

# Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

## February 2022

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**Bartons Good Neighbour Scheme:** is here to help with transport, shopping, befriending and small practical jobs. We are looking for more drivers, particularly for mid-week appointments. Please contact Mary Thompson or Louise Caldwell on 07486 886971 or email [bartonsgns@gmail.com](mailto:bartonsgns@gmail.com) if you need assistance or would like to volunteer.

**Busy Bees:** have enjoyed welcoming back all our local families this new year. Supercrafter Sian has kicked off the year with a car sensory activity for the children and has many more fun crafts planned this term. Busy Bees playgroup is a space for local children, parents and carers to get together to play, sing, craft and share a cuppa. The group runs every Tuesday, 9-11am during term time and is £2.50 per family. If you would like any further information, please contact Ella on 07930694239.

**John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match:** Covid permitting, this will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. More information to follow.

**Playing Fields and Social Club:** Your playing fields and social club need your support. As explained in the DFP, the BVMHF relies on the Bartons Memorial S&SC for a large part of its income. The Club is struggling financially due to a fall of in membership and a lack of use of its facilities. Without the income from the Club, the Fund would have to severely curtail its activities; the result would be reduced maintenance of the field, severely reduced opening hours for the public toilets, the withdrawal of the free use of facilities village organisations and other cost cutting measures as the remaining income would largely be swallowed up by the costs of insurance, business rates, payment for waste disposal and other essentials. If residents want to continue to have access to all the facilities currently provided, which are

often envied by visitors from other villages, then it is up to you to support both organisations. An easy way to do so is to join the Club (£10 per adult per annum), use the club occasionally and use the Jubilee Room. Secretary, BVMHF.

**Pop-in Cafe:** at the Sports and Social Club starting Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February. Open Tuesday and Thursday 9am -12. Take out sandwich lunches, coffee, hot chocolate, cake etc. All welcome – see you there.

**Pre-school:** we are a registered charity run by staff and a committee made up of parents and community members. It is imperative that we have a committee for the pre-school to stay open and offer the valued and amazing care it provides for our children. We have regular meetings to go over important aspects such as financial and administrative roles and organising the fund raising events we do throughout the year. We are looking for new members to join so please contact pre-school with your interest or speak to a member of the committee for more information. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a quiz night-more details to follow. You can also keep up to date with news and events on our Facebookpage; search Middle Barton Pre-school and like the page. You can also support us through Amazon Smile where a percentage of your order is donated to the school each time you buy anything. Go to <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, email [middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com) or phone 01869 347968 so we can send you a registration form. Registering your child helps us navigate staffing requirements throughout the year. We accept government funding for 15-30 hours hours if eligible. For any further information you can also visit our website <http://www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk>

**Steeple Barton PC:** *Report of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January;* The main topic on the agenda was the traffic calming proposal. The result of the responses to the questionnaire and open day was that the majority are in favour of the proposal which is now being finalised before being submitted to OCC. Along with Westcote Barton, we have also secured funding towards the project using 106 monies from the Heyford development. The flooding issues are now being finalised with clearing Mill Lane of silt and soil deposits; this will conclude the work on this area. It has been quiet over the holiday period but as the children have returned to school, Busy Bees has also returned; see report above. It was brought to the attention of the council that along with a proposal to fit homes with Eco heating instead of gas boilers., there will be 16 new Youth workers based in Woodstock but outreaching to the children in outlying areas. Cllr Carter-Windle reported that the Jubilee discussions will be underway by the time of the next meeting. The Destiny Foundation Panto trip to which the Council contributed was a huge success; thnks were offered by Cllr Carter Windle. The Village Plan which is being reviewed by the PC and will be completed and posted at the next meeting. Reports from the School Governors and the Playing Fields are on the Parish website. *Next meeting-* February 21<sup>st</sup>, 8pm at the AM Hall.

**Women's Institute:** After a very successful meeting in January learning about the benefits of reflexology, we are moving on to the next offerings in our programme to tempt your interest. In February, we invite you to come along and enjoy the fun and laughter as we experience our Invasion of Beetles. Not literally; we are holding a Beetle Drive, an old favourite and a simple game requiring only paper, pencils and dice. A great inclusive game; why not come

along and find out how much fun and laughter happens on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm in Duns Tew Village Hall. On 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our AGM, a time to give members an opportunity to vote for those they want to run the Group for the next 12 months. To all our members, if you are interested in becoming involved and deciding the direction the group is taking – we are always in need of fresh and different ideas - please put your name forward to join the committee by contacting our Secretary, Ruth Henderson, email [andrew@andrewhenderson.co.uk](mailto:andrew@andrewhenderson.co.uk). If you are interested in finding out more, why not come along, come along and meet new people and make new friends; we are a very welcoming group and not just Jam and Jerusalem. If you would like further details or any information, please contact Mary Gregory, on 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:** *Services and Events;* We are continuing with our new pattern of services (see the table below for February details). For any of you who receive your copy of the February Bulletin before the start of the month, just to remind you

that Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January, we will be celebrating Candlemas in Westcote Barton Church at 11am. There will be a blessing of candles and the Benefice Choir will lead the singing. Do join us if you can. On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm, we will be holding our second informal Steeple Barton service in the Alice Marshall Hall. We do hope we will be able to be live on Zoom too so that those who are unable to attend in person can also join in. if you would like details, please email [zoom@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:zoom@bartonbenefice.org.uk). Our [Family@Church](mailto:Family@Church) services in Westcote Barton and Duns Tew continue but without breakfast at the moment though we still have an activity for children and hopefully drinks will be served. We also have a Benefice Ash Wednesday Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 5pm in Sandford St Martin Church. *Attending services in church:* Our current guidance on coming to church is that prior booking is requested for the following services; Services in Westcote Barton Church and the Alice Marshall Hall. To book for these services, please email [services@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:services@bartonbenefice.org.uk) or phone 01869 347350. All other services do not currently require pre-booking. It is still possible that there can be last minute changes to services, so please continue to check the Benefice Website

for the latest details; <http://bartonbenefice.org.uk/>. *Covid precautions;* face coverings continue to be mandatory. QR codes and sanitiser are available at the churches and we ask that you consider taking a lateral flow test before attending. *Home Visits and Services;* Please be reassured to know that the ministers will follow guidance around home visiting, presiding at and administering Communion and will take a lateral flow test before services and visits. *Thinking about Baptism?* We are now able to hold Baptisms again in our churches. Do get in touch if you would like to discuss this. If you would like a visit/home communion or have questions about services and events, suggestions for the future or would like to discuss anything else, please contact us. With all best wishes; the Revd Jane Wright, Rector of the Barton Benefice. Tel; 01869 340510; email [clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk). Web address; [www.bartonbenefice.org.uk/](http://www.bartonbenefice.org.uk/). Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bartonsbenefice/>. For general enquiries, please email Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator on [enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk).

Church services	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford Martin	St Nether Worton	Over Worton
6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 Family @Church Service/Eucharist	---	---	5.00pm Evening Worship	11.00am Eucharist	---
13 <sup>th</sup> February	---	5pm Evening Worship at AM Hall (Zoom?)	11.00 Eucharist	9.30 Eucharist	---	---
20 <sup>th</sup> February	5pm Evening Prayer	11am Eucharist	9.30 <a href="mailto:Family@Church">Family@Church</a> Service/Eucharist	---	---	---
27 <sup>th</sup> February	---	---	5pm Evening Worship	11am Morning Worship	---	9.30am Eucharist
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	---	---	---	5pm Ash Wednesday	---	---

