

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

October 2019

Chipping Norton Flower Club:

October's meeting is an autumn wreath and table decorations workshop with Sophie Johnson from Stow Flowers. To take part, please bring along some greenery and autumn flowers. We will have a selection of oasis wreaths and containers for sale or bring your own. We meet in the Town Hall on 24th October. Doors open at 7 for a 7.30 start. Visitors welcome at £4. More information from Ann (01608 683289) or email Elaine at snips59@icloud.com. We are also well into planning our Christmas event which is on November 28th. More details next month.

District Councillor's Report: Following interest from the Sustainable Bartons Group (SBG), I am organising a visit to the Ardley incinerator complex in November – date to be confirmed. I have not been but I am told it is an amazing set-up producing electricity to power 19,000 homes. I am booking 20 places and first refusal will go to members of the SBG. However, there will be spare places so if you are interested, get in touch. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Dave Jackson (07407 443944). Email; skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk.

Drama Group: Our next production – Spirit of Adventure by Ken Lusted will be taking place on 31st October, 1st and 2nd November. Join the residents of Clonmoore Hall and the Copper Potters Reinactment group as they take their annual tour of the hall; it's going to be Spooktacular. Tickets £7.50 available soon from the shop and any member of the group. Performances begin at the ghostly hour of 7.30pm in the AM Hall.

FOMBS: Welcome from the FOMBS team to a new school year. Our first big event will be the village Fireworks Display on Tuesday 5th November. Gates open at 6pm. Get in to the festive spirit at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December

in the school hall from 3pm. There will be craft stalls and the usual fun and games.

Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS): We were delighted to help a few locals with their travel to hospital and GP appointments last month and hope we can be of help to more people this coming month. The scheme was set up to help the elderly and isolated in our community and we have a wonderful team of volunteers ready to help with transport (which has a charge of 45p per mile), a trip to the shops, help with small tasks or we can arrange for a friendly volunteer to make regular home visits. Please contact Mary and Louise on 07486886971 or bartongns@gmail.com.

John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match: A big thank you to Sandford St Martin Cricket Club and all who helped and attended the event which raises funds for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. This year, we raised £250.

Pre-school: We have had a lovely start to the term making new friends and learning 'All About Me'. We also had lots of visits from our children's lovely pets which was great fun! Dates for the diary this month include our Open Evening on Monday 7th October, 7.30 -8.30pm. Please come for a visit and talk to our very experienced staff and the pre-school committee about the quality care and education we can provide your child in a fabulous setting. On Friday 18th October, it is the Monster Ball. Tickets are £5 for adults and children and include chilli and hotdogs as well as a firework display, pumpkin carving competition and tombola. Pre-school and key stage 1 children and their families are welcome. 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. Or visit our website, www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk.

School Bus: *For the attention of parents of children in y6-13.* There is an emerging situation with the school bus to Chipping Norton. Some people get free transport, some pay and some this term have been unable to secure a place on the bus at all. For those that pay, the system is prioritised meaning that the younger children will be the first to lose out. OCC has reduced the number of places on the bus meaning that fewer 'concessionary' (paid) places will be available. This means that no 'concessionary' seat is 'safe'. There is limited transport to other senior schools in the area (if your child goes to The Warriner or Marlborough schools, please also get in touch). Are we happy for OCC to fail to provide transport to school? Are you a parent who pays? Are you struggling to get your child to school? Is your choice of senior school to be dictated by the bus? If we do not raise this with OCC now there is a real chance that many children from Middle Barton will not have any transport to any senior school. OCC has actively prevented OurBus from offering an alternative and appear to be inconsistent in their application of 'The Rules'; some parents who have obtained 'free' transport have subsequently been required to access the concessionary tickets. There will be a meeting to discuss this issue and gather as much information as possible on 7th October at 8pm at the S&SC. Alternatively, please email me (Jane McRobie) microbiejane@gmail.com.

Steeple Barton PC: Report of meeting held on 16th September. *Chipping Norton School Bus;* A member of the public attended to express two concerns regarding the school bus. Firstly, oversubscription of available bus places; as a result some pupils have no means available to get to school. Secondly is the random postcode lottery whereby some parents are forced to pay while some have the benefit of free transport. We were told that a meeting has been arranged with Ian Hudspeth on Wednesday 18th September to

discuss this important matter. We were also advised that an open meeting has been arranged for Monday 7th October for parents and guardians to discuss this issue. (See separate item above for full details). It is hoped that a member of WODC or Oxfordshire CC will attend. A member of Steeple Barton PC will also attend. *District and County Councillor reports*; full reports are at our website www.steeplebartonparishcouncil.org. *Traffic Mirrors*; New mirrors have been fitted at Rayford Lane, South Street and Kiddington Road. We hope that this will improve visibility and safety at these locations. *Village Appraisal*; This is almost complete and ready for circulation. We are seeking volunteers to help distribute this important document. If you can help, please contact clerk@steeplebartonpc.org. All help will be gratefully received. *Winter Salt Bins*; these have now been filled in preparation for any severe weather which might come our way! *Next Meeting*; Monday 21st October, 8pm in the AM Hall.

Women's Institute: Do you know what the connection is between The Parthenon and Pineapples? If not, why not come

along to the Duns Tew WI meeting on Tuesday 8th October, 7.30pm in Duns Tew village hall. This will be an interesting, fun and informative evening. Any queries to Jenny (07968862257). All visitors are welcome.

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

Church News: The churches which held their Harvest celebrations last month were beautifully decorated. Our thanks to all who helped, donated produce or contributed to the offerings. This month, Westcote Barton will hold a Family Service for Harvest on 6th October and Duns Tew on 20th October. Last month, four candidates were confirmed by Bishop Humphrey Southern in Steeple Barton Church so congratulations to them on this important step. As we head into Autumn, a reminder that we have made some slight adjustments to service times. All Early Services now begin at 8am across the Benefice. Also, Duns Tew have replaced their Matins and Evensong with more informal Morning and Evening Worship. When the clocks change at the end of the

month, there will be further changes to service times with evening services starting at 5pm (instead of 6pm) with the exception of Westcote Barton who change to 5pm in November. Looking ahead, we have our Benefice All Souls service on Saturday 2nd November, 4pm in Westcote Barton where we remember loved ones who have died. This is a reflective service where there will be an opportunity to light a candle for each person we name. Please contact us this month if you wish to add any names to those being remembered. After the service, there will be refreshments at The Rectory to which everyone is warmly invited. If you would like a visit, Home Communion or to discuss any spiritual matters, my contact details are below. Further information about all services and activities can be found on our website, weekly notice sheet and the board outside the shop in Middle Barton.

Church services; October <i>* Not a Communion Service</i>	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
6 th October	9am Breakfast for Family Service/Eucharist	4.00pm *	6.00pm *	11.00 *	Closed for building work	11.00
Wednesday 9 th October	-----	10.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
13 th October	11.00	9.30	11.00 *	6.00pm *	----	8.00
20 th October	-----	11.00	9am Breakfast for Family Service/Eucharist	8.00	-----	11.00 *
Wednesday 23 rd October	-----	----	10.30	-----	-----	-----
27 th October	6.00pm *	----	11.00	9.30	-----	8.00

Mid-week Communion: Wednesday 9th October; 10am at 15 Washington Terrace, Middle Barton.

Wednesday 23rd October; 10.30, Duns Tew – Venue to be advised.

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

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

Website: www.dornandridgebenefice.org.uk.

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the November Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 19th October. Thank you. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street. Tel: 347641 email: blmid@freeuk.com
