

# Barton St David Parish Council

Parish Council meetings will be held at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall on **26<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Everyone is welcome and time is set aside for public discussion at every meeting. Come along and get to know more about the issues concerning our village. If you have a point to make this is the time and place to voice any concerns. Councillors from both Somerset County Council and the District Council are usually present.

## **Broadband and Telephony Services in Barton.**

Parish councillors acknowledge and appreciate the technical support given by parishioners who have researched the situation. This research has resulted in written evidence being submitted on behalf of the Parish Council to the Rural Broadband Select Committee which is currently sitting. This evidence can be seen on line.

The evidence presented to the committee in response to questions was interesting; notably some of the answers given by Sean Williams, Group Director BT, who stated, *"We do have some aluminium, it is true, and it isn't fit for purpose for our current needs"; "Success is dependent on the quality of the network."; "It is not our intention to discriminate against rural and agricultural area."*

**We are delighted that a new fibre cabinet has been installed in the centre of the village. What we need now is an assurance that, by the time this cabinet becomes operational, all the aluminium cabling from the cabinet to people's premises will have been replaced with copper and that the service will become actually "fit for purpose".**

*There is some good news. Barton St David is now listed as being due to receive superfast broadband early in 2015. The Parish Council has invited representatives from SCC and from BT to tell us precisely when this will happen. We await their reply.*

## **Mobile Library Service**

Times and dates when the Library van is in Barton.  
It stops near the telephone box at 1.05 till 1.25 on a Friday every four weeks.  
The next visit will be 6 February 2015, 6 March 2015 and so on. If it isn't used we will lose it.

# Barton St David

<http://www.bartonstdavid.org.uk>

# NEWSLETTER

## *Dates for Your Diary*

### JANUARY

Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> – MU AGM, Churchbrook House	2.30 pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> – BStD History Club, Orchard Lea, Blind Lane	2.30 pm
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> – Langport Mummers followed by the World's only Indoor Wassail, Barton Inn	8.00 pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> – Blind Buffalo Quarter, Barton Inn	3.00 pm
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council, Village Hall	7.45 pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> – '60s' Night – Village Hall	7.00 pm
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> – Dry White Bones, Somerset Blues, Barton Inn	9.00 pm

### FEBRUARY

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> – MU, Rose Cottage, Park Lane	2.30 pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Parish Council	7.45 pm

### MARCH

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> – MU, Little Orchard, Church St	2.30 pm
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> /Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Arts and Crafts Weekend to include The Barton Bake Off, Village Hall	Sat: 11.00-4.30 Sun: 2.00-4.00
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Parish Council, Village Hall	7.45 pm

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# Village Hall and Playing Fields

## 'FRIDAY NIGHT IS '60s NIGHT'

Following the huge success of last year's Indian evening  
- please make a note in your diary to join us for a  
fun, 1960s inspired, evening on  
**Friday 30th January 2015, 7.00 pm**  
in the Village Hall.

The Millfield Dancers will be returning with  
a 'swinging sixties' style routine.

**Tickets £12.50 to include a 3 course dinner and  
lots of entertainment!**

**Please bring your own drinks      60's dress (optional)**

To reserve tickets – numbers are limited - please contact Fiona  
(851114), Nicky (850200), Carolyn (851617), Val (850275),  
Julia (851282) or Penny/Peter (851692)

### Barton St David History Club

Inaugural meeting is on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at Orchard Lea, Blind Lane, 2.30pm.**

If you are interested in helping to collect our village story, please come along. We hope to establish an outline programme for 2015 / 16.

RSVP. Peter Robinson 851692 (ansaphone) or [p.robinson46@btinternet.com](mailto:p.robinson46@btinternet.com)

### Barton St David Croquet Club

Thanks to everyone who said they will be coming along. To avoid clashing with Easter the first game will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 from 2pm.** It is suggested otherwise we play on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 2pm.** So please put a reminder in your diary.

The croquet lawn will be created on the Village Playing Field.

Croquet is great fun – with a twist !

Newcomers to the game especially welcome.

For more information [p.robinson46@btinternet.com](mailto:p.robinson46@btinternet.com) or 851692

## The Barton Inn

As some people will have spotted there is a notice on the blackboard in the pub which reads:

**" Save your Pub ! Buy it - or it will close on 1st June "**.

Whilst not a hollow threat, it is our wish that the pub remains open and we sincerely hope that some person or group will come forward and buy it.

Having spent 9 years at the Barton Inn - and it having been for sale and marketed extensively for around 3 years with no offers - we feel that it is time we put a deadline on such a deal being made.

With only around 3% of villagers using the pub on a regular basis (i.e more than once a week) this action obviously raises an interesting question : Do the residents of Barton St David want or need a pub ? I suppose we'll find out soon enough ...

On a cheerier note, it's still business as unusual :

**Our Wassail is on Sat 24th January** - The Worlds Only Indoor Wassail, preceded by the Langport Mummers performing their excellent play. 8pm

**Sun 25th January** - We'll be blowing the cobwebs away with some afternoon music from the 'Blind Buffalo Quartet' - Eccentric Swing Fusion. 3pm

**Sat 31st January** - 'The Dry White Bones' - Fantastic original Somerset blues. 9pm

Plus all the Six Nations rugby games on the big screen.

Who says nothing goes on around here ?

Cheers,

Damon + Anita

## **BARTON ST DAVID CARNIVAL**

2.15pm, Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

### **ELVIS RETURNS**

FOLLOWING THE ACCLAIMED TRIBUTE SHOW OF A FEW YEARS AGO, WE HAVE AGAIN ENGAGED ELVIS – AND A FEW OF HIS WELL-KNOWN FRIENDS – TO PERFORM ON CARNIVAL EVENING FROM 8 O’CLOCK TILL LATE

FOLLOWING UP ON THE SUGGESTION OF A VILLAGE TEENAGER, WE ARE HIRING COSTUMES FOR  
**SUMO WRESTLING**

FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN, WE HAVE ENGAGED A PROFESSIONAL  
**STORYTELLER AND FACE PAINTERS**

AND,

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR’S INAUGURAL COMPETITION,  
**THE TUG OF WAR COMPETITION**  
WILL BE BIGGER AND MORE COMPETITIVE  
WHY NOT BEGIN TO ORGANISE YOUR TEAM NOW?

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Many thanks to everyone that came out to sing around the Christmas Tree this year & thanks also to Barton Inn for warming us up with delicious mulled wine. Together with an earlier concert at Lydford, we managed to send off £275 to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. See you all next year !!

Please join us for a Celebration of Local Talent  
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### **Arts and Crafts Exhibition**

to include **The Great Barton Bake Off**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March** 11.00 am -4.30 pm  
(Soup lunch will be available)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Anyone interested in exhibiting their art or craft work should please contact Fiona Golby (851114) or Penny Robinson (851692)

Free entry with 10% of any sales being donated to the Village Hall.

### **Great Barton Bake Off**

After a couple of false attempts this will now definitely be happening on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March** during the arts/crafts exhibition.

**Categories: Children’s Cookies  
Bakewell Tart and/or a Cake  
with a Local Theme**

(Please bring your entries to the Village Hall on the day or deliver to either Nicky or Julia)

The main thing is to join in and have a go, even if you’ve never baked anything before! It’s all for fun, the entries will be anonymous and there will be some great prizes.

For further details please contact Nicky Wheeler  
[nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk) /(850200)  
or Julia Foster [julia.fosteroo7@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.fosteroo7@btinternet.com) /(851282).

## Barton St David Church

### LENTEN LUNCH

We can again say a big thank-you to Cath and Trevor Lewis at Sleepy Hollow for holding our annual Lenten lunch It will be on Thursday 12th April 12 noon to 2 p.m. Tickets available at a later date, but if you would like to reserve your ticket, then please ring either Jan Craig Tel; 850825 or Cath Lewis tel.; 850584

### Barton St David Mothers Union

**Tuesday, 10th February. 2.30 p.m.** At Rose Cottage Park Lane kindly hosted by Andrea. Peter Farrant will be showing us his trip to the Black Sea

**Tuesday March 10th 2.30 p.m.** To be held at Jackie Houlden's - "Little Orchard", Church Street. Sandra Lee is giving a talk on The Mothers Union 'Action and Outreach'

**Tuesday April 14th 2.30 p.m.** Also at Jackie Houlden's, When Rachel Gray will be showing her trip to Israel

### The Barton St David Church Millennium Hassock project

It is proposed to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the beautiful renovation of the church hassocks by holding a tea party in the Church **on Friday, 1st May at 3 p.m.** Please come and help celebrate this marvelous achievement. Everyone is welcome! Here are a few details of how the project came to fruition. The Millennium church hassocks restoration project was the idea of May Payne. May had been inspired by the beautiful oak framed glazed and etched doors made for the church as part of another Millennium project. May had noticed that the church hassocks were looking shabby and dowdy with their old maroon covers but thankfully, intact and not falling apart. She decided to instigate the covering of the hassocks with new tapestry covers. May then came up with the 'All things Bright and Beautiful' theme deciding on four themed sets for each pew. A team of enthusiastic needleworkers, both experienced and complete novices, was now assembled and the sewing began in earnest. Seventy two tapestry hassock covers were completed featuring fruit, trees, farm animals, fungi, garden birds, birds of prey, local scenes, local houses, etc. Also, altar cushions and the vicar's cushion. Many of the designs were created by May and Barbara Lee and many of the needleworkers created their own designs. On completion, John Lee took photographs of all the hassocks in their new covers and May's daughter, Dorothy, prepared the book with details of who designed them and who sewed them and this can be seen in the church. Whilst celebrating this project we would also like to mention (celebrate perhaps not being the correct word here) the 'gravestone' project undertaken by Frances Cabble. Frances put many hours of work into the investigation and then produced the book, also in the church, which gives comprehensive details of all the names on the gravestones in the old churchyard. This was a mammoth task and is a document of great historical importance for our village and for future generations.

### VILLAGE LOTTERY 2015

**The Village Lottery, based on the Bonus Ball for the Saturday LottoDraw, will have been running for 9 years on 14th February. During that time over £11,500 will have been paid out to lucky winners and over £11,000 donated to Church funds. The new "Lottery Year" will begin on Saturday 21st February. We do have vacancies from time to time. It costs only £1 per week for the chance of winning £25. Anyone interested in joining the waiting list for the 21st February, should a number become available, please contact Wendy on 850011. We would like to thank everyone who has been taking part and wish you luck in the New Year.**

### World War 1 Battlefields Tour

Do you have family members who served in WW1? A group of us would like to visit the major battlefields of WW1. We wish to pay our respects at the final resting places of two of those commemorated on our war memorial, and make personal visits to the memorials or war graves of family members.

Would you like to join us and gain further insight into the history of WW1? The tour is planned to include a stop en route for the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, the Somme and Ypres battlefields, the Thiepval Memorial, Polygon Wood (Buttes New British Cemetery where Frederick John Pitt is buried), Solesmes (where George Rawlings is buried) and time permitting other major sites.

The four-day tour by coach from Barton St. David will begin on Thursday 17th September 2015. It will be led by John Little a local historian with a special interest in WW1. With a little extra for entrance fees, John expects the total cost to be between £250 and £300.

A provisional booking needs to be made to secure accommodation therefore I would appreciate an early response. To provisionally book, please contact Barbara King [bsdvh.sec@gmail.com](mailto:bsdvh.sec@gmail.com) 01458 850897