

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

April 2022

Busy Bees: We have enjoyed welcoming new faces to the group this term. As a community focussed, not for profit group, the support of local parents, carers, and the community are what keep it running. We would like to thank the Westcote Barton and Steeple Barton Trust who have generously provided us with a grant to secure the future of the playgroup after a turbulent few years following Covid. We have been celebrating spring by painting St David's Day daffodils and opening up the AM Hall outside area for play. We have a range of Easter crafts planned in the coming weeks and will be welcoming a speaker from the Barton Benefice on 5th April to deliver an Easter story and message to the children.

District Councillor's Report: *Help of Ukraine;* three families in Middle Barton have approached me in confidence to ask for advice about offering accommodation for a Ukrainian family. Apart from enlisting on the government website, there is a designated e-mail for residents who want to express an interest; Ukraine.support@westoxon.gov.uk. I have also put the three families in touch with each other, with their permission. *Jubilee Street Parties;* WODC have created an e-mail address for anyone for anyone who is interested in organising a street party. This could be particularly useful if you want to find out about a partial closure of your road. If you still have questions to be answered, please let me know and I will try to help; www.westoxon.gov.uk/jubileestreetparty. Councillor Dave Jackson 07407 443944; email skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk.

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 if you need assistance or would like to volunteer.

John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match: Sunday 4th September in aid of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. More information to follow.

Pre-school: We would like to thank everyone who made our St Patrick's quiz night such a success; a lot of fun was had by all and the

stew went down a treat. The total raised will be announced in the next edition. *Preschool Parents- save the date;* Friday 8th April for our Easter Eggstravaganza. The event is for all our pre-schoolers and those about to join. 5-6pm; tickets will be £5 per child, under 1's are free. Come and join us for an Easter egg hunt, light tea and some Easter crafts. A great way to chat to other parents and welcome the start of the Easter bunny's arrival. Further details will follow but please keep an eye on our Facebook page, search Middle Barton Pre-school and like the page. *New Committee Members;* Middle Barton Pre-school is 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 for our children that it provides. We have regular meetings to go over important aspects such as financial and administrative roles as well as organising the fun fundraising events we do throughout the year. If you would like to help our fantastic pre-school, please contact pre-school directly with your interest or speak to a member of the committee to get more information. If you would like your child to join us this September and you are not already on our waiting list, please get in contact as soon as possible as spaces are limited. *Reminder;* if you would like to register your child for Pre-school to be included on our waiting list, please get in contact via email or phone; middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com or 01869 347968 so we can send you a registration form. Registering your child in advance helps us navigate staffing requirements throughout the year. We also accept government funding for 15-30 hours if eligible. For any further information or details you can also visit our website <http://www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk>.

Stamps: Carol and Kay are still collecting used stamps for Katherine House Hospice. If you haven't started saving, would you please do so and hand them into the shop. It is very important to help as the stamps raise funds for this very worthwhile asset for our community to use and support. Many thanks for any help you can give.

Steeple Barton PC: During the public 15 minute discussion, the dog bin in Kirby Close

came up for comment; it has been badly placed and it was agreed that District Councillor Jackson would ask WODC to reposition it. Also replacing the bin in Worton Rd which was removed and not replaced. There were apologies from Cllrs Hinton and Rosemont. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed. A report from the Finance sub-committee is on the Parish Council website. *Traffic Calming;* the plans for the scheme have been submitted and we are awaiting a response. Discussions around the children's crossing at Mill Lane will commence once we have received a response. The Council approved a donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau. *Speedwatch;* The volunteers have now completed a retraining exercise as requested by the police. They have also asked to be kept informed of all future sessions. *Ukraine;* On 8th March, a hastily arranged rally in Woodstock was attended by Cllr Jackson; as a result, people have been contacting WODC for information on how to help with either money or offers of accommodation. Residents of Steeple Barton Parish have also done their bit by donating two van loads and three car loads of necessities. A big thank you to all who donated; we will be doing another collection in April. Cllr Graham is to give the councils details of a platform which is coordinating offers of sponsorship to refugees. Congratulations to 2 year 6 pupils at the school who organised a movie night and raised £588 for Ukraine. *Jubilee Plans;* A scarecrow competition will start the celebrations with the theme of any era from the last 70 years. On Thursday 2nd June, there will be children's activities and a disco culminating in the lighting of the beacon at the Memorial Playing Fields. The Club will be putting on goodies for the grown ups. On Friday and Saturday in the AM Hall, there will be an exhibition showing the Bartons through the last 70 years and a short film of the Queen's Jubilee in 1977. Refreshments available; come along and spot your parents, friends or even yourselves! Sunday 5th there will be a service of celebration. Then there will be in Steeple Barton Church at 11am with the Jubilee Queen, the Benefice and school choirs, the scouts, cubs and beavers. Choose an era

from the last 70 years or dress in red, white and blue. Then there will be a Jubilee walk to the Playing Fields where we are hoping the whole village will join together in a big lunch picnic with entertainment into the evening. More details to follow. *Next Meeting*; Monday 25th April, 8pm in the AM Hall.

Women's Institute: Here we are in April so what have we got to look forward to in our group? Springtime and Easter can mean eating too much chocolate and sending friends and family Easter cards. However, since it's origins, Easter has been a time of celebrations and many customs. Do you know about egg rolling, egg tapping, pace egging, cascarones or confetti eggs and egg decorating. Why not come along to our Easter meeting, 12th April, 7.30, Duns Tew Village Hall when Martin Sirod-Smith from Sulgrave Manor will be entertaining us and giving some further insight into these traditions; it should be a very interesting evening. Our May meeting is on 10th 7.30 in Duns Tew Village Hall for what many consider a very important date in the WI calendar as we decide whether our WI wishes to support this years National Federation campaign choice. This year, our focus will be on "Women and girls with ASD and ADHD – under identified, under and mis-diagnosed, and under supported and the need for action to be taken to improve this So why not come along and join in the debate. Finally, are you

interested in finding out more about us.? For further details or information, please contact Jenny Jackson, 01869 340759 or email skellgilljenny@yahoo.co.uk.

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

Church News: As April begins, we have our final Wednesday Lent Lunch (soup and a roll) at 12.15 on 6th April at the Rectory in Westcote Barton. There will be a short talk given by two friends from the Roman Catholic Church as we conclude a series on churches of other traditions. All are welcome; please email lentlunches@bartonbenefice.org.uk if you would like to come. This year, donations collected at our lent lunches will go to the British Red Cross – one of the umbrella charities of the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) which has been set up by the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Details on the appeals can be found here; <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal> and DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal/Disasters Emergency Committee.. As the war in Ukraine continues, it can be difficult to know how to help. The Diocese of Oxford have some practical suggestions on how to help on a more local level here; Diocese of Oxford/Make a difference in Ukraine anglican.org or Google 'Ukraine Toolkit' for information from the Church of England. As we countdown to Easter, our Benefice Palm Sunday Service is

on 10th April, 11am in Duns Tew. We will of course be joined by our resident donkey. During Holy Week, we have some special services and events across the Parishes. Everyone is welcome to everything. See the table below for details but things to note include a Service and Supper in the AM Hall at 8pm on Maundy Thursday 14th April and a Good Friday Family Service in Sandford St Martin at 10.30 on 15th April and Easter Eve at 8pm in Westcote Barton. On Easter Day, we have a selection of services in our parishes. We are also pleased to be able to continue at least one Zoom service a month. This includes the Evening Service held on the second Sunday of the month at 5pm in the AM Hall on 10th April. If you would like to join by Zoom, please email zoom@bartonbenefice.org.uk for the link. 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. The Revd Jane Wright, Rector of the Barton Benefice; tel 01869 340510, email clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk. Web address www.bartonbenefice.org.uk/ or follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bartonbenefice/>. For general enquiries, please email Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator at enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk.

Services April	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford Martin	St	Nether Worton	Over Worton
3 rd	9.30am Family @Church service/Eucharist	---	---	5.00pm Prayer	Evening	11.00am Eucharist	---
10 th Palm Sunday	---	5pm Evening Worship at AM Hall (+Zoom)	11.00am Benefice Palm Sunday Eucharist	---	---	---	---
14 th Maundy Thursday	---	8pm Barton Churches Together Service & Supper AM	---	---	---	---	---
15 th Good Friday	---	2pm Good Friday Service	---	10.30 Service	Family	---	---
16 th Easter Eve	8pm Service – followed by bubbly	---	---	---	---	---	---
17 th Easter Day	---	11.00 Easter Eucharist	9.30 Easter Eucharist	5pm Songs of Praise	---	---	11am Easter Eucharist
24 th	---	11.00 Eucharist	5pm Evening Worship	---	---	---	9.30 Eucharist

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the May Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 16th April. Thank you. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street. Tel: 347641; email: blmid@freeuk.com

