

# Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

## December 2019

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1<sup>st</sup> Barton Scout Group: *Free Christmas Card Delivery*; four white posting boxes will be set up from the beginning of December. Please ensure that you don't forget the address. Delivery will be in Middle Barton only. Last posting deadline is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and cards will be delivered on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Bartons Good Neighbour Scheme:** Contact Mary or Louise on 07486886971, email [bartonsgns@gmail.com](mailto:bartonsgns@gmail.com) to request help (small tasks, befriending, transport) or if you'd like to volunteer with us; we are especially looking to recruit additional volunteer drivers to help meet demand.

**Bartons History Group:** Our winter talk on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the AM Hall will be by Roy Cox, 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. We will of course have the usual liquid refreshments to purchase and a raffle. Everyone welcome.

**FOMBS:** Thank you to everyone who supported our spectacular fireworks display on 5<sup>th</sup> November. This event was a treat for the whole family and raised £1115.21 for the school. Get into the festive spirit at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall from 3pm. There will be craft stalls for Christmas shopping and the usual fun and games. We will be selling our handmade natural wreaths again with all profits going to FOMBS. Look out for Santa and his sleigh on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> from 5pm. This is a joint fundraiser with pre-school so please give generously. Merry Christmas from the FOMBS team!

**Pre-school:** Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Bazaar; it was a fabulous event with amazing singing from the children and great raffle prizes. The lighting of the village tree that evening was also supported by the pre-school committee providing food and drinks. Thank you for any contribution you made to these events; your support allows us to provide more for the village children! On 15<sup>th</sup> December, it is the annual Santa's Sleigh ride around the village starting at 5pm. Keep an eye out for Santa and

his elves! There are still some places available at pre-school to start in January. If you would like to know more, please drop in and speak to a member of staff. Happy Christmas!

**School Bus:** the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November to discuss ongoing issues was attended by Cllr Ian Hudspeth and Lucy Butler from OCC. *Resolutions*; OCC has undertaken to provide transport to Chipping Norton school for all children living in Middle Barton until at least 2021. It is not yet certain whether that will be free or paid but with spaces in other schools being taken, it is likely that Chipping Norton will be the nearest school with available places and transport should therefore be free. OCC and local parents confirmed that parents of children in Yr6 had been contacted and options set out with regard to school choice and provision of transport. We thank OCC for resolving that. There is still an issue about the allocation of free or paid transport for the year group currently in Yr8 and it was clear that OCC's investigations into the basis of decisions had not been sufficient. Lucy Butler agreed to conduct a more thorough review of the mileage calculations in particular which appeared to be in error. Contact her on [lucy.butler@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.butler@oxfordshire.gov.uk). OCC will report back to the Parish Council in time for the December meeting and January Bulletin.

**Steeple Barton PC:** The meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November was well attended and during the public 15 minutes, Richard Brown and Tom Green, who have started the "Safe Roads for Middle Barton Campaign" spoke. Their aim is to carry out an electronic petition and a traffic survey in the next 10 weeks. The PC agreed to support the campaign. *Renault*; Steve Martin and Martin Cummings spoke about their safety campaign which Renault will be launching in the form of signs, banners and stickers for the school children with the message "Belt On, Slow Down, Phones Off". *Speed Gun*; Dave Jackson expected this to be delivered on 19<sup>th</sup> November. PCSO Chris Jones will demonstrate it and provide training. Contact Dave if you are interested in helping with this. *V E Celebrations*; the PC has agreed to pay for the "Tommy" for next years V E

Celebrations. It was also agreed to extend the payments to Our Bus for another 36 months. *Next Meeting*; 16<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm at the AM Hall.

**Sustainable Bartons:** Many thanks to all who came to the clothes swap on 9<sup>th</sup> November; we took in at least 20 bags of clothes and had many happy punters. Next, is a hedgerows and wildlife walk on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Good for all ages; meet 10am, Fox Inn car park. *Next Meeting*; Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm at The Fox. All welcome. Enquiries; [sustainablebartons@protonmail.com](mailto:sustainablebartons@protonmail.com)

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

**Church News:** *Advent and Christmas Services*; we look forward to welcoming you to services taking place in the Benefice during Advent and Christmas. Full details are in the table below. Please note that during December, there are some changes to the usual service times. *Advent Sunday*; 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5pm service in Duns Tew. Advent Carols and readings with the Benefice Choir followed by Advent Supper in the village hall at 6pm. Proceeds in aid of the Romanian Foyer Trust. Tickets; adult £7.50, child £4.00; family (2 adults and 2 children) £20. Available from 01869 347106 or email [karencholmeley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:karencholmeley@yahoo.co.uk). *Children's Candlelight Service and Christingles*; Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm, Sandford St Martin Church followed by seasonal refreshments. Toys (new and unwrapped-no soft toys please unless brand new) will be gratefully received and given to the Sunshine Centre in Banbury. The collection will be shared between the Sunshine Centre and The Children's Society.

*Carol Services*; are taking place in all the benefice churches followed by seasonal refreshments. You are welcome to attend any or all of them. Details below. There will also be carols in Duns Tew churchyard on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm (wrap up!). *Christmas Cards*; We have a selection of cards on sale again this year. Westcote Barton cards are 40p (or £3.50 for ten). Available from the shop, at Westcote Barton services or from Carol Lister (340319). Cards by local artist, Ann Weighell, in support of St Mary

Magdalene, Duns Tew are available at £2 for 5 cards from Carol Rigby (340632) or [noneschcarol@gmail.com](mailto:noneschcarol@gmail.com). *Reverse Advent Calendar*; we're all familiar with taking small gifts from window in the Advent Calendar each day but with a reverse calendar, the idea is to enable us to give something each day by placing gifts in a box or bag and watching it fill up during December. If you'd like to take part, please collect items suitable for homeless

and vulnerable people who are helped by Polly in Banbury, then take your donations to Westcote Barton Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> or Duns Tew Church by 23<sup>rd</sup> December. A list of suggested items is available from Kate Carter-Windle [kate.cw@btinternet.com](mailto:kate.cw@btinternet.com). *New Year's Eve*; we will once again be holding a short service at 5pm in Westcote Barton Church followed by drinks at the Rectory. If you know of anyone needing transport to any services or a

home visit, please speak to your churchwardens or to the Rector. *Thank You!* Finally, this is a good time to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped plan, run and attend all the services and events held throughout the year but particularly over the busy festive season. With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Revd Jane Wright.

<b>Church services;</b> <i>* Not a Communion service.</i>	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
1 <sup>st</sup> December. Advent 1	9am Breakfast for 9.30 Family Service/Eucharist	----	5pm. Benefice Advent Service; carols and supper.	---	Closed for building work	11.00am---
8 <sup>th</sup> December. Advent 2	----	9.30am Eucharist	-----	4pm. Benefice Christingle	-----	-----
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	-----	10.00am **	-----	-----	-----	-----
15 <sup>th</sup> December. Advent 3	8am Holy Communion	-----	4pm Lessons and carols	11am. Carol service	-----	11.00am *
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	----	10.45 Middle Barton School Christmas Service	----	-----	-----	-----
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	-----	-----	6pm. Carols in churchyard	----	-----	-----
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	8am. Holy Communion	3pm. Benefice Lessons & Carols with Benefice Choir	-----	-----	-----	Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve	4pm Crib and Carol Service. 11.30pm. Midnight Mass	----	11.30pm Midnight Mass	11.30pm Midnight Mass	-----	-----
Christmas Day	-----	11am Christmas Eucharist	11am Christmas Eucharist	11am Christmas Eucharist	-----	11am Christmas Eucharist
29 <sup>th</sup> December	-----	-----	9.30 Benefice Eucharist	-----	-----	----
31 <sup>st</sup> December; New Years Eve	5pm	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

\*\* Mid-week Communion; Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December; 10am at 15 Washington Terrace, Middle Barton.

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I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the January Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 14th December.

Thank you. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street. Tel: 347641; email: [blmid@freeuk.com](mailto:blmid@freeuk.com)

A Very Happy Christmas to everyone from the Bulletin Team.

