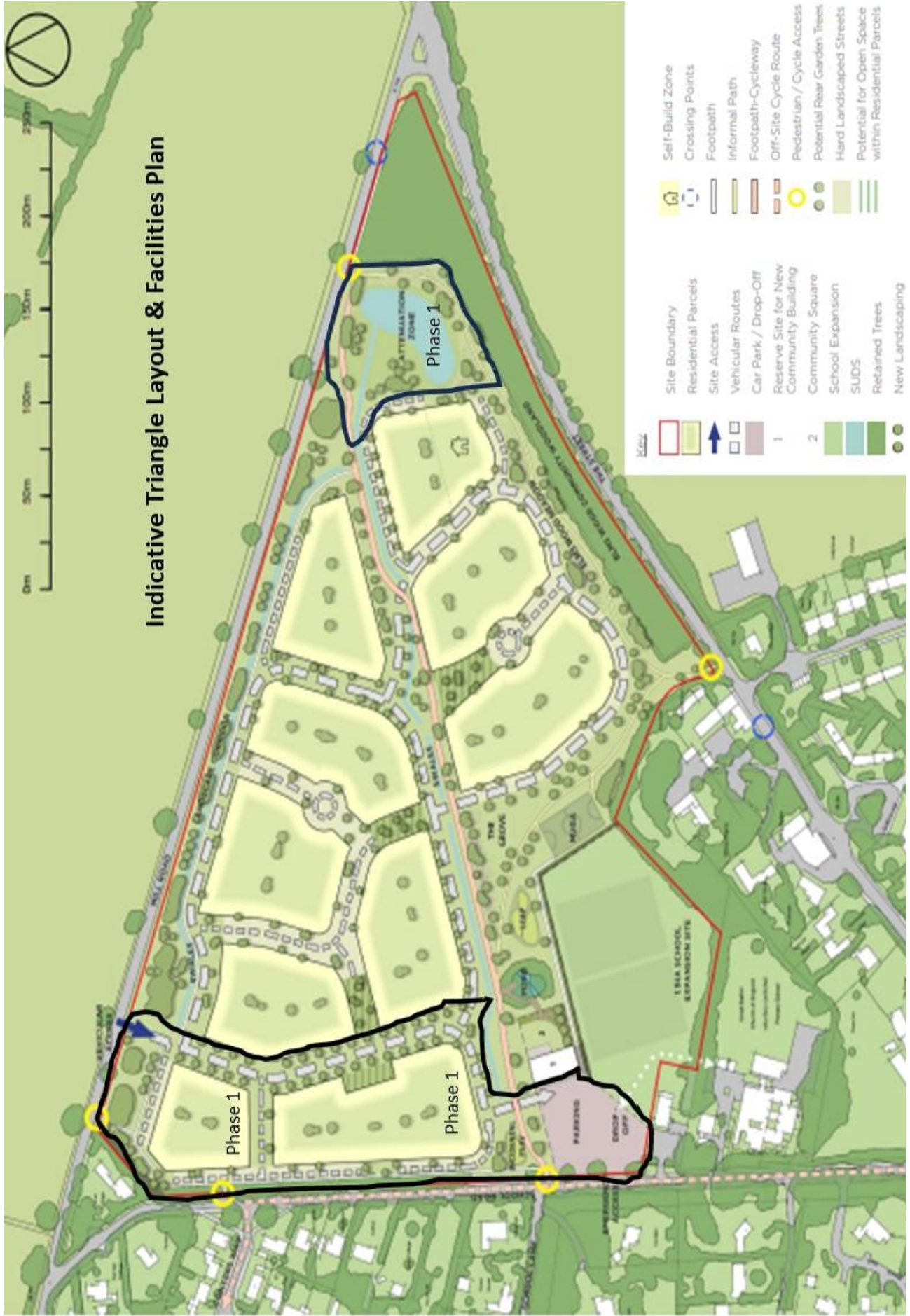


Great Barton Newsletter



Winter 2024

Holy Innocents Church,
Photography by Bob Butler



The image above has been taken from the adopted Development Brief and I have outlined the 1st Phase of development in black which identifies the Car Park/Drop-Off, and Attenuation Zone which will take surplus water from the initial 40 homes. Philip Reeve, Chairman of The Triangle Taskforce

Parish Council

November 2024 -- Update on The Triangle Development

In March 2023 I provided a brief and hopefully a concise history of development since 2010 of the Triangle, (the area between Mill Road, A143 The Street and School Road), that came forward for development. In November 2022 a draft Development Brief, prepared on behalf of West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, was the subject of a public consultation. The Newsletter of March 2023 stated the numerous concerns within the Development Brief, and this can be located within the dedicated area for The Triangle development on the Parish website: <https://greatbarton-pc.gov.uk/the-triangle-development/>

On 5 November 2024 the Cabinet Committee of West Suffolk Council decided to adopt a slightly revised Development Brief as informal planning guidance. On behalf of the Parish Council, The Triangle Taskforce expressed profound concern that the Development Brief does not give sufficient regard to the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. The 150 dwellings stated in the Neighbourhood Plan have never been subject to the normal respected processes of viability for an adopted planning document. Consequently, the increase in the number of houses from 150 to between 184-191 has not been sufficiently justified. The land set aside for Community uses is less than 2 hectares. No community buildings such as a convenience shop, Post office or coffee shop will be provided by the developer, with only a space reserved for a future build. Sarah Broughton, our District Councillor and local resident Elaine Read also expressed their concerns.

The Academy Trust and the staff of Great Barton Primary School also have concerns that the proposals within the Development Brief for the Car Park/Drop-Off and the MUGA (Multi Use Games Arena) facilities do not meet the needs of the school. The Academy Trust and School staff are concerned that the proposed locations of these facilities, along with the additional 1.1 hectares for a possible expansion of the school, will not be satisfactorily integrated.

New Year 2025:-

Barley Homes (a house builder company owned by West Suffolk Council) will be submitting an Outline Planning Application for the whole site in the New Year, together with a detailed Planning Application for Phase 1, which will include 40 homes alongside School Road and will have its' access/egress off Mill Road. This Phase 1 build will also include a Car Park and Drop-Off for pupils attending the Primary School to relieve the congestion on School Road and the adjoining roads. This facility will also assist with future proofing our Primary School when it comes to its' expansion.

When the planning application is submitted this will be our best and last chance to influence:-

- Access and egress to the development,
- The connectivity of footpaths and cycleways within and beyond the development,
- The housing layout within a landscape setting,
- The housing design, building materials and architectural details,
- The incidental play areas.

If you have views on the design of The Triangle over and above the points stated, please do make sure that you comment on the Planning Applications when they are published on West Suffolk Council's Planning Website.

Information about The Triangle Development has been put onto the Parish Council website and we will update the information when the planning applications have been submitted.

We will still have the opportunity to influence the design - the adopted Development Brief is there only as guidance.

I would very much like to thank members of The Triangle Taskforce for their continuing endeavours to achieve a development that compliments the character of our village. Also, the Parish Council in providing the financial resources to contract with professional services to support the work of The Triangle Taskforce in our efforts to acquire the amenities/facilities and homes in a green setting.

Philip Reeve
Chairman of The Triangle Taskforce

News from the Chair

Well, here we are again time has passed quickly. This is the last newsletter before Christmas. The Parish Council has been working hard in the parish on your behalf. Thank you to the Parish Councillors both new and old. Special thanks to David Clarke for all his hard work whilst serving the Parish Council as he has decided to stop being a Parish Councillor. This does mean there are vacancies for 3 councillors please give it some thought, if you have the time and energy we would welcome you.

The main thing has been the change to the bus route through the village. Simmonds the bus company have been taken over by Vectare Buses, they have decided that the route through Livermere Road is not financially viable for them and removed this service. It is not safe for children to be waiting for the school bus on the A143 in either direction. It is also unhelpful to the older residents in the village to walk from Livermere Road to the A143. It's a long walk through the village especially if you have shopping bags, walking sticks and rough pavements. If people don't have friends and family to help then they have lost their independence, which when you are old is terrible. To sign the petition either go to [change.org](https://www.change.org) and go to the Great Barton bus petition or find it on the Parish website. The Parish Council will continue to campaign for reinstatement for the children's and older resident's use. Villages are poorly served by public transport.

I have no update on The Severals housing (by the railway bridge), I am waiting to hear what is going to happen there.

As you will see from the Triangle development update on pages 2 and 3 the Triangle Taskforce have been working very hard on behalf of our village. I would like to thank Philip Reeve and Vivien Bodner for their tireless work to get the best we can out of this. The Parish Council will continue to support them and get the best for the village.

A meeting was held to discuss the proposals for Elm Meadow which is the 71.9 acre field between Ice Pits Wood, the A143 and Cox Lane. This is land owned by Suffolk County Farms, the tenancy came to an end in October 2023 and they have retired the land from agricultural use. Suffolk County Councils 'Carbon Negative Nature Positive' programme have created a design that will create a community asset and to enhance biodiversity on the land. It will provide a footpath between Cox Lane, Icepits Wood and the Bridleway to Green Lane.

They will provide habitat types, woodland, scrub, species rich grassland, hedgerow a community orchard. There will be a wood land along the A143 with native species. This will not be maintained at Great Barton Parish Council expense. This is an ongoing project and I will keep you updated. The new footpath will be part of this.

The Forestry Commission came to advise them and they looked at Icepits Wood while they were here and I have been told it was a well-maintained wood.

During the first week in October Highways at Suffolk County Council carried out a survey at the junction of A143, Brand Road / Thurston Road (Bunbury Arms junction). This is because they are looking at making capacity/safety improvements. It is at the early stages of design feasibility; the survey will show how the junction is currently operating e.g. volumes/types of vehicle traffic, vehicle turning and pedestrian movements. This will help inform design development. The survey involved loops across each arm of the crossroads and CCTV to capture all relevant traffic and pedestrian data.

Unfortunately, there have been a few incidents of anti-social behaviour reported in the playground and playing fields. If you witness any anti-social behaviour, please report it to the police immediately. You can report incidents anonymously if you prefer.

War Memorial – many thanks to Malcolm Turnbull who has kindly volunteered to care for the War Memorial and clean when required.

See the advert in this edition of the newsletter for a Christmas lunch for the elderly in our Village, if you want to come put your name down as places are very limited this year. It will be in the Church Institute this year hence the limited space.

The Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning is on the 7th December 2024 please come and celebrate.

I have still been asking Suffolk County Council to skirt back footpaths, especially on the A 143 with the bus changes.

I really haven't got any moans except the usual speeding and dog poo this time.

I WILL WISH YOU ALL SEASON'S GREETINGS AND HOPE YOU HAVE A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL TIME.

Maggie.

Recreation ideas for young and old alike

Two of your Parish Councillors, Jenny and Elaine, recently embarked on an adventurous morning visiting neighbouring villages to explore the facilities available for teenagers and adults. Their mission was to gather inspiration and ideas that could enhance recreational options in our own village.

One village stood out with great amenities, including a playground, an outdoor gym, and a tennis court —

all designed to encourage active lifestyles and social interaction.

Now, we want to hear from you! What kind of recreational facilities or activities would you like to be considered in our village? Whether it's sports facilities, creative spaces, or something completely unique, your input is invaluable.

Please share your thoughts and suggestions with your Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk, their email address and telephone numbers are in this publication. Together, we can create spaces that truly meet the needs of our residents.

Let's shape the future of our community — one idea at a time!



Suffolk News

<https://www.suffolknews.co.uk>

Residents and councillors raise concerns over 'dangerous' crossroads between Mill Road and Livermere Road, in Great Barton, near Bury St Edmunds, following two crashes days apart

Some of The residents will be aware that there have been two recent accidents at the Mill Road/Livermere Road Crossroads on Thursday 24th October & 27th respectively - (a notorious accident spot for many years).

Great Barton Parish can report Suffolk News have published an article and that the matter has been raised to a Cabinet Member by Beccy Hopfensperger.

We look forward to Suffolk County Council taking some positive action to improve visibility, road marking and signage.



Some members of the parish council, including Gwyn James (left), Elaine Read, Jenny Stone and Maggie Dunn



Parish Council

JOIN OUR VILLAGE EMAIL SERVICE NOW

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the relaunch of a regular email communication to keep you informed about village news. These updates will cover topics such as planning for the Triangle Development, any known road closures and repairs, and other information that we feel may be of interest to our community.

If you'd like to receive these updates, please email the Parish Clerk with your details. Your consent will be required for us to store your personal data, and all GDPR regulations will be strictly adhered to.

We look forward to keeping you updated!



Launch of 2024 rural transport survey

Suffolk County Council's rural transport team would value your help in completing the 2024 rural transport survey. The survey is open until **30 November** and aims to gather feedback which will shape the future of rural transport services. There is a link to the online survey on the home page of Parish Council website or you access it by viewing on Suffolk County Council's website.

Closes on 30th November so hurry

New Bus Route Timetable

An update on the changes to the bus routes with in Great Barton

As you are aware Simonds ceased running the 304/338/337 bus routes as of 2nd of September they had become commercially unviable, the Parish Council was not informed. Your Parish Council have been working with Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger on a petition which shows the strength of feeling about the lack of bus on the routes. As a member of the Parish Council task force (save our buses) she has asked for feedback on whether the current routes are working well or not and particularly whether the 73 has alleviated the overcrowding issue on the 70 & 70a. Please forward your comments to the Clerk by either emailing clerk@greatbarton-pc.gov.uk or calling 07596 868600. There are various options being proposed to help rural village bus routes one being a bid to obtain funding for a Bus Improvement Programme to extend and enhance the 70, 70a and 73, we will of course update you with further information when it is available.



New Bus Route Timetable

70 70A SUMMARY TIMETABLE

Diss > Botesdale > Stanton > Ixworth > Great Barton > Bury St Edmunds

MONDAY TO FRIDAY | Except Bank Holidays

Buses towards Bury St Edmunds	70	70A	70	70	70	70	70	70A	70	70
Diss, Bus Station	06:40	07:30	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:45	16:30	17:40
Diss, Railway Station	06:43	07:33	09:33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:48	16:33	17:43
Palgrave, Church	06:47	07:37	09:37	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:52	16:37	17:47
Wortham, School	06:51	07:41	09:41	10:41	11:41	12:41	13:41	14:56	16:41	17:51
Botesdale, Simonds Court	06:56	07:46	09:46	10:46	11:46	12:46	13:46	15:01	16:46	17:56
Rickinghall, Church	06:59	07:49	09:49	10:49	11:49	12:49	13:49	15:04	16:49	17:59
Wattisfield, The Street	07:03	07:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	15:08	16:53	18:03
Stanton, Memorial	07:08	07:58	09:58	10:58	11:58	12:58	13:58	15:13	16:58	18:08
Ixworth, Village Hall	07:16	08:06	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:21	17:06	18:16
Thurston, Community College		08:16						15:31		
Great Barton, A143 Bus Shelter	07:26	08:26	10:16	11:16	12:16	13:16	14:16	15:41	17:16	18:26
Bury St Edmunds, Railway Station	07:35	08:35	10:25	11:25	12:25	13:25	14:25	15:50	17:25	18:35
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station (Stand 14)	07:40	08:40	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:55	17:30	18:40
Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk College	-	08:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Buses towards Diss	70	70A	70	70	70	70	70	70	70A	70A	70	70
Bury St Edmunds, St Benedicts Catholic School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16:15	-	-
Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16:20	-	-
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station (Stand 14)	-	08:10	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:15	15:30	16:30	17:45	18:45
Bury St Edmunds, Railway Station	-	08:13	09:33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:18	15:33	16:33	17:48	18:48
Great Barton, A143 Bus Shelter	-	08:21	09:41	10:41	11:41	12:41	13:41	14:26	15:41	16:41	17:56	18:56
Thurston, Community College	-	08:31							15:51	16:51		
Ixworth, Village Hall	-	08:41	09:51	10:51	11:51	12:51	13:51	14:36	16:01	17:01	18:06	19:06
Stanton, Memorial	-	08:48	09:58	10:58	11:58	12:58	13:58	14:43	16:08	17:08	18:13	19:13
Wattisfield, The Street	-	08:53	10:03	11:03	12:03	13:03	14:03	14:48	16:13	17:13	18:18	19:18
Rickinghall, Church	07:05	08:57	10:07	11:07	12:07	13:07	14:07	14:52	16:17	17:17	18:22	19:22
Botesdale, Simonds Court	07:07	09:00	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	14:55	16:20	17:20	18:25	19:25
Wortham, School	07:11	09:08	10:18	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:03	16:28	17:28	18:33	19:33
Palgrave, Church	07:17	09:13	10:23	11:23	12:23	13:23	14:23	15:08	16:33	17:33	18:38	19:38
Diss, Station Road (for Railway Station)	07:22	09:18	10:28	11:28	12:28	13:28	14:28	15:13	16:38	17:38	18:43	19:43
Diss, Bus Station	07:25	09:20	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:15	16:40	17:40	18:45	19:45

73 SUMMARY TIMETABLE

Garboldisham > Bardwell > Stanton > Thurston > Bury St Edmunds

MONDAY TO FRIDAY | Except Bank Holidays

Buses towards Bury St Edmunds	73	73	73	Buses towards Garboldisham	73	73	73	73
Garboldisham, Fox Inn	07:15	09:15	11:15	Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station (Stand 5)	09:15	11:15	13:15	16:15
Hopton, Post Office	07:18	09:18	11:18	West Suffolk College	09:18	11:18	13:18	16:18
Market Weston, Village Hall	07:20	09:20	11:20	Beeton's Way, St Benedicts' Catholic School	09:20	11:20	13:20	16:20
Coney Weston, The Swan	07:24	09:24	11:24	Great Barton, Bunbury Avenue	09:26	11:26	13:26	16:26
Barningham, Royal George	07:26	09:26	11:26	Thurston, Community College	09:33	11:33	13:33	16:33
Bardwell, Tithe Barn	07:32	09:32	11:32	Pakenham, The Fox	09:38	11:38	13:38	16:38
Stanton, Hilltop Way	07:35	09:35	11:35	Stowlangtoft, Church	09:42	11:42	13:42	16:42
Stanton, Memorial	07:40	09:40	11:40	Badwell Ash, Village Hall	09:48	11:48	13:48	16:48
<i>Bus 70 departs Stanton for Diss:</i>	-	09:58	11:58	Walsham Le Willows, Six Bells	09:52	11:52	13:52	16:52
<i>Bus 70 departs Stanton for Bury St Edmunds:</i>	07:58	09:58	11:58	<i>Bus 70 arrives Stanton from Diss:</i>	09:58	11:58	13:58	16:58
Walsham Le Willows, Six Bells	07:48	09:48	11:48	<i>Bus 70 arrives Stanton from Bury St Edmunds:</i>	09:58	11:58	13:58	-
Badwell Ash, Village Hall	07:52	09:52	11:52	Stanton, Memorial	10:00	12:00	14:00	17:00
Stowlangtoft, Church	07:58	09:58	11:58	Stanton, Hilltop Way	10:05	12:05	14:05	17:05
Pakenham, The Fox	08:02	10:02	12:02	Bardwell, Tithe Barn	10:08	12:08	14:08	17:08
Thurston, Community College	08:07	10:07	12:07	Barningham, Royal George	10:14	12:14	14:14	17:14
Great Barton, Bunbury Avenue	08:14	10:12	12:12	Coney Weston, The Swan	10:16	12:16	14:16	17:16
Beeton's Way, St Benedicts' Catholic School	08:24	10:19	12:19	Market Weston, Village Hall	10:20	12:20	14:20	17:20
West Suffolk College	08:26	10:21	12:21	Hopton, Post Office	10:22	12:22	14:22	17:22
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station (Stand 5)	08:30	10:24	12:24	Garboldisham, Fox Inn	10:25	12:25	14:25	17:25



**Great Barton Parish Council
in partnership with Meeting
Point invite our elderly
residents within the village
to come together for a
festive community
Christmas lunch on
Wednesday 11th December
in the Church Institute**

**Please contact Amanda Jackson
to book your place by 28/11/24**

07596 868600

clerk@greatbarton-pc.gov.uk

Please note places are limited

GREAT BARTON THANKSGIVING FUND

VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS

Monday, 25th November 2024

At

7.30 p.m. in the Annexe

YOU



Open to the general public
You are most welcome to join us for the
Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall
Management Committee
followed by light refreshments – we are always
looking for local residents to help with
ideas and events.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE

MORNING

7TH DECEMBER 10 - 12.30

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

RAFFLE

GUESS WEIGHT CHRISTMAS CAKE

VARIOUS STALLS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

AND OF COURSE, COFFEE AND MINCE PIES



Community Events and Clubs

Great Barton Film Night

Forthcoming Dates:

Saturday 16th November

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
cert 12 2003

Saturday 18th January

Swede Caroline cert 15 2023

Saturday 15th February

Misbehaviour cert 12 2019

Saturday 15th March

The Boat That Rocked cert 15 2008

Public admission £4.00

Doors open 7.00pm

Children (under 16) £2.00

Film Show starts 7.30pm

GBFN.OneSuffolk.net

Tea, coffee and Ice-creams available.

These shows are open to anyone and everyone – just turn up and pay on the door or to reserve tickets call: Maggie Redshaw 01284 788397



Holy Innocents Christmas "A QUIET AND PEACEFUL PLACE AT CHRISTMAS TIDE"



Our Parish Church is especially beautiful at Christmas - with many decorated trees lit throughout the Season.

Will you join village organizations, schools and families to set-up a tree to provide a special retreat of peace and quiet in the midst of the hustle and bustle?

From Sunday 15th December

The theme for 2024 is:

"The Bells Ring Out the Glad Tidings: Christ is Born!"

For information: Linda Scoles
(01359) 230392 or lindascoles@uwclub.net

Community Events and Clubs

Great Barton Bowls Club

We are a friendly club with an excellent green, clubhouse, and bar. Whether you are new to the game or have played before we think you will enjoy our club.



If you have not played before we offer a free taster session where bowls will be provided. You will only need flat shoes to play on the green. Thereafter, if you decide to join, coaching will be available to help you on your way to participate in this enjoyable game.

We offer the following facilities:-

- Tuesday coffee mornings and friendly games and practice sessions in the summer season.
- Participation in various leagues for the more experienced players.
- Friday evening practice sessions when the bar will also be open for a social get together.
- Various Friday evening fun social events in the winter season (September to mid-April). For example, Friday 18th October, 2024 will be Crib and Board Games Night.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact:-

Club Secretary: Richard Weller 07488349229

Website: greatbartonbowlsclub.webnode.com

Or come and see us on Tuesday mornings from 10am.

Great 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 for 2025. We meet in the Great Barton Village Hall Annex at 2.30pm on the above Tuesdays. If you would like to come and visit us you would be very welcome, either with a view to joining us as a member for £10.00 per year, or as a guest. We usually charge guests £3.00 per visit. There will be a list of our up-and-coming speakers pinned on the Village Hall notice board.

We have a break from May until September but we traditionally have a Summer outing.

If you think you would be interested in visiting us or even joining the Club, please come along to one of our meetings.

Jane Bream. Secretary.

Contact Details:

Email: J.bream711@btinternet.com

Tel: 01284 702336

Mob: 07947595620

Womens Institutes

Ladies, if you have recently moved to Great Barton and want to become part of the community and make new friends, have young children and would like to escape for an evening once a month, or have retired and want to keep active within the community you might like to consider joining the Great Barton Womens Institute (WI).

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. We strive to provide interesting talks by various speakers on a wide range of topics, interspersed with craft evenings, quizzes etc.

Octobers fun - Ladies that Lunch

16 ladies met at our monthly gathering in October at The Bunbury Arms for coffee and cake. My what a lovely morning, everyone was very welcoming and the service excellent. We chose our beverages which ranged from cappuccino to tea and everything in between and then lovely carrot cake was brought to the table, closely followed by cranberry scones, jam and cream and just when we thought we were finished chocolate eclairs arrived, well what can I say you had to give them a go. We had a great morning, a lot of chatter and generally catching up on gossip, by midday it was time to go. Well hats off to the Bunbury they did us proud and we shall be back very soon.



Our next event is making Christmas tree decorations in support of the annual Christmas Tree Event held at Holy Innocents Church in November.

Our programme for the next few months is as under:

5th December 2024

Christmas Meal – Members only.

2nd January 2025

Talk entitled "Bee Resourceful"
to be given by Lewis Turner

6th February 2025

Open Meeting
"Hearing Dogs for the Deaf" Margo Harrison
(non-members welcome both men and women)

6th March 2025

Social Meeting

3rd April 2025

"Farming & Conservation in Suffolk"

We look forward to welcoming you.

For further information please contact:
secretarygbwi@btinternet.com

Community Events and Clubs

Great Barton Computer Club

This is a Computer Club for everybody from people who are new to computers to those of more advanced knowledge. Everybody is welcome.

We have Teaching Meetings and Work Shops, on two or more Mondays in the month. These vary from Laptops, iPad and Mobile Phone sessions.

There is also an opportunity to speak to somebody, at the meetings, during the tea break, if you have a specific problem.

Please feel free to come and visit us to see what we get up to and maybe, if you like what you see, even join the Club. We meet in the Gt. Barton Village Hall starting at 2.00pm.

You can visit our web site at: -
<http://gbcc.onesuffolk.net>
Tony Sandbach Treasurer.
j.bream711@btinternet.com

You can visit our web site at: -
<https://gbcc.onesuffolk.net>

Jane Bream. Treasurer

j.bream711@btinternet.com



THE MEETING POINT COMMUNITY CAFÉ

OPENING TIME

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 11.00AM – 1.30PM

All Welcome!

A Great place to meet up with friends for lunch or to relax and enjoy a Tea or Coffee with a slice of Cake.



Come and join us for
FREE Tea and Coffee.

We also serve
Homemade Cakes,
freshly prepared lunches
to order.



Baked.



GREAT BARTON LUNCHEON CLUB

We are a Luncheon Club which meets at
Great Barton Village Hall
on the second Friday of each Month
(except in August).

Members are welcomed with either a glass of sherry or fruit juice and served with a two course meal, followed by tea or coffee, at a cost of **£5.00 per person** (plus a very small yearly membership fee)

We are a very friendly and welcoming group. If you are 55 years or over and live in Great Barton and would like to join us, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact: **Cindy Morgan**
01284 788487
cynthiamorgan249@btinternet.com

Great Barton Village Hall



Village Hall Management Committee

If you would like to hire the hall please contact:

Diana Silverstone

diana.74@hotmail.co.uk

<http://greatbartonvh.onesuffolk.net/>

The Hall committee is always looking for people willing to help with hall management.

ART Group

We are a friendly, long established group of artists, of varying abilities. We meet on Wednesdays at The Freedom Church (Mill Road) between 10am and 2pm during school terms. We enjoy the camaraderie, help and inspiration that we get from our small group.

From time to time we've had demonstrations from professional artists, booked models for portraits and enjoyed the occasional excursion to paint or draw outside. If you love painting or drawing and have some experience, joining our group might be a great way to further your talents and make new friends.

If you would like to know more about us we'd love to meet you. Why not drop in to The Freedom Church on a Wednesday morning for a chat where there's also an excellent café!

Alternatively, you can email us: cherylsalvage@gmail.com or phone Cheryl on 01284 787712.

Church Information

Church Institute

The Church Institute is a lovely venue, available for private and regular club bookings. It is also available for parties, celebrations, wedding receptions, funeral wakes and other general use.

For prices and enquiries please contact:
Linda Scoles 01359 230392 or Reverend Ben Edwards at revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com

Montana Service Times

Montana on East Barton Road has a Roman Catholic mass at the following times:

Sunday 10.30 am

Weekdays (Mon-Fri) 8.15am

FREEDOM CHURCH



*A heart for the
community
A place where God
dwells*

Church Officers

Vicar: Reverend Ben Edwards

Email: revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com

Churchwardens:

Tim Frost 01284 787442

Angela Pearce 01359 230395

Verger:

Linda Scoles 01359 230392

Pcc Secretary:

Jane Dalton 01284 788613

Treasurer

Kathy Drakes 01284 787746

Holy Innocents Church

www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk

Our on-line magazine can be found on our website:

<http://themessengergtbarton.suffolk.cloud>

The Church Facebook pages:

Holy Innocents: <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Innocents-Church-Great-Barton685807921585678/>

St Peter's:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Church-Thurston-1790473917903849/>

Message from Revd Benjamin Edwards

One of the best parts of being a priest is the wonderful array of people you meet, from all walks of life and with a variety of different personalities, skills, talents and experiences.

I've met people who have been on expeditions to uncharted areas of Brazil. I've met a Scottish man who is walking to every city in Britain and spoke fluent Latin. I've met Royalty, I've met a 'suspension artist' (Warning! Google at your peril!), newsreaders, amazing people who run charities that just happened because they had an idea and saw it through, people of all faiths and backgrounds.

So many people that bring a wealth of different perspectives and experiences – I love to hear their stories and insights, celebrate their joys and commiserate their sorrows. They become part of the richness of our lives, either fleetingly or as a regular part of our milieu. They may start as strangers, but they needn't stay strangers for long.

One of the callings of the Christian faith is to welcome the stranger – to provide hospitality, fellowship and care to those who are new to our community. In fact, it's one of the central tenets of the faith.

In the midst of much new home building in our area, amongst the real concerns of lack of infrastructure, loss of

green space, environmental concern and changing face of villages, there is also the joy of welcoming new people to our communities – people hoping to find a place to settle – young people buying their first house together, young families hoping for a safe community to raise children, older people moving away from cities ready for retirement. All these people have their own experiences, skills, talents and personalities waiting to be discovered and shared, waiting to become part of these communities. Despite all of the concerns that many quite rightly have about new housing popping up, there is the wonderful opportunity of meeting and getting to know new people, and welcoming them with kindness and friendliness as they help to shape the future of the communities

I wonder what stories they will bring? What will they add to our common lives together? Will they be a blessing or a lesson? And how might we show them the welcome we would hope to receive were it us arriving?

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."

The Rev'd Fr Benjamin Edwards
Vicar of Great Barton & Thurston

Great Barton and Thurston Benefice Services

November 2024

- Sunday 3rd November:** All Age Communion, All Saints at Holy Innocents at 10.30am
Benefice Service, 'All Souls', at St Peter's at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 6th November:** Holy Communion (CW) at Montana at Gt Barton at 11.15am
- Sunday 10th November:** Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's at 8.30am
Service of Remembrance, at St Peter's War Memorial at 10.45am
Service of Remembrance, at Holy Innocents War Memorial at 10.45am
- Wednesday 13th November:** Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 10.30am
- Sunday 17th November:** Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's, Thurston at 8.30am
Together Family Church at The Primary Academy, at 10.00am
Benefice Communion Service, at Holy Innocents, at 10.30am
Evensong at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 20th November:** Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am
- Sunday 24th November:** Benefice Sung Eucharist, at St Peter's at 10.30am
Evensong at St Peter's, Thurston at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 27th November:** Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 10.30am

December 2024

- Sunday 1st December:** Benefice Service, Sung Eucharist, at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am
Advent Carol Service at Holy Innocents at 5.00pm
- Wednesday 4th December:** Holy Communion (CW) at Montana at 11.15am
- Sunday 8th December:** Benefice Service, Sung Eucharist, at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am
- Wednesday 11th December:** Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am
- Thursday 12th December:** ATC Carol Service at St Peter's at 7.00pm
- Sunday 15th December:** Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's at 8.30am
Together Family Church Thurston at St Peter's for Christmas.
(Together Family Church take over St Peter's at 10.00am)
Holy Communion at Holy Innocents Church at 10.30am
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Holy Innocents at 6.00pm
- Wednesday 18th December:** Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 10.30am
- Friday 20th December:** Carols by Candlelight at St Peter's Church at 7.00pm
- Sunday 22nd December:** Holy Communion at St Peter's at 10.30am
- Tuesday 24th December:** Crib Service at St Peter's, Thurston at 2.00pm
Crib Service at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 4.00pm
Midnight Mass at St Peter's, Thurston at 11.30pm
Midnight Mass at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 11.30pm
- Wednesday 25th December:** Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's at 8.30am
Christmas Morning Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's, at 10.00am
Christmas Morning Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents, at 10.00am
- Sunday 29th December:** Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's at 8.30am
Holy Communion Patronal Service at Holy Innocents Church at 10.30am

(CW Common Worship, BCP Book of Common Prayer)

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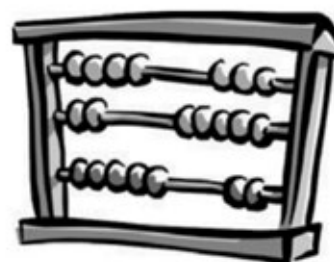
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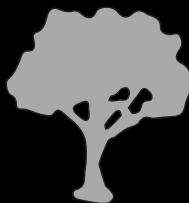
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