunday Celebration with Dave Traher**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Mothering Sunday 9.30am: Praise and Worship Service, led by  
Deacon David Butcher, and with gifts of flowers for everyone**

To contact our Parish Priest Revd Sandie Barton, please phone her on 01638 720770 or  
e mail her at [revsandiebarton@gmail.com](mailto:revsandiebarton@gmail.com)

### LENT LUNCHESES

Simple lunches of soup, bread, cheese and fruit, will be held on **Tuesdays in Lent**,  
from 12noon to 2pm, at various venues around the Mildenhall area to raise funds for  
**Christian Aid.**

12th March	St. Mary's Mildenhall
19th March	St. John's Beck Row
26th March	Kings Church Mildenhall
2nd April	St. Peter's West Row
9th April	St. Mary's Barton Mills
16th April	Methodist Church Mildenhall

## LENT COURSES

### **Lent Groups: Using the Bible to Reflect on the 2017 TV Series 'Broken' starring Sean Bean and Anna Friel'.**

The series, written by Jimmy McGovern, follows Fr Michael Kerrigan as he attempts to bring the light of Christ into the gritty reality of broken lives. As he does so he faces his own issues from the past and present. Often challenging, but always warmly human, this series raises many questions about how to cope when life is very hard.

In each session we will watch an episode of the series, and then there will be an opportunity to discuss the issues raised in the light of a relevant bible passage.

The Lent courses are being held in the four churches of our group, Barton Mills, Freckenham, West Row and Worlington. Groups will meet as follows, starting the week beginning 11th March. You are welcome to join the groups at different addresses if times are more suitable for you.

**Mondays 10am at Virginia Cottage, Church Lane, Worlington**

**Tuesdays 7.30pm in St Peter's West Row**

**Wednesdays 10.30am at 56 The Street, Barton Mills**

**Wednesdays 7.30pm at 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills**

**Thursdays 7.30pm at 6 The Street, Freckenham**

The 6th and final episode will be shown at 1pm at St Peter's West Row on Good Friday, prior to a time of reflective worship and ending with informal communion.

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

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

Mr Nigel Oakley is a well known authority on Suffolk Punch 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



How often **we take things for granted**. I remember back in the 1970's when the electricity companies were striking for better conditions and wages, we had to experience up to 3 - 4 hours of power cuts. When I came home from work, even though I knew the whole village was in darkness, I **still attempted to switch on the lights**. When we **turn our taps on**, we always expect to **receive running water and many of us take it for granted** that when **we switch on the ignition of our cars** in the morning, **they will start up first time**. Strikes now are few in number, however, as I was writing this I heard that schoolchildren were striking in protest against climate change. As this little poem suggests - Have you ever thought about what would happen **"IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE"**

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike, because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like;

If only once He had sat down, and said "That's it! I'm through: 'I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do -

I'll give my orders to the sun - Cut off the heat supply: And to the moon, give no more light, and run the oceans dry."

Then just to make things really tough, and put the pressure on , "Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone".

You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game, for no-one has been more abused or met with such disdain

Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me with all the favours of His grace, and everything for free!

Men say they want a better deal and so 'on strike' they go; but what a deal we've given God, to Whom all things we owe.

We take God and His marvelous attributes for granted. Because we are carried along daily by His unending stream of **love, wisdom, power and mercy**, we are apt to accept His goodness as just an ordinary part of life. **We might even forget what a great God we have**. The apostle Paul realized how prone we are to do this, for in Romans 11 he breaks forth in praise to God, v 33 says **"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"** Take time now to think upon God's greatness and thank Him for His grace, v 36 tells us **"of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things."**

**"DON'T LET THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GIFTS CAUSE YOU TO FORGET THE GIVER"**

We give you a warm welcome to attend any of the services at the Chapel, Bible Study at 7.30p.m. on Thursday (check for location, 01638-713892) and Sunday School/Bible Study at 11a.m, followed by Sunday Services at 3p.m. and 6.30p.m.

F. A. RUTTERFORD



# **BARTON MILLS VILLAGE HALL**

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## **QUIZ NIGHT**

**Friday March 8th. 7pm**

**FISH & CHIP SUPPER**

**with the QUIZ**

**QUIZMASTER: ROGER HIGGINS**

**Come as a team (up to 8 people) or come on your own**

**- teams can be made up on the night.**

**RAFFLE**

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**BYO DRINKS**

**Tickets: £10.00 per person, before the night, to include**

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**Gifts of raffle prizes will be very welcome**

**Tickets from: Nancy Higgins, 67 Church Meadow, (515215)**

**Frances Lewis, 11 Church Meadow**

**(713155)**

**PROCEEDS TO VILLAGE HALL FUNDS**

## **BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB**

### **All Over 50s Welcome**

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March:** At 2 pm in the Village Hall, "The Oregon Trail and I" presented by Kevin Boardman. Refreshments afterwards.

**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. Places available.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April:** Afternoon visit to Hundon Hedgehog Rescue. Limited places. £10 members, £11.50 non-members. Refreshments included.

*Enquiries to Pamela on 510504 [pamela@boura.org](mailto:pamela@boura.org)*  
**Meetings in the Village Hall: £2 members, £3 non-members**  
**New members welcome: £10 for 2019**



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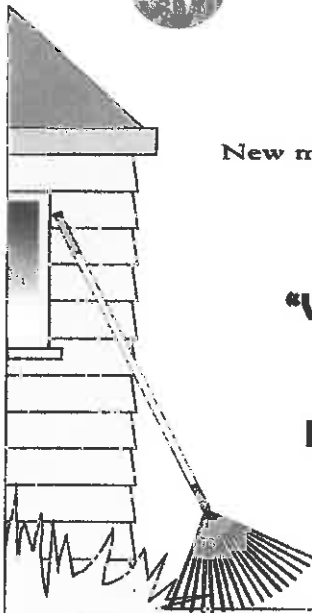
New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

**26th March 2019**

**"What do I do with this Space?"**

**Darren Lerigo**

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



## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

**Parish Council Elections are held every four years, in May 2019 elections will be taking place in the Parish. If you would like to be part of the council, which includes making decisions to improve the parish and community then please consider this opportunity.**

To stand as a Councillor you must qualify to stand, you must be nominated and you must submit a Candidate Consent form. The nomination pack can be completed from 22<sup>nd</sup> March and must be hand delivered to West Suffolk House before 4pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. There will be a poll, a contested election, if there are more than 9 candidates. The poll will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 and those elected will take office from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 for four years.

There will be no poll, an uncontested election, if there are 9 candidates or less, and candidates will take office from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 for four years.

More detailed information including nomination packs can be found on St Edmundsbury website: [https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/council/voting\\_and\\_elections/current-electionsand-vacancies.cfm?aud=council](https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/council/voting_and_elections/current-electionsand-vacancies.cfm?aud=council)

Alternatively contact the clerk or come to our next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March to see what is involved and what your Council does.

## HOUSING REGISTER

People on the housing register in the Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Area will need to re-register due to change of their IT provider.

Forest Heath are advising you re-register before 28<sup>th</sup> February to remain on the register and hold your current position on the register. You can still re-register in March but there is no guarantee that you will not experience a gap in the Home-Link service. Further information can be found at <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/> Unfortunately, we were not made aware of this before the print date of the February Barton Miller issue, otherwise we would have made this information available sooner.

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## Next Parish Council Meeting

The next full meetings will be on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 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:** Jadi Coe, [clerk@bartonmills.net](mailto:clerk@bartonmills.net) 07724 737841

**Website:** [www.bartonmills.net](http://www.bartonmills.net)

**Feb 19**

Our Speaker, Jeanette Moser, has had the most amazing life and told us some of her adventures. Her mother and father fled Nazi Germany and settled in South Africa. Jeanette later settled in Rhodesia where she enrolled in the police force. She was there for seventeen years training police men and women self defence – judo. She later studied psychology to help those who had been involved in violent events. While in the police force she was shot in the leg having come upon a hijacking on her way home one night. She managed to turn her car around go back to the police station to alert them about the incident. She was head hunted by Special Branch to go under cover to infiltrate a gang of arms smugglers. This proved to be very successful and the gang were arrested, Jeanette too was arrested, as she was still undercover, but much to her horror they forgot to release her and so she spent a night in jail! Her nickname at this time was ‘The Mata Hari of Harare’. She gave us some hints on how to keep ourselves safe and what we could do if faced with an attack, not to go into fright mode, but to take advantage of the situation. Jeanette was happy to tell us her age – 81. She has just undergone surgery on her foot so was not able to show us these helpful moves as well as she would have liked - a formidable lady even with crutches.! It was more like a John Le Carré or Frederick Forsythe novel than this ladies’ life. Our evening ended with a Valentine themed raffle.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th March at 7.30 p.m.

Our Speaker this has changed and is now Marika Sigley and she will tell us all about bees and bee keeping.

Marika will be bringing along some honey for us to buy.

Why not come along and learn about this—it is all so fascinating.

**Take a look at our website -**

**[www.wibartonmills.weebly.com](http://www.wibartonmills.weebly.com)**

# 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.

## Feb 2019 Winners

£30	95	G. Little
£20	33	S. Roberts
£10	189	B. Klatt
£10	11	M. Chambers

**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, £15, £10 and £5 monthly and twice a year additional prizes of £150.



## MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

**Mildenhall Museum** will re-open after the winter break on **FRI. March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Opening hours will be 2-4.30 on Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Sat. but 10.30-4.30 on Fridays.

The Museum Society talk on **Thurs. MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30 will be by **Mike Taylor**, warden of **Cavenham Heath NNR**.

**"Where have all the rabbits gone and does it matter?"**- Rabbits have had an immensely important role in the history of Breckland but when did you last see a wild rabbit, alive or dead?

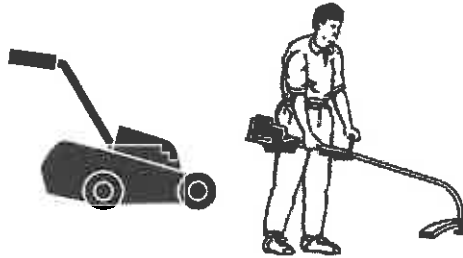
**Mon. MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>** 2.30. This will be the **RAF centenary** talk held over from DEC. If you booked a seat for then you will have one reserved for this date. Enquiries re availability of seats tel. Anne Cross 01638 712883.

At both of these meetings, and in the museum, tickets (£10) will be available for the **Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz on APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>** in Mildenhall.

**For more information regarding the museum do visit  
[www.mildenhallmuseum.co.uk](http://www.mildenhallmuseum.co.uk)**

## CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

'Thank you' to the people who responded to the appeal in the February Barton Miller for machinery to be used by the Community Service Payback Work Teams when they come to work in the churchyard. We now have sufficient lawn mowers and strimmers, and the Teams will continue to come each month and keep our churchyard in good order. The churchyard is a pleasant and peaceful place and we are fortunate that it is so well cared for.



## Barton Mills Football Club Buildings

- Recently, both the Pavilion building and the shed have been broken in to. The Football Club leaders ask everyone to please keep a look out for any signs of trouble, and, if necessary, report to the police.

Thank you.



## What's on in Freckenham March 2019

The village will have a road closure for the Burwell to Lakenheath electricity work but we are assured access for residents and people coming to the village hall will be maintained. From 4th March it is from the Cambridgeshire boundary at Fordham Road (the road the village hall is on) to just past The Golden Boar at the corner of Elms Road and the S bends going into Mildenhall Road. From April it moves to Mildenhall Road Freckenham right through to The Walnut Tree at Worlington!

**Friday Film Nights 1<sup>st</sup> 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** - Stalls to be confirmed but likely to include fruit & veg who also does weekly veg box deliveries [www.Poundsworth.co.uk](http://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. There is likely to be some Easter themed goodies to buy!

**Then in the evening of 30 March Cash Bingo!** A fun night for all ages. £1 a game all the money goes back into the prize pot, so the more players the bigger the pot! Doors and bar open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

**Friday Film Nights 5<sup>th</sup> April – Bohemian Rhapsody** - No need to book just turn up £5 a person. Doors & Bar open 7pm film starts 7.30pm

Check the village website [www.freckenham.suffolk.cloud](http://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

Robert Murray Evangelist / ten- Suffolk Baroque Players

or

Graeme Danby Jesus

Fae Evelyn soprano

Valerie Reid mezzo-soprano

Tom Asher baritone

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Philip Reed conductor

For this performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion, the choir will be joined by five soloists of international standing, by Boy Choristers of St Edmundsbury Cathedral (Director of Music: James Thomas) and by the Suffolk Baroque Players.

The St Matthew Passion is, by common consent, one of the greatest sacred choral works ever composed. Bach himself seems to have cared for it as he did for no other work. Even by the standard of the Baroque passions, the St Matthew Passion is exceptional for its musical richness and its grand scope.

Relating the story of Jesus's suffering and death, the variety and majesty of the music grabs the listener firmly by the shoulder and never lets go. Bach's phenomenal imagination and skill are apparent throughout. The score, one of the most ambitious compositions of all time, calls for double orchestra and double choir — three choirs at one point. The musical textures range widely from complex counterpoint to simple hymns.

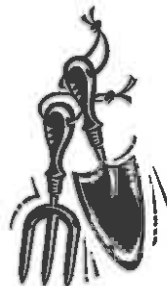
Bring or hire a cushion, and sit back for a memorable evening that will touch you on many levels, eventually culminating with one of the most beautiful laments ever written. For reserved seats you are advised to book early.

Early booking discount £1 off all tickets booked by 28 February 2019

Tickets £26 (reserved), £21 and £16 (unreserved)  
from The Apex Box Office 01284 758000 or via  
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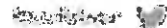


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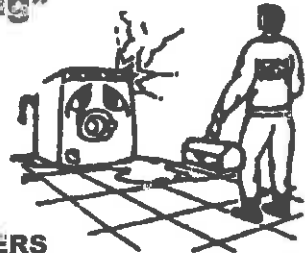
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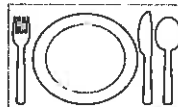
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