

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

March 2020

Alice Marshall Hall: we would like to share our good news! The AM Hall is going to have a face-lift. We are pleased to say that we have been given a very generous donation which has enabled us to begin on the path of restoration. If you feel able to help in any way, please contact Kate Carter-Windle kate.cw@btinternet.com or Jackie Hinton jackiehinton@hotmail.com. We would be very grateful for your help, suggestions or donations.

Bartons Good Neighbour Scheme: was set up to provide support and friendship for those feeling lonely or isolated in the community and for those struggling to get somewhere or complete a task at home. Please get in touch with Mary or Louise on 07486886971 or bartonsgns@gmail.com with any requests including help with small tasks or perhaps a chat over a cup of tea with one of our friendly volunteers. We can also assist with transport to GP and hospital appointments or a trip to the local shops if no friends or family are able to help. Please note there is a 45p per mile charge for assistance with transport.

Bartons History Group: would like to make a record of *A Day In The Life Of The Bartons* to record the life of our community as it is on an ordinary day in 2020. To do this, we would like as many people as possible to send us photographs taken on one particular day – Wednesday 6th May 2020. The photos can be of anything, anybody, at any time of the day in the street/pub/shop, doing homework, playing games/musical instruments, the weather etc – in fact anything at all! All we ask is that the pictures are taken at the highest possible resolution, a caption is provided detailing who or what is in the pictures, the time of day at which it was taken and that everyone in the picture is comfortable about being photographed. The History Group will then collect all the images and make a presentation at the History Group AGM in June and hopefully, later collate them into a publication. The idea is that this will be repeated every few years to see how life has changed in that time. If you would like to take part, please send your photos to adayintheBartons@gmail.com.

Bel Canto: Your friendly neighbourhood choir seeks an enthusiastic pianist for

rehearsals and concerts. Chord compers or notation readers welcome! We rehearse on term time Tuesdays, 7.45 – 9.15 and sings mostly arrangements of popular songs and songs from musicals. Contact Lynda on lyndawebb@btinternet.com for further information.

Coffee Morning: Duns Tew Village Hall, Saturday 7th March 1030-12.30. Tea/coffee, cakes and raffle. In aid of “Save Our Angels” project; come and find out what needs to be done to restore and preserve the historic windows of Duns Tew Church.

Concert: Saturday 25th April, 7.30pm, Duns Tew Church. Tickets £12. Oxford 4 piece band, Moonrakers, bring traditional and contemporary folk music to the church with songs and tunes from the English, Irish and Scottish tradition. To see and hear more, go to www.moonrakers.net or to book, ring Clare (01869) 347382 or pay on the door.

District Councillor’s Report: *Community Speedwatch*; following the launch meeting on 25th January, over 20 people have volunteered to help in a rota of three persons to help at a speedwatch session. A committee (which includes residents of Sandford, Westcot and Middle Barton) has met to discuss locations in the villages and the frequency and times of sessions. Brian McKeown has agreed to be the coordinator (07766004577; brian.j.mckeown@gmail.com). Both Brian and I have copies of the guidance notes if other residents wish to be involved. Please get in touch. Dave Jackson skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk; tel; 07407 443944.

Drama Group: will be staging ‘The Naked Truth’ by Dave Simpson on March 12th, 13th and 14th, 7.30pm in the AM Hall. A funny yet heart warming adult tale of 6 women whose stories are revealed through their weekly burlesque classes. This production contains strong language and adult themes. Tickets £10, which will include a donation to Breast Cancer charities, are now available from Middle Barton Stores, members of the cast or on the door. Please see posters and advertising for more details.

John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match: in aid of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team will

take place this year on Sunday 6th September. More details to follow.

Our Bus: A new updated timetable is now available from the shop or on the buses. It now includes a new Route 9A operating on Fridays only from Middle Barton to Begbroke, Yarnton and Kidlington for the market. *Drivers*; we are always in need of drivers to support the cause and are holding a driver training course, MIDAS, on 18th March 9am to 1pm. Anyone interested, please contact Martin Roberts (01869 347188) for full details.

Pre-school: Thank you to everyone who took part in Fitness February. We hope you are feeling healthier as a result! Nearly £400 was raised thanks to your contributions. Our next event is the Easter Party on Friday 3rd April for pre-school children and their siblings. Do you have a child under 3? Are they on the waiting list? If you are thinking of sending your child to our wonderful setting, please contact the staff to put their names down. Finally, we need new committee members for the next academic year. The running of pre-school is dependant on the committee so if you can spare an evening or two a term to help support your local pre-school, please get in touch. Our email is middlebartonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

Sports & Social Club: *Jubilee Club*; Bingo; Wednesday 4th 7.30pm; Tuesday 10th 2pm. Cash prizes. We need more players so come along and bring your friends. Skittles and Supper evening; Saturday 7th - families welcome. See posters for details. Tickets available from club or phone 340623. Numbers limited. *Rugby World Cup*; matches can be viewed on the big screen. Bars will be open. *Abilene Country*; Saturday 21st, 7.30pm ‘West Country’.

Steeple Barton PC: Report of meeting held on 17th February. *Our Bus*; John Umney said that passenger numbers are on the increase and a new route, Begbroke and Yarnton, has been approved. As a consequence, they need drivers from that area and asked the help of the PC to contact the appropriate Parish Councils to assist in this. *Community Speedwatch*; is now underway with Brian McKeown as co-ordinator assisted by Perry Knight. The committee is made up of 9 from the Bartons and 1 from Sandford. *Safe Roads*

for Middle Barton; A meeting was held with Mathew Barber, Thames Valley Police, and he has agreed to ask his police colleagues to do work along North Street in the coming months to support our community speedwatch initiative. He spoke about how the scheme was being explored by his department as a UK wide initiative and asked to be kept informed how ours progresses. *Climate Change Department, Oxfordshire CC*; we await information as a new Climate Change Manager has been appointed. *Great British Spring Clean*; a date between March 20th and April 13th (date to be confirmed) has been announced. Anyone wishing to take part on this worthwhile venture, please contact the clerk. *Next Meeting*; Monday 16th March, 8pm in the AM Hall.

Tackley Horse Show and Fun Dog Show: Sunday 26th April, Whitehill, Tackley; www.tackleyhorshow.co.uk.

Women's Institute: The meeting on Tuesday 10th March will be the AGM followed by a hot supper. It is in Duns Tew Village Hall and

starts at 7.30pm. Any enquiries, please contact Jenny on 07968862257.

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

Church News: Now that we have entered the season of Lent, additional events and services will be happening across the benefice. These include a Lent Lunch in each of our Parishes beginning at 12.30 for a light lunch after which a speaker from a local charity or organisation will tell us about their work. These are planned to take place as follows; 5th March in Duns Tew; 12th March in Steeple Barton; 18th March in Over Worton; 26th March in Westcote Barton and 2nd April in Sandford St Martin. We will also hold informal evening discussion groups to look at our chosen Lent Book which this year is *Let Me Go There (The Spirit Of Lent)* by Paula Gooder. Details of venues and speakers for all extra events during Lent can be found on our website, the weekly notice sheet in church and the board outside Middle Barton Stores. *Women's World Day of*

Prayer; we are holding this annual event in Duns Tew on Friday 6th March at 7pm. This year's service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe who have entitled it; "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". *Benefice Mothering Sunday Service* is on 22nd March, 10am in Steeple Barton. We invite everyone to join us at this special celebration. Looking ahead to *Palm Sunday* on 5th April, we will be in Sandford St Martin where all churches in the benefice combine with our family church congregation at 9am for breakfast, an activity for children then a procession with donkey at the beginning of the 9.30 service. We'd love you to come if you can. 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'd like our Churches to consider for the future, I'd be pleased to hear from you. With best wishes, Revd Jane Wright.

Church services; March * Not a Communion Service.	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
1 st March	9.00am Breakfast for 9.30 Family Service/Eucharist	5.00pm (see Duns Tew entry)	5.00pm. Evening Worship; combined service being held in Steeple Barton.	11.00am *	Closed for building work	11.00am
Friday 6 th March	-----	-----	7.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer	-----	-----	-----
8 th March	11.00am	9.30am	11.00am *	5.00pm *	-----	8.00am
15 th March	-----	11.00am	9.00 Breakfast for 9.30 Family Service/Eucharist	-----	-----	11.00am *
22 nd March	----	10.00am Benefice Service	-----	8.00am	----	-----
29 th March	----	----	-----	-----	----	9.30am Benefice Service

Mid-week Communion; Wednesday 11th March, 10am at 15 Washington Terrace, Middle Barton.
Wednesday 25th March, 10.30am at 34 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

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

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

