

# Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

## November 2021

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**District Councillor Report:** The “20’s Plenty” signs that you may have spotted round Middle Barton are not official ones which is why they are on people’s private property. Encouraging motorists to reduce their speed is linked into the formal bid from the Parish Councils to OCC to make Middle Barton an official 20mph zone. If you want to display a “20’s Plenty” sign, please get in touch with me; there is no cost. After consulting with both my family and the local Liberal Democrat Association, I have decided that I will stand for re-election as the District Councillor for the Bartons Ward next May – unless there are unforeseen circumstances! Councillor Dave Jackson. 07407 443944; email – [skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk).

**Drama Group:** Middle Barton Drama Group are back! After many months, we have been able to regroup and are pleased to present a One Night Only evening of Ghosts and Ghoules - a selection of readings and short sketches in our newly refurbished village hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets £5 each. Please look for details nearer the time.

**Police Community Support Officer:** Hello, my name is Ben Hallam and I am your new PCSO. I will soon be working out of an office in Woodstock and will cover this area. I am looking forward to meeting the Barton community and surrounding area residents. I am in the process of organising a ‘Meet your PCSO’ event in your area so keep your eyes peeled for more information coming in the near future. I will be doing bike marking, answering questions and meeting as many of you as possible.

**Pre-school:** We would like to thank all who attended our Monster Ball on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The kids had a wonderful time and enjoyed the fireworks. Details of funds raised to follow. During the holidays, the building has been redecorated inside for a freshen up and we would like to thank Alpha Decorating, Tessa Cottle Carpet Care and J Hunt window cleaning for all their help. Keep an eye on our new notice board outside Preschool for details of all our exciting upcoming events. We are always looking to expand the

committee and are currently looking for new parent members to join our team to help support us; without this help, preschool would be unable to open and function. We meet around 6 times a year to plan and organise fundraising and if you have time and would be willing to join us, then please speak to a member of staff. *100 Club*; this is open to the whole community and is one of the activities we run to help raise funds to enhance the pre-school environment for the children and is particularly important when most of our normal fundraisers have had to be cancelled. Numbers are still available; purchasing just one number could win you up to £50. The 100 Club costs £12 a year per number and membership runs from September to August. You may purchase as many numbers as you wish and every month, 4 numbers are drawn each winning £10; at Christmas, a special draw wins £50 for one ticket. If you would like to register your child for Pre-school to be included in our waiting list, please contact us by phone or email; 01869 347968 or [middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com) so we can send you a registration form. Registering your child in advance helps us sort staffing requirements. We accept government funding for 15-30 hours if eligible. For further information or details, please visit <http://www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk>.

**Steeple Barton PC:** *Report on meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> October;* During the 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting for parishioners to ask questions or make statements, Dog Poo Bins (or current lack of them) was raised. It was explained by the Chair that WODC were changing the poo bins to combination bins which would be a great saving on collection costs. The person at WODC responsible for authorising actioning of this had been contacted to explain that they had in fact taken 4 bins belonging to Steeple Barton PC who also pay for the them to be emptied. A request was made to WODC for these to be returned as soon as possible. Another member of the public made a statement about the late notification of the roadworks (or as it turned out, testing of the core of the road surface to see why some parts of the surface

are failing). Also that the whole exercise was a waste of council funds as the letters arrived the day the closure ceased. The PC agreed it was a waste of resources. *Update on traffic calming measures and 20mph speed limit;* these are moving forward and the decision on the speed limit in not just our village but across Oxfordshire will be voted on on 19<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to having some good news in this respect. District Councillor Dave Jackson reported on a meeting between members of the PC and also Westcote Barton Parish Meeting with our new PCSO Ben Hallam – see separate entry above. *Parking in Mill Lane:* the PC has received correspondence about this which has been noted and discussed with Thames Valley police. Please do not double park as this makes it difficult for emergency services to get down the lane; it is also not thoughtful to others. Please think before you double park or knowingly obstruct visibility up and down the main road for those leaving Mill Lane. *School;* is doing well with River Learning Trust executives being very impressed on their recent visit. Cllr Carter-Windle was also delighted with the children and their response to the Christmas tree poster when she spoke to them on 18<sup>th</sup> October. *Christmas Tree lighting;* this will be on 27<sup>th</sup> November in Holliers Field (with thanks to Brian Wood and Rupert Massey.). The gates will open at 6pm with refreshments provided by Pre-school mums. *Date of next meeting;* Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm in the AM Hall.

**St Martin’s Church, Sandford St Martin:** The annual Children’s Christingle Service will be held in St Martin’s Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm This is a special service for young families with children but everybody is welcome. Gifts brought by the children will be sent to The Sunshine Centre for Children in Banbury and the collection taken at the service will be donated to the Sunshine Centre and the Childrens Society. The Sunshine Centre would love to receive gifts for children under 10 in good condition; soft toys must have a CE kite mark label. The gifts do not need to be wrapped. There will be seasonal refreshments after the service.

Please join us for a happy start to the Christmas season.

**St Mary the Virgin Church, Steeple Barton:**

To help keep everyone warm this winter, our church boiler had to have a major repair at a cost of £1998. It would be wonderful if you could help us. If you feel you are able to kindly give us a donation (large or small) to contribute towards the payment of this bill, it would be very much appreciated. You can either make a bank transfer to PCC Steeple Barton, sort code : 20-98-48, account number 40699624 or post cash or a cheque (payable to PCC, Steeple Barton) through the Treasurer's letter box at 18 Rectory Crescent, Middle Barton. Thank you – we look forward to hearing from you.

**Women's Institute:** In November and December, we will be concentrating on the approach of the festive season. At our regular meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm in Duns Tew Village Hall we shall be thinking about Christmas decorations. Why not join us? On 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7.15pm in the Alice Marshall Hall, you are invited, members or not, to join us for a Craft Evening when you will be able to get a 'hands on' opportunity to learn several different crafts and perhaps, come away with something productive at the end of the evening. This will be a ticket only event as numbers will be limited due to the availability of materials. Cost will be £5 which will include a drink on arrival, mince

pies served during the activities and a raffle. Tickets available from Jenny Jackson, 8 South Street, Middle Barton; tel 07968 862257. **December Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> in Duns Tew Village Hall we will be celebrating Christmas with a meal for our members. This will be a way to end the year on a positive note now we have been able to get back together again and enjoy each others company and raise a glass for a positive future. Finally, can I again remind anyone who is thinking it would be nice to meet new people and make new friends, we are a very welcoming group. Please pluck up the courage and come and join us as you will find we are not just 'Jam and Jerusalem'. For further details or any information, please contact Mary Gregory, 01869 347021 or email [mary.gregory@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.gregory@btinternet.com)

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

**Church News:** November begins a season of remembering. *All Souls Service;* our annual All Souls Service is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 3pm in Westcote Barton church. We will be remembering loved ones who have died with an opportunity to light a candle for each one. Please contact us before the service if you wish to add any names to those being remembered and to let us know you will be coming. Please email [services@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:services@bartonbenefice.org.uk). The service will

be followed by tea and cake at the Rectory to which everyone is warmly invited. *Remembrance Sunday Services;* This year, these will take place in Steeple Barton and Duns Tew Churches, both at 10.50am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. *Christmas in the Benefice;* we are looking forward to holding our usual services including Advent and Christmas Carols, Christingle and Midnight Mass. Look out for your Christmas card which has details of everything that is planned. The Benefice Advent and Carol Service is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm in Duns Tew Church and the Christingle Service will be held in St Martin's Church, Sandford St Martin on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. Full details if this service can be found elsewhere in the Bulletin. If you would like a visit, Home Communion or to discuss any spiritual matter, my contact details are below. Further information about all services and activities can be found on our website, weekly notice sheet and the board outside the shop in Middle Barton. The Revd Jane Wright, Rector of the Barton Benefice. Tel; 01869 340510; email [clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk). Website; [www.bartonbenefice.org.uk](http://www.bartonbenefice.org.uk). Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bartonbenefice/>. For general enquiries, please email Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator; [enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk).

Services; November	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	3pm Benefice All Souls Service	---	---	---	---	---
7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am <a href="mailto:Family@Church">Family@Church</a> + Eucharist. (Come early for breakfast)	---	---	5pm. Evening Worship	11.00am Eucharist	---
14 <sup>th</sup> November; Remembrance Sunday	5.00pm Eucharist.	10.50am Benefice Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service	---	---	---
21 <sup>st</sup> November	---	---	9.15am Family @church (come early for breakfast)	11.00am Eucharist	---	11.00am Morning Worship
28 <sup>th</sup> November	---	---	5.00pm Benefice Advent Carols.	---	---	9.15am Eucharist

**Other Service: 14<sup>th</sup> November;** 9.30 Zoom Service

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the December Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Thank You. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street Middle Barton. Tel: 347641; email: [blmid@freeuk.com](mailto:blmid@freeuk.com)

