

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

June 2022

Busy Bees: have been busy welcoming many new faces to the group. We had a great Easter party where the children got together to craft and make cakes and enjoyed a fantastic Easter story from the Barton Benefice; thank you Revd Jane and Sue! We have also made beautiful paintings, had mash potato play and have planted sunflower seeds among other sensory crafts! Busy Bees runs for preschool age children and babies on Tuesdays in term time between 9-11 in the AM Hall.

District Councillor's report: Pre-school has asked me about trying to get a new blue lid for their recycling bin. I have noticed quite a few missing bin lids as I have been out and about so have written to WODC to ask if I can send a list. I am hoping that by providing such a list, I can arrange for them all to be replaced on the same trip. If you need a new blue lid, please contact me asap. I will co-ordinate with you if I get a definite date when they do their grand tour. May I take this opportunity to thank the residents of the Bartons ward for re-electing me as your councillor. Both during my canvassing and after the result, a lot of people wished me well which was both encouraging and humbling. Turnout was down from 2018 but my majority shot up from 81 to 383. I will endeavour to serve the Bartons with due diligence for the next four years. Cllr Dave Jackson skellgilldave@yahoo.co.uk. 07407 443944.

Good Neighbour Scheme: We are a group of local, DBS checked, volunteers providing support for our community when friends and family are unable to eg befriending, small tasks, prescription collecting, transport to GP 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.

Our Library: (in the room at the back of the shop) has a wide range of books which are continually being updated and refreshed with new paperbacks. During Covid, a few regular users have continued

to visit and we are now very keen to try and generate new interest and encourage more people to call in and borrow books. There is no time limit on how long you keep a book, so no need to rush and you are welcome to take a few if you are an avid reader, Holidays are looming so why not check out our shelves? Currently we operate a self service system but we are considering bringing back volunteers soon for a couple of sessions during the week. In the meantime, Diane is happy to open up anytime if you just ask. If you know someone who would like to borrow books but cannot get into the library, please contact me on 347769. Best wishes and happy reading. Alison Umney.

Pre-school: The older children will be having visits to the Primary School in preparation for September and we will be holding a leavers event which will be advertised shortly. Our AGM will be held in June/July; please look out for the confirmed date. This is a fantastic opportunity to come along and find out what we have achieved over this past year and our plans for the year ahead. *100 Club*; if you would like to join, please contact pre-school for a form – only £1 a month. Each number gives you a chance to win £10 in the monthly draw and a Christmas treat of £50 in December. *Reminder*; if you would like to register your child for pre-school to be included on our waiting list, please get in touch 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.middlebartonprechool.co.uk>.

Steeple Barton PC: *meeting held on 16th May*; The meeting opened with the Chair's annual report followed by elections of the Chair and Vice Chair and details of the membership of the various committees. Both are attached as Annex A to this months Bulletin. Once the elections were

completed, the normal monthly meeting continued. As usual, the first 15 minutes were given over to the public and a comment was made that the PC should put information out on the two local websites. The Council agreed to investigate this further. Cllr Rosemont confirmed positive developments. The public consultation for traffic calming in the Bartons is now open with an online form and advertised in local media. The Parish Council will confirm that they are in favour of the traffic calming measures. Details will be posted on the website and notice board. Cllr Andy Graham informed the Council that a working party for home/school transport has now been set up to look at the present arrangements. It will meet on 6th June. The annual donation of £2000 was made to the Sports and Social Club for the upkeep of the toilets. *The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations*; These start with the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon and Beer Festival at the S&SC on Thursday 2nd June Also the judging of the Scarecrow competition; 1st prize a bottle of champagne, 2nd prize a bottle of Prosecco and 3rd prize a box of luxury chocolates; all three prizes also include a years membership of the club. Prizes to be given at the Big Lunch on Sunday. Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th are the days to come and see photographs and a short film of a previous jubilee. Come and spot family members and friends throughout the years, all accompanied by teas and delicious cakes. These will be served by the WI; Also the Destiny Foundation and the AMH Angels. In the evenings, there will be a beer festival and a singer at the club. Sunday 5th is the Big Lunch Celebration. We start with a service at Steeple Barton Church at 10.30. Our own Jubilee Queen will arrive in a carriage. There will be representatives from local scouts, beavers and cubs, the Benefice and the Childrens' Choirs and a beautiful floral display. The service will be followed the planting of a Jubilee tree. There will then be a Jubilee walk to the playing fields led by the Jubilee Queen. At

the club, there will be free entertainment from the drama group, One 4 the Road and the fabulous Groove Company with hits from the last 70 years. Bring your picnic lunch, table/chairs or blankets and have a ball. We look forward to seeing you there. *Next Meeting;* the next PC meeting will be on Monday 20th June, 8pm at the AM Hall. If anyone would like to join the council, please contact the Clerk.

Women's Institute: Summer is approaching. Whether you are a keen gardener or an amateur who hopes you plant tall flowers at the back and short ones at the front? Our speaker this month is Richard Preston, Chairman of Steeple Aston horticultural society and the Steeple Aston Garden Club and we are promised an interesting talk as he will bring together a wealth of knowledge together with tips, tricks and ideas for our own gardens. Come and join us at 7.30pm on 14th June in Duns Tew Village Hall. In July, We will welcome Peter Meadowcroft who will be talking to us about his experiences in broadcasting including working on Radio Caroline which many will remember from the days of pirate radio. This should be a fascinating topic so why not join us and learn more on 12th July, 7.30 in Duns Tew Village Hall. Are you interested in finding out more about us? Why not come to one of our meetings, meet new people and make new friend; we

are a very welcoming group. If you would like further details or any information, please contact Jenny Jackson; 01869 340759 or via email skellgilljenny@yahoo.co.uk.

Roman Catholic Church: *Services* St Teresa's, Charlbury. Sundays; Mass at 9.15am. Holy Days; Mass at 7pm

Church News: Preparations are underway for the big Jubilee Weekend and celebration as I write this. I am looking forward to seeing the procession, the children dressed up and taking part in this unique occasion for our villages. *Jubilee Service Celebrations;* We will be holding a special Benefice Service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June at 10.30am in Steeple Barton Church. Services across the county will be using the same prayers and readings to mark the occasion. Our Benefice Choir will be there and we will inviting people to wear red, white and blue or choose an era from the Queen's reign and dress accordingly. Following the service there will be a procession to the Bartons Victory Memorial Hall and playing fields for a picnic lunch with entertainment. On Saturday 4th June, there will be a teatime choral Celebration Service at 5pm in St Martin's, Sandford. On Sunday 5th June there will also be a short 8.30am Eucharist (with no sermon) in Over Worton to mark

Pentecost. On Sunday 12th June, we have another special service for the whole Benefice in Steeple Barton churchyard at 5pm. We will once more be joined for some live music by Gospel Bell who some of you may remember from last years popular Pet Service. There will be a Baptism Tea at the Rectory on Saturday 18th June at 3pm. Contact Jane if you are considering baptism and would like to meet with her and other families to hear more or to prepare for the service if you have already arranged a baptism. As the summer is also a busy time for weddings, it is a timely opportunity to remind anyone considering getting married in church to get in touch. I would also like to thank David, Ann Barbara, Claire and Robert who are standing down from various roles held in Steeple Barton. 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, then please contact us. With all best wishes, 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.

Church services	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
4 th June	-----	----	----	5pm Teatime Choral Celebration	---	-----
5 th June Pentecostal/Jubilee	10.30am Benefice Jubilee Celebration	---	---	---	---	8.30am Eucharist
12 th June	---	5pm Evening Worship in Churchyard	11am Eucharist (+Zoom)	9.30 Morning Worship	---	---
19 th June	5pm BCP Evening Prayer	---	9.30am Family@Church	11am Eucharist	---	---
26 th June	---	11am Eucharist	5pm Evening Worship	---	9.30 Eucharist	---

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the July Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 11th June.

Thank you. Bill Lawrie, New Grove, 83 North Street. Tel: 347641 email: blmid@freeuk.com No Bulletin in August.

