

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

June 2023

Bartons Memorial Sports & Social Club: Thank you to everyone who supported the Coronation event. Special thanks to the Inflatables for kicking off the weekend, the Parish Council and Destiny fund for the Coronation coins and Robin Roberts-Gant for the poster printing. Over £1000 was raised for the village groups. We are looking to hold another fun day on 12th August 2023, save the date, details to follow. The club is open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays with Bingo every 1st Wednesday of a month. The club membership is now £5 as we are part way through the year and due for renewal from October. If you aren't yet a member, you are most welcome. Just let the bar staff know and sign in for £1. Please join the Facebook group for details of upcoming events. Middle Barton Sports & Social Club (green emblem, with letters MBS&SC).

Good Neighbour Scheme: The Bartons' Good Neighbour scheme is here to help with all kinds of things, including lifts to medical appointments, collecting prescriptions, practical help in the home or garden and befriending. Please call Louise & Judith on [07486 886971](tel:07486886971) or email us at bartonsgns@gmail.com to request help, find out more or to join us as a volunteer.

Busy Bees: This half term at Busy Bees we have been focused on the natural environment and have been busy planting sunflowers, painting peach still lifes and exploring the sensory fun of insects in the sand. We've been talking about the lifecycle of plants and looking at the type of plants that grow at Chelsea Flower show. A big congratulations to Will who completed the London marathon in a very impressive 4h23m and who raised well over £1,000 for the group. Thanks to this fundraising we are planning a Busy Bees summer outing to the Waterfowl Sanctuary and Children's farm this summer term - so if this sounds like something your little one would like, come join us at Busy Bees and find out more. Busy Bees Playgroup is a community group for pre-school aged children running 9-11am term time at the AMH. The group will be taking an extended half term break and will return on Tuesday 13 June.

Pre-School: This month we have been baking banana muffins, watching our butterflies hatch from their chrysalises, and doing some science with flowers. The little ones were amazed to see that white flowers will turn a different colour if you put food colouring in the water! We have also been practicing safe road crossing with our wonderful new Lollipop Lady, who is a fantastic asset to our community. Do say Hi to her if you spot her. Thank you all to those who stopped by our Pimms stall at the Coronation. We were royally sold out by mid-afternoon! We had fantastic weather, and all monies raised, plus that of our Coronation Scarecrow win, will be used to buy more natural resources for the children. The older children who are going up to Middle Barton Primary School in September will be popping across to have little visits this month. This positive experience will involve meeting their new teacher, and exploring their new classroom. It is a lovely opportunity to create a seamless transition in to "big school". There will also be a Leavers Event on Friday the 14th of July to give our graduates a proper send-off - details to follow. Should you like to see what we're all about, you are most welcome to join us at our AGM on Thursday the 29th of June. This will be held at the Pre-School at 19:30. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out what we have achieved over this past year, and our plans for the year ahead. This last term ends Wednesday 19th July with the next academic year starting on Tuesday 5th September 2023. If your child is over the age of 2 and you would like to register them for Pre-School, do please call or email on [01869 347968](tel:01869347968) or 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 www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk.

WI News: News from Duns Tew WI (incorporating The Bartons and neighbouring villages). NFWI campaigns tackle issues that matter to women in their communities. From equal pay to climate change, mental health, and violence against women, over the past 100 years we have embraced a diverse set

of challenges. The WI has brought about real change - and we are just getting started. Our WI has voted to support this year's WI resolution for 'clean rivers', highlighted in the media this is crucial for the survival of animal life and for our enjoyment of the waterways and its environs. As well as being serious we also know how to enjoy ourselves and celebrated the Coronation with a 'Supper Afternoon Tea', prosecco, sandwiches, and lots of cake! We go forward with our programme for 23/24, dates below. The WI has been inspiring women for over 100 years. Discover more about our history, from our origins through to the present day www.thewi.org.uk Contact for membership is Jenny Jackson (President) Email skellgill_jenny@yahoo.co.uk or telephone [01869 340759](tel:01869340759) *Dates for the diary* 13/6/23 - Beth Astle Zonal Face Lift - 'promotes a kinder holistic approach to helping you naturally look your best' - 'The treatment combines Advanced Facial Reflexology with all the health benefits of a Foot Reflexology, and a natural face lift that stimulates collagen and elastin, tightens and sculpts the neckline and smooths and lifts the face' 11/7/23 - Wonderland in Bloom - our very own Middle Barton Florist demonstrating her talents 8/8/23 - WI members summer visit to Friars Court to view the gardens and enjoy some refreshments!

Steeple Barton PC: Report for the SBPC Annual and monthly Parish meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023. The meeting opened with the Chair's annual report followed by elections of the Chair and Vice Chair. Roger Tyers was elected as Chair and Kate Carter-Windle as Vice. The PC thanked Kate Carter-Windle for her dedication and hard work during her 6 years as Chair of the Parish Council. The Clerk gave the annual finance report. The normal monthly meeting then continued. There were apologies from Cllr Parry and Cllr Jackson. Items on the agenda - The Mullins Motor Museum - during a previous meeting a question was raised regarding the noise levels when the cars are going around the track. It was confirmed that the decibel levels would be measured for each car, and there would be sanctions in place if any vehicles exceed the maximum level. The annual internal and external audit

statements were accepted and signed by the Chair and Clerk. The annual donation of £2,000 was made to the Playing Fields for the upkeep of the public toilets. Reports from the District and County Councillors can be read on the Parish Council website www.steeplebartonparishcouncil.org. Update on traffic calming – work on Enstone hill commenced on the 15th and will take 4-5 days to complete. The PC are waiting a completion date for the 50mph signage up to the Holt. The next stage is to purchase speed indicator devices (SIDS) and the PC are proposing to purchase two portable signs with poles in 8-10 different areas around the village. The PC have received a request from the school to move the crossing point, this will be discussed with Highways to suggest an appropriate place. *DONM*: the next PC meeting will be on Monday 19th June, 8pm at the AM Hall. If anyone would like to join the council, please contact the Clerk, clerk@steeplebartonpc.co.uk.

District Councillor: Following the recent local elections in other wards of WODC the ruling Alliance of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green parties increased its majority. A significant change is that the Conservatives are no longer the largest party, with 17 seats, having been overtaken by the Liberal Democrats. The arrival of new councillors has meant that the composition of the various committees has had to be altered. I requested that I wanted to carry on with my established committee roles, so I am continuing with the planning committee, licensing committee (vice-chair) and the audit and governance scrutiny committee. Last week, I did another "grand tour" of the Bartons Ward on a pothole spotting mission, so I can list them all on the Fix

My Street website. I let the OCC highways officer know in the hope that he can mark all the holes with white rings at the same time. It looks as if the highways department are gradually sorting the "epidemic" of potholes after what has been the worst year for their severity since I became a councillor. I will keep reminding the highways officer of streets where the general tarmac surface has failed, but which are not deep enough to be classified as a pothole. I have highlighted various streets where some "surface dressing" is needed, such as Kirby Close, Dorn Close, Mill lane, Rectory Crescent and Marshall Crescent (to name but five!)

Church News: We celebrate Pentecost at our Family@Church service on 28 May in Duns Tew. Come from 9am for breakfast and an activity followed by a service at 9.30am. This service will also include a celebration of the Eucharist. *Plant Sale Fundraiser:* Then Sunday afternoon sees the annual Barton Abbey Open Garden Tea & Plant Sale 2-5pm. Our Bus Bartons will kindly be providing transport from the Sports and Social Club at 2pm and 3.30pm with a 4.45 pm return. *750 Years:* Events to mark 750 Years of St Martin's Church begin in June with tea and cakes in church on Sunday 4 June 3-4.30pm. A special Evensong Service follows at 5pm. A Summer Concert with renowned London Choir Vasari Singers is on Saturday 17 June 7pm, St Martin's Church, with music by Bach, Elgar, Bob Chilcott, Lennon & McCartney, the Swingles, and many more! Tickets available from: www.jumblebee.co.uk/SSMvasari2023 Duns Tew Church Fete is on Sunday 11th June, 1.30 - 4pm, in Duns Tew Manor Gardens, OX25 6JP. With BBQ, Bar, Plants, Hoopla, Tombola, Kid's Corner, Cakes, Teas and much more.

Sorry, but no dogs allowed. *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* Times continue to be hard for many. Thank you for continuing to support our local foodbank appeal. Donations can be left in the boxes which are in the porch of both Westcote and Steeple Barton churches. Stay up to date with news of services and events. Our website has the latest details as do the church notice boards and if you would like to be added to our weekly Notice Sheet email list please send an email to: enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk When there is no service in your own parish, we hope you will join us in worshipping elsewhere in the benefice. If transport is a problem, please get in touch (email frances@bartonbenefice.org.uk or ring Jane 01869 340510) so we can help with lift sharing. Get in touch: Revd Jane Wright, Rector of the Barton Benefice, Tel: 01869 340510 clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk For general enquiries, please e-mail Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator (Thursdays only) enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk www.bartonbenefice.org.uk follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bartonbenefice

Church services June	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
4 June	9.30am Eucharist			5.00pm Evensong		11.00 Eucharist Patronal Festival
11 June		9.30am Eucharist		11.00am Eucharist		
18 June		5.00pm Informal Evening Service Alice Marshall Hall	11.00am Eucharist + Zoom		9.30 Eucharist	
25 June	5pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Eucharist	9.30am family@church			

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the July Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than June 20th. Thank you. Chris Puttick, cputtick@gmail.com