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Hands on News

The FREE newspaper for Barton produced by Barton residents and community workers

Barton Youth Centre Murals

The Youth Centre at Barton Neighbourhood Centre has two fantastic new murals, painted by the young people who attend youth club sessions there. Leonard Sackey, Children and Young People's Development Officer for the council's Youth Ambition Team told Hands On News how the paintings came about.



In a consultation held last year to find out what young people wanted to see improved in Barton, high on the list came a new look for and improvements to their own space. So when they found out that the Youth Centre had been left out of plans to refurbish the BNC they weren't impressed. Youth Ambition's aim is to have a positive impact on young people by improving knowledge skills and capabilities in key areas in their lives as they transition into adulthood. On that basis, they were able to petition for a bit of the budget to decorate and refurbish the Youth Centre.

First the all the walls were painted professionally, and new floors laid down in the kitchen and main activity room. But the young people themselves wanted to have a part in refreshing the space, and discussing and bringing that about has been facilitated by Youth Ambition.

The youngsters took part in discussions about what they wanted and how to achieve it, which not only resulted in the bright murals, but also gave them an AQA certificate in team decision-making. This is an accredited workshop in which they practise negotiation and team-building, coming to an agreed decision and making plans. From it they gain skills and knowledge which they can use when creating CVs and applying for jobs as they transition into adulthood.

The deliberations resulted in a project to come up with ideas for the murals together with a professional artist, who could then help them with the skills they needed to achieve the result they wanted. There were weekly discussion sessions, sketches were drawn and they negotiated with each other about their ideas.

The Youth Centre now has a bright, lively mural at its entrance with the theme of Opening Curtains. The painting depicts activities like music, learning, achievement, sports, games, art, and other things they had been doing in the youth club. It turned out that the young people see the club as a way for others of their ages to get involved, and wanted to showcase the idea that it's like "opening a curtain to new opportunities".

The second mural is on the wall of the activity and leisure room. It's a colourful representation of Barton and the new Barton Park, because they wanted to capture that too. They included the famous Oxford spires as well.

Leonard hopes that with funding from Youth Ambition and the budgets of local councillors there will be enough to kit out the centre with new equipment and resources. This could include projector screens, TVs and games, and also, with luck, some new furniture. The club members will be given a budget they can use to choose what they need, another useful skill. Leonard hopes to be able have all this in place for this September.

The result of the project isn't just the murals and some new stuff for the centre. Every activity has been evaluated by Youth Ambition with the club members, who now feel they now know how to take part in decision-making. They have also experienced themselves making a difference in the community. Because previously they've been promised a lot of things and nothing has happened, for the first time they have some confidence that "actually my voice can be heard, and they did actually listen to me, and it's had a result". They've learned to access the information around them and analyse it to positive effect.

They've also learned how to reflect on what they've learned and achieved, and on their involvement with the youth service

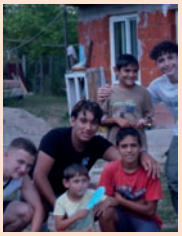
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Üdvözlünk minden kedves magyar anyanyelvű olvasók!

Hello and welcome to all our Hungarian Speaking Readers!

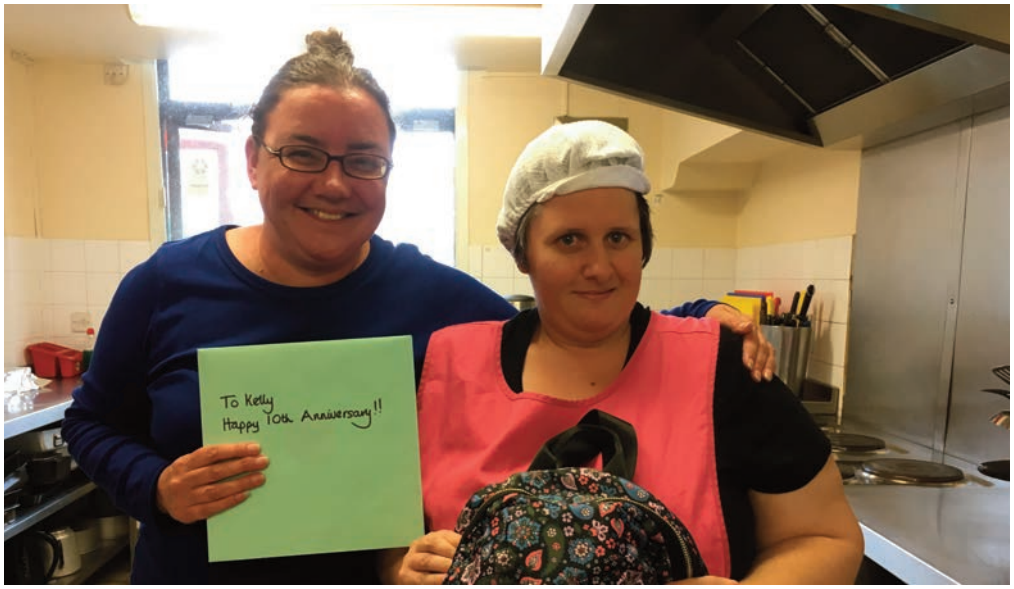
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generally. They can analyse what went well, or what didn't, what could have been done differently and how to improve next time. They have learned how to set goals, how to overcome setbacks and how to work collaboratively with their peers and others, because they had to work with people in the community, with a professional artist, and with each other. As a result, they've learned how to communicate appropriately in different situations.

If you are at any level in secondary school, or know someone who is, Youth Ambition has plenty of room for more people at the clubs. Access is free, and although this was a bigger than usual project, there are still plenty of smaller ones that run within the sessions.

All through term time sessions are held for girls on Tuesdays from 6-8 pm and for boys on Thursdays from 5-7 pm. Just turn up and speak to Leonard on Thursdays or Becky Critchley on Tuesdays, fill in a registration form and you're set! ■

Kelly celebrates 10 years with Eatwells Café



Barton Celebrates 70 years of the NHS

A group of local residents led by Katy Cockram decided to make an NHS Timeline as a celebration of 70 years since the birth of the NHS in 1948. As well as using the NHS, many people living in Barton work in local NHS services, working in one of the local hospitals, GP practices or providing community services.

The NHS has played a key role in national and local history, as before we had an NHS, people had to pay for medical treatment, which meant that if you could not afford to see a doctor, then you either had to rely on charity or do without. Currently the NHS enables patients to get the treatment they need based on their medical need rather than their ability to pay. Our NHS is a source of national pride, is world leading and has seen many medical, nursing and other developments. Many of these advances have been made in Oxford, and if you go to the Science Museum, you can see the equipment used in the first patient trials of the still widely used antibiotic- Penicillin which has saved millions of lives

You may have already added a personal celebratory balloon to the timeline, but if you haven't and would like to add your own experience- look out for the timeline at the Barton Bash in October. The timeline will then be displayed in the Neighbourhood Centre. ■

SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO

Our next Saturday evening bingo is due to take place on Saturday 29th September at the Neighbourhood Centre. Doors will be open at 5.00pm and the first game will start at 6.00pm.

As well as enjoying a game of Bingo there will be the chance to win cash on our Bonus Ball, win some free prizes in our "Oi" card game (between 5.00pm – 6.00pm) as well as the opportunity to win some great prizes in our raffle

We will be playing ten games with four chances to win on each game so 40 chances to win a cash prize. Each book costs £1 and there is free entry

Children aged 8 + are welcome to come along and join in providing they are accompanied by a responsible adult

Hot and cold refreshments will be available through Eatwells Café

All players must be members of Barton Community Association (£1 per year)

Come along and join us for a great evening that won`t break the bank, and you may even go home with more cash than you arrived with!!!!

Barton Community Association

WINDRUSH



WHAT IS WINDRUSH?

DO YOU KNOW?

Hi, I am Anne Browne I am a voluntary Director for the BCA and my parents are part of the Windrush generation. I have grown up with ackee & salt fish, jerk chicken, curry goat, rice & peas, yam and banana. Fish & chips, bubble & squeak, bangers and mash, much much more. If I have made some of you hungry sorry... I know many households in Barton can relate to the rich cultures we all share. An event to celebrate the Windrush years "HOPES, DREAMS...& JOURNEYS will be coming to Barton, date to be confirmed. Hoping the Barton community will share stories of your journeys, experiences, and support the event. Please let me know through Barton Community facebook, how you would like take part in the event. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you, Anne

a) Where did the Windrush generations come from?
b) Do you know the number of people who came to Britain?
c) What did the Windrush generations do for Britain?
d) What day has the Government recently announced will celebrate "WINDRUSH DAY"?

a) Primarily Jamaica and India
b) Between the years of 1948-1971 some 15,000 Jamaicans, 13,000 Indians & 29,000 non UK nationals came.
c) They came to help build Britain after World War II
d) Windrush Day will be celebrated each year on the 22nd June

Bayards Hill Primary School

It has been a very busy term at Bayards Hill Primary school. There have been a number of exciting events, trips and experiences taking place. Many of these are covered in detail in the school's newsletter titled 'Take Me Home' on the school website. However, the school's Science week was definitely one of the highlights…

What would happen if I put raisins in a tall jar filled with soda water?

Bayards Hill Science Week took place on Monday 11th June, creating a real buzz throughout the school.

To launch Science Week, Monday's assembly featured lots of 'what if?' scenarios, presented by Andy from Science Oxford, such as, what would happen if I dropped an orange, a lemon and a lime in a bowl of water? Then, throughout the week, scientists from Cheney School, Oxford University and Science Oxford visited the school to run a variety of workshops and shows exploring a range of topics, from magnetism to convection, and investigating the 'magic' of science!



On Thursday afternoon, we held our second Bayards Hill Science Fair. At the fair, KS2 children demonstrated their experiments and research to KS1 children, governors, parents and visiting scientists. The hall was packed, and excited customers were treated to lots of interesting installations and hands-on demos ranging from learning about the solar system and eclipses, to disappearing coins (through the process of refraction) and 'upside-down' water – with the science behind all of these thoughtfully explained by our KS2 children. Andy also mentioned the famous feather and hammer drop on the moon experiment – just google 'feather hammer moon' and you can watch a Youtube video of the outcome. ■

Appointment Buddies

Do you live in Barton, have a bit of time and would like to help someone get to appointments or other social activities? Do you know an older person who needs a bit more help getting out to the doctor or just out and about?

Appointment Buddies is a service supporting Barton residents over the age of 50, who find it difficult to attend GP appointments or other social activities. We want to make it easier for older people to get out and about by matching them with a local volunteer who is able to support them. If you know of someone older who needs to get to the GP or a hospital appointment or who would like to get out a bit more please do get in touch. We would also like to hear from you if you have time to help an older resident.



Come in and have a chat with us at the Neighbourhood Centre. Just pop in- Fiona Tracey will be there Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday or call 01865 230 203. ■

GETTING HEARD

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APPOINTMENT BUDDIES

THE ARCHWAY FOUNDATION
Serving Those Hurt by Loneliness

A NIGHT OF ROCK `N` ROLL

Many of us remember the music of the 50's and 60's with fondness, and probably now instead of jiving the night away we simply sit there tapping our toes and singing along to the words. But, hey, this music isn't just for people of a certain age. People of all ages recognise the songs and music from that magical era, and even today, over fifty years later, we still enjoy listening to the never to be forgotten sounds of that decade.

And so we are offering you the chance to relive that time by coming along on Saturday 8th December between 7.30pm – 10.30pm to enjoy THE SAGALOUTS and listen to their fantastic versions of some legendary tunes. Admission will be by Ticket Only and these will cost £3 each for adults and will include free refreshments. Tickets will be available from either Sue or Sharon in the BCA office or at the Barton Bash and numbers will be limited. Make sure you buy yours early to avoid disappointment on the night. A great time is guaranteed. ■

Barton Family Solutions Summer Celebration

Our Summer Celebration on Thursday 26th July at Play and Learn was a great success, with over 140 attendees, including many school age children!

One of the activities included a Fire Pit and making Canadian Pancakes on a griddle pan, giving children the opportunity to make the mixture, taste pancakes with Maple Syrup and take home the recipe to try at home. Children supported all areas of play by using their own initiative to hand out cooked pancakes, share bubble wands, and showing good turn-taking skills! There were also giant bubbles which intrigued both children and their carers, and many children had a chance to use the magic bubble wand, creating giant bubbles and increasing self-confidence and sense of achievement. Tiny bubble blowers were also available to dip into soap mixture in own pot .and under 5's enjoyed the tiny bubbles which they could chase and provide bubbles for younger children to burst. Michelle led the singing with a magical bag of props which provided a wide range of familiar and new songs and encouraged all families to join in, using available instruments creating own rhythm! One parent wrote *"this was one of the best events held in this centre. It was visible that staff put huge amounts of work and effort to prepare outdoor activities.*



Even challenging weather conditions (heat, sun) didn't stop staff from running activities such as singing, making pancakes. The children helping out were very brave, kind & helpful." Play and Learn sessions will be carrying on every Thursday from 10am – 12 noon throughout the summer. See you there! ■

Barton wins funding from Oxford City Council Green Neighbourhood Fund

'Barton is Beautiful': Help us replace litter with flowers:

We all love the beautiful countryside that surrounds Barton and local residents have secured a small grant from Oxford City Council to help to make our environment even more beautiful.

The grant will enable local residents to get involved in making our environment better by replacing litter with flowers!

There are two parts to the funding, firstly, we would like to reduce unsightly litter which we can often find in our streets, so we are inviting local children to design badges and posters to raise awareness of littering. We will also provide 'litter bags', canvas bags with gloves and bin bags for anyone who would like to help to keep their own street litter free as well as organising 'litter picks' throughout the year.

The second part of the funding- will enable to replace this litter with beautiful daffodil bulbs- and we will be inviting you to help us plant bulbs around Barton. Hopefully then next spring- after the darkness of winter we can celebrate with William Wordsworth who wrote a poem inspired by daffodils:

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

We welcome everyone who would like to get involved- watch out for more information on Barton Community Facebook page or contact Martyn Rush Cllrmrush@oxford.gov.uk and 07804636541 ■

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Allotment News

Well its been an extraordinary season! The sun has delivered vegetables and fruit but it has been a battle to keep everything watered. It has also meant an early harvest. Now that we are getting to the end of the summer growing cycle (except the Pumpkins for Halloween) it is timely to reflect on the value and purpose of allotments in this the Centenary year of Oxford Allotment Associations.



Allotments for the growing of produce have been in existence in England since Anglo Saxon times when some land was held in common. The modern system of leasing plots from local councils came into being in the nineteenth century to enable the labouring poor to grow food.

There have been allotment plots in and around Barton since the nineteenth century. The site of the Barton allotments was reconsidered in 1937 with the construction of the Northern By-pass Road. In 1939 a plan was approved by the Oxford Preservation Trust and Headington Allotment Association for the allotments to move to the current site to the west of Barton Village, possession subject to a covenant containing provision for the maintenance of fruit trees to be provided by the Oxford Preservation Trust.

During the war, Oxford contributed to the war effort and the 'Dig for Victory' campaign by providing additional land for allotments from April 1940. 1,389 war-time plots were added to the pre-war 5,300. An additional 4.7 acres adjoining the existing Barton Allotments was made available for war-time plots. With rationing after the war lasting until 1954, there was a continued emphasis on providing allotments in Oxford as part of the national 'Dig for Plenty' campaign.

A store and common room for the site was approved and a tender agreed for the construction of an allotment 'hut' in 1949. In 1950, Barton was included in the list of allotments to have water laid on.

We always welcome new Members and with the present housing development and the exit from Brexit we are hoping this will lead to more people being interested in 'Growing their Own'.

Handy tip for the autumn – potatoes like to be stored somewhere dark, dry and frost free. Onions, after drying thoroughly, also need the same conditions. ■

Thrive's Trip to Romania

After 6 months of fundraising, eight young leaders from Barton headed to Romania last week to volunteer with the Smiles Foundation who work with disadvantaged communities in and around a city called Oradea.

The team of 7 young people who youth charity Thrive work with as well as 3 leaders came face to face with poverty as they work with vulnerable children, elderly people, and poor rural communities. Highlights included taking children to the pool (when some had never been before), working out how to communicate with elderly people who only spoke Romanian, going on field visits, and getting to know a family who were left homeless by a fire a few years ago.

Dan, Thrive's Youth Worker in Barton who helped lead the trip says "it was a real privilege to see this group of young people grow in confidence, care for people and be challenged to be more grateful and content for the things and opportunities they have."

Thrive's aim is to bring hope and lasting hope and change in the communities they work in. We're hoping this trip will have a wider impact on Barton as these young people influence the world around them even more positively with compassion and confidence. ■



Young people from Barton at a kids club they helped to run. Children and young people don't have much to do in Romania as there aren't many youth centres or children programmes.



Young people from Barton with a family they got to know in Romania. The family had been made homeless by a fire but are now back in their house (in the picture). We brought them food and played football and card with the boys.

Councillor News



Barton and Sandhills Ward Forums

We have decided to hold monthly Ward Forum meetings where you can bring up issues with Councillors but also tell us what you think we should be arguing for in Council. These forums will open up decision-making to your views. The first one will be in Sandhills next month, followed by Barton, and we will announce the dates soon.

In the most recent City Council meeting, in July, there were motions on Brexit, the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, homelessness and Universal Credit. I was also proud to second a motion supporting twinning Oxford with Wroclaw, Poland and Ramallah, Palestine. Ahead of the next Council in October I would love to hear your views on how you think I should vote on questions such as these.

Barton AND Sandhills

One of the quirks of the upcoming boundary review of the City Council wards was to rename our ward simply 'Barton'. Both the Barton Community Association and your Labour City Councillors disagreed with this decision, recognising that it is important to keep the current name which reflects the balance of the ward, and our two linked communities. Cllr Mike Rowley persuaded the City Executive Board to keep the present name. Let us know if you agree!

Martyn Rush
Labour City Councillor, Barton and Sandhills
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Get involved in our campaign:
Martyn for Barton and Sandhills | Barton and Sandhills Labour.

Barton Post Office, NHS 70, Barton is Beautiful and the Oxford Living Wage

Since being elected, I've been proud to support the community timeline celebrating 70 years of our NHS. Our own baby was born in July in the John Radcliffe and received tremendous care – we need to celebrate our NHS staff here in Barton and the work they do, and fight for the NHS to survive.

We are also setting up a new campaign to keep Barton Beautiful, ensuring it is litter-free, that we enjoy our tremendous views, and help Barton bloom.

To get involved, in either campaign, see the articles in this newspaper. If you have any ideas for things we should be campaigning on, please contact me.

Underhill Circus, as you may know, is being redeveloped in the coming year or two, and we are campaigning for the new development to include a Post Office service for Barton. We are circulating a petition. We are collecting feedback on what services this Post Office should have.

Oxford City Council has committed to promoting the Oxford Living Wage of £9.69 per hour. If you would like to help out in a Living Wage campaign, or are receiving less than the Oxford Living Wage, let me know. ■

Community Police Report September 2018

A 50-year-old woman from Barton was arrested on 14 June, 22 June and 2 August for breach of bail and failure to appear.

On 26 July a 39-year-old man from Barton was arrested for breach of a court order. The same man was also arrested for a burglary offences committed in Risinghurst on the 30 July and is currently on bail for these offences.

On 6 August a 46-year-old woman was arrested for "theft in a dwelling" and is currently on bail for this offence.

Residents need to be aware there has been an increase in residential burglary especially in Risinghurst, so even though it's tempting to leave doors and windows open in the hot weather, please keep them secured to deter offenders.

The Community Police team would like to make Hands On News readers aware of the following: "Cuckooing": Cuckooing involves out-of-town drug dealers taking over a vulnerable user's address, often with threats or bribes, and basing themselves at that address to deal drugs. If anyone has any information or concerns about a neighbour or friend this could be happening to, please would they make the local police team aware by either popping in to the office, or calling 101. If they want to do it anonymously, there's also Crimestoppers on freephone number 0800 555111. Once the police are aware they can do something about it and even close the address down.

Don't forget, if anything is bothering you, feel free to drop into the police station in Barton, or give them a call. ■

Thames Valley Police
Phone: 101
Email: OxfordBartonRisinghurstNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

CRIMESTOPPERS
FREEPHONE NUMBER
0800 555111

Get ready for Barton Park

By the time *Hands on News* comes out, the first social housing tenants should be moving into their new homes on Barton Park.

Barton Park is being built in phases, and when it's finished will have 885 homes. Forty percent of these – 354 – will be let through the council's wholly-owned housing company, Oxford City Housing Limited (OCHL). In the first phase of the development, 95 OCHL homes will become available over the next 18 months or so.

OCHL homes will be let on assured tenancies at social housing rents. This means they will be lifetime tenancies – as long as tenants keep to the terms of their agreement - and that the rent will be the same as for council tenancies. If you are not already a council or housing association tenant, you will have a starter tenancy for the first 12 months.

OCHL homes will be allocated to people on the council's housing register, including transfer applicants, and advertised through the choice-based letting system – full details of rents and service charges will be given as new homes are advertised. If you are interested in an OCHL home on Barton Park, you will need to bid for this online.

If you are successful in your bid for an OCHL home, you will be expected to move in as soon as the builder says it is ready to live in. But how can you put yourself in the best position to make a successful bid?

Make sure that your housing or transfer application is up to date, keep a regular eye on the choice-based lettings website and bid for properties you are interested in.

If you are already a council tenant looking to downsize to a smaller home, you will get high priority to move through the transfer list. You may also be eligible for compensation and support to move through the council's removal and expenses scheme.

Before making any offer of an OCHL home, the council will check that the offer is suitable. For example, this means that you should be up to date with your rent, or keeping to any agreements about your behaviour or repaying arrears. If you will need support to sustain your tenancy and live independently, you need to be able to show that this will be in place when your tenancy starts.

Would you like to know more? If you are an existing council tenant, you should contact your Tenancy Management Officer. If you are not a council tenant, please contact Housing Options on 01865 249811. ■

Old Fire Station seeks volunteers

Are you looking for something fun to do in the evenings? The Old Fire Station arts centre in Oxford is looking for volunteer ushers, and they are happy to pay travel expenses to and from the town centre.

"It's got me out at night. Because I live by myself, I thought it's a really good opportunity of making sure that I have to go out, and see plays, music, whatever productions are coming, something that I wouldn't normally do so. It's got me out of slumping in the sofa and watching crap on the telly basically. My life is enhanced by the fact that I can get out, and it's pushed me to do that."

See comedy, theatre, music gigs and more for free. Meet new people and be part of something. To find out more, e-mail volunteer@oldfirestation.org.uk, phone 01865 263990 or visit the Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford OX1 2AQ.



COME AND TRY YOUR GREAT LOCAL LEISURE CENTRE FOR FREE.

Barton is lucky to have a high quality leisure centre in the heart of your community.

With a 25m pool, gym, exercise classes and more there is something to suit all abilities and abilities.

If you have never been before here is your chance to try a free swim or exercise class, bring this voucher to the centre, mention Hands on News offer, register your details with our team and you will be booked in for your free visit.

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Valid until 30.11.2018

ACHIEVE Healthy Weight Loss Oxfordshire is coming to BARTON

Losing weight and keeping it off for good?

Anyone who has tried any type of diet will know that this can be a real battle. And while we all may have some basic knowledge on which foods are good for us and which aren't, navigating the constantly changing advice we hear via the media can be tricky.

If throughout the summer you have found yourself longing to shed a few pounds here is some good news:

There may be help available for you. And it's completely FREE.

Achieve Healthy Weight Loss Oxfordshire delivers services for adults and over 16's. It is funded by Oxfordshire County Council and hence is FREE for anyone participating. Achieve Oxfordshire is part of award winning company Thrive Tribe that has been operating in a number of different locations in the South of England since 2008, providing evidence based health interventions.

So what is on offer?

Achieve Oxfordshire currently offers 3 types of services, all of which are available for anyone with a BMI of 30 or above or lower when suffering with certain health conditions.

1. Free vouchers for either Slimming World or Weight Watchers covering the joining fee and 12 meetings. You can use the vouchers in any group of your choosing and there are several local groups held in both Headington and Oxford.
2. Man v Fat – a 14 week men's only weight loss intervention supported by the FA. It combines weight loss with playing football in a specialist league. This scheme is run from the City of Oxford Football pitch so is just a short walking distance from Barton and has been really popular with those who attend.
3. Lose weight with Achieve - 6 months advanced programme. This is a course for people who have tried other tested ways of losing weight and not found it has helped them long-term. Sessions for this course are held fortnightly, are 90 minutes long and combine healthy eating and behavior change advice with 30 minutes of physical activity in each session. It caters for people of all ages and some with different health conditions, so do not worry – we will make the sports activity work for everybody. The programme is already running in Oxford and is coming to Barton with a group in the Barton Neighbourhood Centre starting this September.

How do I access the service?

Interested or wanting to know if you qualify?

In order to check if you qualify for any of the above options all you need to do is call us or register interest online. You will need to know your current height and weight. Then either give us a call on 01865-338119 or sign up under "get started" on our website www.achieveoxfordshire.org.uk. If you prefer to talk it through with a health professional first do ask at Hedena Health Centre so a referral can be made on your behalf.

And if you're just after some general advice, why don't you check us out on facebook for lots of health tips, recipe ideas and family friendly resources. www.facebook.com/achieveoxfordshire

Looking forward to working with you.

Frauke Eicker is External Engagement Consultant and Healthy Weight Practitioner at Achieve Healthy Weight Loss Oxfordshire. ■



A POST OFFICE FOR BARTON?

Would you like to see a Post Office back in Barton?

If you do, we will have a petition you can sign at the Barton Bash on Saturday 13th October.

At the Bash, we will also be asking you what services you would like from a Post Office, for example car tax, passport checking service, foreign currency etc.

Everyone who takes part in this short survey at the Bash will be entered into a raffle to win a prize.

THE LONG, SLOW ROAD TO A NEW BARTON COMMUNITY PAVILION

It's two years behind schedule, but work continues to progress on the new Barton Community Pavilion, or so Mick Beesley, Chairman of Barton United Football Club, hopes. The pilings for the foundations of the new football and community pavilion in Barton Park are in, and in the interim there are supposed to be temporary buildings that should give the club somewhere to base itself till February 2019, the new promised – but not guaranteed - deadline. The pavilion was supposed to be ready in May of 2017

In the meantime the team has been able to practise thanks to the hospitality of Bayards School, who, Mick says, have been "brilliant". They've given BUFC full independent access to their pitch, trusting them to leave the place tidy and safely locked up after each session.

"Building conditions" seem to be holding up the pace of progress with the new pavilion, and while seeding the new senior pitch has gone ahead with great success, it's now been sitting idle for more than nine months. However, the junior pitch hasn't yet been seeded (as at 1 August), partly due to the adverse weather conditions with the long period of drought this summer, but it's hoped that it will be ready by spring of next year. There will be an all-weather pitch, which should improve playing conditions.

However, the junior pitch will sit inside the perimeter of the new school, so there will have to be negotiations with Oxford City Council and the school authorities for access at weekends and at other times too. Hopefully, an understanding will be reached so that the club can book it as they need to.

At the moment of writing, even the temporary pavilion is also behind schedule. It was supposed to open towards the end of July, put back to the second week of August. Sitting in the middle of a construction site, it also has an access problem because of the safety responsibilities of the LLP - that is, the partnership between the OCC and Grosvenor Estates, who are responsible for the development of the new part of Barton. Until safe access can be given, BUFC cannot obtain a licence to operate it. They will also have to notify and agree times with the contractors when they want to use it.

In order to operate the temporary pavilion the Phoenix Sports Association, the partnership between Barton United and Headington Amateurs who run it together, needs to get furniture and equipment into the building once it's ready. All of this is stored in different places awaiting a date for moving in. It was hoped to be able to do this in July, but because of plumbing and drainage work it also had to be postponed. Headington Amateurs were hoping for their first game to be on 25 August. Again at the time of writing, Mick was hoping to have everything in place for BUFC to begin playing at the start of the season in September.

It's not just a football pavilion that Barton is waiting for. Like the old one, the new building will also be a social club where other activities such as darts and functions can take place. Weddings, birthdays and other celebrations were held at the old one , and it's planned to continue this. However, instead of the 50 car spaces they are used to, the new pavilion has just 11 spaces planned. At the weekends it's intended that the school car park will also be used, but this has just 34 spaces, and it remains to be seen whether they will be available for any midweek function. Street parking will be on a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) basis only.

The amount of community space will also be reduced. At the old pavilion there were two pitches, a bowls green and run-off areas of grass. None of the extra space is included in plans for the new one. It's not quite the like-for-like that was promised.

As for the interior of the new pavilion, Mick says the layout plans have been changed twice already without notification, so it's hard to work out what it will be feasible to provide. The running of the operation is carried out by volunteers, and takings from functions and the bar, as well as football fees, are essential to help pay the rent and other outgoings. The kitchen takings pay for the referee. At present, no one has put forward an estimate of what the clubs will be paying in rates and rent to use the pavilion and pitches, not to mention the service charge for maintaining the outside areas, so it's hard to plan ahead.

Here's hoping that by the time you read this, the problems will have been ironed out and the pavilion will be functioning as it should. It's been a long, hard slog. ■

USEFUL INFO

Health

Barton Surgery 01865 227788
Bury Knowle Health Centre 01865 227788
Manor Surgery 01865 762535
Churchill Hospital 01865 741841
John Radcliffe Hospital 0300 304 7777
Nuffield Hospital 01865 741155
NHS Direct 111

Local Dental Practices

310 Dental Care
310 London Road, Headington 01865 766975
Bury Knowle Dental Practice
207 London Road, Headington 01865 308400
Euro Dental Practice
61 London Road, Headington 01865 308865
John Miller Dental Practice
6A The Parade, Windmill Road, Headington, 01865 308050
Kennett Road Dental Practice
3 Kennett Road, Headington 01865 761965
Manor Dental Practice
7 Osler Road, Headington 01865 750056
Studental
Oxford Brookes University, Colonnade Building, 3rd Floor, Gypsy Lane, Headington, 01865 689997

Local Chemists

Barton Pharmacy
6 Underhill Circus, Headington 01865 763106
Boots Pharmacy
96 London Road, Headington 01865 762518
Boots Pharmacy
Bury Knowle, Headington 01865 765559
Roundway Pharmacy
3 Roundway, Headington 01865 766994

Schools

Bayards Hill Primary School 01865 761656
Cheney Secondary School 01865 765726
Sandhills Primary School 01865 433000
Wheatley Park Secondary School 01865 872441

Local Shops

Chippy 01865 761712
Spar 01865 763606

Other Useful Numbers

Age Uk 01235 849400
Childline 0800 1111
Gas Emergencies 0800 111999
Thames Valley Police
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Oxfordshire County Council 01865 792422
Oxford City Council 01865 249811
Oxford City Council
Out Of Hours 01865 252900
Samaritans 08457 909090
City Council Tax Team 01865 249811
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Furniture Recycling 01865 763698
Social Services 08450 507 666
Social Care Safeguarding Team
To report a concern about a child/vulnerable adult call 01865 323048 (out of hours number is 0800 833408)
Residents Parking Permits 08456 344 466
Planning Application Updates
For live updates to plans in the local area go to http://ox.planningtracker.co.uk

Services

Barton Community Association
01865 761987
Christians Against Poverty
(Free service) 0800 3280006
Leisure Centre 01865 467290
Barton Pavilion 01865 452616
St Mary's Church 01865 604263
headingtonstmary@gmail.com
Oxford Mail 01865 425262
First Homecare 01865 744174
Barton Advice Centre 01865 744152
Getting Heard
(Oxfordshire Advocacy) 0300 3435718
Barton Family & Children Centre
01865 764952
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BARTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATES

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

We hope you all like your new look Hands on News, and find it easier to handle than our previous style. We think this format will be more reader friendly and our new printing partners, Seacourt, have received many awards for their eco-friendly approach to printing. We like the new brighter look and will change the header colour for each edition to coincide with the seasons so this time we have chosen burnt orange to reflect the onset of Autumn. Please get in touch and let us know what you think of the changes we have made to your newsletter. Each quarter we undertake to deliver to every household in Barton and Sandhills and we know sometimes mistakes are made and some households miss receiving their copy. Please call either Sue or Sharon if you haven't received your copy and we will ensure a copy is delivered. Alternatively, you can always access all newsletters on our website as they are archived each quarter under "Hands on News". We are also happy to send you a copy electronically each quarter, and if this is something that you would like us to do then please forward your email address to Sharon or Sue so that we can log your details and send a copy to you. Contact details are sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com or 07866460446 or Sharon@bartoncommunityassociation.com or 01865 761987

GREEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT – HOW DANGEROUS IS IT TO ACCESS BARTON?

Over the last few months we have been listening to a continual stream of horror stories involving "near misses" at the roundabout, and how dangerous it is to access Barton from the Roundabout. There seems to be a problem with the road markings showing both the far left and middle lanes as leading to the A40 although one is marked (E) and the other (W). Sadly, drivers only see A40 when in the middle lane and cut up drivers on the far left lane trying to get into Barton. Our local county councillor, Glynis Phillips, is currently talking to Highways about this problem, and hopefully they will take action to remedy this problem before we witness a major tragedy. Many of us as drivers use this roundabout on a very regular basis, and we don't want to see anyone become "a statistic" before something is done to prevent this happening. Please contact Glynis or one of our City Councillors, Mike Rowley or Martyn Rush, (their contact details can be found elsewhere in the paper) to let them know your concerns or if you have been involved in a near miss whilst trying to exit the roundabout. We`ve complained long enough about trying to exit from Barton and now it seems we need to start shouting about safely getting back into Barton.

BARTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

Our AGM took place on Friday 27th July and our thanks to everyone who attended. During the Open Forum a few questions were asked mostly regarding the refurbishment of the flats in Stowford Road and Bayswater Road. These queries have been passed to the appropriate departments and we will feed back the responses once they are received. A question was raised regarding the future of the British Legion and this site will be used for much needed housing. Another resident mentioned that they have been successful in applying for a grant to cover the cost of some litter picking events and a bulb planting scheme throughout Barton. Let us know where you think either of these should be focused – what areas need cleaning up from litter, where do you think a display of spring flowers would be a welcome sight? We also asked everyone present what they liked about living in Barton and here are some of the replies: The bus service, the community spirit, the people, so close to the countryside and wildlife including the ever present red kites, Beautiful Barton and finally Everything! The AGM was followed by a great evening with The Sagalouts who treated everyone to a fantastic evening of 60`s nostalgia music together with free refreshments and a free raffle.

The following members were re-elected to serve as trustees for the coming year:

Christine Gerkin	Simon Heap
Dan Gee	Rod Shepherd
Dan Farley	Pippa Gwilliam
Louise Williams	James Bloice Smith
Sandra Palmer	Andy Hougham
Ann Marie Browne	

Two further residents expressed an interest in becoming trustees, Angela Dickinson and Katy Cockram.

Our Annual Report for 2018 can be viewed on our website or hard copies are available from the BCA office

CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND LONDON SIGHTSEEING TOUR

We may not have made it last year, but we`re back on track for our trip to the capital on Sunday 9th December. Last year all our best laid plans fell apart when we witnessed an unprecedented snowfall in early December, and our coach trip had to be cancelled at the last minute. We are all set to make our trip this year on 9th December departing from Barton Neighbourhood Centre at 2.00pm making our way towards London stopping for a short coffee break en route. Once there we will take in all the illuminations that London has to offer at this magical time of year, visiting Oxford Street and Regent Street and then off for a tour around all the famous landmarks including Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, The London Eye and Buckingham Palace. On the return journey we will make a scheduled stop allowing everyone to enjoy a meal and refreshments. Our planned return time to Barton is approximately 9.30pm. Tickets will be £10 per person and can be booked by contacting either Sue or Sharon at the BCA office or by calling Sue on 07866460446. No seats will be reserved until paid for in full. Let's start the Christmas season with a great day out, and hope that lightning doesn't strike twice – or at least snow doesn't fall twice!!

BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

As part of the refurbishment programme that is currently underway at the Centre BCA staff will soon be taking up residence in a brand new office that is being created in the foyer area to the right of the lift and staircase. This move will make us far more visible to the public, and it will be much easier to access us when needed. Our core office hours will remain the same, 9.30am – 2.30pm, but on occasions staff will be working outside of these hours and will be available to help local residents. This move will coincide with the launch of our new Health Centre and the much improved foyer area for the benefit of all users of the Centre. Improved lighting will be installed in the main Community Hall (The Jean Stevenson Community Hall) and upgrades are due to be carried out in the Sports Hall facility as well as all the toilets and washrooms. This huge investment by Oxford City Council shows commitment towards the future of our community building as well as everyone living in Barton

Barton Neighbourhood Centre will be closed between Saturday 15th and Sunday 23rd September.

This is due to the ongoing refurbishment works happening in the Centre. Thank you for your patience.

SATURDAY NIGHT "BINGO" FEVER IS BACK!

One for your diaries – Saturday 15th September sees the return of our Saturday night Cash Prize bingo sessions. As usual doors will be open at 5.00pm and first game will commence at 6.00pm. There will be free "Oi" games with prizes from 5.15pm – 6.00pm as well as a Bonus Ball and Raffle. Entrance is free. All books are just £1 each and refreshments will be available from Eatwells Café. Children aged 8+ are welcome providing they are accompanied by an adult (and are well behaved!!) Come along and join in some affordable fun, and don't forget our Tuesday night bingo that takes place each week with doors open at 6.30pm and eyes down at 7.30pm.

BHANGRA AT BARTON – YOU ASKED AND WE ARE DELIVERING



Lots of local people have been asking for some Bhangra sessions to be held at Barton and so from Monday 17th September through til 10th December we will be holding Bangra Dance sessions at the Neighbourhood Centre. Each session will be 6.30pm – 7.30pm. The cost will be just £5 for five weekly sessions or you can pay £10 to cover the whole programme from September – December. All participants will need to be members of Barton Community Association (£1 per year). The dates are: 24th September, 1st 8th and 15th October, 5th 12th 19th and 26th November, 3rd and 10th December. If this course proves to be popular then we will extend it into the new year. This is a great way to keep fit, socialise with those you already know and a great opportunity to make new friends. Our tutor, Arun, has competed in internationally recognised Bhangra competitions so I think we're all in for a real treat. Come along on September 24th at 6.30pm and give it a go!!

BARTON BASH 2018

Its not long now – the Bash is just around the corner. Plans for this year`s Bash are being finalised as the Hands on News goes to print and we are looking forward to welcoming you to your annual community event that will take place on Saturday 13th October at the Neighbourhood Centre from 12 noon – 4.30pm. Lots of old favourites including face painting, bouncy castle and balloon artistry together with new activities such as digital caricatures and a rock painting workshop are all included in this year`s programme so look out for the leaflets containing all the details of what's going to be available on the day. There will also be lots of information and advice available from many organisations that work in Barton, but we insist that they make a visit to their stall FUN. So, a great day ahead for everyone so come along on 13th and enjoy the atmosphere and all what`s on offer. We would also like to thank all of our sponsors and donors who make this day possible by making sure that all children`s activities are free to enjoy.

MAKE SURE THIS ONE`S IN YOUR DIARIES – SAGALOUTS RETURN TO BARTON!

Following on from a great performance at the AGM in July we are pleased to announce that the Sagalouts will be returning to Barton on Saturday 8th December from 7.30pm – 10.30pm. No matter what your age if you enjoy good old 60`s music then this is the night for you. You will be transported back to the 60`s and enjoy music and song by The Beatles, Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley, The Searchers, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and many many more great artists. Tickets will be on sale shortly and numbers will be limited. The cost will be £3 per person and this will include free refreshments during the evening. Make sure you book early to avoid disappointment and ask those who attended the gig in July - they will tell what a great night you're in for so start your Christmas celebrations early on 8th December at Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

BARTON UNITED PRESENTATION NIGHT

I was privileged to attend this year's Presentation Night held at Cowley Workers Club for all Barton United team players and their families. The whole place was buzzing from the word go, and everyone, from the youngest player to the eldest, enjoyed a great evening packed with cups, medals, thank you gifts and raffle prizes galore. Phone cameras clicked

throughout the evening so lots of very precious memories to look back on, and photos to embarrass the kids with when they get older! Huge thanks must be offered to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make all this happen throughout the year, and give the children and young people of Barton something positive to focus on. I have been connected with the Club for almost forty years, and although each year we see new faces come along and join the happy crowd of managers, coaches, drivers as well as back room staff, I take my hat off to those who have been involved with the Club as long as me including Dave and Jan Rose and Mick and Jackie Beesley who make up the backbone of Barton United. Its reassuring to see others coming along who will eventually step into those major roles within the Club and take it forward for the good of Barton.

All of us present felt extremely proud of our children and young people when the manager of the venue came across and praised them for their good behaviour and willingness to help out, and invited us back next year. Thanks to everyone involved for being great ambassadors for both Barton United as well as the whole community of Barton.

If you want to get involved with Barton United either as a player (girls and boys) or a volunteer then please contact Jan and Dave on 01865 452616. The club runs teams for most age groups and is looking forward to moving into its new permanent home at Barton Park early in the new year.

Sue Holden

COACH TRIPS 2018

I was lucky enough to join the trip to Brighton on 14th August, and as with the previous trips to Southsea, Portsmouth and Weston Super Mare, the weather didn't disappoint. Although quite cloudy when we arrived the sun broke through and a fresh breeze drifted in off of the sea. We made the journey in record time arriving at Brighton Pier by 10.40am giving us six hours to enjoy all that Brighton has to offer. We had the usual mix of passengers on board including families, couples and single travellers covering all age groups and diverse backgrounds. One party included three brothers from one Barton based family, and this gave rise to plenty of banter on board! Once in Brighton passengers went off and did their own thing with one couple jumping on the local bus and taking a trip to Eastbourne. An elderly couple insisted that they were going to find fish and chips wrapped in traditional newspaper – not sure how successful they were with that. There was plenty to do for children, and even though the beach was pebbly it didn't stop some of them exploring and having fun, including a ride on the beach zip wire. For me, I met up with my brother who I haven't seen in 18 years and we spent the most memorable afternoon looking through family photographs and updating each other on our families. We also reminded one another of our childhood antics, and how we filled our days with just our imaginations to play with. On our return journey there was a myriad of conversations taking place with everyone talking about their exploits and adventures during their time in Brighton.

What made me realise how important these trips are to many people was when I received a phone call from one of the brothers the following day. He was born and bred in Barton but now lives the other side of Green Road Roundabout. He thanked me for the opportunity to spend quality time with his family as they rarely meet up and enjoy each other`s company. He also appreciated the excellent value offered in the cost of the trip. At the time of writing our trip to Weymouth will see a family of fourteen spend the day together on the beach, and the trip to Bournemouth will see eighteen family members go off to enjoy the Air Festival!! Make sure you're part of the Barton family experience in 2019. Sue Holden



CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES RESTART DETAILS

BODY TONING will return on Saturday 8th September at 9.30am – EVERYONE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME. Cost £5 for five weeks.

ZUMBA will return on Thursday 6th September at 6.30pm – EVERYONE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME. Cost £5 for five weeks Everyone taking part in the demo at the Barton Bash will qualify for five free weekly sessions

BHANGRA starting on Monday 24th September at 6.30pm – EVERYONE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME. Cost £5 for five weeks or £10 paid in advance for all sessions between 15th September and 10th December

ART CLUB will return on Friday 14th September at 3.30pm – ALL CHILDREN AGED 6 – 12 YEARS OF AGE WELCOME. FREE TO ATTEND AND FREE REFRESHMENTS

FUN TO LEARN MONDAY HOMEWORK CLUB will commence on Monday 24th September at 3.30pm – Please speak to Mrs Linda Morton at Bayards Hill School if you would like your child to attend (Years 5/6) Includes free refreshments

FUN TO LEARN THURSDAY HOMEWORK CLUB will restart on Thursday 27th September at 3.30pm – Please speak to Mrs Linda Morton at Bayards Hill School if you would like your child to attend (Years 5/6) Includes free refreshments

BROWNIES will return on Tuesday 11th September

YOUTH CLUB SESSIONS will return on Tuesday 11th September (Girls) and Thursday 13th September (Boys)

BARTON BREAKFAST CLUB RETURNS



Our FREE Breakfast Club for all children aged 16 and under will return on Monday 10th September between 7.45am – 8.45am. Plenty of cereals to choose from as well as toast with a choice of spreads or beans. Or how about crumpets, croissants or pain aux raisin and pain aux chocolate (subject to availability) Most mornings there will be a selection of fruits and yoghurts together with juice, milk or water to drink. Take the stress out of your mornings and let Eatwells do the work for you!

SPECIAL OFFER FOR ADVERTS

Do you run your own business? Do you want to reach all residents in Barton and Sandhills? Do you like a bargain? If you have answered "YES" to all three questions then read on. We are offering a quarter page advert for just £25 to any local business that wants to promote their services to their local community. This will be for inclusion in our December issue, and details, together with payment, will need to be received by deadline date of 15th November. Maybe you want to offer your potential customers a special offer or even just wishing your customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year (can't believe we are talking about Christmas already!) Please contact Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com or Tanya at tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com for further details.

COOKING UP A FEAST AND PIMP MY BIKE

We are planning ahead for the October Half Term and it looks like it's going to be a busy one! First off we have a three day cookery session planned "Cooking Up a Feast" and this will be led by Natalie who will work with young people aged between 11 – 16 to try their hand at cooking meals, but also planning and shopping for their chosen menu. Free lunch will be provided each day. Again, during the half term week we will be hosting the "Pimp My Bike" three day project where young people can come along and under supervision will strip down their bikes, carry out a service and minor repairs, re-assemble the bikes and then spray paint them. For everyone who attends all three days there will be free lights and locks. Free lunch will also be provided each day and parental consent will be required to take part in this project.

Please check our Facebook page and website for further details including dates and times of these two sessions. Alternatively, call Sue on 07866460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com to register your interest

LOCAL EVENTS

Do you have a local event coming up that you would like advertised or promoted? Then please make sure we have all the relevant details by 15th November for inclusion in our December issue (due out mid-December) This can include events in and around the surrounding area i.e. Headington, Risinghurst, Sandhills, Quarry. All details to either Sue or Tanya

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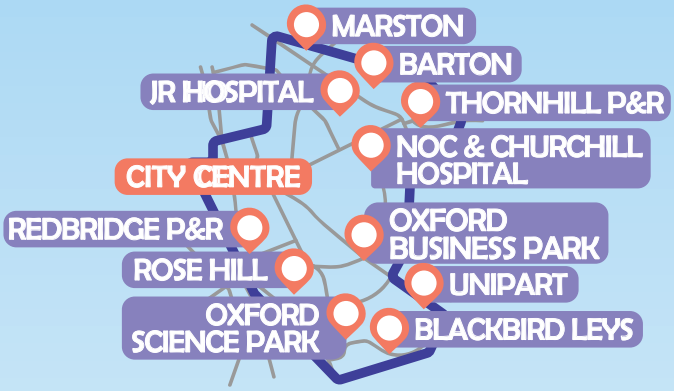
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