WINTER 2019

Hands on News

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

Barton Gets Its Own Library!

Thanks to a collaboration between Oxford City Council, Oxford County Council and the Barton Community Association, together with S106 money from the developers of Barton Park, Barton now has its own library, to be found at the Neighbourhood Centre. (S106 is the money which firms agree to contribute to social and community needs brought about by their development).

Anyone who came to the Bash can't have missed our new librarian Stephanie Tee behind her stall, which had lots of information about the library. After a period which has seen so many local libraries closing all over the country, Stephanie is absolutely delighted to be in charge of a brand new one, having put herself forward for interview as soon as she heard about the job. She's a qualified librarian who took a bit of a career break while she went travelling, had children and then worked for the City Council. Stephanie told Hands On News "I came back as Assistant Library Manager at Cowley. Now I'm starting on this new exciting project for Barton. I really wanted to do it."

"We're open during the core opening hours of the community centre, so 9-5, Monday to Friday, but we're hoping to extend that and have at least some late night openings as well. For that we'll have a team of enthusiastic volunteers from the community here in Barton I'll be recruiting as part of my job." Funding for her part-time post is for twelve months, after which the library will be run by the volunteers.

The library will be staffed during hours spread between mornings and after-school periods, but customers can issue and return books themselves during all the opening hours using a self-service machine. There's a range of books for children, families and adults tailored to the local community, and access to the full catalogue online. The children's library has designated soft seating in the café area, so you can sit and read with your child – or just by yourself.

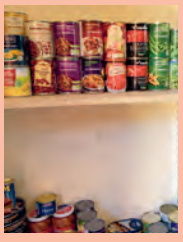
It isn't just a question of borrowing books, though. "We're hoping to run story times, rhyme times, a code club, a book group – a lot of the extra-value activities offered at the other libraries," Stephanie said. (For those as confused as your writer, code club is for children wanting to learn how to use coding in computers, using IT languages like Scratch and Python.) In addition there are two public access computers.

To use the library and its facilities you need to be registered with the Oxford Library Service, or come along and join now. Membership is free, and of course there's no charge to take books out. Charges will only apply if you bring a book back after the three-week lending period and incur a fine, or if you order books, audiobooks and DVDs from other libraries in the city, for which there is a small charge. Fines for children's

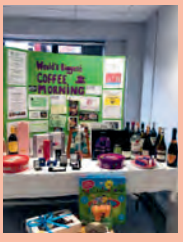




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'Habari na karibuni kwa wasomaji wetu wa Kiswahili akizungumza'
Hello and welcome to all our Swahili speaking readers!

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books are minimal and there are none at all for the under-fives.

Stephanie is hoping that with the library in the Neighbourhood Centre people who have never used one before will be encouraged to come along and give it a go. Registering is easy. You just need one piece of ID – it doesn't have to be photo ID – and fill in a very basic form. If you don't have any ID you can still apply, and wait for the card to be posted to you so your address can be verified that way. Alternatively, visit the Oxford Council libraries page and join from there, selecting Barton from the list.

The BCA is proud to offer a library to join all the other services that can be accessed via the Neighbourhood Centre, such as the surgery, the café, and the classes and activities that take place there, all of which help to make it a true community hub.

See you there soon! ■





Shaz – 20 years at BCA

Anyone who has ever visited the Neighbourhood Centre will surely know our very own iconic and irreplaceable Sharon – or as she is known to many "Shaz"

Sharon has worked for Barton Community Association for twenty years and celebrated this landmark in October. If anyone ever asks me what makes the BCA tick and who makes the Centre work my answer is undoubtedly "Sharon". There is no nook or cranny within the building that Sharon hasn't investigated, no door she doesn't know how to unlock, no space she doesn't know how to access – in fact I sometimes think that Shaz looks upon the building as "her home". She gives so much and asks for so little.

Because Sharon has lived locally for so many years there aren't many people she doesn't know or who don`t know her. I truly value my time spent working alongside Sharon making sure those cogs in that big wheel keep turning, and hopefully Barton will be blessed with seeing Sharon at the Neighbourhood Centre for many years to come. ■



Sue and Tanya
Barton Community Association

Keeping Barton, Sandhills & Risinghurst Safe – Community Police Report December 2019

A man aged 26 was arrested on his recall to prison on 2nd November 2019

A 55-year-old man aged 55 from the estate was arrested for several instances of shoplifting locally, and is scheduled to appear in Court for sentencing in January

A man aged 40 with strong links to the estate was arrested for multiple instances of shoplifting and will appear in Court in January for these crimes.

A man aged 49 of no fixed abode who ate and drank £95-worth of food and alcohol at a local pub and then had no means to pay was arrested, interviewed and charged by the Barton police team. His sentence was 16 weeks imprisonment.

Barton team conducted a search warrant on the estate on15 November 2019. A small amount of class B drugs were recovered. If readers have suspicions about drug dealing or persons being exploited please consider coming to the office or calling Crimestoppers. All information can be kept anonymous.

The police team is aware of an increase in mopeds and dirt-bikes being ridden anti-socially on the estate. Many youths on the estate already have Section 59 warnings under the Police Reform Act 2002 and the team is looking at different tactics to combat the behaviour.

A 31-year-old woman was arrested on 20 November 2019. She spat at and kicked police on arrest. She was charged and was found to have a "fail to appear" warrant from Edinburgh.

If anything is worrying you don't hesitate to contact your community police on:

Phone: 101

Twitter http://www.twitter.com/tvp_oxford

Facebook http://www.facebook.com/thamesvp

Email: OxfordBartonRisinghurstNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Emessage or get regular updates about your area. Register on https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/ or download the app from Google Play or iPhone App Store

Check out http://www.youtube.com/thamesvalleypoliceuk for safety information and videos.

Your local police team are: Inspector Chris Simpson, PC Jonathan Kelly, PC Ian Lucas, PCSO Tom Tatford, PCSO Annabel White, PS Andrew Poole. ■

BARTON YOUTH CLUB

for ages 11-19, every Thursday (term-time) from 5-7PM.
Contact **James Dunsby on**
jdunsby@oxford.gov.uk or 01865 335 406

Barton Food Bank



Barton now has its own 'Community Emergency Foodbank' in the Barton Community Church HUB situated in the Neighbourhood Centre.

C.E.F exists to help people with food who are in need because of sudden job loss, debt, sickness, addiction, low income, marriage breakdown, or simply delays in receiving benefit.

In 2018 C.E.F fed 2,665 people (1759 adults and 906 children.)

We provide approximately three days of food and the quantity of food is determined by how many in the household. Those in need of help are referred by Local community organisers, GPs, Health visitors, CAB, teachers, clergy, Job Centre Plus, Community Workers etc – any professionals who are likely to meet people in real need. Unfortunately, it is not possible to self-refer.

C.E.F. on Barton is open Mondays and Wednesdays 12noon - 2pm.

A warm welcome, tea, coffee and snacks are on offer at the centre. There is also an opportunity to talk to someone if people feel they would like this before collecting their provisions

Other C.E.F Centres and opening days and times are:

St Francis Church, Hollow Way, OX3 7JP on Tuesdays and Fridays between 12 noon and 2pm and at

Littlemore Baptist Church, Edith Kempston House, Chapel Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4QB on Thursdays between 10am & 11.30am ■





The Museum of Oxford in Barton

MUSEUM OF OXFORD

MOMENTS AND MEMORIES

Barton has an amazing growing community. We want to make sure that the stories of Barton and its residents have a place in the Museum and that the Museum has a place in Barton.

Free workshops at Eatwells Café, Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Monday 13th January 2-4pm

Monday 20th January 2-4pm

Monday 27th January 2-4pm

Join us for some free workshops to create objects and images that represent Barton and its people and growing communities. These will be used in Museum Boxes to inspire other people.

No skill or experience needed – just have fun. You can record your memories onto a pebble, make an object, write a story, take a photograph. You are welcome to bring postcards or photos to inspire you, or simply come and along and have a go.

The workshops are free, friendly and fun, led by community artist Dionne who ran popular activities at the busy Barton Bash!

There will also be some photography students on hand if you want some help taking photographs.

This project is funded by a grant from the Arts Society Oxford.

For more information, **contact Sarah on 01865 252795 or email slevete@oxford.gov.uk** ■

Shuttle Service to Affordable Supermarkets to Continue in January and February

A free shuttle service from Barton to affordable supermarkets piloted last April has been selected to continue in January and February. The shuttle service was voted the most effective of 3 pilot services developed and tested through the Cities-4-People project and is now being improved and scaled-up to also include Horton-cum-Studley, Beckley, Stanton St. John, and Forest Hill. Community feedback from the Barton Bash is being used to find the best times and destinations for the service for people in Barton.

The Barton Community Association minibus will take passengers from Barton to affordable supermarkets, returning them about an hour later to their door.

Further details of the service will be advertised in December across Barton. Keep your eyes out for posters and leaflets!

If you have any questions about the shuttle service or the Cities-4-People project, please email cities4people@oxfordshire.gov.uk ■

Autumn Celebration: 7th November 2019!

Our Autumn Celebration on 7th November at Barton Family Solutions, Children and Family Centre was a great event made extra special with fire pit and baked bananas and chocolate.

Sarah from Adventures in Science with fabulous bubbles in our large garden area, Dry Ice Cloud experiments and clear explanations about how and why with variety of sensory experiences. Almost 70 carers and children were able to take part today! Sarah from Oxford Story Museum creatively provided a rich learning outdoor environment with fantastic props and books in an informal way and the children were mesmerised. Children supported all areas of play and took initiative to try on protective equipment, ask simple scientific questions, chase bubbles in the garden, wrap bananas and add chocolate before staff placed in fire pit, made specific requests at singing. Roasted Autumn Soup, made from produce from our veg patch, was available for attendees and many asked for the recipe! Comments were welcomed and one carer said, ***We both loved today at the session. They put so much effort in making it as enjoyable as possible for the kids of all ages. The firepit (banana & chocolate) and Bubbles were a particular favourite. Always good fun: but today was the best yet thank you***.



Come and join in for our Christmas Celebration on Thursday 12th December from 10 – 12, where there will be a Special visitor, cosy fire pit with warming snack, more Story Telling indoors, and a visit from Wheatley Birds of Prey in the garden. There will be a festive feeling with lively music and movement and a good opportunity to play indoors and out in a welcoming, safe atmosphere.

Every Thursday we aim to provide a rich learning environment for families to have free-flow play and enjoy all types of sensory play, baby area with rich sensory experience, ride on toys, building with natural materials, role play and creative fun. Come and join us! ■

Barton Fields Allotment

www.bartonfieldsallotment.co.uk

We are now entering the 'dead' time for gardens and plots. A few vegetables are left for winter picking, any clearing and digging has been done, some seeds such as broad beans or onion sets have been planted. There is still time to collect any remaining comfrey leaves to place in an old dustbin or bucket with a hole at the bottom for draining. Amazingly, this will create wonderful fertiliser for your rhubarb in the spring. It is also good time now to plant flowering bulbs for a dazzling display in the spring.

There has been a flurry of activity this year on the allotments with a number of members starting to keep chickens. Allotments used to be widely used for this purpose in the past but less so recently. With Brexit looming, an excellent idea to become as self-sufficient as possible! Provided you have a fox-proof shed with shelter and a run for the chickens, they are relatively easy to look after and yield a ready supply of fresh eggs.

With the cold days upon us, if you have any pumpkins left over from Hallowe'en or indeed late-picked squash, do remember they make an excellent addition to soups, cooked with other vegetables such as carrots and masked with potatoes.

When you visit the allotments again in the spring, you will be pleased to notice a 'spruced-up' site with our new shed in place and container for the equipment. A busy winter ahead getting everything sorted!

We have a few plots still available so if you feel inspired to get digging and growing next spring, please contact Janette Washington (washington.janette@yahoo.co.uk). ■





Macmillan Coffee Morning – Barton Surgery

On Friday, 27 September lots of people round the country bravely sacrificed their waistlines to cups of coffee and slices of cake to raise money for Macmillan, the organisation which supports people with cancer and their friends and relatives. It's been an annual event since 1990, growing year on year, and in 2019 it came to Barton surgery big time.

Many of you registered there, or who use the Neighbourhood Centre, will know Sarah, practice receptionist and social prescriber, and Abi, also practice receptionist. Inevitably there will be patients in any surgery who suffer from cancer and need to use Sobell House hospice or the services of a Macmillan nurse, and the pair of them wanted to help the cause and "give something back". They felt that as a doctors' surgery there isn't usually much opportunity to fundraise.

As Sarah put it "we had a mad moment" and from then on it obsessed their lives for months as they gathered in items for a raffle and a tombola, rifling their own and their families' possessions for anything that would make a good prize. Those families and the community were incredibly supportive and donated loads of prizes and cakes. Sarah put it like this: "I didn't want a tombola that was a tin of soup, which is the norm, so we just did something that was a bit different".



They bombarded local businesses with emails and phone calls. Abi laughed. "We even turned up on the doorstep - we were popping into shops saying "do you want to donate something?". You get the impression that no one was spared a visit.

Sarah and Abi advertised the event on Facebook and with the BCA, and Abi's son made posters with logos of the businesses that had donated, which went up "everywhere". Word got round to the Roundabout Centre, Townsend House, Bayards school and the five surgeries in the group. The power of publicity did a fine job.



On the day itself, some of the people who ended up joining in had come in to book appointments, and some were from other surgeries in the chain, but as soon as they saw what was going on they swelled the crowd eating and drinking and buying tickets. Some were even handing money straight over the counter. "They didn't want raffle tickets, just giving it to us to put in the box." The tombola was wiped out in less than an hour - at one point the crowd round the table was four deep.





Although there was competition – there were events in Risinghurst and Headington, as well as the Bash scheduled for the following day – Abi and Sarah raised an astonishing £1200.

Asked if they might repeat it next year – someone teased them "Macmillan's annual you know?" – Sarah said "I'm thinking maybe another surgery might do it next time but do you know what, if it is it is, and we'd still do it again. I wouldn't worry it because we had a lot of fun and it was lovely." Abi agreed. "We've both been affected by cancer, so if we can only give a small amount to these people who are doing a marvellous job that's the best thing." ■

Barton Bash 2019

There was a great attendance for the Bash at the newly-revamped Barton Neighbourhood Centre on September 28th. It was heartening to see so many people of every age turn up to take advantage of the fantastic mix of food, entertainment, music, displays and information that is The Bash. And guess what? It didn't rain! It wasn't quite blazing sunshine, but once again the heavens held off for our annual autumn celebration giving us a dry day, sandwiched between two very soggy ones.

Oxford East MP Annalise Dobbs formally opened the proceedings by cutting the ribbon, and she and her children stayed on to enjoy the activities and lunch from Eatwells community café. Among the people with stalls this year was our new librarian, Stephanie Tee, who had plenty of information about the library which has just opened right in the heart of Barton (see separate article), and Marta Lomza from the Museum of Oxford, who brought a big trike which tours a small version of The Windrush Years – Next Generations exhibition, and also had a stall where you could make "objects of significance" out of coloured clays. This was Marta's first experience representing the Museum at the Bash, and she loved it.

Marta particularly noted the intergenerational flavour of the crowd, and the fact that though it was very busy, there was still a family feel to the afternoon. She felt uplifted by the sight of a whole community coming together. Marta also raved about the food – and admitted to "trying a lot of it", especially the famous Chelsea buns baked by Mick Evans of the Allotment Society. She can't wait to see the hollyhocks in her garden next year, grown from seeds bought from the Allotment stall.

Another stallholder who felt the buzz was Graham Stanley of Cities-4-People, which has been running experiments in people-orientated transport. Some of you might have been on the supermarket minibus trips which were tried out earlier this year. Graham said "We had fantastic feedback and really interesting conversations with the lovely people from Barton, which will help design a shuttle service that will work best for the neighbourhood". In between chats he had time to check out the other booths around him. He's as excited about the library as anyone, seeing it as a great asset to the community. "The Bash exemplified the welcoming, diverse, and strong community that is the heart of Barton," Graham said. "From a free Zumba class to Chelsea buns to wildflower seed bombs to samosas, my wife and I both thought it was the best event we have been to all year. Thanks for letting us be a part."

Graham was able to chat to Angela Dickinson of Friends of Bayswater Brook and Beautiful Barton on the stall next to his. She's working to protect Barton from Green Belt development and to make people aware of the beautiful diversity of nature to be found in the area. Angela had made a huge card for people to sign, intended for delivery to South Oxfordshire District Council urging them to Save Barton's Countryside. Visit the pages on Facebook to find out what's going on.

We all know no Bash is complete without George Martini's heart-rousing, open-to-all Zumba demo, his students enthusiastically strutting their stuff in the ground-floor hall, and when it wasn't Zumba then it was the hugely popular Saga Louts entertaining the crowd with hits from the '60s and '70s. The children who learn martial arts with Phil Patrick gave a series of spirited high-kicking demonstrations downstairs, where











you could also find balloon sculpture, the bouncy castle and the Good Food stall, not to mention Al's Owls. Outside Lara and local kids were blowing soapy bubbles up into the windy sky. Upstairs in the Green Room it was eyes down for bingo. There was no shortage of activities!

The Bash isn't just a fete. It's a showcase for local talents of all kinds: cooks, candle makers, allotment gardeners and knitters among them. The Barton Community Association had more requests for space than ever this year. Freshly-cooked Indian snacks, the Brownies' cake stall with its home-made cakes and bakes – including, you'll be glad to know, a plate of brownies - were among the foods to try. Scents and Memories sold beautiful candles and wax melts they make themselves, and you could also find hand-crafted baby clothes for sale.

For the first time Barton Community Church put up a gazebo outside its new premises next to the Community Police Office and was able to join in. Just round the corner the Community Police team showed off their new patrol Mini, on display next to BCA Administrator Tanya Field's classic Mini, named Paddy – the newer model made hers look so tiny! Tanya and her husband Jason are major Mini enthusiasts, and set off in October in Paddy on a charity run through Europe in aid of Buttle UK, which supports disadvantaged children. Later in the afternoon, the Blue Watch turned up with their fire engine – always a big draw.

The Bash happens every year thanks to the hard work of the BCA and its supporters, especially Sue Holden, but it wouldn't be possible without the backing of our local City and County Councillors, Mike Rowley, Martyn Rush and Glynis Phillips, and sponsorship from many sources. The companies involved with building Barton Park, Grosvenor, Redrow, Greensquare, Hill and Soha, all stepped up. Our thanks to them and the local companies and retailers who gave us such great prizes for the raffle. The proceeds of that go to kickstart our fundraising for the next year. Special mention to Ali of Barton Chippy for his constant support of the event.

Next year the Bash is on 26 September so put it in your diaries. We hope that Bayards School will be able to be part of that in one way or another, and many others will be back, including the Oxford Museum.

If you're interested in Zumba, yoga, body toning, Barton singers or any of the other activities that take place for adults and children, as well as our coach trips through the year, keep an eye on the Barton Community website https://www.bartoncommunityassociation.com/neighbourhood-centre/calendar/ or our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/bartoncommunity/ where you can see photos of the Bash too. For information call Sue on 07866 460446, or the BCA office on 01865 761987, or you can email info@bartoncommunityassociation.com ■



















Community Partnership

People in the community have been working hard to set up a community partnership in Barton that brings people together to take action on the things that are important to them.

The first stage was to find out what it was like to live in Barton, so the group did a survey of 276 residents, a community mapping event and a review of statistics on things such as health and education.

This research showed that most people are either very satisfied or satisfied living in Barton and the things they like best are the beautiful countryside, public transport and that people work together to improve the neighbourhood.

There were other things that people would want to change such as better activities for teenagers, improving education and skills and reducing levels of anti-social behaviour.

On Tuesday 11th November over 40 people from the community came together to have a discussion and find solutions to the things they'd like to change. These ideas are now being used to create a community action plan.

The next step is to identify people who want to be in the community partnership. If you have a passion for improving Barton and would like to get involved then email bartoncommunitypartnership@outlook.com ■



Barton Risinghurst & Sandhills Neighbourhood Watch

FOR HOMES THAT ARE SAFE AS HOUSES

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is about building friendlier communities where people know their neighbours and play an active role in sharing information to contribute to a safer more secure society.

Having a group means the Coordinator and members can look out for each other, for example, by keeping an eye on a neighbour's house when they are away or supporting each other with tackling any problems like anti-social behaviour. Also making sure an elderly or vulnerable person is safe.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can: cut crime and the opportunities for crime, help and reassure those who live in the area, encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.

The Coordinator welcomes new neighbours and encourages a friendly community spirit. Street Parties are a popular way to celebrate neighbourliness and if you have a scheme you get free liability insurance.

Coordinators can give neighbours advice on who to contact depending on what help is needed e.g. the police or the council. They work by developing a close relationship between community members and the local police.

Types of Schemes:

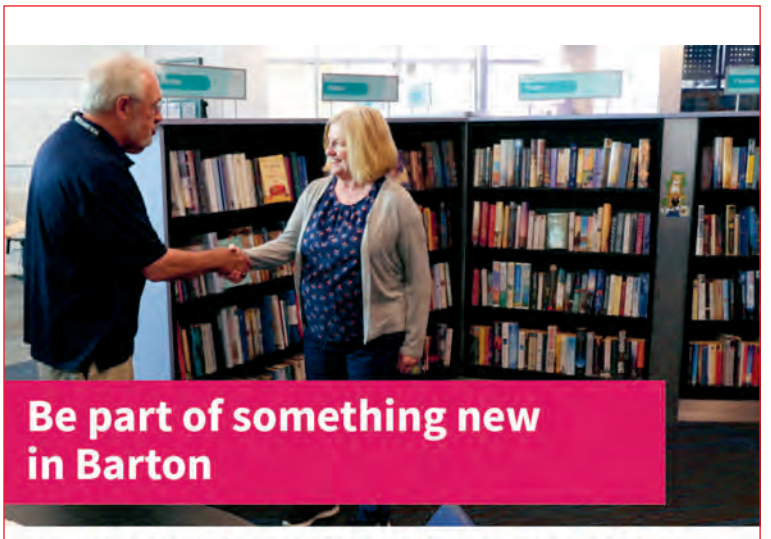
The schemes are all different depending on what works for the Coordinator and their members. Coordinators are volunteers so how much time they give depends on them.

Some Neighbourhood Watch members have regular meetings where there is a talk and advice on how to stay safe from different crime, for example cybercrime. Some Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators organise regular meetings for an interest group. Other members meet twice a year and have a WhatsApp and/or email group to communicate with each other. The Coordinator can use these to send information on keeping safe from crimes like doorstep scams, burglary, and vehicle crime.

The Coordinator can also pass on information about community events.

There are discounts on home insurance and other products for members of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

For information contact Katy: infobnhw@gmail.com



Be part of something new in Barton

We are looking for volunteers to help support the new library by:

- Helping customers to find the book that is right for them
- Assisting with activities for children and families
- Supporting customers with access to computers and other online resources

Flexible volunteering hours are available.
If you'd like to find out more, please speak to the library manager Stephanie Tee, or email Barton.CommunityLibrary@oxfordshire.gov.uk

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who helped at or attended the Bayards Hill Fireworks on the 8 November. We raised OVER £2,500 to go back into the school to enhance students' education, buy better resources plus much more.

Everyone had a great evening and the weather held out. We would like to extend special thanks to LiveWire who made a significant donation towards the fireworks and Oxford Brookes University who also gave a donation towards the event. Without them it wouldn't have been possible.

We are already looking forward to next year's display!! ■

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Email: OxfordBartonRisinghurstNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Beckley Church of England Primary School

Church Street, Beckley, Oxford, OX3 9UT • Tel: 01865 351416
Email: office@beckleyschool.org
Website: www.beckleyschool.org • Headteacher: Mr Mark Szortowski

Prospective Parents
With only a couple of months to go before applications for September 2020 admissions are due, you are very welcome to visit us for a tour of the school. Please get in touch on 01865 351416.



PGL Residential

Year 6 had a brilliant week in Swindon on their residential visit. Some of the many highlights included the vertical challenge, sensory trail and raft building, as can be seen below. Thank you to Mrs Alexander, Mr Dyer and Mrs White for taking excellent care of the children, bringing them all back safely.



Bikeability

Year 5 pupils battled the adverse weather conditions admirably whilst undertaking their Bikeability training. Children achieved Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications.



Book Week

The aim of our annual Book Week is promote a genuine sense of enjoyment and love for reading. Just a few of the many exciting activities included story swaps, dressing up as book characters, a book sale, speed read, buddy reading, extreme read photo competition, reading with visitors, a readathon and the return of the Stop, Drop and Read initiative. ■

LOOk

out for the book bags spread around the community and especially at Bayards Hill School and enjoy reading the books before returning to our new library

HOORAY AND WELL DONE!!! YOU`VE FOUND A BOOK!

You can choose to read it, leave it or take it home and keep it for as long as you like.

Then take it to the Neighbourhood Centre and exchange it for another book from our new library.

Enjoy reading – it will open up many adventures and learning opportunities for you

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

Other Useful Numbers (contd.)

Thames Valley Police Non Emergency 101
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
Free collection of up to 3 bulky items
0800 227 676
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

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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
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BARTON COMMUNITY UPDATES

ACTIVITY DATES FOR 2019/2020

ART CLUB
Last session on Friday 6th December
Restart Friday 10th January 2020

ZUMBA
Last session on Thursday 12th December
Restart on Thursday 9th January 2020

BODY TONING
Last session on Saturday 14th December
Restart on Saturday 11th January 2020

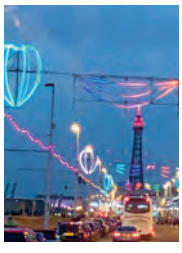
YOGA
Last session on Tuesday 17th December
Restart on Tuesday 7th January 2020

SATURDAY BINGO AT BARTON
Our next Saturday Bingo is planned for Saturday 25th January 2020 – weather permitting!! We will post reminders on our facebook page in the run up, and everyone aged over 8 years old is welcome to come along, children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 5.00pm and first game will start at 6.00pm. Refreshments and raffle + free games of "OI" will be played from 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Get it in your diaries now!!

TUESDAY BINGO AT BARTON
Bingo takes place at the Neighbourhood Centre every Tuesday with doors open at 6.30pm with first game starting at 7.30pm. There will also be a raffle and refreshments served through Eatwells café.

AFTERNOON BINGO AT BARTON
Following on from the success of our Thursday afternoon bingo in October we are now planning to run similar sessions throughout 2020 on a monthly basis.
Hot and cold refreshments will be available from 3.30pm onwards and the first game will start at 4.15pm. All children aged 8 and over are welcome to join in providing they are accompanied by an adult. We might even have time to fit in a free game of "OI"!!
The dates for these sessions are: Monday 20th January, Tuesday 25th February, Wednesday 25th March, Thursday 23rd April, Monday 18th May and Tuesday 23rd June. Please come along and support our activities and remember – you might even win!

FOOD BANK
Food Bank supplies are available from Eatwells Café on Mondays and Tuesdays most weeks between 1.00pm – 1.30pm. These supplies are intended for those who are struggling to provide for themselves and their families. We are regularly witnessing people visiting our food bank who don't actually need to, so, please, when you visit the Centre and the food bank please make sure you only take what you really need. Remember there are many people in need, and we try to make sure we reach out to everyone.

BLACKPOOL TRIP


For the first time ever on 30th October we ventured off up North to see the Blackpool Illuminations. It was a very early start leaving Barton at 6.30pm arriving at Blackpool about 4 hours later. All those on board had varying plans for their time spent at "Las Vegas of the North" with some ascending the tower whilst others enjoyed visits to Madame Tussauds or the piers and Pleasure Beach. For many a ride on the famous trams was the highlight of the day. With everyone back on board by 5.00pm a slow ride along the promenade to see the awesome illuminations was enjoyed by everyone. Let us know if you would be interested in joining our repeat trip next September or October

BARTON BASH 2020
The date has been set, and we want to encourage everyone within our community to get involved with the planning beforehand, volunteering on the day, or making use of the event to display and showcase your own skills. Please contact either Sue or Tanya for further details and to register your interest

THERAPY DAY 2020
We are currently trying to fundraise so that we can provide an affordable Therapy Day at Barton sometime early in the New Year. In the past people have been able to access many different types of therapies including reflexology, Indian head massage, Shiatsu, Reiki, Massage, Pedicure, Manicure, hair trimming, hand treatments, waxing and much much more, and most of these treatments will cost as little as £2 each. We want to ensure that this event is accessible to as many local people as possible so it will probably take place on a Saturday. Keep an eye out for flyers and check our facebook page for further details

FUN TO LEARN HOMEWORK CLUB
The Homework Club will return in the New Year and will focus on supporting a maximum of ten Year 6 children during their transition to Secondary school. We work closely with local schools to make sure that the students who are invited to attend will reap the greatest benefit from this extra curricula activity, and the clue is in the title – we make sure it's a FUN session.

HOMEWORK HUB
We are currently finalizing details of our Homework Hub that will offer a safe and tranquil space to secondary school students who can come along straight from school and do their homework in peace and quiet. We are hoping to engage with someone with an educational background to supervise the sessions so that there will be help on hand when needed. These sessions will hopefully take place two days each week at the Neighbourhood Centre although times and days are yet to be confirmed. Once known these details will be on our facebook page.

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS
We haves been approached by the Physics Department at Oxford University to see if we can arrange some science workshops initially here at Barton, and if this proves successful then we will be able to visit the labs and work on some experiments with the undergraduates. This will also include at a nearby college and transport. Fingers crossed this will all happen as it's a great opportunity to visit a university department. Further details will follow once more nformation is available

BARTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
How lucky are we! Our very own library situated within the Neighbourhood Centre. It's a great addition to the newly refurbished foyer space, and the children`s library within the café space is a great resource for the community. This facility will only be staffed by Oxfordshire County Council for the first year, so we are already on the look out for volunteers to give up just a couple of hours each week to help with running the service. Let us know if this is something you would be interested in doing

MINIBUS TRIPS
We ran a series of very successful trips using our minibus throughout the Summer/ Autumn months and this is something we will be repeating again starting Spring 2020. This year we covered Moreton in the Marsh street market, various garden centres, Bourton on the Water, The Range and Toby Carvery at Reading, Morrisons at Banbury, IKEA and so we are open to further suggestions for 2020

Almost everything that has been mentioned in this article is subsidised by Barton Community Association. We strive to provide what our community wants, and to make this happen we try to make sure that everything is affordable to all. If there is anything that you would like us to add to our list of current activities then please let us know and we will do our best. Also, is there somewhere that we should be including in our regular coach trips ? If so, tell us and hopefully we can make it happen – within reason!!
Day trips to Blackpool have proved to be possible whereas a day trip to Disneyland Paris probably isn`t!
So, when anyone asks you "what does the BCA do with its income?" please refer them to this article – and more.

EATWELLS COMMUNITY CAFÉ
We are still offering our two-course meal for £2 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Eatwells Café, and we have also extended our closing time to 1.30pm Mondays – Thursdays. Pop in for a chat, meet up with friends over a coffee or enjoy a super meal that won't break the bank!



OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

We were able to offer full programme for 6 – 12 year old's during the October half term, and this included free breakfast and free lunch. We had over 40 children register throughout the week, and most of the activities on offer were based on either healthy living or education. Making seed bombs and planting daffodil bulbs around the estate were both very popular activities as was the Zumba session led by George and supported by AJ and Luke. The daily routine included hula hooping and skipping in the foyer area in small groups led by AJ and Luke. They were both amazing throughout the week dealing with whatever was thrown at them, including blowing up many, many balloons and supervising the breakfast and lunch sessions.



We also welcomed Stephanie from Dainty Dinosaurs to do some face painting for us as well as Merlin Porter who worked with the children on designing a logo for Art in Barton. We also ran a Rocks Workshop where children we able to paint their own rocks and take them home – or hide them for someone else to find!

Many parents, through their feedback forms, emphasized how important these activities are to them and their children, especially as everything that was on offer was FREE to everyone who attended. We are hoping that we can find some much-needed funding to repeat these activities during the February half term.











Loan Sharks ruin peoples lives - here's how Barton has been biting back



At the Barton Bash in October the BCA held a highly engaging workshop with local residents to raise awareness of the risks of, and consequences of, getting involved with loan sharks. Led by a former local resident, highly respected in the community, their voice and experience helped others to hear the message and take it on board.

One key message was the need for residents to insure their contents because if they suffer loss through accident or crime they often have to turn to loan sharks because they have no insurance cover and need money to replace belongings. This cover can be quite low cost, but all too often people don't think about it until they need it.

Local residents took part in the workshop and it was followed by further work with children and young people during half term with skills based training in budgeting and money management, sadly not currently part of the school curriculum despite being such a valuable life skills. The BCA will explore ways in which the stop Loan Sharks money lesson plans could be offered to schools.

During these workshops BCA also promoted an opportunity to sign up for a local Money course run by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) which started on 7th November looking at ways to budget and manage money in order to keep free from debt.

The BCA is offered free transport for anyone who would otherwise struggle to access the course.

Please also see the newsletters: **http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Summer-Newsletter-2019-2.pdf**

There were 2 arrests of suspected Loan Sharks in Oxfordshire this summer, featured in the Oxford Mail, so already a difference is being made!

Let's continue to **BITE BACK IN BARTON**, to find out more and/or report a Loan Shark follow the steps below: ■







To report a loan shark please call the IMLT helpline:

0300 555 2222

Email: **reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk**

Visit the IMLT website at **www.stoploansharks.uk**

For press enquiries about the work of the IMLT please call Holly Luckman on **0121 464 4699** or **07703 373535**

For updates of the campaign visit **www.facebook.com/stoploansharksproject** or twitter: **@loansharknews**



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Oxford CAP Centre

The Oxford CAP Centre works with the national charity Christians Against Poverty to help people struggling with debt and personal money management.

90% of new CAP clients have incomes lower than the national average and 64% are living below the poverty line. Year on year we find that low income is the most common reason our clients fall into debt. That's why it's so important for those living on a very tight budget to keep track of their spending. But we know there's more to managing money than just understanding a budget.

Money worries can impact every area of life: relationships, diet, health, wellbeing and much more. Lack of confidence and skills can make it hard to take good decisions. This can keep people trapped in financial hardship for years.

The Oxford CAP Centre is now adding a Life Skills group to the free services it offers in Oxford. CAP Life Skills is a friendly group that gives people the tools they need to survive life on a low income. Members learn practical money-saving techniques such as cooking on a budget, living healthily on less, and making their money go further. It's all about discovering new ways to live for a brighter future.

What CAP Life Skills provides

The eight-session course walks you through some essential life skills, from money management and organisational skills, right through to health and wellbeing and building positive relationships.

There's one-to-one informal support from a dedicated CAP Life Skills Coach, who will spend time helping you set goals and identify and tackle any areas you are struggling with.

It's a relaxed place where members meet others in similar situations, who will support and encourage them along the way.

"We learnt a lot from the sessions. One of the best was about cooking on a budget – they asked us to bring in whatever was left over in our fridge, and we were shown how to make a meal from it! It showed us it's possible to live well on a budget."

"We used to be really silly with money. Now we're not as stressed any more. Things might look impossible, but it's easy when you have someone to talk to about it".

Sarah and Simon, CAP Life Skills members, Manchester.

Life Skills in Oxford starts in the New Year. To find out more, phone 01865 249008. ■

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

'Climb the Mountain so you can see the world
Not so the world can see you'.
David McCullough

'No dream is too high for those with their
Eyes in the sky'.
Buzz Aldrin – Astronaut

'Life is short, live it,
Love is rare, grab it,
Anger is bad, let go of it,
Fear is a mind killer, face it,
Memories are sweet, cherish them'
Unknown

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