

# Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

## July 2023

**OurBus:** Born in 2016, run entirely by volunteers; and now going electric. We submitted a bid to the National Lottery to buy 2 fully accessible electric buses and fit out a new depot – and we were awarded the money! New buses on order.

**John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match:** in aid of The Lawrence Home Nursing Team who provide care for the terminally ill in their own homes. Sunday, 3rd September, 2023 at Sandford St Martin Cricket Club 2pm.

**Bartons Memorial Sports & Social Club:** 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](mailto:bartonsgns@gmail.com) to request help, find out more or to join us as a volunteer.

**Pre-School:** It's that bittersweet time of year already where we have to bid a fond farewell to our older children. However, we will be excited to see them continue to flourish as we hand them over to the wonderful neighbouring Primary School. Our time with them has gone so fast, but we have enjoyed every moment of it. As a treat for our leavers, we took them out on a trip to FairyTale Farm. The children loved it! Some of us are still being regaled with stories of singing mermaids, spitting dinosaurs and furry critters pooping on them! Speaking personally a follow up visit may be on the cards, as the alluring mysteries of Rapunzel's castle have yet to be revealed... Meanwhile in class, we have been playing games that sneakily incorporate maths, problem solving, sequencing, and spatial awareness, all within the theme of "Farmyard". Moo. Wild Animals have also been on topic as we look at live web cams of zoos around the world. This has been done within the

context of Internet Safety and always with an adult present. The 29th was busy as we had our Sports Day and AGM on the same day. Many thanks to all of you who attended the AGM, and a special thank you to those members of the Committee who are now stepping down. Your time and input has been greatly appreciated. We are also sad to lose our Chair Caroline, who has worked tirelessly to run the Committee these last few years. Our new Chair will have big shoes to fill, but they will undoubtedly be up to the task, and we are excited to welcome them. We hope that you all have a lovely summer, and we look forward seeing you all again in the new academic year. 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, please contact us [01869 347968](tel:01869347968) or [middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk).

**WI News:** News from Tew's and Barton's WI (incorporating 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. 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](http://www.thewi.org.uk) Contact for membership is Jenny Jackson (President) Email [skellgill\\_jenny@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:skellgill_jenny@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone [01869 340759](tel:01869340759) Dates for the diary 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! 12/9/23 – Yoga for all with Sarah Hadland.

**Steeple Barton PC:** The June meeting was held on Monday 19th with apologies from Councillors McRobie, Cox and Graham. Update on traffic calming the new build out on Enstone Road is now in

place, the road has been resurfaced and the white lines repainted. *Speed activated signs* Councillor Tyers met with James Wright, OCC to look at potential placing of 4 new posts for the signs. This will mean that there will be 8 locations with 4 existing and 4 new poles. The signs will be portable solar powered. It was confirmed that the signs can be placed on either side of the road and turned to the opposite side. The order for 50mph up to the Holt has now been placed. *Oak Tree* the oak tree recently planted in the playing fields will be moved in the Autumn. The PC have contacted the school to ask if they would like the tree. Another tree will be sourced as a replacement for the playing fields. *Street weed spraying* the PC are currently sourcing a weed sprayer. *Neighbourhood watch* Cllr Jackson will be taking this forward by organising a public meeting to gain support, the local PCSO is also happy to be involved, more details to follow. *Parking* the PC asked PCSO Helen Duffield to attend the meeting to discuss parking issues in the village i.e., badly parked/parking on pavements and junctions. Helen confirmed that it is an offence to park on the pathway if it means the pathway is then obstructed. Notices were left with the Clerk that can be placed on cars if necessary. *Traffic mirror* the PC received a request for a traffic mirror at the top of Mill Lane. There is a telegraph pole that the mirror could be attached to; the PC will contact BT to ask for permission. Reports from District/County Councillors and minutes from meetings can be found on the website, [steeplebartonparishcouncil.org](http://steeplebartonparishcouncil.org) DONM the next meeting will be held one week later than scheduled, this will be Monday 24th July, 8am at the AM hall. If anyone would like to join the council, please contact Annette the clerk, [clerk@steeplebartonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@steeplebartonpc.co.uk).

**District Councillor:** Following recent burglaries, there has been quite a bit of correspondence on Facebook about the possibility of forming a structured Neighbourhood Watch group. In talking to those concerned we have decided that a public meeting would be beneficial, especially for folk like me who have limited use of social media. Such a meeting might include items such as advice on security measures, coordinating CCTV footage, and some kind of way of alerting the village, with things like WhatsApp or "buddy" schemes

for vulnerable people. I hope to be able to organise a meeting in July, possibly on a Thursday evening at the Sports + Social Club, but as yet a date has not been finalised. Look out for posters and information on social media. I have been enquiring about who is responsible for renovating the various street signs on garden walls around Middle Barton, which have faded and are hard to read. Examples include North Street (Opposite the A.M. Hall.), Frances Road, and Woodway Road. To my surprise it is a district council matter not OCC highways, so I am trying to contact the relevant person at WODC for advice. It would be nice if they could be re-painted to generally smarten up the village. Dave Jackson [skellgilldavedave@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:skellgilldavedave@yahoo.co.uk) 07407 443944

**Church News:** 750 years at St Martin's Church Thanks to all who came to the 750th anniversary celebratory events in June, both well attended and very enjoyable. Teas and cakes on 4 June was followed by a fabulous concert with the Vasari Singers on 17 June, who sang music from around the world with percussion accompaniments, to a packed church. Very many thanks to everyone who contributed in different ways to make these events so successful. Next is our Celebratory Service with Eucharist, which will be followed by drinks, on 9 July, 11am. This is the only service in the

benefice that day. Please do join us - bring your own picnic and enjoy activities for children, including a treasure hunt, and walks around Sandford and Ledwell. *Open Air Service* On Saturday, 22 July at 6pm, the annual Ledwell open air service takes place on Ledwell Green, with refreshments afterwards, and 13 August, 3-4.30pm, is the next teas/cakes in church. *Annual Pet Blessing Service* This year our popular service is on Sunday 30 July 11am in Steeple Barton. Our speaker will be from Bransby Horses Rescue and Welfare and we will be supporting their valuable work with a collection on the day. As usual, everyone is welcome - with or without a pet. *Coffee Morning* in aid of homeless and those experiencing hardship in Banbury Saturday 1 July 10.30-12.30 Duns Tew Village Hall Come and meet someone amazing - for over 33 years every afternoon, Polly Preedy has been packing meals, sandwiches, fruit, cake and drinks into her shopping trolley to take to St Mary's churchyard in Banbury. There she meets 15-30 homeless and vulnerable people who otherwise may not eat at all. Come rain or shine, she makes sure these people get something decent to eat and listens to their problems. Doing this, Polly has become their friend and lifeline. Come along for a chat, have a cup of coffee or tea, a slice of cake, and raise some funds so that Polly can continue her amazing work. *Blooms and Tunes in Duns*

*Tew Church* On August Bank Holiday Weekend we are celebrating flowers and music in Duns Tew Church with a weekend of Blooms and Tunes. From Saturday 26 August to Monday 28 August 2pm-5pm there will be floral displays, live music, children's activities and refreshments. Entrance £3 Under 16s Free/ Proceeds to Duns Tew Church and the Disasters Emergency Committee. *Escape from the heat* As we enjoy some warm weather, don't forget the churches and churchyards provide some shade for anyone looking for somewhere to rest or just take a quiet moment of reflection. More details of events and services are on the website and church 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. *Get in touch* Revd Jane Wright, Rector of the Barton Benefice, Tel: [01869 340510](tel:01869340510) [clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk) For general enquiries, please e-mail Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator (Thursdays only) [enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk) [www.bartonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.bartonbenefice.org.uk) follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bartonbenefice/](https://www.facebook.com/bartonbenefice/)

Church services July/Aug	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
2 July	9.30am Eucharist			5pm Evening Prayer		11am Eucharist
9 July				11am Celebratory Eucharist		
16 July		5pm Informal Evening Service AM Hall	11am Eucharist+Zoom		9.30am Eucharist	
Sat 22 July				6pm Ledwell Open Air Service		
23 July	5pm Evening Prayer	11am Eucharist	9.30am family@church			
30 July		11am Pet Blessing Service				9.30am Eucharist
6 August	9.30am Eucharist			5pm Evening Prayer		11am Eucharist
13 August		9.30am Eucharist	11am Eucharist			
20 August		5pm Informal Evening Service AM Hall		11am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist	
27 August	5pm Evening Prayer	11am Eucharist	9.30am family@church			

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the September Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than August 24<sup>th</sup>. Note there is by tradition no bulletin produced for August. Thank you. Chris Puttick, [cputtick@gmail.com](mailto:cputtick@gmail.com)