

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

March 2024

John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match: 1st September 2024 in aid of the Lawrence Home Nurses who care for the terminally ill in their own homes.

Used Stamps: Once again we, Carol and Kay, want to thank you so much for collecting used postage stamps in aid of Katherine House Hospice in Adderbury. To any "new" villagers we would love you to help too. Any stamps you have you can take to Diane at the shop who will pass them on to us.

Duns Tew Church Fundraiser: Lay a Garland – Concert by Consensio Choir, Saturday 27th April 7.30pm Duns Tew Church in aid of church funds. Tickets £12, U16s free. Bar available.

Needle and Natter: held every Monday at Alice Marshall Hall from 12.30 to 2.30. Where for only £3 hot drinks and biscuits, gluten and dairy free are provided along with craft help and good chats! All are welcome.

Good Neighbour Scheme: Bartons Good Neighbour Scheme is a friendly group of local volunteers who give their time and services free of charge to help neighbours in our community, especially where friends, family or professional services are unable to help. The voluntary work our volunteers do involves befriending the elderly, shopping, collecting prescriptions, providing transport to GP or hospital appointments and undertaking small tasks such as help with gardening or changing light bulbs. Please call Louise & Judith on [07486886971](tel:07486886971) or bartonsgns@gmail.com to request help, find out more or to join us as a volunteer.

Scouts: 1st Barton Scout Group are holding an Easter-themed fundraising Bingo afternoon, Saturday 23rd March at the Sports and Social Club. Doors open at 2.30pm, ready for "eyes down" at 3pm. Refreshments, tombola and raffle. Suitable for all ages.

Middle Barton Drama Group: are proud to present The LadyKillers by Graham Linehan: A gang planning a 'job' find themselves living with a little old lady, who thinks they are musicians. When the gang set out to kill Mrs Wilberforce, they run into one problem after another. How will it end for them all? Tickets £10 each available from mid March. Performances on Fri April 5th and Sat 6th, 7.30pm at The Alice Marshall Hall.

Sandford St Martin Parish Hall: Looking for a venue for events and activities? Our hall is a great space for children's parties, exercise and other classes, and meetings - see flyer with this month's Bartons Bulletin. For bookings email sandfordsm.ph@gmail.com

Pre-School: It's now the Lunar Year of the Wood Dragon, an excellent sign for our pre-schoolers! Full of energy, success, growth, and intelligence. With that in mind, our young ones have been learning all about the custom of Lunar New Year, by making lanterns, dancing to traditional music, attempting to use chopsticks, and trying out some delicious prawn crackers. We've had some fabulous visitors so far this year, two PCSOs and Jackie our lovely Lollipop Lady. They were kind enough to come and talk about emergency situations, and how they help us. The children were very excited to receive our guests, and gave them a warm welcome. World Book day is March 7th, but we shall be enjoying it all week. So your little book worms can dress up whenever they are with us. Did you know that many different languages have their own phrases for an avid book worm? My favourites: Reading Horse (Danish), Ink Drinker (French), Book Swallower (Welsh), Library Rat (Spanish), and Page Mage (Croatian). We shall be leaning in to the seasonal weather with our book Elmer's Weather this term. With Elmer we will be making some musical instruments that make sounds like a storm, some kites to fly around the school track, and we'll be seeing what shapes we can see in the clouds overhead. Maybe your little one could don their favourite sunglasses for our Thursday Outdoor Learning session? The goats and sheep do so love fancy dressed visitors! For our Easter event this year, we are hosting out in the field. On Sunday 24th March, dress up in your best Easter themed outfit, and go mad as a March Hare visiting the Easter Bunny at the Sports and Social Club! There will be a disco to hop and bop to, and mini picnics to nibble on (purchasable in advance). Tickets available from pre-school. We break up for Easter on Thursday 28th March at 13:15, and return on Monday 15th April. If your child is over the age of 2 and you would like to register them for Pre-School, contact [01869 347968](tel:01869347968) middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com, so that we can send you a registration form. Registering your child in advance helps us arrange staffing requirements. We accept government funding for 15-30 hours if eligible. For further information or details, please visit middlebartonpreschool.co.uk.

Middle Barton Primary School: As term 4 begins, we are hoping to enjoy the outdoors a bit more over the next few months. Signs of Spring are appearing with the bulbs planted by the children over recent years popping up all over the place! The girls who represented us at the Under 11s West Oxfordshire Cross Country finals came 3rd as a team narrowly missing out on the Oxfordshire finals.

Coming up this term we have Year 4 and 5 taking part in Bikeability, Year 1s attending a dance festival at Chipping Norton, World Book Day, Year 4 taking part in a pottery workshop and much, much more! Our Eco-committee worked hard to organise a very successful clothes swap and Rag to Riches event last term. Their next focus is reducing food packaging in school. *Save the date* We have a school TLC day on 27th April where all are invited to help spruce up the school. It involves a bit of gardening, painting and other small DIY tasks. If you would like to come and help then please do so. It begins at 9am, tea and cake will be provided. This term all classes are focussing on Geography- Acorn class are learning about London, Maple are learning about rivers in the UK and the water cycle, Willow are learning about the Arctic and Oak are learning about Japan.

WI News: from Tews and Barton's WI (incorporating neighbouring villages) NFWI campaigns tackle issues that matter to women in their communities. We are currently being balloted on our campaign topics for 2024, topics critical to our public health, environment and the welfare of individuals facing trauma and confinement – more information to follow. Our WI open evening in February was a great success, we sampled cheese and chocolate and welcomed new members to our thriving WI group. Our 2024 diary planning is underway, we are anticipating events such as learning about owls – with live examples, the etiquette of 'afternoon tea', hopefully to include sampling! and Bollywood and line dancing skills, watch this space... The WI has been inspiring women for over 100 years. Discover more about our history, from our origins through to the present day thewi.org.uk/ Contact for membership is Jenny Jackson (President) skellgill_jenny@yahoo.co.uk or [01869 340759](tel:01869340759) *Dates for the diary* 12/3/24 – AGM and supper – members only 9/4/23 – 'drainpipe trousers and rock n roll' a talk on life in the 1950s.

District Councillor: I, along with two Parish Councillors, had a meeting with the highways officer in early February, where I wanted to remind him of two outstanding issues that several residents have raised with me. I have asked again if the kerbs down Kiddington Road can be cleared of compacted debris, as it is difficult to step aside for oncoming vehicles, especially with children or a pushchair. I also reiterated the problem of residential streets where the surface tarmac has eroded, but not deep enough for pothole filling. I have sent a list of seven such streets, and the highways officer is going to see if the appropriate team could do them all, with

what is termed "minor patching". I have also sent reminders about the blocked drain in Westcot Barton (opposite The Chase), and the lack of white lines on the bend before you reach Holt. *Possible grants for youth activities* WODC have a small pot (£30k) of money available for the promoting of activities for young people. If you, or the organisation you are involved with, think this may be of benefit, please contact Councillor Dave Jackson, who will make further enquiries skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk 07407 443944

Church News: March begins with a special service - The World Day of Prayer in Duns Tew Church on Friday 1st at 7pm. This year the service has been written by the women of Palestine. Everyone is welcome to join this global wave of faith and prayer. Wine and soft drinks afterwards with Palestinian snacks. More details from Karen karencholmeley@yahoo.co.uk Lent Lunches continue in March along with the theme of short talks on: "Exploring the Eucharist". We will hear from speakers who represent several traditions within the C of E. The dates for lunches, all at 12.30 are: Friday 1st March, Sandford St Martin Parish Hall, Thursday 7th March, Alice Marshall Hall, Friday 15th March, Duns Tew Village Hall. Thursday 21st March, Alice Marshall Hall. To help with catering, please book your lunch a few days in advance. stephanielacey34@icloud.com.

Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements & arrive in time for lunch to be served at 12.30. You are welcome to attend any or all of the lunches. *Lent Groups* 8pm on the following dates: Wednesday 6th March (Great Tew Vicarage), Thursday 14th March (Corner Cottage, Duns Tew), Wednesday 20th March (11 Mill Lane, Middle Barton). We are using the Diocese of Oxford's Come and See course. Signing up is free to receive the daily reflections, which may be of interest, even if you are not taking part in the study groups. www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see *Celebrations on Mothering Sunday* – Sunday 10th This year there are two services celebrating Mothering Sunday. A Family Eucharist in Steeple Barton 9.30am and a Family Service in Duns Tew 11.00am. Both will have a guest speaker from The Branch Trust, Duns Tew's Charity of the Quarter. Palm Sunday is 24th March. We will be joined by George the donkey at the 9.30am Family@Church Service in Duns Tew (remember to come for 9am if you'd like to do the activity and have breakfast). There will also be a Palm Sunday service in the Bartons (see below). Details of all the services during Holy Week and Easter Weekend are below. On Monday 25th March 7pm there is a Passion Play in Woodstock church, performed by LAMPS. Please book with Jane ASAP. Other services include a Maundy Thursday Supper, Eucharist and Vigil in Sandford, the Easter Eve Vigil and

Service of Light in Westcote Barton on Saturday 30th March and Easter Day services (with egg hunts). *Stay up to date with news of services and events* If you would like to be added to our weekly Notice Sheet email list email enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk Details of all services are also on the website, weekly notice sheet and notice boards. *Warm hub* The weekly lunch club and breakfast continues every Wednesday: The Wednesday Lunch Club, 11am-4pm, Alice Marshall Hall. A two-course meal for £6, open to all. Every Saturday: The Destiny Breakfast Café 9.30am-12, Alice Marshall Hall. Drop in for food and chat at this breakfast cafe offering a warm, friendly space for all. *Foodbank donations* There are boxes in the porch of both churches in the Bartons where food can be left. This is collected regularly and given to the local foodbank. Thank you to everyone who has been donating to this. Please note Jane's email address has changed to clergy.bartonbenefice@gmail.com so please use this address. Stephanie Lacey: 01869 347350 stephanielacey34@icloud.com For admin enquiries, please email Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator (Thursdays only) enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk bartonbenefice.org.uk/ facebook.com/bartonbenefice/ www.bartonbenefice.org.uk/ follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/bartonbenefice/

Church services	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
1 st March			7.00pm World Day of Prayer			
3 rd March	9.30am Eucharist			5pm Evening Prayer		11am Eucharist
10 th March Mothering Sunday		9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Eucharist	11am Mothering Sunday Family Eucharist			
17 th March		5pm Evening Service Alice Marshall Hall		11am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist	
24 th March Palm Sunday	5pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Palm Sunday Eucharist	9/9.30am Palm Sunday Family@Church + donkey			
25 th March	7pm Passion Play Woodstock church, performed by LAMPS Book w/Jane ASAP					
26 th March	9.00pm Compline on Zoom					
27 th March	9.00pm Compline on Zoom					
Maundy Thursday 28 th				7pm Eucharist & Supper		
Good Friday 29 th March		2pm Reflective Service		10am Family Service		
Easter Eve Saturday 30 th March	8pm Easter Vigil & Service of Light Refreshments after					
Easter Day 31 st March		11am Family Eucharist + egg hunt	9.30am Family Eucharist + egg hunt	11am Family Eucharist + egg hunt		9.30am Family Eucharist