# Great Barton Pays Tribute to HM Queen Elizabeth II













# A Statement from the Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Maggie Dunn on the death of Her Majesty the Queen:

Great Barton Parish Council is deeply saddened at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during this historic year which marked the Queen's 70th Anniversary as our Monarch.

Her Majesty was known throughout the world for her tireless and steadfast service and devotion to her people. The 70 years of Her Majesty's reign have seen some of the most profound changes in human history and throughout all of this, Her Majesty has been a constant symbol of hope for people around the world, but most particularly here in Britain.

Most of us alive today will not know life without Her Majesty, as our Head of State and it is right that we come together as a nation to pay tribute and remember this beloved Monarch.

On behalf of Great Barton Parish Council, I express our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Royal family at this very sad time.

Details of how to show your personal respects using a physical and/or virtual condolence book, flower tributes and details of the Reading of the Proclamation of Accession are available here;

https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/hmthequeen.cfm

A Book of Condolence for the memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth is now open in the Lady Chapel of Holy Innocents Church, Great Barton, which shall be open until 6pm each evening.

Maggie Dunn

The celebration newsletter had already been prepared prior to HM The Queen's death. As our jubilee events were such a wonderful celebration of her, her life and her service, we think it is a fitting thank you to a monarch who was an example to us all.





# **Great Barton**Newsletter

Autumn Edition
September 2022







#### **Editorial**

e hope that you have managed to keep cool during this unprecedented hot summer. Maybe by the time you receive your copy of the Autumn edition the heat will be just a distant past?

Those who took part in the Jubilee celebrations thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so please do read Maggie's update. This edition also contains a colour centre pull-out of pictures taken during the Jubilee celebrations in June . Don't miss the write up from some of our senior residents regarding the fun they had at the Jubilee events.

Another important piece of information included in this edition is regarding the Speedwatch initiative. Gwynn, a member of the Parish Council, has explained it fully in his article on Page 18

Our next edition will be the winter edition so if you have any Christmas events you wish to publicise we will be happy to receive your articles. Lets make it a bumper edition!

The deadlines for the next editions are:

13th November 2022 28th February 2023 15th May 2023 15th August 2023

If you have a particular subject you are an expert in, we would be delighted to have your article, or alternatively we would be happy to give you a ring to talk to you about it, and then write it on your behalf.

Send your articles to the Editor . editorgbpcnewsletter@gmail.com

Jan Butler

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# Great Barton Emergency Operations Team

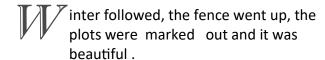
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#### **News From the Community Groups**

In the beginning, ten years ago, all was field.







hen people took up their plots and a community was formed.



uring the past ten years there have been many ups and downs, people have come and gone, some have stayed and the allotments continue to develop. Some contribute without having a plot and we thank those people, but the Allotments are particularly indebted to Melvin Crissell for not only creating our beautiful original sign but for crafting a new sign to mark our 10th Anniversary. Each new year brings it's own challenges, whether it's the bitterly cold, easterly wind in spring or the scorching temperatures of a record-breaking summer. Our community continues to thrive and grow, reliant on it's own resourcefulness and will hopefully do so for many years to come.

#### **News from the Community Groups**



#### **GREAT BARTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Forthcoming Events for 2022

Thursday September 1st 7.30pm ...... Craft Workshop.

We made a Christmas Table Decoration in a Bottle (It's never too early to plan for Christmas!)

#### Thursday October 6th 7.30pm .......

#### Special Open Meeting.

One of our own members, Marie Smith will be speaking about her life and career as an Army Nurse. Marie has travelled with the army to various 'hotspots' around the world and her talk should be very interesting.

# Everyone in the village is welcome to attend (all genders)

Thursday November 3rd
7.30pm .....Entertainment by The
Stagecoach Singers.

#### Thursday December 1st ..... Christmas Meal

This will be followed by singing from the Voice Squad. (Members only meeting)

Visitors are very welcome to come and join us. Our meetings take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month unless stated otherwise. The entry fee is £4.00 for visitors and this

For further information please contact:

Penny Mecham on 01284 787408

Sylvia Prior on 01284 788049

Kath Hopper on 01284 787449

We look forward to seeing you.

#### Photos of recent WI activities

A volunteer from Bury Rickshaws came to talk to the WI and the ladies enjoyed a ride!





Cakes galore
were made for
the Jubilee
Coffee
Morning

#### 'Something Different!'

At our August Meeting we were entertained by the 'Burlesque Bombes, a group of WI ladies from the Chelmsford area who dress up in Burlesque costumes and perform at WI groups, country fairs, village fetes, car rallies etc all over the country in order to raise money for charity. They performed two dance routines for us and taught us how to 'bump, grind and shimmy'. It was a fun and very enjoyable evening with even our most



# GREAT BARTON LAWN BOWLS CLUB



Great Barton has a thriving bowls club, and we welcome new members of all ages. Our green is situated in East Barton Road and at present the summer season is in full swing.

Anyone wishing to take up the game should visit us. Most evenings of the week there is either a match, as we play in three different leagues on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, or a friendly roll up on Wednesday and Friday. Also, every Tuesday morning we have coffee morning followed by a roll up.

We have resident coaches and initially we can help you with equipment.

Social members are also welcome. We have a bar and outside the bowls season other social events take place usually on Friday night such as: Bingo, Carpet bowls, quiz night, speaker nights, card nights and darts night.

In the winter we also play in indoor leagues.

For more information visit our website: **Greatbartonbowlsclub.webnode.com** 

Or contact: Henny van Holland (secretary)

Tel: 01284 787242.

Email: hvholland@btinternet.com



#### **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 already for 2022, and we have now resumed our meetings in the Village Hall.

We meet at 2.30pm. on the above Tuesdays and if you would like to come and visit us you would be very welcome, either with a view to joining us at £10.00 per year, or as a guest.

We usually charge guests £3.00 per visit. There is a list of our up-and-coming speakers etc. pinned on the Village Hall notice board.

On September 6th. Our speaker will be Sarah Doig. She will be telling us about Basil Brown of Sutton Hoo fame. A recent film called The Dig, has made his name particularly well known.

Our 1st of November meeting, will begin with a very short A.G.M.! followed by a speaker.

Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker for November 1st this year has been diagnosed with a serious illness and can no longer give his lecture. So now Robert Halliday has agreed to come instead. He is a local Historical Lecturer and Researcher and has written several books on various subjects. He will be speaking to us, on this occasion, about the Billy Smith and Charley Eaton forgeries.

These two scoundrels were Victorian London riverside labourers who forged antiques. They weren't very clever but it took several years for some of their forgeries to be recognised for what they were. Sounds intriguing doesn't it. We would be pleased to see you there.

Jane Bream. Secretary.

Contact Details.

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#### **News from the Community Groups**

#### Great Barton Film Night





Forthcoming Programme

# There will be no film night in September

**Saturday 22nd October** 

The Duke 2020 Cert 12A

#### Saturday 19th November

Knives Out 2019 Cert 12

Future Film Nights are to be advised

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

#### **Great Barton Luncheon Club**

We are a luncheon club who meet at Great Barton Village Hall on the second Friday of each month (except in August).

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

If you are 55 years or over and live in Great Barton and would like to join us, we would be pleased to hear from you to put you on our waiting list.

Please contact:

Christine Johnson 01284 787687 Brenda Turner 01284 787654



The Jubilee breakfast was organised by the Luncheon Club, and what a feast it was!

Following the Jubilee , Maggie has suggested that we share some of the delicious recipes which were used at the various events.

Please send them in to the editor for publication in the next edition.

Could you write an article for our Winter Edition ? Please submit them to:

editorgbpcnewsletter@gmail.com

#### **News from the Community and Youth Groups**

# WE DISCOVER, WE GROW Girlguiding Bury St Edmunds St

#### Come and join in the fun!

The autumn term is upon us and young people are getting back into their routine of school and other activities. For many girls that includes Girlguiding. In

addition to the usual weekly meetings the summer term saw Brownies visiting West Suffolk Hive, Guides trying adventurous activities at a Give It A Go day and Rainbows celebrating the



Since we have been able to get back to our usual range of activities, waiting lists are beginning to grow again. We rely completely on adult

end of the year in Nowton Park. Plans are afoot now for an active autumn term.

volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more girls we can include and the greater the variety of activities we can offer within our meetings. Could this be for you?

Working with young people is a rewarding experience and you can be attached to any section. Our young members are between 4 and 18 years of age. Adult volunteers do not have to be uniformed leaders. You can be a Unit Helper, helping at weekly meetings and becoming as involved as you choose in planning and organisation. No qualification or training is needed to be a Unit Helper, but we would, of course, need to do safeguarding checks.

There are also opportunities for 16-18 year olds to join us as Young Leaders.

If you think you have something to offer, why not find out more about volunteering with Girlguiding on the website? www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Alternatively, you can contact us at <a href="mailto:suffolkcountycommissioner@gmail.com">suffolkcountycommissioner@gmail.com</a> or call 01284 787507



#### **Great Barton Scouts**



For information about **1st Great Barton Scout Group** visit their website

**Great Barton Scout Group** 





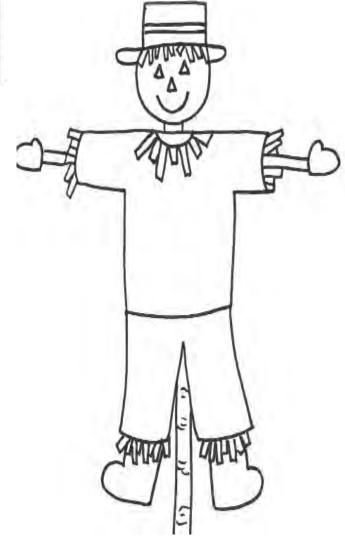
#### Fun for children



#### Sudoku

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	9					8		4
6	7			4		3	1	
2	4	1			7			6
		9	3		1	4		
7			4			5	8	1
	6	3		7			9	5
8		4			9		7.	
			1	2	3	6		

Design your own scarecrow



#### **Antonyms Search**

The penguins are here to puzzle you! Read the Word List given and draw a line through the word in the word search that is an antonym of the word in the list. Find the words in order.



Example: YOUNG = 0

Word List CLOUDY

OLD STAY ON SPRING CRY BALD WHISPER

HATE

Y L G M R W B H X D F Z R Q
S T B V S Y R C F J M L P C
U V H T D N J B T S K V M W
N D F Q Z C L A U G H P G N
N J P C K B L V R L A S T E
Y O U N G W A X P H I N K V
D G J R O F F S V K R W R O
F S M G N L Q T J B Y E L L
Q R Z F D X H B W R M G Y S



Write down the opposites for these words: day, clean, frown, hairy, whisper, cool, add, spring, happy. Can you think of more words to add to this list?

# Would you like to be the Local Recorder for:

### **Great Barton?**

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'.

A Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers

together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting <a href="www.slhc.org.uk">www.slhc.org.uk</a> to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact <a href="mailto:recorders@slhc.org.uk">recorders@slhc.org.uk</a>



#### **Village Hall Regular Events**

Not all groups meet every week , so please make contact with the Clubs



Mondays:	Tuesdays:	Wednesdays:	
Parish Council, Computer Club,	Second Chance, History	Tadpole Tunes,	
Pilates, U3A Happy Quilters,	Society, Badminton,	Linnet Investment,	
Wine Society	Dog Training	Pilates	
Thursdays:	Fridays:	Saturdays:	
Pilates, WI	U3A Patchwork,	Coeliac Society, Guide Dogs	
		Fundraisers, Film Night	
	Sundays:		
	Region 7, Tea Dances,	See page 22 for a full list of contact details	

#### **Village Information**

# Village Hall Management Committee

If you would like to hire the hall please contact:

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<a href="http://greatbartonvh.onesuffolk.net/">http://greatbartonvh.onesuffolk.net/</a>

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

#### **Bus Routes in Great Barton**

338 - Bury St Edmunds - Walsham-le-Willows -Market Weston - Diss

<u>304 - Bury St Edmunds - Great Barton - Ixworth - Stanton - Wortham - Diss</u>

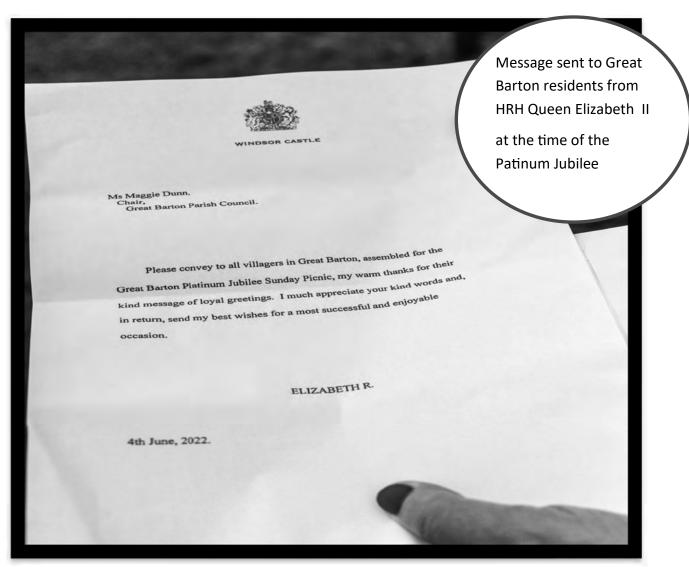
304 - Bury St Edmunds - Stanton - Diss

338 - Bury St Edmunds - Stanton - Garboldisham

<u>**2** - Southolt - Kenton - Westthorpe - Bury St</u> Edmunds

<u>300 - Bury St. Edmunds - Pakenham - Ixworth - Ixworth Thorpe</u>

Website: <u>Buses in Great Barton - View Bus Services</u> <u>and Stops (geopunk.co.uk)</u>



#### **Update from the Parish Council**

ell, I hope you have had a good Summer despite the heat and the very dry weather we have had. I know it is not everyone's cup of tea and sleeping has been very difficult, because of the weather, please be very careful with Barbecues and definitely no bonfires.

I want to take you back to the Jubilee Weekend and firstly I want to say thank you to the Jubilee committee: Peter Turner, Jean Campbell, Mick Brabrook, Diana Bilverstone, Peter Fisk and Jan Butler without them the event would not have gone ahead let alone been such a success. They put in a tremendous effort and I know they pulled in favours to make it a success. I would also like to thank their partners who also had to go an extra mile for the village.

I want to thank Preston and Sarah Andrews for their generosity in paying for the Jubilee Mugs for the children of the village The Jubilee Committee, the Parish Council and I were very grateful. Thank you also Preston, your mother and daughter for coming to the picnic on Sunday and presenting the mugs to the children that were there.

IF THERE ARE ANY CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED A MUG I HAVE A FEW LEFT AND ON A FIRST COME BASIS I WILL GET THEM TO YOU, LEAVE NAME AND ADDRESS IN THE VILLAGE AND A CONTACT NUMBER.

maggiedunn736@gmail.com

I also want to thank Air Vice Marshall David Murray CVO,OBE,DL. As a representative for the Queen, he planted an Oak Tree beside the Village Hall on the playing field to commemorate the Jubilee, a very fitting tribute to our Queen.

We had the Jubilee Torch relay at the School ably done by Peter Turner and Peter Fisk with the rickshaw from Bury St Edmunds. My thanks to everyone involved. The School also put on a cream tea for residents and the children served us very well. The children also provided the entertainment with singing, dancing and especially May Pole dancing, It was enjoyed by everyone and my thanks to Claire Ratley and everyone at Great Barton Primary Academy.

On the Thursday morning the WI ran a coffee morning that was very well attended. My special thanks to Elaine and Jennie who pulled it all together. It was a great success, and the cakes were very good as you would expect of the WI. The ginger cake was very good and reminded me of the ones we had when I was a child.

On Friday so many things went on, the Parish Church arranged an afternoon tea in the Church Institute which was enjoyed by all those who attended. Whilst at the

Village Hall there was a Tea Dance that was again enjoyed by those who attended. That evening there was also a celebratory service at St Peters in Thurston for both parishes which was a fitting tribute to the Queen.

On Saturday morning there was a breakfast arranged by the Luncheon Club for two sittings that was delicious and really enjoyed by all who attended. There was tea and coffee after and lots of good chat. In the evening the Concert at the Palace was on the big screen, thanks for Diana Bilverston for arranging this.

During the Saturday the forecast for the weather for the Sunday was not good so it was decided to hold the picnic inside the Village Hall it was very well attended, and we found space inside for everyone. It was a fun event and everyone who attend. It was an amazing event and the youngest person was 8 weeks old and the oldest was 97 years old. There was music singing games and dancing. As a tribute to the NHS, I led the hokey kokey, remarkable as in the last few years I have had both my knees replaced. One of the highlights was the fact that the Queen sent the village a letter, as I had sent our good wishes from the village to her via David.

It was a truly amazing weekend and I have had some wonderful email comments like "all the jubilee celebrations in the village were great and well organised ". "it was a great weekend and totally enjoyable". " Loved everything about it."

It just shows what wonderful village we live in, and I count myself as lucky to live here.

If I have missed anyone who needed thanks I apologise and please accept my thanks to anyone who did anything for the weekend.

#### Maggie's Moans

It seems a shame to moan after such an uplifting piece.

- 1. It has come to my attention that people are parking on the pavement along Mill Road, there is only a pavement one side of the road and cars parking across it makes it difficult for pedestrians, people with buggies, wheelchair users and mobility scooters. Some vehicles come down Mill Road over the speed limit and stepping into the road round parked vehicles is dangerous so please don't do it.
- 2. In this hot weather please bear in mind other people as when we have windows open its not good to hear other peoples music, so think of others when the weather is like it is. I look forward to speaking to you again soon.

#### Parish and Local Council Information

#### Great Barton Parish Council

www.greatbarton.onesuffolk.net

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS are held at the Community Room in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

**Public Sessions** are available for Parishioners to raise matters in which they are interested.

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.

Copies of the minutes of meetings of Great Barton Parish Council are available on the Village website.

If you would like to receive updates on the activities of the Parish Council, please email the Clerk to the Council.

#### **Email Vicky Bright:**

infogbpc@gmail.com

#### An extra message from Maggie

It is with regret that I want to say that Linda Harley has resigned as Parish Clerk for family reasons. She has been a stalwart of the Council and has done a great deal for the village. She has been a great help to me in my fledgling days as chair and she will be sorely missed by the whole council.

We have employed a new clerk: Vicky Bright and she is taking over now. She has previous experience with Parish Councils and hopefully the transition will be seamless. The email address stavs the same and I will update you with her phone number later. We welcome her and hope she becomes part of the village like Linda has. Please do not contact Linda.

If you need to contact the Parish Council please ring me or the other councillors

Maggie

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Dates 2022** 

19th September 17th October 21st October 12th December

The full agenda for each meeting will be posted on the village noticeboards three days in advance.

Dates can also be found on the village website:

http://greatbarton.suffolk.cloud/parish-council/ meeting-dates/



#### **Welcome to Great Barton**

New to the village?



If you or a neighbour have recently moved into the village you might like a free 'Village Welcome Pack'

Please contact Richard and Mary Leveritt; 01284 787556

#### **Jubilee Diary**



#### Monday May 16th 2022

Peter Turner and Peter Fisk were bringing the Jubilee torch to Great Barton Primary Academy at 3pm by Rickshaw. We were made welcome with parking and chairs in the shade, and given flags to wave.

All very friendly.



# Friday May 27th



The school invited us back to their Jubilee celebration at 2pm. We were welcomed and made very comfortable with tables and chairs. Tea and scones with cream and jam also cheese scones were served by the older children, expertly done. There were 210 children divided into 7 classes, each class doing their own thing including dancing round the Maypole. Thank you everyone for all your excellent entertainment.

We loved it!

#### Thursday June 2nd 2022

WI Coffee and Cake Morning with "Trooping The Colour" on the big screen!! What a lovely do! So many people, so much noise! As people met others they hadn't seen for so long. What a display of cakes! Sponges, scones, shortbread, you name it and it was there. Expertly displayed. The WI of course doing what it does best "FOOD"!



#### Friday June 3rd 2022

3pm Cream tea at the Church

Institute Hall in aid of the Bishop's Fund and the Queen's charities. Long rows of tables set out all around the room. 50 people sat down to beautifully laid out china cups, saucers, teapots etc. Cake stands with scones, jam and cream to enjoy. Two hours of pleasant conversation and more weight put on!!

Our thanks to Holy Innocents for a lovely afternoon.





If you would like a larger copy of any of these Jubilee photos please contact the Editor at

editorgbpcnewsletter@gmail.com.



#### **Jubilee Diary**



#### Saturday June 4th 2022

Breakfast in the village hall. Two sittings for breakfast at 9am and 10.30am. What a lovely breakfast made for us by the luncheon club ladies and gentlemen . Tablecloths of Union Jacks, everything looking beautiful.

Orange/Apple Juice served followed by egg, bacon, sausage, hash browns, baked beans and tomato. Delicious!!

Followed by toast and marmalade ,tea and coffee. All served with a smile. Thank you for all your hard work, it must have been exhausting! 7am to 12 o clock. Well Done.

Later that evening an opportunity to view the "Party in the Park "on the big screen. More tea and biscuits were provided .

Thank you, once again!





#### **Sunday June 5th 2022**

"Picnic" at the Village Hall Playing Field. Owing to wet weather it was held inside the hall. We have never seen the hall so full. Every table

and chair was in use. Even the stage was used and all the side rooms. We took our own food but tea, coffee and juice were supplied, and ice creams.

An Equerry to the Queen planted an oak tree on the playing field to commemorate her Jubilee and presented Maggie with a letter from the Queen, thanking us for our kind thoughts and wishing us all a Happy Jubilee.

Music, dancing and games were organised for the children and every child was given a jubilee mug. The noise was tremendous. We must mention the decorations in the hall:

Beautiful, wonderful, marvellous, lost for words.

What a wonderful day 12pm-4pm. We were exhausted doing nothing, but enjoying every minute.

Thank you Maggie and all your Jubilee Committee for arranging such a varied and excellent programme to celebrate our Queen's 70th year on the throne.



This account of the Jubilee was experienced by Molly, Doris, Ilva, Janice, Cathy, Beryl

#### **Parish Council News**

#### Are You Concerned About Speeding Vehicles in Great Barton? The Parish Council Is.

The Parish Council, as part of its 3-year objectives, has adopted a key goal to improve vehicle safety in Great Barton by reducing the speed of vehicles passing through our village. Our two new initiatives are:-

**New Radar Speed Device**. In addition to our existing radar, we have a new one. It is bigger, more visual and can record cars travelling in both directions. On the first 7 days on the A143 near The Nook, over 40% of all vehicles were travelling greater than 30 mph, 18% over 35 mph and 7% over 40 mph! It even recorded 1 vehicle doing over 80 mph 4 days on the run from Bury direction at 5 in the morning.







#### Speedwatch. Volunteers needed, YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

This is a Police approved scheme where residents volunteer to work in groups of 3 to measure and record vehicle speeds. Any vehicles over 35 mph will receive a letter from the police asking them to change their approach to driving, persistent offenders or those speeding excessively will get a visit from the police.



We currently have 9 approved and trained volunteers and 8 locations (2 on A143, Fornham Rd, Livermere Rd, Mill Rd, Thurston Rd, Pakenham Rd, East Barton Rd)

The plan is to start our programme in September by running two sessions of one hour duration per week. It would be great to get more volunteers so we can run more sessions in mor locations. So if you can give up 1 or 2 hours per month, that would be fantastic.

Please get in touch with Gwyn James or any Parish Councillor. These two initiatives hopefully will encourage drivers to keep to the speed limits, but provide information to persuade Suffolk County Council to implement Traffic Calming Measures and the police to become more active in Great Barton.

#### **Parish Council News**



## What Matters to you in your local area?

Is it the state of the local park, the need for more activities for young people, making the roads safer, improving the local environment, local development needs?

Whatever needs changing in your neighbourhood, you could be just the person to change it by becoming a local councillor.

No other role gives you a chance to make such a huge difference to the quality of life for your local community.

#### Could I be a councillor?

The easy answer is 'almost definitely' as long as you are:

- British or a citizen of the Commonwealth
- At least 18 years old
- Registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked or owned property here for at least 12 months before an election

#### Being a councillor

Being an effective councillor

requires both time, commitment and hard work. You need to balance the needs and interests of residents within the local government framework.

Before you consider becoming a councillor you may want to

discuss it with your family and friends to make sure they understand what you are taking on.

If you are interested in making a difference, please contact: Maggie Dunn on 01284 787357

#### Planning Meetings in 2022:

**12th September 10th October 14th November 5th December** 

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#### Councillors:

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# (The Parish Council currently has two vacancies)

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#### **Church Information**

#### A Message from Reverend Benjamin Edwards

All of us here in Great Barton, and across the country, will be more than aware of the increasingly difficult social and financial situation in our nation at this time. Further hardships threaten to loom on the horizon. Even the most affluent amongst us will notice the increases in prices across the board, many of us will be abandoning the little luxuries that we can do without. Some of us will sail close to the wind with paying our bills – some of us will struggle to keep our heads above water.

We can often feel impotent in the face of market forces beyond our control, our voices unheard as the gears of politics clank and grind on. However, there is something that we can ALL do to ease the hardships we face, something that has been eroded in modern times, and in some ways faded further in a post pandemic world.

We can strengthen community. We are very good at shutting ourselves away in our little bubbles, rich and poor, lost in our own affairs. But the answer to many of our troubles lies in the connection, friendship and self-giving of community.

We experience community in many different ways these days, and there are thriving communities within Great Barton – Holy Innocents and Freedom Church, Meeting Point, Great Barton Primary School, Montana Care Home, the Scouts, parish council and village hall committees – I know there will be more that I am missing out. All these communities seek to engage with those who live here in order to enhance their lives and offer help to each other.

Now more than ever, that sense of community is vital. What I am asking all of us to do is to give of our abundance, be it time, energy, wealth, companionship, compassion or love, that we all might not only pull each other through bleak times, but even thrive in the midst of it.

Join in where others seek to help those in need. Engage with community events. Keep kindness at the forefront of your mind. If we can call out to each other if we are sinking and be borne up by our community, then we can endure.

Reverend Benjamin Edwards
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Holy Innocents Church



#### **Church News**

#### Holy Innocents' Church

www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk

Our on-line magazine can be found on our

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#### **Montana Service Times**

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Weekdays (Mon - Fri) 8.15 am



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## Village Directory of Clubs and Societies

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Great Barton Allotment Association Lesley Linden Email: www.gballotments@gmail.com	
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Great Barton Thanksgiving Fund Charity Shield (Football)	01284
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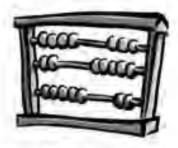
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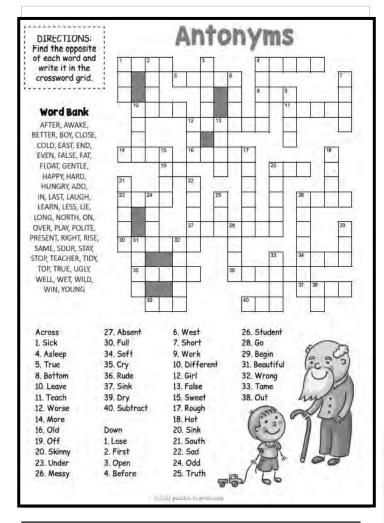
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#### Her Majesty, the Second Queen Elizabeth:

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A poem dedicated to the congregations of our Benefice:
Holy Innocents, Great Barton and St Peter's Thurston
written to mark the Platinum Jubilee

Among our congregations are the sometime children of another age

And we recall the coronation of our Queen.

Nineteen fifty –three: released from school, we all put on our brightest clothes

To celebrate that day and made our way to London streets, or

Partied in our own; or watched in black and white, the grainy images

That flickered on our new-bought screens.

We waved our flags and sang our songs and felt that now we each belonged

To brighter Britain's newly brilliant age.

Of course, it rained! But we were not deterred,
We saw and heard, the cheering crowds and then our Queen, so young, serene;
Whose beauty shone for all of us—and each of us alone.

Our children's children mark this day. Their world a very different place.

Their images have multiplied; do not rely on black and white

We are a rainbow nation now, of many faiths and hues.

And this perhaps is what best marks the Platinum Jubilee, as we and she,

Our Long-lived Queen, resolve to share our changing world.

The day must come to say farewell, when we shall watch the shrouded carriages pass by,

The muffled drums her fading symphony; and we shall stand in solemn ranks and pay due homage

to another age—but not upon this day!

This day is set aside that each of us may offer thanks

Within our Benefice we all shall sing in joy.

But too , we pray for those whose blameless lives seemed so secure and now are victims of Such evil hate and lies

And thus our newly minted joy to celebrate our Queen's long reign cannot be unalloyed.

But too we know her fortitude is ours to share. We serve her best by striving for the values she upholds:

compassion in our daily lives, united in our common cause.

Long may she be 'happy and glorious'

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# 70 glorious years



# Thank you Ma'am