

Great Barton Newsletter

Winter 2020

Gt Barton Response to COVID-19

The Village response to COVID-19 since March 'lockdown' has been brilliant. Together with the village 'Response Plan', requests and issues have been quickly resolved thanks to the many volunteers who offered their services. We are very proud of the village for maintaining the 'HELP' offered to residents during this extremely challenging time.

Great Barton Emergency Response Team continue to remain operational during the COVID-19 pandemic to facilitate support for village residents, if required, until the 'New Normal' is announced. This could be when social distancing/face masks are no longer required and a vaccine is available for those recommended. Our thanks to ALL response volunteers for the support you provide.

GB Emergency Response Plan - GB Emergency Operations Team

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Your neighbourhood matters - Please be aware of your neighbours, especially at this time of the year, who may be lonely, living alone, with a limited network of support or are particularly vulnerable, especially those whose circumstances may have changed since the onset of the pandemic. Your 'Local Coordinator' will respond to any requests for contact. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Stay safe and well.

John Roe Response Co-ordinator.

Message from Maggie Dunn – Chair,

Gt Barton Parish Council

Well this is the Winter newsletter and I want to let you know what your Parish Council has been up to during the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions it has caused.

We have still been meeting every month via Zoom whilst the Village Hall has been out of commission. We have used this for both the Parish Council Meetings and Planning Meetings. We did do one meeting in the Village Hall between lock downs but it proved difficult due to adhering to regulations and also wearing masks. They make it very difficult to speak and for others to hear what is going on, so the decision was made to go back to Zoom. All Councillors have tried to take part in these. I have to thank Peter Fisk and Diana Boys especially, as this form of communication is not something they use everyday, and, they have both persevered to take part, especially Peter, with the help of his wife Ann, who have done really well.

Following the co-option of Gwyn James onto the Council in November, we now have a full complement of Councillors and hopefully it can remain that way.

We have refurbished the old red phone box on Livermere Road. We have shelves installed to use it in the future as a book swap, but it will not be used yet. This is due to Covid and needing to sanitise anything that goes in there and people who use it.

The Parish Council has worked with the Emergency Response Team during Covid to try and make sure that anyone who needs help in the village gets it. My thanks to them and especially to John Roe who has co-ordinated it all and chivvied Linda and me on when things needed doing.

We must make sure that during this time we ensure that we take care of each other especially our neighbours who may be on their own or vulnerable. To that end the Parish Council are arranging a Christmas meal to be taken to those who are vulnerable or on their own at this time. If you know anyone who that applies to and they live in the village then let Linda or one of the Parish Councillors know by Wednesday 16th December. I can't publish details of this now as it is being planned and will be a hot meal from the Bunbury Arms, delivered to the door. There will not be a charge.

We have continued to put the Council view forward on the many consultations that have come through especially on planning and boundary changes.

We have continued to run planning meetings via zoom and we have heard that the planning application for the North East development (Severals) by the railway bridge, has been referred back to the developers due to concerns over the Traffic Assessment. We are continuing to discuss with Suffolk County Council what will happen at the Bunbury Arms junction, with all the development in Thurston and other outlying villages. We have begun to consult with Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk Council over the development of the triangle and how that is taken forward. To the forefront of this is what the school and preschool need going forward in terms of space.

The Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared for referendum in May 2021 when we will ask you to support it, so we can control development within the village. My thanks to the Neighbourhood Plan team who have worked tirelessly to get us to this stage it has been an amazing effort that they have put in for the village.

My thanks to all my Councillors for their time and efforts for the village. Special thanks to Linda Harley who keeps us on track and works hard for the village, she has managed us, through Zoom meetings, to keep the Council going.

We are aware that the bus shelter in Livermere Road needs repairing and I continue with the help of Rebecca Hopfensperger to badger Suffolk County Council to sort it out and at the very least to remove it, with a view to replacing it later.

MAGGIES MOANS:

1. BonfiresI know we have all done more in our Gardens this year and also home improvements but can you please take care what you burn in the garden. I have noticed some thick black smoke and acrid smells coming from these. I know we have to get rid of things but the Waste Hub is open now by appointment.
2. Litter..... Due to Covid we have not had our yearly litter pick so please take your litter home. If you see litter about and it is safe to do so please clear it up. If you notice any fly tipping please let West Suffolk Council know on 01284 763233 and they will arrange to collect it.
3. Dog Fouling Please clear up after your dog's where ever they go. There are plenty of dog bins in the village or take it home and put it in your black bin.

To end with, your Parish Council wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Please remember though to stay safe and keep to the current regulations then hopefully next year will be a better one for all of us.

Maggie Dunn
Chair GBPC

Messages from Community Groups, Associations, Churches, and School

Gt Barton Computer Club

We usually have a Club meeting on the last Monday of every month and we also have teaching meetings on one or two other Mondays in the month. There is also a Thursday evening meeting once a month for Mac users. When the Village Hall reopens and we are all able to meet together again we hope to continue with our activities. Please contact me if you would like to join the group or have any questions.

Jane Bream. Secretary. j.bream711@btinternet.com

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Gt Barton History Society.

The History Society meets in January, March, May, September and November on the first Tuesday of these months. We have a list of very interesting speakers lined up already for 2021. Unfortunately we have had to cancel January's meeting because of the Covid Virus. We will resume our meetings when it is safe to do so and when we have the Village Hall in which we can meet. Please contact me if you would like to join the group or have any questions.

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Gt Barton Luncheon Club

It is with much regret we have been unable to meet for Luncheon Club since March this year. As December approaches we would like to wish all our Members a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas, at this most difficult time, and good health in the New Year ahead, until such times as we are all able to meet again.

Jean Fordham, Secretary to Gt. Barton Luncheon Club.

Gt Barton Film Night

We are still hoping to show films sometime in 2021 and hope to see everyone back then. If you would like Film group news by email please contact Joe Moore,

joe.crookedhouse@btinternet.com to be added to the contact list.

Wishing everyone a safe Christmas and New Year.

Andrea Cornish, Secretary.

Gt Barton Badminton Club

As soon as we are able to re-open the Village Hall, I am sure there will be villagers of a certain age who would like more exercise and a chat over a cup of tea. We are a small group who play badminton from 2 to 4 on Tuesday afternoons in term time.

Phone or email for further details.

Contact: Ann Tee actee46@gmail.com 01284 788161

Montana Care Home and Oakampton House

Greetings to all Readers. We are thankful to say that none of our residents has had Covid-19 – we test everyone regularly and take great care to avoid infection.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Rev'd Manette our Vicar all the best for her move in December. We will miss her terribly and we thank her most warmly for all her help to Montana and Oakampton House. She has been such a support, to individual residents and to us all – and we have all enjoyed her visits on Oriente the horse !

We miss our much-loved friends who used to run activities for us such as Bingo and Scrabble, but cannot do this because of the coronavirus restrictions. However, our residents have puzzle books, crossword and drawing books which they enjoy, and a good library here.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.
Sr Thaya Moses and Community

Gt Barton Bowls Club

Due to Covid-19 restrictions Gt Barton Bowls Club has decided to cancel our Winter program. The AGM has been postponed to the New Year, but we are confident that the club will be open for bowls for the summer season from mid-April and we are hopeful that all the leagues will be back up and running. New members of all ages are welcome. We like to wish everybody a safe and healthy Xmas and New Year. For more information contact: Henny van Holland

01284 787242 hvholland@btinternet.com
www.greatbartonbowlsclub.btck.co.uk

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups



In the midst of the Covid-19 virus crisis there's no better time to prioritise relationships, wellbeing and being honest with our emotions - it's OK not to be OK! Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups (KHGW) are a safe and supportive space for those struggling with mental & emotional health challenges, who feel, or have felt, overwhelmed, providing tools for self-management in a facilitated peer-mentoring style setting.



Discovering
treasure
in life's scars

KHGW are FREE and can be run face-to-face, online (Zoom) or a combination of the two. There are 12 sessions of content which includes group and individual activities designed to help participants to accept themselves, to understand their value and worth, and grow towards a more resilient and hopeful future.

Over the 12 sessions the group looks at different themes of mental or emotional health: honesty, anxiety, depression, shame, anger, disappointment & loss, perfectionism, forgiveness, self-acceptance, healthy relationships and resilience, with the aim of everyone who attends feeling more positive than when they arrived.

To register interest and book your space on the next available course, hosted and led by Freedom Church starting on Wed 13th Jan @ 7.30pm, please contact: darren@gbfc.org.uk - 07427 704324



FREEDOM CHURCH



What's on this Christmas?

Saturday 19th December

Christmas Community Nativity via Zoom at 4:30pm

Sunday 20th December

Christmas Service at 10am

Community Nativity Trail from 4pm

Christmas Freedom Cafe from 4pm

Carols on your doorstep at 5:30pm

Christmas Day

Short Christmas Message premiered live on Youtube

If you would like more information please visit www.freedomchurch.org.uk or
contact us hello@freedomchurch.org.uk / 01284 788032

We would love to welcome you over the Christmas season and celebrate with you. All our
events take place at Freedom Church, Mill Road, Great Barton. See you there!

Christmas and New Year bin collection days



Usual Collection	Revised Collection	Change
Fri 25 Dec	Tue 29 Dec	4 days late
Mon 28 Dec	Wed 30 Dec	2 days late
Tue 29 Dec	Thu 31 Dec	2 days late
Wed 30 Dec	Sat 2 Jan	3 days late
Thu 31 Dec	Mon 4 Jan	4 days late
Fri 1 Jan	Tue 5 Jan	4 days late
Mon 4 Jan	Wed 6 Jan	2 days late
Tue 5 Jan	Thu 7 Jan	2 days late
Wed 6 Jan	Fri 8 Jan	2 days late
Thu 7 Jan	Sat 9 Jan	2 days late
Fri 8 Jan	Mon 11 Jan	3 days late
Mon 11 Jan	Tues 12 Jan	1 day late
Tues 12 Jan	Weds 13 Jan	1 day late
Weds 13 Jan	Thurs 14 Jan	1 day late
Thurs 14 Jan	Fri 15 Jan	1 day late
Fri 15 Jan	Sat 16 Jan	1 day late



Vacancy for newsletter editor

Many thanks to Sarah Bullen for all her help editing the village newsletter. Sarah now has a new role and has had to resign as the editor. The newsletter is hand delivered to all houses in the village and provides updates on most things going on in the village. It is also posted on the website.

Would you be willing to help? The newsletter is produced quarterly and the time involved is 4-6 hours per quarter. It can be formatted in word or publisher and help is always available. For further information please contact Linda Harley, Parish Council Clerk on: info@bpc@gmail.com

Gt Barton Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is very pleased to report that the Neighbourhood Plan, as modified by the Examiner, has been given the go-ahead to proceed to Referendum.

The Independent Examiner appointed by West Suffolk Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, completed his examination of the Plan on 23 October 2020. His report concluded that subject to a series of recommended modifications the Neighbourhood Plan meets all the necessary legal requirements and should proceed to referendum. He commented that
"The Plan is a first-class example of a neighbourhood plan. It has been written and presented in an exemplary fashion."

West Suffolk Council, as the Planning Authority, has considered each of the recommendations to determine if the modifications are necessary. On 26 November 2020 they issued their decision to approve the plan as modified for the Referendum. The Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a **public referendum scheduled for Thursday 6 May 2021**. West Suffolk Council will be responsible for arranging the Referendum and will send ballot papers to all residents in the Parish who are eligible to vote in an election. If the referendum results in more than half those voting (i.e. 50% + 1) in favour of the proposal, West Suffolk Council must formally adopt the plan as soon as reasonably practicable. The "adopted" Plan will become a formal planning document against which planning applications **must** be assessed. **Please do use your vote.**

A copy of the Decision Statement and the Referendum Neighbourhood Plan is available online at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/greatbartonplan

The Neighbourhood Plan now has significant weight in the determination of planning decisions, in line with the government guidance issued in April of this year. Details of the arrangements for the referendum will be made available by West Suffolk Council closer to the date of the Referendum. Information on the Neighbourhood Plan process can also be found on the relevant section of the Parish Council website:

<http://greatbarton.suffolk.cloud/neighbourhoodplan/>

Gt Barton Women's Institute

Season's Greetings to our members, their loved ones and everyone who reads the Village Newsletter. Christmas and New Year Celebrations are going to be different for us all, but we hope that considering the circumstances, you are able to have as enjoyable a time as possible. We all look forward to 2021 with optimism as hopefully, vaccines become more widely available and we can resume our lives in a different, but more normal way.

During the past few months, the ladies of Great Barton WI have remained active and have continued to care for and socialise with each other in different ways. We started up our own monthly Newsletter in the Spring and when restrictions eased in the Summer we had a few socially distanced informal gatherings on the Green in Hall Park. This was purely to have informal catch ups with members we hadn't seen for a while.

Christine Johnson organised 'The Girls' Night Out' charity walk in the village in September and we raised £300 for the St. Nicholas Hospice. Other members were busy making face coverings during Lockdown 1 and throughout the whole time, members have telephoned each other and offered practical assistance, just to keep in touch and show that they care.

There are online Zoom lectures available for our members which are organised by our regional office. We hope to commence virtual monthly meetings in the New Year. So, despite the current difficulties, we have kept going, and hope to come out of this as a stronger WI.

We look forward to welcoming 'old' members back, and hopefully have some new members joining us in 2021. We usually meet at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Village Hall.

Happy Christmas from the WI Team and all the very best for 2021
More information can be obtained from: Sylvia Prior 01284 788049,
Janet Wakerley 01284 787419, Kath Hopper 01284787449

Gt Barton Primary Academy

Autumn has been a challenging term, with all of the new restrictions, guidelines and risk assessments we have had to put into place to ensure a safe, full re-opening for all. I cannot thank every single member of staff enough for their hard work and dedication towards making this a success. It is such a pleasure to have all of the children back in school, they really do brighten up the day. A huge thank you to all of the parents too for their support and patience this term with all of the new changes.

Hello Yellow - In October we had a wellbeing week, where children were taught about the 5 steps to wellbeing. Step 5 is giving to others. We came to school dressed in yellow to raise funds for Young Minds UK #HelloYellow; raising a total of £502.30!

Harvest Festival - We celebrated Harvest festival this year, by collecting products for Storehouse in Bury St Edmunds.

Sports - The school received an award this term for recognition of our support, commitment and engagement of the sport's partnership's virtual program during lockdown. Although we can no longer meet other schools for competitions (or even other bubbles in our school), we are still participating in a range of competitions. We won the Partnership's rugby challenge, 607 pupils across the partnership took part, by being the school with the most participants (175 pupils). In the cross country event 3 children in the school won a medal: a bronze (Seth in year 2), silver (Dylan in year 4) and gold (Lucy in year 6). Approximately 1,878 pupils took part, so this was a great achievement! Our reception children have also completed their Balance Bike training this term.

Gt Barton Primary Academy – request for Governors

If you, or someone you know, is interested, in becoming part of the governing body, please get in touch. We are particularly interested in the skills or experience below. Please get in touch with Tim Coleman, our Chair of Governors, or Mrs Ratley, the Headteacher, via admin@greatbarton.suffolk.sch.uk to arrange a discussion. Skills and Experience: Knowledge of finance, strategy, education or mental, health and wellbeing.

Gt Barton Primary Academy – DIY SOS

Could you help Great Barton C of E Primary School with our very own DIY SOS? The school is the much-loved hub of this community-spirited village, but it was built for far fewer children and is bursting at the seams.

We are lucky enough to have a large bungalow on site, which used to be the caretaker's quarters, but it is water damaged and in urgent need of repair. If we refurbished it, we could provide the school with an arts hub, a cookery classroom, a wellbeing room, a workshop space and a huge outdoor learning facility. There would be so many benefits for the health and happiness of our staff and pupils. We are looking for donations of skills, willing hands and materials from individuals and businesses. If you think you could help:

email: gbgovernors@gmail.com Thank you

Parish Council meeting dates 2021

18 th January	19 th July
15 th February	*16 th August-if needed*
15 th March	20 th September
19 th April	11 th October
17 th May	15 th November
21 st June	13 th December

Planning Committee meeting dates for 2021 can be found here:

<http://greatbarton.suffolk.cloud/parish-council/planning-2/>

Great Barton on Facebook

There are two active Great Barton groups on Facebook which are open to anyone with an interest in the village:

Great Barton Community

Enter 'Great Barton' in the search box on your homepage or go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/gtbartoninfo?fref=ts>

Great Barton Emergency Response

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/391717411180942/>

Great Barton Parish Council

greatbarton.suffolk.cloud/parish-council/

Parish Council meetings are held remotely each month via zoom, commencing at 7.15pm.

Public Sessions are available for Parishioners to raise matters in which they are interested. Please contact the clerk for an invitation to the meeting and a zoom trial if required.

Notice of all Parish Council Meetings and any other important Parish Council information is posted regularly on the Parish Council notice boards: outside the Post Office in The Street, by the Thurston Road mailbox, at the Mill Road/Livermere Road crossroads, outside the Primary School on School Road and on the website.

If you would like to receive village updates, please email the Parish Clerk: Mrs Linda Harley, 6 Garden Close, Great Barton, IP31 2SY Email: infogbpc@gmail.com

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Peter Fisk	01359 231382	Andy Baker	01359 352088