

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

July 2021

Alice Marshall Hall: We had nearly reached the point of no return but it was snatched away at the last post. Unfortunately, it came as no surprise when the Government decided to scupper our opening plans by delaying the end of lockdown. All in our best interests we are sure. We have therefore decided to delay our official opening ceremony until 25th July from 11am until 4pm for everybody to pop in whenever you like to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, cake and see her transformation for yourselves. The official opening will be at 2pm. We hope you will consider booking this beautiful, historic hall for your private function whether it be birthday party, wedding reception, christening or anniversary. We will be charging £10 per hour for people who live locally and £15 for people outside the area. We believe that 'Alice' would be the perfect venue for your family celebration. Please consider booking her for your special event by calling Jackie Hinton on 07780 680274 for availability.

Barton Abbey Gardens: Open 11th July, 2-5pm. Also a flower festival at Steeple Barton church. Both in aid of Steeple Barton church with a donation to the National Garden Scheme.

Bartons GNS: It's been wonderful to provide some more help to the community again. We have undertaken some gardening requests, trips to local GP surgeries and collected shopping items. To request help from our volunteers, please get in touch with Mary and Louise on 07486 886971 or email bartonsgns@gmail.com

Food Parcels: We can deliver a food parcel from the Salvation Army to anyone in the village who is struggling to buy food in these unprecedented times. It is completely confidential and there is absolutely no shame in requesting one. If we can help, please phone Marj or Edward on 01869 347293 or text 07849 375166.

John Barrows Memorial Cricket Weekend: 4/5th September in aid of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. Saturday 4th-'Posh' Barbecue and comedy night. Sunday 5th cricket match. For more

information email fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org or visit www.lawrencehomenursing.org

Middle Barton Bowls Club: At last, we have been able to reopen. Our matches in July are Saturday 3rd, 2.30 v Witney Mills; Tuesday 6th 6.30 v Banbury Central; Tuesday 13th 6.30 v Wychwood; Saturday 17th 2.30 v Woodstock; Tuesday 27th 6.30 v Banbury Borough. Everyone is welcome to the club to watch the match. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are Club afternoons; if there is no match that day, members are likely to be at the club; if you would like to find out more about bowls, please pop in. Contacts; David Robey 347403; Val and Martin Fraser 347094.

Open Garden: Ivor and Barbara Hill would like to thank everyone who braved the elements on 23rd May to visit their Open Garden at The Grove. Thanks to their generosity, we raised a grand total of £598.50 which will go to the National Garden Scheme to be distributed to a number of charities including MacMillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and Parkinsons UK. In 2019, NGS donated £3 million to the various charities.

Our Bus Bartons: AGM will be on Zoom, 7.30pm on Friday 9th July. All welcome. Follow the link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82510694290>

Pre-school: We held our AGM on 22nd June and would like to thank everyone who attended. We'd also like to thank our committee members who have now stepped down for all their work in this challenging year and for all those who are staying with us and now joining the committee. We would like to say a big goodbye to 9 of our pre-schoolers who will be starting primary school in September; we will miss them all and wish them the best of luck. Don't forget we will be holding another tasty jacket potato night on 14th July as part of the week of celebrations in the village helping to raise vital funds for the Pre-school. From September 2021, we will be open Monday-Friday, 9am to 3pm including for 2 year olds. If your child is not registered for pre-school, please do so so we can include you on our waiting list; this helps us to look at future numbers and staffing requirements. We accept children from 2 years of age if spaces allow. Please contact us on 347968 or email

middlebartonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk so we can send you a registration form. We accept funded hours and if you have any questions, the staff are very happy to help. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, staff and committee for their support this academic year and wish our families a restful and fun holiday.

Steeple Barton PC: Meeting held on 21st June in the AM Hall; Apologies from Cllrs Rosemont and McRobie. We welcomed our new County Councillor, Andy Graham. *Traffic calming and Speedwatch;* A new committee, headed by Cllr Rosemont with Cllrs Tyers and Meadowcroft was formed. District Cllr Dave Jackson confirmed that the speedwatch team are hoping to carry out daily checks in the near future operating throughout the Bartons. So far, checks have shown that cars are still exceeding the speed limit; these car registrations are being passed electronically to TV police and warning letters issued. A discussion is to be set up with Highways to discuss 20mph limits on all roads within the village. It was also suggested that the roads going out of the built up area should be 30mph. Cty Cllr Graham was asked where the Mullin £250k is now lodged; he confirmed that it was with OCC and a debate with WODC was ongoing as to where it should be; the Mullin planning application clearly states that the S106 environmental contribution would cover traffic calming in Middle Barton, Enstone, Gagingwell and Westcote Barton. *Neighbourhood Watch Scheme;* Cllr Rosemont has been liaising with TV police to register with the scheme; he will administer the scheme but will be looking for volunteers. *Flooding Issues;* Cllr Tyers now has the plans showing all the sewers in the village and is collating evidence of blocked drains. Drains in Moles Lane have been investigated by WODC and we are awaiting the results. *County Councillor Report;* Andy Graham posts a weekly report which can be read on the SBPC website. He announced that a guidance document on speed reducing schemes through villages would be issued soon. He also confirmed that a home to school transport team is to look at current issues and review the policy. This will be next year as budgets have already been set. Cllr Carter-Windle asked if the reason for the initial problem, the change of catchment area, would be addressed. Cty Cllr

Graham could not confirm this. District Cllr Jackson reported that Highways had confirmed that use of a mew machine to investigate flooding near the allotments would not involve closing the road while the work is carried out. *Village Matters*; double parking at the top of Mill Lane was brought to our attention and it was decided 'Keep Clear' written on the road would be the way forward. Cty Cllr Graham will assist with this. Cllr Tyers reported that potholes marked for repair are now being fixed in the Dock and Fox lane. *Next meeting*; 19th July, 8pm at the AM Hall.

Women's Institute: June saw our first face to face meeting in many months, a welcome opportunity to meet old friends and talk; it certainly felt good and enjoyed by all present. Now approaching our delayed celebrations for our 80th anniversary (first meeting on 29th March 1941), at our July meeting we will think back to the 'make do and mend' era of the 1940s with a craft evening. - seeing if we can construct decorations, broaches etc which could be made from any bits and pieces. Why not bring some along and let's see what we can do! You can also help us add to our bunting collection; we have a template and fabric to use. It has the makings of a fun evening on 13th July, Duns Tew Village Hall at 7.30pm. We are also holding a couple of events where you will be able to come and meet our members and learn more about us as a group and the WI Charity as an organisation. The first is a Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd July in Duns Tew Village Hall, 10.30 to 12.30pm. Plenty of cake to eat and purchase! All monies raised will be shared between the Village Hall and the WI.

The second event is in connection with the re-launch of the Alice Marshall Hall. From 10.00am to 6pm on the 13th July, our WI will have a stand in the Hall. Come along, meet some of our group to learn about our ambitions – we are not just 'Jam and Jerusalem'! It is also the ideal opportunity to view the re-decoration of the Hall which is magnificent. We are a very welcoming and friendly group so please pluck up the courage and come and meet us. For further details or any information, please contact Mary Gregory (01869 347021) or email mary.gregory@btinternet.com

Wychwood Forest Fair: Sunday 22nd August at Foxburrow Wood, Witney, 11am-5pm. A fun way to enjoy a summer Sunday while supporting the Wychwood project, a local conservation charity dedicated to restoring habitats across the Wychwood Forest area which comprises most of West Oxfordshire. Tickets £8 (in advance), £10 on the door. Under 16s free. Offers to help for a few hours welcome; please email miranda@wychwoodproject.org.uk or call 07584 262437.

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

Church News: We continue to hold services online live on Zoom and inside or outside our churches. We also hope it will be possible to live stream some services in the not too distant future. Details of July services are below, August details still to be confirmed once we know when further easing of Covid restrictions take place. Details of all services are on our website. *Special services and events;* our first service in Nether Worton since the completion of work is on Sunday 4th July at 11am. We will be delighted to welcome Bishop Gavin (our new Bishop of Dorchester) to a special service in Steeple

Barton church on Sunday 25th July at 11am. This will be his first service in one of our churches and everyone is very welcome to join us. We have two more summer weddings in July in Sandford and Westcote Barton churches; also a number of baptisms. Do contact us if you would like to celebrate a special service in one of our churches. Celebration week in the Bartons is from 10-17 July. Highlights include an open air jazz concert on Saturday 10th in Westcote Barton, Barton Gardens open on Sunday 11th, a Flower Festival in Steeple Barton church and a Dog Show and live music on Saturday 17th from 10.30-4 at Taylor's farm field, Westcote Barton. Friday 23rd July- Ledwell and Sandford social, 6pm on Ledwell Green (celebrating Mary Magdalene Feast Day) at 6pm; this is a BYO picnic supper. Tabletop Sale on Saturday 31st in Duns Tew ; Saturday 14th August- Coffee Morning and sale of baked goods 10-12 in Sandford Parish Hall. Westcote Barton Church Fete is on Saturday 28th August. *Choir;* restarting soon. If you are interested in singing with us, please email choir@bartonbenefice.org.uk to ensure you are on the mailing list for information. *Attending Services in church;* Due to limited capacity, while Covid restrictions apply, please let us know if you would like to attend by the afternoon before, preferably by email to services@bartonbenefice.org.uk or 347350. We will only get back to you if the church is already at full capacity. Thank you for wearing a face covering and maintaining social distancing at all services. Please also check our website for latest updates, also Facebook page and our regular notice sheet. *Zoom Services;* if you would like to join us (log in from 9.20) please email zoom@bartonbenefice.org.uk for log in details.

Church services July`	Zoom @ 9.30	Service (inside or outside – please see notice sheet, website and Facebook for up to date details). Booking essential for all services.
4 th July	Yes	11 am Nether Worton. 5 pm Duns Tew Evening Service
11 th July	Yes	10.30 am Sandford St Martin Eucharist.
18 th July	Yes	11.am Westcote Barton Eucharist
25 th July	Yes	11.am Steeple Barton; Benefice Eucharist with Bishop Gavin

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Please note; the Bulletin is not published in August. I would therefore be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the September issue could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 14th August. Thank you.

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