

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

March 2019

Alice Marshall Hall: After nearly 14 years as chairpersons, treasurer, booking secretary, cleaner and general factotums, Tricia and Ken Lusted are stepping down from the AM Hall Management Committee on 31st December 2019. Their departure means that the vacant roles will need to be filled by that date for the Management Committee to comply with the conditions of our licence and continue to run and administer the Hall. Failure to fill the 'Offices' of Chair and Treasurer will ultimately result in Alice's closure, something none of us want to see. If you think you might like to get involved with the running of this very important village facility, please contact either Tricia or Ken on 01869 340157 or email kentricia.lusted@btinternet.com

Chipping Norton Flower Club: March meeting on Thursday 28th is a workshop for Spring. Bring along a small bunch of spring flowers, some greenery and a small container and let's see what we can all produce. For more information, call Ann (01608 683289) or email Elaine on snips59@icloud.com. We meet in the Town Hall; doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Visitors always welcome at £4 per visit.

District Councillor's Report: I have been in contact with Citizens Advice Bureau in Banbury about a scheme called Community Connect being piloted through the Deddington Health Centre. Potentially isolated or lonely patients are contacted by staff at CAB and with help from volunteers in the community are helped to access activities which might help them. I have offered to be a volunteer and am undergoing training. Co-incidentally, a local friend mentioned to me an idea called 'The Good Neighbour Scheme' which

seems like a similar idea and is organised through WODC and Age UK. We are both going to see the organiser on March 5th to find out more details. If anyone would like to accompany us, please get in touch. Email david.jackson@westoxon.gov.uk or phone 07407 443944.

FOMBS: Our Key Stage 2 film night in February was a really enjoyable event for the older children raising a further £140 towards refurbishing the school hall. We will be running a Quiz Night on Friday 15th March with a St Patrick's Day theme. Tickets £10 each include a chilli supper; there is a maximum of 6 in each team. We have a fantastic prize bundle for the winning team including a Spitfire tour. This will be a great night so contact school or email fombs@middle-barton.oxon.sch.uk to register your team. If you are looking to stock up on bedding plants for the summer, don't forget our plant and cake sale on Friday 17th May at 3pm after school. Please remember to 'Like' FOMBS on Facebook for updates and details of our events.

Pre-school: This term the children have been learning about our senses, Chinese New Year and people who help us. They have really enjoyed a visit from a policeman, the lolly pop lady, a teacher, a veterinary nurse and a nurse. Thank you to all who came to the Roaming Supper; it was a great evening and we hope it was enjoyed by all. Next diary date is Easter Eggstravaganza on Friday 5th April, 5-6.30pm. This is held at pre-school when the children can enjoy craft activities, a light tea and of course an Easter egg hunt. *100 Club*; January winners were Graeme Arthur, Wendy Denby, Fran Osei-Bempong and Sarah Harvey. We have places for children aged between 2½ and 5 years. For more information, email

middlebartonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk or call 347968. For our prospectus and other information, visit www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk

Sandford St Martin PC: Next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by a Parish Meeting at 7pm. If you would like to present a short 5 minute report at the Parish Meeting representing a Parish event or club, please email sandfordclerk@hotmail.co.uk. The village website is now live and can be found at sandfordstmartin.org.uk.

Steeple Barton Chase: This annual run has become very popular so save the date, Sunday 16th June. Now the nights are getting longer, start training, enjoy a run whatever your pace; 10k, 5k and the 1k kid's fun run. For more details and to register, take a look at the updated website and see what fun was had last year; www.steeplebartonchase.co.uk

Steeple Barton PC: Report of meeting held on 18th February in the AM Hall. It was reported that cars are still parking on parish land at the end of Hollier's Crescent and Dorn Close. It was decided to put up No Parking signs in these areas. District Councillor Jackson reported on a meeting with OCC Highways Dept, Chris Grain, Cllr Carter-Windle and Cllr Henderson regarding the area outside the shop, Worton Road and the potholes in Kiddington Road, Mill Lane and Church Road. Chris Grain has also noted the problem areas in Rectory Crescent and Hillside Road. The expectation is that all these areas will be put back in good condition in the spring. *Parish Council Website*; we are experiencing some teething problems which we hope to resolve soon. *Dog Fouling*; this continues to be a problem. Please pick up after

your dogs. If anyone is seen not picking up, they will be reported to the authorities as it is an offence. *Village Library*; the new village library is a great success; thank you for your support in this worthwhile venture. *Next PC Meeting*; this will be held on Monday 18th March at 8pm in the Alice Marshall Hall.

Women's Institute: On Tuesday 12th March, Duns Tew WI is holding its AGM in the village hall at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a hot pie supper. Any enquiries to Jenny on 07968 862257.

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

Church News: It's a busy month in our churches! You will see that in addition to our regular pattern of services, there are some seasonal extras. These include Lent lunches in different villages across our Benefice and evening study groups at the Rectory. We are also hoping to begin confirmation classes before Easter so please be in touch if you would like to know more about that. This month, we also welcome Clare Harper, our

new Benefice Administrator. Clare's contact details are below. March begins with the *Women's World Day of Prayer* on Friday 1st, 7.00pm at Duns Tew. This service, written by the women of Slovenia, invites women, men and children of all ages to 'Come – Everything is Ready!'. Our *Ash Wednesday* service with imposition of ashes is at Sandford St Martin on 6th March at 12 noon. During the 5 weeks of Lent, there will be opportunities to meet and reflect at two groups; the daytime sessions will be a simple lunch followed by reflections on the theme '*Music towards Passiontide*'. Details of venues will be advertised in churches and on our weekly notice sheet. Our informal discussion groups will be from 8-9pm at the Rectory on 12th, 22nd and 27th March, 1st and 10th April. These will be based on Jane William's book, *The Merciful Humility of God*. Our Benefice *Mothering Sunday* service, to which all children and their mums and dads are welcome, will be at Steeple Barton on 31st March at 11am. Please come along and join us at any of our services or events. *Church Electoral Rolls*; please remember these are being renewed completely in time for Annual

Parochial Church Meetings (ACPMs) to be held in March and April. Being on the Church electoral roll (not the same as the civil roll used for electing MPs and councillors) entitles you to vote at the APCM which is when we elect people to the Parochial Church Council and other offices within the church. If you would like to be on the roll, you will need to apply (or re-apply if you were on the old one). You are entitled to do this if you are over 16, baptized and live or worship regularly within one of our parishes. Application forms are available from your church Electoral Roll Officer or Churchwardens. If you would like a visit, Home Communion or to discuss any spiritual matter, please do contact me. Also, if you have any ideas for any other activities or services that you would like our churches to consider holding in the future, my contact details are below. The Revd Jane Wright.

Church services; March <i>** Lay-led Matins.</i>	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
3 rd March	9.30	8.30	5.00pm	11.00	---	11.00
10 th March	11.00	9.30	11.00**	5.00pm	---	8.30
17 th March	---	11.00	9.30	8.30	---	11.00
24 th March	5.00pm	---	11.00	9.30	8.30	---
31 st March Mothering Sunday	---	11.00	---	---	---	---

Ash Wednesday: 6th March, 12 noon, Sandford St Martin

Mid-week Communion: Wednesday 13th March, 10am at 15 Washington Terrace, Middle Barton.

The Revd Jane Wright, Rector – tel 01869 340510. email; clergy.bartonbenefice@outlook.com

For general enquiries, please email Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator on enquiries.bartonbenefice@outlook.com

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the April Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 16th March. Thank you.

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