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# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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## **80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

## **VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY**



80 years ago on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, people took to the streets to celebrate the end of the war in Europe.



In 1945, Barton celebrated with a thanksgiving service at the Parish Church and the service was attended by close to 400 people. Afterwards the bells were rung.

During the day homes were decorated and at night, coloured lights provided illumination and there was dancing until the early hours of the morning (*Luton News* 16<sup>th</sup> May 1945)

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80 years on, the Village will commemorate this historical event on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Plans are underway for the Baking Competition, events at the Library and Beacon Lighting which includes a performance from Barton Community Choir. The Church Bells will be rung at 6.30pm. Details overleaf. *Free Events - Everyone welcome!*

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## **A Shared Moment of Celebration**

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# Beacon Lighting



**8.30pm Attendees to congregate at the Recreation Ground, Old Road**

**8.45pm Performance from Barton Community Choir**

**9.30pm Beacon to be lit followed by the Reading of the Tribute**

Wherever possible, we would ask that you walk to the venue.  
Limited parking is available on the road but please remember to obey the parking restrictions.

\* Don't forget to bring a torch \*



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am – 12 noon

Come along to the Library & decorate a Cupcake!

*Children's Activity*



**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am–12.30pm**

Coffee Morning at the Library  
Come along for a cuppa, slice of Victoria Sponge cake and catch up with old friends and new!

### Womens Institute – Victoria Sponge Recipe

<b>Ingredients</b>	
170g softened butter or soft margarine	3 medium eggs
170g caster sugar	170g self-raising flour
	Raspberry jam to fill

**Method**

Set the oven to 160°C (fan) / 180°C / Gas Mark 4  
Grease and line the bottom of 2 x 20cm/8" sandwich tins  
Cream the butter/margarine and sugar very thoroughly until pale in colour  
Beat the eggs then gradually add them to the mixture, beating well each time  
Sieve the flour and fold lightly into the mixture. Check the consistency of the mixture—if it is too thick you can add a little milk or water  
Divide equally between the 2 tins and bake for 25 minutes in the middle of the oven. They are ready when they are golden, shrunk from the sides of the tin and spring back when touched.  
Remove from the oven and place on a cooling tray  
Peel the paper off (if used) and fill with raspberry jam when cold and finish your cake with a light dusting of caster sugar on top


**Tips** - Traditionally the cake is made by weighing the eggs in their shells and then using this weight for each of the fat, sugar and flour. Remove butter from fridge to soften before use

<https://www.thewi.org.uk/home/celebrating-the-queens-platinum-jubilee/food-and-drink/wi-victoria-sandwich>

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!**

Why not enter the Victoria Sponge Competition? Please drop off your Cake entry to the Library on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May between 2 – 6pm. Judging will take place Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. After judging why not joint us for a cuppa and slice of cake

Visit out Facebook page: Barton-le-Clay Parish Council or our website: [www.bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk)





## WE NEED YOUR HELP

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - ST NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD**

The Parish Council maintains the Closed Churchyard of St Nicholas Church and as a Burial Authority we have a legal obligation to ensure that the Churchyard is safe for visitors, staff and contractors. Memorial Stability testing is carried out every 5 years and the most recent test was completed by our contractor on 26<sup>th</sup> March. A total of 35 memorials within the Churchyard and Garden of Rest have been identified as unsafe and will require attention.

We are asking owners or relatives of the following to contact us to discuss what action is required. If you are the grave owner or a relative or can provide any information, please contact the Parish Office on 01582 883990 or email: [s.cowie@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:s.cowie@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk).

**Memorials within the Garden of Rest**

Connie Lawrence 1893-1979, Florence Sutton 1894-1977, Norman M Dunn died 26/9/1984, Thelma Rose Cooper died 8/4/1977, William Hooker died 24/3/1985, John Garbett 1928-1985 & Pauline M Garbett 1928-1993, Harry F Cole died 15/6/1985 & Olive M Cole died 8/1/1999 & Michael J Cole died 30/1/2016, Herbert Welch died 1/11/1976 & Edith Welch died 2/3/1979, Henry Nobby Norris died 24/6/1986 & Dorothy Victoria Norris died 1/4/2001, Ronald Leslie Clark died 26/9/1975 & Gladys C.B. Clark died 20/4/1989, Rose Olive Hill died 10/3/1971 & Peter Hill died 14/10/1988, Harry George Daddy died 8/10/1979 & Kathleen May Daddy died 30/10/1989, Joyce Mary Watson 1926-1986 & Arthur Timothy Watson 1923-2006, Ernest Sydney Marriott died 28/7/1982 & Gladys Marriott died 28/12/1989, Denis Albert Waters died 28/11/1983, Edward Charles Matthews died aged 69 years & Doris Mary Matthews born 28/7/1908 died 28/9/1988, David Hendry died 20/8/1975, Darcy Clark, Herbert Alfred Burgess died 5/8/1984 & Doris May Burgess died 4/4/1996.

**Within the Churchyard**

Arthur Gregory, Rex Squires, Lydia Jackson, Stanley Hill, Ronald Hyde, Edward Woodfield, Hugh Cook, Richard Garrett(?) Sarah Osborn, Hannah Wilson, and George Clark.

**BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL**

Invites you to the 2025

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
The Pavilion, Luton Road Sports Field

This is a meeting for the community. Please come along and:

- Find out what we've been doing during the last 12 months and plans for the next year.
- Meet YOUR Parish Councillors and CBC Ward Councillors
- Do you have a question or issue you wish to raise?
- Your Community Police Officers will be on hand to offer advice and listen to any concerns you may have
- Find out about Volunteering opportunities – visit the Barton Rotary Group / Community Garden stall

Everyone  
Welcome!

**BARTON  
COMMUNITY CAFE**

BRING FRIENDS - MEET FRIENDS - MAKE FRIENDS

Open dates for 2025 :

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>,  
Apr 28<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

**BARTON VILLAGE HALL**

2.00 - 3.30pm



JOIN US FOR  
TEA, COFFEE,  
CAKES AND CHAT



THERE IS NO CHARGE BUT ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME



For more details please contact  
Barton Helping Hands on 07855 070074  
[bartonhelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:bartonhelpinghands@gmail.com)



## Would you like to grow your own Fruit and Veg but don't have room in your garden?



We have a several vacant plots waiting for new tenants

*Parking and water on site*

For more details contact the Parish Council Office



## YOUR VILLAGE HALL

# Needs your help!

Barton Village Hall is managed by a small team of unpaid volunteers and we **NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Hall will benefit from significant funding from the housing development east of the village and the future is very exciting!

The current committee have been in post for many years and would welcome new faces and ideas to enhance **YOUR** hall.

Meetings are held once a month on a Thursday evening.

If you are interested in joining the team to keep this important facility open, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact: [secretarybartonleclayvhall@gmail.com](mailto:secretarybartonleclayvhall@gmail.com) for more information.



GET INVOLVED & SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL

## When something's wrong - Report it

We often hear of crime in the local area, but is it being reported to the police?

To ensure the safety and well-being of our community we appeal to the public to report any crime activity to the police. Whether it's witnessing a crime in progress, having information about a past offence or seeing something suspicious, your report is crucial in bringing criminals to justice. It may appear that crime is not being followed up, but all information is vital intelligence to help the Police.

You can report crime in a number of ways: 999 in an emergency or 101 for non-emergencies. You can also report online on the Bedfordshire Police website - <https://www.beds.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> or speak anonymously to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Sign up to Beds Connected to receive alerts and details of pop-up events from the Community Policing team <https://www.bedsconnected.co.uk>



You can log problems with roads, pavements, signs, lighting, etc. online or via the 'FixMyStreet' App <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>  
If you can, remember to take a photograph of the problem to upload with your report

## WELLBEING WALKS

**in and around Barton-le-Clay during May, June and July 2025**

**Walking is Brilliant and it's Free!**

You don't have to plan it: all you need are your feet and a pair of outdoor shoes. You can even do it in the rain.

**Meet Friends:** have a chat, bring the family.

**We will walk at your pace** and finish within 45 or 90 minutes.

**Beat Stress:** you may improve your blood pressure, immune system and assist with type 2 diabetes.



### Short walks on Monday afternoons

12<sup>th</sup> May '25 ... 90min walk

2<sup>nd</sup> \* June '25 ... 45min walk

16<sup>th</sup> June '25 ... 90min walk

7<sup>th</sup> July \* April '25 ... 45min walk

21<sup>st</sup> July '25 ... 90min walk

Meeting at 2.00pm in Barton Coronation Community Garden next to the Village Hall and sometimes (see \* above) finishing in the Helping Hands Community Café

**No need to book – just turn up**

For more information email: [andy.knight2@ntlworld.com](mailto:andy.knight2@ntlworld.com) 07879 691893

