Chipping Norton Flower Club: July 26th will be a demonstration with Carol Brighton entitled "My Life in the Sun". We meet in the Town Hall; doors open at 7 for a 7.30 start. Visitors always welcome. There is no meeting in August. More information from Elaine (07833522592), email snips59@icloud.com or Ann on 01608 683289.

Crop Swap: Saturday 14th July, mid-day in The Cinnamon Stick. All very welcome. Bring any spare plants, produce that you have no use/room for and see if another grower has something you can use. All very informal, no-one is counting how much you give/take! Lack of experience not a problem -just call in to see what goes on. Details, phone Karen or Jeff (347601).

District Councillor's report: *Public Forum;* with PC Chris Jones will take place on Tuesday 3rd July, 7.30pm at the S&SC. All residents of the Bartons Ward are welcome to ask PC Jones about issues of concern and to get first hand information about the role of the police locally. More information from Cllr Jackson; <u>david.jackson@westoxon.gov.uk</u>.

Duns Tew Open Gardens: Sunday 1st July, 2-5.00pm. Eight gardens open around the village and tea, cake and plant sales in the village hall to raise funds for St Mary Magdalene. Tickets £5 includes cup of tea from the village hall.

Family Notice: *Hanks;* Kathryn, Edward and Pamela Hanks would like to thank all those who attended John's memorial/thanksgiving service at Steeple Barton Church on 2nd May. Thanks too for all the cards, letters of condolence, gifts and support from so many of our friends and neighbours.

FOMBS: Please don't forget our school fete on Sunday 1st July, 12-2pm. Always a popular event in our calendar and everyone is very welcome. Plenty of food and drink available and a large variety of stalls including tombola's, grand raffle, Adopt a Teddy, tractor rides and the return of the tense and very exciting Tug-of-War competition. The Year 6 enterprise scheme will also be featured with their own fundraising activity. Come and support your young entrepreneur. Please join us to enjoy all the entertainment on offer; it will also give everyone the opportunity to see the progress being made on our beautiful new ECO area which will be enjoyed for generations to come and which your never ending generosity has provided.

Lords for Lawrence Cricket Weekend: at Sandford St Martin Cricket Club. Charity dinner and auction with special guest, Jon Culshaw -Saturday 1st September. John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match – Sunday 2nd. For tickets or enquiries, please visit www.lawrencehomenursing.org or contact verityfifer.lhnt@gmail.com; or

madeleinerickard@hotmail.com

Open Garden: Ivor and Barbara Hill would like to thank everyone who supported their Open Garden event on Sunday 20th May. In glorious sunshine, we had 86 visitors who enjoyed lots of tea and home-made cake as well as buying plants and home-made preserves. We raised a grand total of £767.10. Apart from a donation of £50 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute and a modest amount to FOMBS, the majority will go to the National Garden Scheme which distributes funding to a number of charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Parkinson's UK and the MS Society.

Pre-school: We held our AGM in June and would like to thank everyone who attended. This term, the children enjoyed a trip to Cotswold Farm Park and loved seeing the animals and having a tractor ride. Our Leavers Ball is Friday 20th July, 5.30-7pm at Pre-School. This is a family event and includes a light tea for the children. Dress up in your best party clothes and enjoy the fun. Tickets on sale soon. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, staff and the committee for their support this academic year and wish our families a restful and fun holiday. 100 Club; June winners; Rachel Lawmon, Gill Chisnall, Vicky Walker and Linda Page. We have places available for children aged 21/2-5 years. More information, email middlebartonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk or phone 347968. You can view our prospectus and information other at

www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk Term 1 starts on Tuesday 4th September.

Sandford St Martin: *Pavements;* A Sandford resident has reported that it is impossible to walk through the village on the pavements. There is greenery hanging over and also plants all over the paths. Cars and vans park on the pavements making it impossible for walkers, pushchairs, wheelchairs and zimmer frames. Everyone is therefore asked to consider others as walking on the road is dangerous, particularly as no-one keeps to the speed limit.

School News: Tuesday 3rd; Madison Panting will represent the school in the Chipping Norton Partnership Bake Off final. Date for Dads; Friday 6th 1-3pm. To promote positive male role-models, we are asking dads, grandads, uncles or husbands to work with our children on a range of exciting activities, supervised by members of school staff. Tuesday 10th ; Key Stage 2 children are performing 'The Button Box' at Chipping Norton theatre. Two performances at 1.45 and 6pm. Tickets from the theatre Box Office (01608 642350). Thursday 12th; Home School Link; 9.30-11am in the school hall. Held on the third Thursday every month, an opportunity for anyone with small children/babies to have a chat, play, have a coffee and sing songs. For more details, phone the school (340522). Science Day; Friday 13th; Atomic Science will carry out science workshops with the whole school. We shall also be holding other sessions run by local science experts. If you have any skills or interests that you would like to teach the children, please contact the office. Monday 16th; we have a Health and Fitness Week involving a series of activities including 'The Daily Mile' and a whole school 'Walking Bus' which highlights the health advantages for families to walk to school. During the week, the Life Education Bus, which addresses issues of both physical and mental wellbeing, will attend school. Also parents of KS2 children are invited to come to an informal session by Active Achieve on Monday 16th 3-4pm. They will be talking about nutrition, diet and healthy life styles followed by a half hour physical activity for you and your

children to enjoy. Helpers Tea; Thursday 19th at 2pm to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time to support the school community. Includes performances from the winners of our mornings Talent Show. Friday 20th; Family picnic lunch and Sports Day. Starts at 12pm. All welcome. School Trips; Monday 23rd; Foundation and Key Stage 1 going to Cotswold Wildlife Park; Key Stage 2 going to Stonor Park, Henley and will see a performance of Giffords Circus. 24th July; Leavers Assembly for Yr6 children at 12.45pm. A chance for us to say goodbye and good luck to our oldest children as they prepare to move on to to secondary school. All welcome.

Steeple Barton Allotment Society: We currently have a plot available and are also inviting names for our waiting list. Please contact Catherine Dukes (01869 349109).

Steeple Barton PC: The Renault Sport Racing facilities manager informed the PC on expansion and future employment opportunities and that they are employing strict waste controls. Renault take a strict line on speeding and any employee caught speeding through the village faces summary dismissal. He confirmed that the routing agreement still stands and lorries should not be coming through the village. The PC welcomed Dave Jackson, our new District Councillor who spoke about a new consent route, which started on 1st June, to obtain planning permission for housing developments. At the public forum on 3rd July, the PC's idea for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the Bartons will be discussed. Neighbourhood Plan; we are considering our options for developing either a plan or assessment for the village. School; the PC thanked Jane Tailby for all her hard work at the school and was full of praise for the standard of artwork at the recent art display, the wonderful attitude of the children and the singing. Our young people are a real inspiration; well done all. Layby at Holliers; due to exhorbitant costs, we have decided not to go ahead with this project at the bottom of Holliers Cresc. On behalf of the parish, the Council thank Janice Dyer, Andy Hinton and Trish Giles for all their hard work in supporting this village by volunteering their time on the Parish Council - their combined years on the council totalling 16 years. We wish them all well and especially Trish who is getting married later in the year. Next Meeting; 16th July, 8pm in the AM Hall. Anyone wishing to join the council, please contact the clerk.

Women's Institute: *Don't Miss It;* By popular demand, we see the return of Dulcie Lewis to our meeting on 10th July, 7.30pm in Duns Tew village hall. She is well known throughout

Yorkshire for her wide range of talks from traditional cures and remedies, food and even matters lavatorial! This year, Dulcie's highly entertaining talk is entitled 'Not Just Yorkshire Pudding'. This will be an evening which celebrates Yorkshire culinary excellence in an amusing yet informative way. No meeting in August. For more information, please contact Jenny Jackson (01869 340759). The coffee morning on 7th July in the AM Hall is cancelled as there is one in Duns Tew on that day. There is a bus taking people to the coffee morning as some of the proceeds are going towards the Our Bus Bartons.

Roman Catholic Church: *Services:* St Teresa's, Charlbury. Sundays; Mass at 9.15am. Holy Days; Mass at 7.00pm.

Church News: *Interregnum;* services continue as advertised. *Our new vicar;* following interviews on 13th June, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of Rev'd Jane Wright as the new rector of the benefice. Jane and her husband Alan, will be moving into the rectory in the autumn. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during the vacancy. *Thank you* to everyone who contributed and participated in so many ways to the Steeple Barton Chase and Duns Tew Church Fete on 17th June, both of which raised significant sums for the upkeep of the churches in those parishes.

Church services; July/August ** Lay-led Matins.	Westcot e Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
1 st July, 5 th August	9.30	8.30	1 st July-5.15pm. Meditation in a Garden. 5 th Aug; 6.00pm	11.00		11.00
8 th July, 12 th August	11.00	9.30	11.00 **	6.00pm		8.30
15 th July, 19 th August		11.00	9.30	8.30		11.00
22 nd July, 26 th August	6.00pm		11.00	9.30 22 nd July 3.00pm Ledwell Open Air Service	8.30	
29 th July		11.00 Pet Service				

Midweek Communion: Wed 11th July and 8th August – 10am at 15 Washington Terrace, Middle Barton. Wed 25th July and 22nd August-10.30am at Dinghams, Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew.

If you would like to speak to a priest about church related or spiritual matters, please ring 01869 340510 or email <u>clergy.bartonbenefice@outlook.com</u>. For other enquiries, email <u>enquiries.bartonbenefice@outlook.com</u>

Please note that the Bulletin is not published in August. I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the September issue could please be sent to me no later than **Saturday 18th August**. Thank you. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street. Tel: 347641. email: blmid@freeuk.com