

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

May 2019

Chipping Norton Flower Club: On 23rd May, our meeting is a demonstration by Stephanie Cornell entitled "Contained Delights". 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.

Coffee Morning : *Our Bus Bartons*; we will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 4th May from 10.30-12.30 at Duns Tew Village Hall to raise funds for Our Bus Bartons. This is the first May Bank Holiday weekend. There will be tea/coffee and homemade cakes available plus other stalls. The bus will run from the S&SC and back again when finished, times to be arranged (see posters for details). Hope to see you there.

District Councillor's Report: I have contacted our Community Constable, PC Chris Jones, about getting a speed gun for the three Parishes to use to help monitor traffic speeds. The new recommended machine is over £2000 and he has been in touch with Soho Farmhouse who are willing to buy it for us. A team of three people is recommended to undertake a speed watch and PC Jones is happy to organise basic training. If anyone from Steeple, Westcot or Sandford Parishes would like more information, please get in touch with Chris or myself. Councillor Dave Jackson; 07407 443944; email david.jackson@westoxon.gov.uk

Drama Group: *Presents "Murder Gold FM"*. Who doesn't love local DJ Gerry Cox, the Silver Fox? Well, someone doesn't because halfway through his Charity Triathlon, he's lying dead – done to death by person or persons unknown. But whodunnit? Could it be his formidable wife Bridget? Rival DJs Kid Kidson or Jo Smiley? His daughter Sammi? Super fit Anna Daptor? Carsick Dave, the local pop sensation? Or scary superfan Mary Henshaw? There's only one way to find out – yes, it's another of Middle Barton Drama Group's almost legendary solve-it-yourself Murder Mystery Nights! "Murder Gold FM" will be performed on Friday 10th /Saturday 11th May 8pm at the AM Hall. Tickets £7.50 from the shop or any member of the group.

Duns Tew Church Fete: Sunday 16th June, 1.30-4pm at Duns Tew Manor (near the church). Lots of traditional stalls and games including bottle stall, white elephant, bouncy castle, fun racing, egg catching and lots more! Also teas, Silver Band, classic cars, ice creams and plants.

FOMBS: It was great to see so many children at our end of term Easter Egg Hunt. An eggstremelyeggciting time was had by all! Thank you to everyone who supported our St Patrick's Day themed Quiz Night in March which raised £640 for the school. Come on down to our plant and cake sale on Friday 17th May at 3pm to stock up for your summer garden. If you have any unwanted empty hanging baskets, please drop them at school asap; thank you. Our summer fete is on Saturday 6th July at the school. Please remember to 'Like' Fombs on Facebook for updates and details of our events.

Hughes: Dave and I would like to thank everyone who has given their kindness, love and support during what has been a very testing three months or so. That support has been overwhelming but very much appreciated. Thank you. Heather.

Open Garden: Ivor and Barbara Hill will again be opening their garden this year at The Grove, 81 North Street, Middle Barton under the National Garden Scheme (Yellow Book). The garden will be open from 1.30pm to 5pm on Sunday 19th May. There will be teas, home-made cakes and preserves and home-grown plants for sale. Entrance fee is £3.50; children free (sorry, no dogs). The National Garden Scheme raises funds for a number of charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Parkinson's UK and the MS Society, donating approximately £3 million a year to these causes.

Pre-school: It has been a very exciting month as the children have watched the arrival of 5 chicks and have loved the experience of watching them change especially liked holding them. The frog spawn is still being watched closely and we are awaiting frogs any day. The older children have been enjoying their trips to 'Big School'

having a play in the Foundation Class – a great way to introduce them to school in September. Thank you to those who came to the Easter party – it was egg-cellent! *May Day Fete:* please come along and support this event on Monday 6th May, 12-2pm at the S&SC. There will be lots of stalls, games and fun to be had. Also of course, food, drink and music for all to enjoy. This is a great community event and a really important fundraiser for pre-school. Another date for the diary is our popular Pamper evening on Saturday 8th June, 7pm onward at pre-school. There will be stalls, demos, pamper experiences and wine. Why not come along and enjoy yourself? If you have a child in the village or surrounding area and would like them to go to pre-school, please call 347968 and arrange to pop in for a visit and collect an application form. It is important to get their names on the waiting list as soon as possible. You can use your funded hours and if you have any questions, the staff are very happy to help. *100 Club;* February winners; Gill Chisnall, Laura Higgs, Lyn Benfield and Caroline Knight. If you would like to join the 100 club, please speak to Liz Coates or a member of staff. Pre-school has to have an active committee to run and continue fund raising. We are looking for new members to join the team so if you think you might like to be part of this, please speak to Lydia Holdaway or a member of staff.

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 www.sandfordstmartin.org.uk.

Sports and Social Club: Cash Bingo Wednesday 1st May at 7.30 then 5th June. *Jubilee Club;* see DFP for article. New members welcome, especially gentlemen! Next meeting; 14th May, 2pm afternoon Tea Dance. Numbers needed for catering please by Friday 10th May (340623). *Music;* Dirty Earth Band, 4th May 8pm. Tickets from club

or on the door. 22nd June – Pete Watkins. New members welcome - pop in for an application form. Opening hours; Monday – Thursday 7.30pm. Fridays 4.30pm; weekends 12 noon.

Steeple Barton Church: For sometime, we have been thinking of investing in a sound system for the church. As it is quite a large building, it is not always possible to hear what is being said especially where children are involved. The Parochial Church Council has engaged Sound4Churches to carry out the work. As the name suggests, they install sound systems in many churches. We are therefore looking for donations to help with the cost of £2,313 (including vat). If you are able to help, we would be very grateful. Please contact David Weighell (Churchwarden) or Ann Weighell (Treasurer); 18 Rectory Crescent, Middle Barton, telephone 347547 or email annweighell9@gmail.com. Alternatively, please contact any other member of the PCC. Thank you.

Steeple Barton PC: Meeting held on 15th April; A new speed gun has been acquired by PC Chris Jones for the use of all three Parishes. New training will be given and anyone wishing to volunteer should contact the Clerk; clerk@steeplebartonpc.org.uk. Peter Meadowcroft who has done a sterling job on the previous gun was thanked for the valuable information he has accumulated so far. OCC, Chris Grain, has after a second visit, agreed

to repair the pot holes in Mill Lane adding them to the already agreed works in the rest of the village.; the work will be carried out shortly. Signage near the school was discussed and an extra ‘School’ sign was suggested visible to cars approaching from Steeple Barton. Ian Hudspeth will chase up the white lines request at the bottom of Holliers. Dave Jackson was asked to make enquiries into the repairing and upkeep of the path between Worton Rd and Ballards Close. Also if he could source a dual bin for the top of The Dock as it is owned by WODC. The Village Appraisal is now in its final stages and is hoped to be online in late summer. Next meeting; will be the AGM starting at 7.30pm on 20th May in the AM Hall.

Women's Institute: *Duns Tew WI*; the next meeting on 14th May is our annual Resolution meeting. This year, the two campaigns which we will be voting on are; a call against the decline in local bus services and ‘Don’t fear the smear’. We shall decide which one we wish to be taken to the National Annual Meeting for voting. The meeting is in the Duns Tew village hall, starting at 7.30pm.

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

Church News: As this goes to press, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. This is always a very special time of year and good to see many of

you at our services. Our round of annual church council meetings is now over so we welcome all who are taking on new roles and thank anyone who has stepped down for the valuable contributions they have made. Up to date details of who’s who can be found on our website www.dornandridgebenefice.org.uk. Lent Lunches and Lent Discussion Groups were popular over the last two months. Various charities have been supported through donations given at the lunches and we are grateful to all hosts and speakers. Mothering Sunday was a well attended Benefice Service in Steeple Barton. The church was decorated with paintings by some of the children at the school; our thanks to them and the team who helped make all the lovely posies. New in May will be the launch of our Family Services. These will take the form of breakfast at 9am and a short informal service at 9.30 finishing by 10am. A Eucharist will follow for anyone who would like to stay on. We will hold two of these services each month – on the first Sunday of the month in Westcote Barton (5th May) and the third Sunday in Duns Tew (19th May). We would love to see you. Our confirmation preparation groups will begin in May. For further details, please contact me or see the information displayed in church. If you would like a visit, Home Communion or to discuss any spiritual matter, I would be pleased to hear from you. My contact details are below.

Church services; May <i>** Lay-led Matins.</i>	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
5 th May	9.00 Breakfast & Family Service	8.15	6.00pm **	11.00 **	---	11.00
Wednesday 8 th May	---	10.00	---	---	---	---
12 th May	11.00	9.30	11.00 **	6.00pm **	---	8.30
19 th May	---	11.00	9.00 Breakfast & Family Service	8.15	---	11.00 **
Wednesday 22 nd May	---	---	10.30	---	---	---
26 th May	6.00pm **	---	11.00	9.30	8.30	---
30 th May Ascension Day	---	---	---	---	---	2.00pm Eucharist; Rogation Walk & tea in church

Mid-week Communion: Wednesday 8th May, 10am at 15 Washington Terrace, Middle Barton.
Wednesday 22nd May, 10.30am at 1 Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew.

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 June Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 18th May.
Thank you. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street. Tel: 347641; email: blmid@freeuk.com

