

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

January 2022

Busy Bees: We had a fun run up to Christmas at Busy Bees playgroup with Christmas tree crafts and biscuit decorations to get in the Christmas spirit. We even managed a parents and carers evening Christmas drink at the Social Club! Busy Bees playgroup is a space for local children, parents and carers to get together to play, sing and share a cuppa. The group runs during term time and is £2.50 per family. Wishing all our Busy Bees a happy festive season and hope to see you all on January 4th, 9-11am at the Alice Marshall Hall. If you would like any further information, please contact Ella on 07930694239

District Councillor's Report: WODC are once again working in conjunction with the Citizens Advice Bureau to provide funds for families struggling with the rising cost of living. This may be a crisis created by the sharp increase in energy costs. You do not have to be on benefits to apply. For more information, contact

info@citizensadvicewestoxon.org.uk or ring 01993 892063. If I can be of further help, don't hesitate to get in touch. Councillor Dave Jackson, skellgildave@yahoo.co.uk or 07407 443944.

Pre-school: We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break; we are all ready for the new year ahead and welcoming all the children back. *Santa's Sleigh* on 12th December was a great success; thank you to everyone for their overwhelming generosity and support – we raised an amazing amount of £982.12. Did You Spot the Odd One Out? During December, we created our advent adventure; thank you to everyone that took part and to those who decorated their windows – they all looked wonderful. Keep your eyes peeled for details on an upcoming event this year, Quiz Night. You can also keep up to date with news and events on our Facebook page – search Middle Barton Pre-School and like the page. *100 Club*; December

winner was Joan C; congratulations. You can also support Pre-school through Amazon Smile where a percentage of your order is donated to the school each time you buy anything. Please enter this link in your browser to get started; <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/290217-0> If you would like to register your child for pre-school to be included on our waiting list, please get in contact via email middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com or phone 01869 347968 so we can send you a registration form. Registering your child in advance helps us plan staffing requirements through the year. We also accept government funding for 15=30 hours if eligible. For further information or details, please visit <http://www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk>

Speedwatch: We adjourned our sessions over the festive period and we are hoping for decent weather to re-commence in the new year. We were pleased to be able to provide the parish councils with lots of traffic data for them to produce graphs to back up their submission to OCC for traffic calming measures. New speedwatch volunteers are always welcome; please contact Dave Jackson (see District Councillor report for contact information).

Steeple Barton PC: *Note of meeting held on Monday 20th December;* the main topic of discussion was the traffic calming scheme. The Council held a consultation day in the AM Hall on Saturday 18th December which was well attended. The consultation finishes on the 4th January so please fill in your forms and return them to the shop or complete them on line. Cllr Rosemont reported that so far, support for the scheme was very positive; all your comments will be taken in to account and we look forward to hearing from you. This is by far one of the biggest things to happen in the village regarding safety on the roads and safety for future generations. As we approach Christmas,

there was not much more on the agenda; the budget for the New Year was approved and signed off. Donations were made to the Playing Fields and a contribution to the Destiny Foundation Pantomime Trip for 25 children was also approved. Discussions around the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations will begin in the New Year involving all the groups within the village; let's make it a spectacular event. Wishing you all a very happy New Year.

Women's Institute: After what has been a challenging 2021 for most of us, I would like to start by wishing all readers a Happy and prosperous New Year as we start 2022 so what are our Plans? In January, we start with Somethings A Foot – reflexology (or zone therapy) – a term many have heard of but never tried. If you have ever wanted to know more about this alternative medical practice involving the application of pressure to specific points on the feet and hands. Why not come along to our meeting on 12th January, 7.30 in the Duns Tew Village Hall when Beth Astle will be giving a talk and demonstration. Moving on to February, we are holding a Beetle Drive, an old favourite and simple game requiring only paper, pencils and dice. A great inclusive game providing a way to enjoy each others company and make new friends. If you have never played, why not come along and find out how much fun and laughter happens; if you are curious, make a note of our meeting date, 8th February at 7.30 in Duns Tew Village Hall. Finally, I am pleased to announce that we have several new members but we are always open to more particularly as it is the beginning of a new WI year and you can take advantage of a full years membership. We are a very welcoming group so please pluck up the courage and come and join us; you will find we are not just jam and Jerusalem! If you would like further details or more information, please contact Mary Gregory on 01869 347021 or email 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: *Christmas Thank You;* to everyone who helped make Christmas in the Benefice special. So many people worked hard in many different ways and it was lovely to welcome at services indoors, outdoors and online. *Attending services in church;* as this goes to print, the government has recently introduced Plan B restrictions which means face coverings are once again mandatory in places of worship. We are doing all that we can to ensure that we keep our buildings open and hold services in as safe a way as possible. This does mean there are inevitably last-minute changes so we continue to advise you to check the

Benefice website for the latest details; <http://bartonbenefice.org.uk>. *Looking Ahead to 2022;* From January, we return to a regular pattern of services following all the extra carol services around Christmas time. During the colder months, we will be holding one 5pm service a month in the AM Hall instead of Steeple Barton church. This will hopefully be easier for people to get to and have a more informal feel. This service will also be live on Zoom so you can join from home if for any reason you are unable to come in person. If you would login details, please email zoom@bartonbenefice.org.uk. This service will be on the second Sunday of the month. Special services in January include the Feast of Epiphany on 2nd January which we will be celebrating in Westcote

Barton at our Family@Church Service and Eucharist at 9.30am. And at the end of the month, we have Candlemas on 30th January in Westcote Barton church at 11am. Please do get in touch at any time if you have any questions about services and events, suggestions for the future or would like to discuss anything else. With all best wishes for the New Year. The Revd Jane Wright, Rector of the Barton Benefice. Tel; 01869 340510; email clergybartonbenefice.org.uk. Website; bartonbenefice.org.uk/. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bartonbenefice/> For general enquiries, please email Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator; email enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk.

Church Services		
2 nd January Epiphany; 9.30am 5.00pm	Family@church and Eucharist Evening Worship	Westcote Barton Sandford St Martin
9 th January Baptism of Christ 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Morning Worship Eucharist Evening Worship	Sandford St Martin Duns Tew Alice Marshall Hall and Zoom
16 th January Epiphany 2 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Family@church Eucharist and baptism Evening prayer	Duns Tew Steeple Barton Westcote Barton
23 rd January Epiphany 3 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Morning Worship Eucharist Evening Worship	Over Worton Sandford St Martin Duns Tew
30 th January Candlemas 11.00am	Candlemas Eucharist	Westcote Barton

Happy New Year to all.

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the February Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 15th January.

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