

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

November 2019

1st Bartons Scout Group: *Christmas Card Delivery 2019.* Once again, the Beavers and Cubs will be delivering Christmas cards in The Bartons free of charge. Our 4 post boxes will be put out late November around the village. Last posting is Saturday 14th December 6pm and the only delivery will be on Monday 16th December. Please make sure you address the envelopes clearly with house number/name and road. We will only be delivering cards so please don't put anything else in envelopes. Any questions, please contact me jillyelliott42@gmail.com. Jill Elliot, 1st Barton Beavers.

Bartons Good Neighbour Scheme: We have a lovely group of volunteers who have been helping the elderly and/or isolated in the community this month providing travel to appointments, shopping and light gardening tasks. Please get in touch with Mary and Louise if you would like any help with transport (a charge of 45p /mile), shopping, small tasks (eg gardening, form filling) or befriending. Our contact details are 07486886971 or bartonsgns@gmail.com.

Bartons History Group: Our winter talk, on Friday 6th December, 7.30pm in the AM Hall, will be by Roy Cox who is Estate Manager at Blenheim Palace. He will talk on "The Blenheim Palace Lake Dredge and Bridge Repair" which you will have heard about on the local news. Tickets on the door, £5 each with the usual liquid refreshments to purchase and a raffle.

District Councillor Report: After an unavoidable delay, the Bartons Community Speed 'gun' should arrive before the end of November. If any residents of Sandford St Martin and the Bartons would like to be involved in a Community Speed Watch committee, please get in touch with me. Training will be organised by PC Chris Jones on a day and time most suitable for him and participants. Dave Jackson 07407 443944. email: skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk.

Drama Group: Our next Production, Spirit of Adventure, by Ken Lusted will be 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 from Middle Barton Stores and

any member of the group. Performances begin at the ghostly hour of 7.30pm in the AM Hall.

FOMBS: Our Fireworks Display on Tuesday 5th from 6pm will be a spectacular show for the whole family. Tickets in advance from school or the shop; family-£15, adult £5, child £3. On the gate; family £18, adult £6, child £4. AGM; with 'Gin and Fizz' will be on Thursday 14th, 7.30 at school. Get in to the festive spirit at our Christmas Fayre, Friday 6th December, 3pm in the school hall-craft stalls and the usual fun and games. Santa and his sleigh (joint fund raiser with pre-school) will make their annual visit on Sunday 15th December from 5pm.

Jubilee Club: Tuesday 12th; how to make a Christmas wreath demonstration 11am – 1pm at the S&SC. Wednesday's 13th and 20th; trips to Aston Pottery. Depart 1.30pm from S&SC car park; £6 a seat; to book, ring Lynne 340623. S&SC; 16th November, 8pm - Abilene Country Music. 30th November; 8pm – Steve Carmel. Memberships were due on 1st October; please renew yours if you have forgotten.

Library: We would like to thank those of you who continue to support 'Our Library'. We are here to provide a service for members of our community and would love to see some more new faces popping in to visit our volunteers and borrowing from our wide range of books. We are open Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's between 11 and 2pm in the cafe room at the back of the shop. If our times do not suit you, please let us know and we can consider making adjustments in the future. Alison and John Umney (347769).

Macmillan Coffee Morning: this was held at the Bowls Club on Friday 28th September and we would like to thank everyone for their help and support. It was a lovely morning and we raised £712.16 – more than last year!

Our Bus Bartons: we await formal approval to timetable changes that are expected to take place with effect from early November. We are removing the 08.47 service to Deddington on Thursdays and the first Route 3 service on Mondays and Thursdays will leave 5 minutes earlier at 09:30 instead of 09:35. This has become a very comprehensive service. The current timetable can be obtained on the bus, at the shop or <http://ourbusbartons.btck.co.uk> or <https://bustimes.org/operators/ourbus-bartons>.

Pre-school: It's been a busy month and all children have settled in well. Our open evening went well and was a lovely opportunity to look through the children's work and meet the staff. We all had a fabulous time at the Monster Ball with some great spooky costumes and fantastic carved pumpkins. The enormous 'guess the weight of the pumpkin' came in at 32.5 Kg. Thanks to everyone who came and the committee for organising it. Our next event is our Christmas Bazaar, 12-2pm at the S&SC on Saturday 30th November followed by the lighting of the village tree where the committee will be selling mulled wine and lots of lovely treats. We have some amazing raffle prizes this year which will be available at both events. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Bus: the meeting on 7th October to discuss issues with this, was well attended including representatives from the Parish Council, school governors, parents and Lucy Butler and Cllr Hudspeth (OCC). OCC has agreed to supply sufficient capacity so that children from The Bartons have a place on school transport and will investigate the basis for allocation of free/paid transport for all parents. Another meeting will be held on 12th November, 8pm at the S&SC to review progress. Please do come along as action is being taken by OCC on this issue because of the significant presence of local people and we want another well attended meeting.

School Governors: Middle Barton school is going from strength to strength with roll numbers increasing, a 'Good' Ofsted rating and an exciting new curriculum being launched this year. The Governing Body plays a key 'behind the scenes' role in supporting the headteacher, staff and children. We are looking for more local people to join the team as current governor's terms of office come to an end. Do you have particular skills to share and a free evening every month or so? We would love to talk to you about becoming a governor. To find out more, phone 340522 or email office@middlebartonschool.org.

Stamps: We are collecting used stamps for Katharine House Hospice. Please leave at the shop for collection by Kay or Carol Stewart.

Steeple Barton PC: Report of meeting on 21st October. *Village Appraisal*; distribution has been postponed until November when it will be

delivered to every house in the Bartons. *Roads*; a November. Want to know more? Email; loved ones we have lost then have the meeting regarding the lines and speed limit sustainablebartons@protonmail.com. opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

signs by the school and on the B4030 is to be **Waste and Recycling Calendars:** annual After the service, there will be refreshments at arranged with Ian Hudspeth and a Highways calendars for October 2019/September 2020 The Rectory to which everyone is warmly representative. *ROSPA*; the playing fields are now available to download from the invited. Sunday 10th November is our Benefice committee will be responsible for taking the WODC website; www.westoxon.gov.uk. Just Remembrance Day Service in Steeple Barton at ROSPA report forward. The PC will donate to insert your postcode to download the calendar 10.50am. There is also a service in Duns Tew the cost. *School*; the breakfast bus has been a for your area. If you do not have internet that morning. At the end of the month, the great success; well done Our Bus. Cllr Kate access, copies can be collected at the Guildhall, Festival of Light begins on 29th November with Carter-Windle went to the school to talk to the Chipping Norton (open 9-1pm, Monday, a concert in church at Westcote Barton, given children about the Christmas Tree competition; Wednesday, Friday). Or call 01993 861000 and by Sue Greenway and her Jazz Band. Tickets it was greeted with an enthusiastic response WODC will send you a copy. from Kate Carter-Windle and the shop. On 30th from the school's budding artists! Winner to be **Women's Institute:** On Tuesday 12th, we have November, the Christmas Tree lights will announced at the next meeting. The Christmas a Christmas wreath demonstration by Deborah switched on and on Sunday 1st December, the Tree lighting is on 30th November. *V.E. day* Bailey, 7.30pm in Duns Tew village hall. Please Benefice Advent Carol Service takes place in *celebrations*; the PC has agreed to purchase a come along and join us. *Coffee Morning*; Duns Tew at 5pm followed by supper in the "Tommy" for the event to be held at the Saturday 16th, 10.30 in the AM Hall. village hall. A reminder that now the clocks Memorial Playing Fields in May. *Next Meeting*; **Roman Catholic Church: Services:** St Teresa's, have changed, evening services start at 5pm 18th November, 8pm at the AM Hall. Charlbury. Sundays; Mass at 9.15am. Holy (instead of 6pm) in all our churches. If you **Use Less/Share More: Children's Clothes Swap;** Days; Mass at 7.00pm. would like a visit, Home Communion or to ages 8-10 approx. Saturday 9th November 10-12 **Church News:** November is a month of discuss any spiritual matter, my contact details noon in the AM Hall. Come and browse, learn remembering, a timely pause before Advent, are below. Further information about all to darn, eat some cake. Clean clothes can the season of waiting and preparation. Firstly, services and activities can be found on our brought to Kelly Pedell, 7 Mill Lane, Middle at the beginning of the month we hold our All website, weekly notice sheet and the board Barton by Thursday 7th November or to the Souls' Benefice Service on Saturday 2nd outside the shop in Middle Barton. Revd Jane school playground, 3pm on Friday 8th November, 4pm in Westcote Barton. During Wright. this reflective service, we read the names of

Church services -November * Not a Communion Service.	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford Martin	St Worton	Nether Worton	Over Worton
Saturday November 2 nd	4pm. Benefice All Souls Service	---	---	---	---	Closed for building work throughout November.	---
3 rd November	9am Breakfast for 9.30 Family Service/Eucharist	4pm *	5pm *	11.00 *	----	----	11.00
10 th November	8.00 am	10.50 Benefice Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service	----	----	----	---
Wednesday 13 th	---	10.00am **	---	---	---	----	---
17 th November	----	11.00	9am Breakfast for 9.30 Family Service/Eucharist	8.00am	----	----	11.00 *
24 th November	5.00pm *	---	11.00	9.30	----	----	8.00am
Wednesday November 27 th	----	----	10.30 **	---	----	----	----

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

Wednesday 27th, 10.30am Duns Tew. Venue to be advised.

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I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the December Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 16th November.

Thank you. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street. Tel: 347641 email: blmid@freeuk.com

