

# Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

## October 2023

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**Fox Inn:** Pop-up Fox event at Middle Barton Sports and Social Club on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm. Join us as we say farewell to summer with the annual Apple Pressing community event. We will be running Q+A sessions throughout the day as we begin to offer shares in the Fox. Everyone welcome. You can pledge your support at [www.ourfox.org](http://www.ourfox.org) until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Have you pledged yet?

**Alice Marshall Hall:** Our village hall is going from strength to strength and we are very excited to announce two forthcoming events: AMDRAM IS MURDER – A MURDER MYSTERY! Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 Hooky Players, will perform this Murder Mystery play, written by Karen Ince, commencing at 7.45pm. Door and bar open at 7.00pm. You will watch the Marchfield Amateur Drama group at their rehearsal meetings for their own murder mystery, when one of the cast members is bumped off in suspicious circumstances. A master of ceremonies will facilitate additional information in the form of statements from three eyewitnesses, following which you will be invited to interrogate the suspects and determine 'who-dun-it'. Tickets for £10, including a complimentary drink, are available from Jackie on 07780 680274, Kate on 07775 750903, from the Village Shop or at [www.hookyplayers.co.uk](http://www.hookyplayers.co.uk) via the What's On page. Qigong Qigong is similar to Tai Chi. It improves health and wellbeing. Qigong has both psychological and physical components and involves the regulation of the mind, breath and body's movement and posture. Beginning on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7-8.30p.m. Message below from instructor Peggy: Come and let us do Qigong together. Find out for yourself why millions of people are practising Qigong daily. We will be focused on 5 Element Flows for 10 weeks, every Friday from 7- 8.30pm Donations welcome. [peghirt@googlemail.com](mailto:peghirt@googlemail.com)

**Bartons Memorial Sports & Social Club:** *Membership:* fees are due on 1st October. The club is a social club governed by a constitution. The committee is made up of volunteers who alongside the bar staff and bar steward keep the club running smoothly. The little room is generally for members only,

and for junior members/children until 9pm. However, if the Jubilee room is booked or the room is closed everyone is welcome into the little room as above. Juniors over 13 - £2. Seniors, women over 60 and men over 65, £4. Adult £10. Non-members can be signed in for £1 but only twice a month. Juniors can be unaccompanied, but anyone under the age of 13 should be supervised please. Membership forms are available from the club. *Opening hours:* The opening hours are as follows: Thursdays 19:30 to close, Fridays 16:00 to close, Saturdays 12:00 to close, Sundays 12:00 to close. There are occasions when the club is open outside of this. Every 1st Wednesday of a month is Bingo from 19:30, this is open to members and non-members. The pool league play fixtures at the club on some Mondays during the season. The football will be shown on some Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you see the lights on, please pop by to find out. Please look out for event information, join the Facebook page Middle Barton Sports & Social Club (with the green MBS&SC emblem). Thank you for your continued support.

**Table Top Sale:** Steeple Barton Church are organising a sale at The Alice Marshall Hall on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 4pm. If you would like to donate unwanted goods for the sale, that would be fine, but any unsold items MUST be returned to the donator. There will be light refreshments on sale. All money raised will go to Steeple Barton Church to go towards improvements such as a much needed toilet and small kitchen area. More information and offers of help, please contact Dave Jackson [skellgildave@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:skellgildave@yahoo.co.uk)

**Festival Of Light Weekend:** Save the dates Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December Jazz Night Westcote Barton church. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Village Christmas Tree lighting. Sunday Service Westcote Barton church/advent carols. With refreshments.

**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 or email us at [bartonsgns@gmail.com](mailto:bartonsgns@gmail.com) to request help, find out more or to join us as a volunteer.

**Busy Bees:** Busy Bees is back from summer break and we have been enjoying welcoming children and families. Busy Bees is a free play format playgroup with a different craft or sensory element each week. We also sing songs, read stories and have a snack together so if you have a baby or preschool aged child in the village please come by and say hello! We meet every Tuesday during term time at the AMH between 9-11am.

**Pre-School:** They say that there's no such thing as poor weather, only poorly chosen clothing! Here at the Pre-School we encourage the children to play whatever the weather, and it has indeed been variable. They keep their own wellies and waterproofs here all year round, so puddle splashing is encouraged. But when it really is too dire, or too slippery, we have a fab mini-softplay indoors to keep them on their toes! Our newcomers have been settling in nicely, and we have been introducing ourselves with the topic "All About Me". We have been discussing diversity, our likes and dislikes, similarities and differences, and painting our self portraits. A new term means new adventures back at Little Wild Things Forest School for our older children. They have been delighting in travelling on the special mini-bus, and getting to run free in the woodlands, whilst enjoying crafts and activities. They even get to roast a marshmallow over a fire (fully safely supervised), which is an exciting treat that they all enjoy! *Save the date:* October 20<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for our annual Monsters Ball, so keep an eye out for tickets, and bring out your inner ghoulish by spooking on over! Weather permitting, we hope to have to some "quiet" fireworks to add some sparkle to the evening. Obviously we cannot be exactly sure just how quiet they will be, so if you think your Little One may be more comfortable with some ear defenders, then do please bring them! 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](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. 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. Since the last bulletin we have practised yoga, visited Friars Court gardens and enjoyed afternoon tea, and learnt some a floristry skills which add to the varied interests we have between us. 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* 10/10/23 Card making - a hands on craft evening led by Karen Hawes - we're prepping for Christmas 14/11/23 Infantillia - a look at the history of the nursery, equipment baby welfare and much more! 12/12/23 WI Members Christmas Dinner (and entertainment).

**Other Groups:** If you know of other groups in the Bartons that would benefit from sharing their news, please get in touch on the email address at the bottom of the page. While the tech-centric editor has been on the Internet since the WWW was born, the bulletin has an advantage over online groups in being "push" by household with strict geographic focus - it has serendipity on its side, reaching people new to the area or people who hadn't thought there were like-minded people "around here".

**Church News:** *Harvest Thanks* As our season of Harvest Festivals comes to an end, we'd like to thank everyone who donated items to our local foodbank, gave money to local good causes, helped organise the food, refreshments and made the churches look so beautiful with locally grown produce from our farms, gardens and fields. *Sandford 750* The events celebrating 750 years of St Martin's church have now concluded. Thanks to all who supported them through the summer, along with the organisers and bakers who provided our teas and cakes. *Musical news - new hymn books!* We are pleased to announce that we have new hymn books in all of our churches. The wide and varied selection includes both traditional and contemporary hymns. If there are hymns you particularly like do let us know and we will try to include them in our services. If you would like to make a donation towards a hymn book or give one in memory of a loved one, we would be delighted to hear from you. Bookplates will be available for the front of books with a personalised dedication. *Services to remember loved ones who have died* This year we will once again hold two services on All Souls Day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November where we will remember loved ones who have died. The services

are at 3pm in Westcote Barton followed by tea at the Alice Marshall Hall and 6pm in Duns Tew followed by drinks. These are reflective services, with an opportunity to read out names of loved ones and light candles for them. If you would like to add any names to the list of those being remembered, please sign the sheet in church, or let Jane know before the end of October. *Family@Church* In October our Family@Church service is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October starting at 9.30 with breakfast and an activity at 9am. The theme will be Remembering. *Remembrance Sunday services* Looking ahead, this year our Benefice Remembrance Sunday service is at 10.50am in the Bartons Victory Memorial Hall. There will also be a service in Duns Tew at 10.50am. 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 café 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/](http://www.facebook.com/bartonbenefice/)

| Church services October | Westcote Barton    | Steeple Barton                                      | Duns Tew   | Sandford St Martin    | Nether Worton    | Over Worton       |
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| 1 October               | 9.30am Eucharist   |   |  | 5.00pm Evening Prayer |                  | 11.00am Eucharist |
| 8 October               |                    | 9.30am Eucharist                                    | 9.30am Eucharist + zoom                                  |                       |                  |                   |
| 15 October              |                    | 5.00pm Informal Evening Service Alice Marshall Hall |  | 11.00am Eucharist     | 9.30am Eucharist |                   |
| 22 October              | 5pm Evening Prayer | 11.00am Eucharist                                   | 9 for 9.30am family@church breakfast & activity from 9am |                       |                  |                   |
| 29 October              |                    |   | 11.00am Benefice Eucharist for Bible Sunday              |                       |                  |                   |

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the November Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Chris Puttick, [cputtick@gmail.com](mailto:cputtick@gmail.com)