

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

May 2023

750 Years of St Martin's Church: 750th anniversary: this year Sandford St Martin celebrates the 750th anniversary of the consecration of St Martin's church in July 1273. Vasari Singers on Saturday 17 June, 7pm, and a celebratory service on Sunday 9 July, 11am, with drinks afterwards. For information about events and booking tickets for the concert, please see separate 750th Anniversary poster, distributed with this issue of the Bulletin, or email ssmchurchevents@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you!

Model Railway Exhibition: On the afternoon of Monday May 8th the Stonethwaite and Bainrigg railway is being displayed in the Alice Marshall Hall. The layout depicts a fictional scheme in the Dales of a pre war narrow gauge railway. It has been created by Richard Mawer, Michael Horwood Smith and Dave Jackson. Free entry and refreshments on sale.

Steeple Barton Chase: The Steeple Barton Chase is back. The 10k - 5k run plus the Family/kids run on Sunday 10th September at 10.30. So plenty of time to start training!

Barton Abbey Gardens: The Barton Abbey Gardens Open Day is on Sunday 28th May at 2pm with the usual amazing plant sale, delicious teas and Ann's Larder marmalade, chutneys, jams and home made sweets.

John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match: held in aid of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team - Sunday, 3rd September, 2023 - more information to follow later in the year.

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 Mary & Louise on [07486886971](tel:07486886971) or email us at bartonsgns@gmail.com to find out more.

Middle Barton drama club: The next gathering/meeting of the drama club will take place on 11th May 2023. We are reading (and possibly recording) a ghost tale "Something Strange at Gramley Grange". If you've ever wanted to "have a

go" at plays with no commitment to performances come and join our friendly group. Meeting at 91 Holliers Crescent from 8pm. If you would like to attend please email Karen and Jeff @ brown@ipandkbrown.plus.com. We'd love to see you there.

Busy Bees: Many thanks to everyone who baked cakes and came and supported our Busy Bees Marathon fundraiser, we managed to raise over £250 thanks to the villages incredible generosity. Will has currently raised over £1000 for Busy Bees securing the future of the group meaning that we can continue to provide essential social interaction for babies and toddlers in the community! At the time of press Will will have completed the marathon so congratulations Will and hope you're taking a well deserved break from running! Busy Bees playgroup runs every Tuesday in term time from 9-11am at the AMH.

Pre-School: All of a sudden it's May! The month known as Three Milkings in Old English has certainly come around again swiftly, and this year it's bustling! Topics this term are Mini Beasts, Plants & Growing, and Transport & Road Safety. The latter being particularly important now we are spending more time outside. You may have spotted our rather fine new tall front gate! This is to provide extra security for the little ones as it is now too tall for them to operate themselves. They'd have to be a budding Airey Neave to get through it unattended! Our access gate in to the school grounds has been getting some good use, as we encourage the children to stretch their legs and give the running track ago - they love the freedom! We and the Easter Bunny, wish to thank you all so much for joining us on the Easter Trail in April. The sunshine graced us with its presence, and to have everybody coming together around the bunny grotto with a drink and a hot cross bun was a real joy. It was such a lovely day. The money we raised went straight in to adding some wonderful new features to the children's garden. We now have an outside chalkboard, a freestanding xylophone, a teepee, and some sensory features including funny mirrors and more water play. Inside, we have a new feature area which focuses on emotions.

What are they? How do they feel? How can we talk about them with others? Many thanks again to you all. Our next fundraising appearance will be on Sunday May 7th, at the Village Coronation Party. Here we shall be providing summery cups of Pimms from 2pm onwards. We'd love to see you there! This current term ends Friday 26th May, with the next term starting on Monday 5th June 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). We have started our new year with the AGM and the committee catering a jacket and chilli supper, very tasty! Our programme promises to be a varied calendar of events including a celebration of the Kings coronation, crafting, quizzing and outings. We try to embrace our local communities with events that we can share more widely, and we always encourage visitors with a view to joining - please do give us a try! 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 *Dates for the diary:* 9/5/23 - WI Resolutions 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.

Steeple Barton PC: Report for the SBPC Meeting held on the 17th April 2023. Prior to the meeting on Monday 17th

April, 15 mins is given over for members of the public attending to comment on village matters. This was extended to 30 because of a larger than normal attendance, which was in response to the outlying planning application for Holliers Field that runs alongside Holliers Road. These plans had been launched onto the planning portal at WODC. The Chair (Kate Carter-Windle) asked if the people were in favour or there to object. There was a show of hands indicating objection, and as a result of this a spokesperson was appointed to express the objections. The Chair reminded them that everyone in the village can log their opinion on the planning portal. All of the concerns were listened to and where they could be a discussion around these concerns was had. Among the concerns were: the width and parked cars on Holliers Road; the sewage system which was built in the 1960's; surface water being discharged into a pond. This of course was with regards to children's safety; the fact that the Doctors surgeries are no longer taking on new patients; also the lack of public transport (we do have Our Bus Bartons); too many houses, the need for housing in the Bartons is for less than 30 houses. Another concern was that should the plans be approved there is the ability to extend beyond the number of 80 houses as quoted. The Council listened to the comments as well as reading the outlying application themselves. A discussion was had and a vote taken. There were 5 objections to the proposed plan and 2 abstentions. A statement from the Council will go to WODC planning in due course. There were apologies from DCllr Jackson. *The Coronation*: the Council confirmed that along with a small donation from The Destiny Fund they intend to provide a

Commemorative coin for each child under 16 in the village. Steeple Barton Parish Council Governance documents for 2023 were reviewed and approved. This included Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and the Asset Register. *DONM*: the next meeting which is the AGM and Elections for a New Chair will take place on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7:30 at the Alice Marshall Hall.

Speedwatch: After a quiet month in April, the better weather and longer daylight hours means we have more opportunities for sessions, including some early morning ones. We have recently welcome two new volunteers, but the more the merrier. Contact Dave Jackson skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk. 07407 443944.

Church News: Celebrating the Coronation: Everyone is welcome at a special Service celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May. This is for everyone in the benefice and begins at 10.30am in Duns Tew Church. After the service, from around 11.30am, we will be hosting celebratory refreshments in the churchyard. Everyone is welcome to refreshments, even if you can't make the service. There will also be fun activities for children. Communion will be available in Westcote Barton at the earlier service at 8.30am. Thanks to Our Bus Bartons who will be running buses from the villages to the service and back. Please contact Sheila Tumman on 01869 340635 or Jane Wright on 01869 340510 if you would like a place on the bus. *Ascension Day*: To celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday 18th May we will hold a service in Steeple Barton at 5pm. This will be followed by drinks and a walk. *Pentecost*: The Feast of Pentecost is on 28th May, when our Family@Church

service will include a celebration of the Eucharist. Come from 9am for breakfast and an activity followed by a service at 9.30am. *Plant Sale Fundraiser*: Also on Sunday 28th May is the popular annual plant sale at Barton Abbey. This is from 2pm. Do support this as it helps raise funds for the church. *Warm Hub Events*: 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. Our website has up to date details about events and services, or they can be found on our weekly notice sheet and notice boards. With that in mind, 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 frances@bartonbenefice.org.uk or ring Jane 01869 340510) so we can help with lift sharing. Stay up to date with news of services and events. If you would like to be added to our weekly Notice Sheet email list please send an email to: enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk 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 (Thurs only) enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk www.bartonbenefice.org.uk

Church services May	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
7th May Coronation Weekend	8.30am Said Communion		10.30 Coronation Benefice Service followed by drinks			
14th May		9.30am Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist			
18th May Ascension Day		5pm Service followed by drinks & a walk				
21st May		5pm Informal Evening Service Alice Marshall Hall		11am Eucharist	9.30 Eucharist	
28th May Pentecost	5pm Evening Prayer		9.30am family@church Eucharist +			

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the June Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than May 20th.

Thank you. Chris Puttick, cputtick@gmail.com