

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

February 2020

Drama Group: We will be staging *The Naked Truth* by Dave Simpson in the Spring, March 12th, 13th and 14th at 7.30pm in the AM Hall. A funny, yet heart warming adult tale of six women whose stories are revealed through their weekly burlesque classes. This production contains strong language and adult themes. Tickets, £10 each, will include a donation to Breast Cancer charities. Tickets available soon from Middle Barton store or members of the group. Please see posters and advertising for more details.

District Councillor's Report: Both people I know and people I don't, contact me with enquiries about issues they need assistance with. Unless the contact is simply bumping into me in the village, most people use email, text or phone. I prefer to pop round to meet people I don't know for a chat. However, if you want to speak to me at a 'neutral' location, I am still doing my weekly library duty in the cafe room behind the shop on Wednesdays from 11am to 12. Please call in for a natter. Otherwise, contact me, Dave Jackson, at 8 South Street, phone 07407 443944 or email skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk.

FOMBS: We are currently raising money for a new running track for the school as the old one is becoming unsafe. The children have been participating in the 'Daily Mile' every morning and some have completed a marathon so it would be a real shame if this had to stop. If you would like to make a donation either as an individual or a company or if your company does match funding, please get in touch by email; FOMBS@middle-barton.oxon.sch.uk Thank you.

Library News: On Friday 10th January, we celebrated the first anniversary of Our Library. During this time, we are pleased to report that we have lent out almost 500 books. Many thanks to all our volunteers and supporters. We are open in the cafe room at the shop from 11am until 2pm Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There are no time limits on how long you borrow a book for. If a volunteer is not present, please complete details of the books you borrow on our record sheet and leave returns on the table. In order to continue to update and refresh our stocks, we are happy to accept donations of new and recently published popular fiction paperbacks - sorry, no hardbacks. Thank you.

Pre-school: The children have settled in well after the holidays and we welcome Xander and Albie and their families. Topics this term will include Our Senses, Food and Wild Animals. Leap in to February with our fantastic Fitness February Workout Fundraiser. Walk an average 10,000 steps a day for 29 days and enter the draw to win a fabulous prize. Simply drop into pre-school before 1st February or email middlebartonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk to enter. Pay £10 to receive your Steps Tracker form and complete this on a daily basis. Return the form to pre-school (drop in or email) by Thursday 5th March. The winner will be drawn on 9th March. This event will help raise money for pre-school and also supports the 'Safe Roads Middle Barton' initiative. We still have places available for children aged 2½ to 4. Please pop in and speak to a staff member for more information.

Steeple Barton Churchyard Plan: The Revd Jane Wright and the Steeple Barton Parochial Church Council

would like to thank Carol Denley so very much for all her time and patience in producing a new and up to date plan of the 'modern' churchyard, 1967 to the present day. A copy is at the back of Steeple Barton church. As some of the data was not available, a few details are missing. If anyone can help with this or notices a mistake, please email Carol so she can amend the plan; caroldenley@aol.com.

Steeple Barton PC: Report on January meeting. *Village Appraisal*; all the responses are now in and the data is being collated. Richard Brown, who heads up the 'Safe Roads for Middle Barton' campaign, came to the meeting and the aims of both the Council and Richard are on the same lines. Progress is being made but it always takes time for these discussions to come to fruition. A meeting was scheduled for Monday January 27th when the method of showing the results of the survey will be finalised. *VE Day*; the planned celebrations for this event were discussed and it is all moving forward to a wonderful weekend of entertainment for the village. *Next Meeting*; Monday 17th February, 8pm at the Alice Marshall Hall.

Sustainable Bartons: All welcome – children and adults alike – to join an hour long wildlife walk on Sunday 8th March at 10am. We will gather at The Fox pub car park. As well as enjoying our lovely local environment, we'll be exploring local hedgerows and planting opportunities. If you would like to know more, please contact Bex at sustainablebartons@gmail.com.

Women's Institute: On Tuesday 11th February, we have Chris Parrett giving us a talk on 'Dogs for Good' which used to be called 'Dogs for the Disabled'. The dogs are now trained to give support to physically disabled

children and adults as well as children with autism. Chris will explain how this assistance works with the dogs as well as bringing along her own young dog. As usual, the meeting is in Duns Tew village hall starting at 7.30pm. Visitors always welcome. Any queries to Jenny on 07968862257.

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

Church News: We start the month with a benefice service to celebrate Candlemas on Sunday 2nd February. This is in Westcote Barton and will be a Family Church service with a difference. Breakfast will be from 9am when there will also be craft

activity for the children. The service will begin at 9.30 and our benefice choir will be singing. All candles to be used in services this year will be blessed. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us. Towards the end of the month, Ash Wednesday falls on 26th February. There will be a Holy Communion service with imposition of ashes at 10.30 in Duns Tew. This replaces the usual mid-week Holy Communion in Duns Tew and is for the whole benefice. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Next month's Bulletin will include full details of Lent lunches and Evening Study Groups to take place during the weeks leading up to Easter. Thank you to everyone who donated to Polly

and the Foodbank at Christmas. Both initiatives were really well supported and the recipients delighted with our support. Boxes remain at the back of Westcote and Steeple Barton Churches for foodbank items. More details are available on their website. Please do contact me if you would like a visit, Home Communion, to consider confirmation or to discuss any spiritual matter. Also, if you have ideas for any other activities or services which you would like our churches to consider for the future, I'd be pleased to hear from you. The Revd Jane Wright.

Church services: February <i>* Not a Communion Service</i>	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
2 nd February Candlemas	9.00am Breakfast for 9.30 Family plus Benefice Service/Eucharist.	----	5.00pm *	-----	Closed for building work.	----
9 th February	11.00am	9.30am	11.00am *	5.00pm *	-----	8.00am
Wednesday 12 th February	-----	10.00am **	----	-----	-----	-----
16 th February	-----	11.00am	9.00am Breakfast for 9.30 Family Service/Eucharist	8.00am	-----	11.00am **
23 rd February	5pm *	---	11.00am	9.30am	-----	8.00am
Wednesday 26 th February Ash Wednesday	----	---	10.30am (replaces mid-week communion)	----	-----	-----
1 st March	9.00am Breakfast for 9.30 Family Service/Eucharist	5pm. (See Duns Tew)	5pm. Wholeness and Healing Service (being held in Steeple Barton)	11.00am *	-----	11.00am

** Mid-week Communion; Wednesday 12th February, 10am at 15 Washington Terrace, Middle Barton.

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I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the March Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 15th February. Thank you. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street. Tel: 347641 email: blmid@freeuk.com
