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Hands on News

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

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USEFUL NUMBERS

SCHOOLS	
Bayards Hill Primary School	01865 761656
Cheney Secondary School	01865 765726
Sandhills Primary School	01865 433000
Wheatley Park Secondary School	01865 872441
HEALTH	
Barton Surgery	01865 744221
Bury Knowle Health Centre	01865 308400
Manor Surgery	01865 762535
Churchill Hospital	01865 741841
John Radclifffe Hospital	01865 741166
Nuffield Hospital	01865 741155
NHS Direct	111
LOCAL SHOPS	
Chemist	01865 763106
Chippy	01865 761712
Spar	01865 763606
COUNCILS/COUNCILLORS/MP	
Andrew Smith M.P	01865 595790
Oxford City Council	01865 249811
Oxfordshire County Council	01865 792422
Cllr Van Coulter	07767496409
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SERVICES	
Barton Community Association	01865 761987
Leisure Centre	01865 467290
Barton Pavilion	01865 452616
St Mary's Church	01865 761886
Oxford Mail	01865 425262
Civicare	01865 744174
Barton Advice Centre	01865 744152
Oxfordshire Advocacy	01865 741200
Roundabout Family Centre	01865 764952
Police – Emergency	999
Police – non emergency	101
Recycling and Waste information	01865 249811

Barton Community Association (BCA) Updates

By **Sue Holden**

AGM

At our AGM in September the following trustees were elected to the Board to serve for a one year term, and who will work towards making Barton an even better place to live:

Christine Gerkin – President
Dr Simon Heap
Dan Gee
Dan Farley
June Kuffour
Pippa Gwilliam
Rod Shepherd
Andy Hougham
Ann Marie Browne
Jem Todd
James Bloice Smith
Trudy Ing

Sandra Palmer (Vice President) and Ray Guillery will serve as advisors to the Board during the coming year.

CLARKS VILLAGE

Saturday 7 November saw a coach full of happy shoppers leave Barton and head off down to Clarks Village near Glastonbury. The weather on the way down was rubbish, but luckily the rain decided to stop once we arrived. A wonderful array of shops, restaurants and cafes awaited us, and we even had a 10% voucher that we were able to use in most of the already discounted outlets.

There was something for everyone, and for those who wanted to explore a little further the main high street was just a few steps away.

We left Clarks at 5pm with less money in our pockets, a feeling of being exhausted, but lots of happy smiley faces!

Were to next? Its over to you for your suggestions

WELLBEING THERAPY DAY

On Saturday we held our first Wellbeing Event at Barton Neighbourhood Centre running from 10am–4pm. The event was hosted in partnership with the Association, Manor Surgery Patients Participation Group and Bury Knowle Health Centre.

The Centre came alive very quickly and remained buzzing right through until after 4pm. Many therapies were available free of charge including Indian Head Massage, Shiatsu, Aromatherapy Facials and Mini Manicures. Plenty of health related advice was available together with a Flu Vaccine clinic that was accessible to Bury Knowle patients.

More than sixty vaccines were administered throughout the day. Alongside performances provided by Barton Singers led by Janet Stansfeld and Headington Community Choir other activities included Pilates, Seated Yoga, Tai Chi, Kung Fu and Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Possibly the highlight of the day was the Surplus Cafe and the amazing food they provided for everyone. So much variety was available and without set prices anyone who enjoyed the food was invited to make a donation towards the overheads.

Thanks to Peter, Miranda and their team of committed volunteers for making everyone feel so welcome and providing such fantastic food for us all to enjoy.

Although this was very much a one off event we are hoping to repeat again next year to run alongside our regular Therapy Day.

Its a great opportunity for all partners to engage with the community in an informal atmosphere, and so if you are interested in coming on board for our event in 2016 please get in touch. The sooner we start planning the better the event!

Many thanks to all those involved in organising this year's event, and a huge pat on the back to you all.

■ **www.bartoncommunityassociation.com**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

WILLIAM MORRIS COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank everyone who helped us raise £80 during our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses

BARTON ON FACEBOOK

What's going on in Barton?

For news, photos, and information go to...

facebook

and search for Barton Community to find out.

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BARTON PARK OXFORD

BLACKWELL

BARTON PARK OXFORD

Project Update: October 2015

Progress

Phase A earthworks is progressing well. Topsoil has been stripped and bulk earthwork filling has started. Haul road installation is complete which will allow future construction traffic to access site.



A40 Works

The new Barton Park Junction with the A40 will be constructed over 3 phases starting 12th October 2015.

- Phase 1 (Oct 2015): Eastbound Lane 1
- Phase 2 (End 2015): Westbound Lane 1
- Phase 3 (2016): Eastbound & Westbound Lane 2



Upcoming Activities

- A40 Barton Park junction works
- Foul drainage installation
- Overhead electric diversions
- Bulk earthwork fill
- Forming ponds

Recruitment

Blackwell are currently recruiting the following positions:

- Plant Operators
- Site Engineers
- General & Skilled Operatives
- Cleaners

Please submit any CV's to recruitment@cablackwell.co.uk







Barton Bash

THE SEPTEMBER sun put on its best hat for the Barton Bash this year, ensuring a bumper attendance at the annual event, which took place on 26 September at the Neighbourhood Centre.

Around a thousand people enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment, with singing, belly dancing, martial arts and much, much more. There were stalls, plenty of activities, prizes to win and pulled pork rolls, candy floss, ice cream and cupcakes to munch.

The event spread out over two floors, with kids' entertainment, including a bouncy castle and Punch & Judy, downstairs, while on the ground floor stalls offering fresh fruit and veg from the Barton Fields Allotment Society, balloon sculpture and henna tattoos were among the most popular. There were also great prizes to be won in the raffle and at the tombola table.

Five-a-side football raised money for the British Heart Foundation in memory of Barry Holden, who worked so hard alongside his wife Sue, Secretary of Barton Community Association, to make Barton a great place to live in.

The event kicked off with the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon to kick off an afternoon of fun, food and frolics. Sue said "I would like to offer a personal thank you to Andrew Smith (our local MP) for finding time to come along, as he does every year, to get the party started!"

As well as residents of the estate and their friends and families, the Bash welcomed Barton Community Church, representatives of various departments within Oxford City Council, and staff and residents of Townsend House to its party.

It wasn't all frivolity. People got the chance to comment on the condition of the roads on Barton, and to fill in a survey to say what they liked about the Bash, what could be improved, and what services they would like to see the BCA provide throughout the year.

All the emergency services turned up, giving residents the chance to meet the people who help to keep us safe. Barton Community Police joined in, with one or two even getting their faces painted, while the kids had fun climbing into the big fire engine, and chatting to the medics from the ambulance service.

No community event is complete without a visit from Thames Valley Police Mounted Section, and police mounts Samson and Luna did not disappoint. They towered above their fans and received attention with all the grace and aplomb you would expect of a well-educated police horse.

The Bash wound up at around 4pm, leaving the organisers to wipe off the Old Man's Beard of candy floss that clung to the bunting (and even the ceiling!), put the tables and chairs in order, and get the Neighbourhood Centre back to shipshape.

We must remember to mention all our sponsors and donors as without their help and support the Bash simply wouldn't happen. Thanks go to Grosvenor, Hill, soha, Oxford City Council, Sainsbury's Kidlington, Sainsbury's Heyford Hill, Tesco Cowley Retail, Oxford Bus Company, McDonalds and Asda Wheatley

A final word from Sue: "This year was possibly, no in fact it was, the best Bash ever! It just had such a relaxed and friendly feel about it. Altogether it was a great mix of activities and the weather was exceptionally kind to us."

■ **If you want to get involved in planning next year's Bash (*date to be confirmed*), or maybe just taking part on the day, then please email Sue Holden on sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com or phone her on 07866 460446.**
See you next year!



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Collection day changes

Friday 25 December will be collected Monday 28 December

Friday 1 January will be collected Saturday 2 January

From Tuesday 4 January to Friday 22 January leave your naked real tree by your blue bin on your collection day and we will recycle it

www.oxford.gov.uk/recycling 01865 249811 @Recycle4Oxford

BARTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Appreciative Enquiry

Do you want to help shape the future of your community? Do you want your voice heard? Do you want to choose what activities take place locally? Well, here's your opportunity.

Barton Community Association will very shortly be embarking on writing their Business Plan for the next three to five years. For this to be implemented successfully and for us to meet our aims and objectives of serving our community then we need to make sure we provide what you want and not what we think you might want. By answering the following questions we will be able to incorporate your views and ideas into our Plan for the future of Barton and all its residents. Once the responses have been collated we are planning to hold an informal "get together" with anyone who expresses an interest in being involved at this stage.

This is your opportunity to informally discuss any suggestions made, and help us put this into action through our Business Plan. We are your community representatives and it is important that we ensure your needs and requests are met to the best of our ability.

Once you have answered the questions please return to either Sue, Sharon or Mandy at the Neighbourhood Centre, and all responses will be entered into a draw for a £30 Shopping Voucher. There will also be a box in the foyer where your forms can be dropped off.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN BARTON?

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE COULD DO TO IMPROVE LIVING IN BARTON?

WHAT ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THAT ARE NOT ALREADY PROVIDED?

WHAT DAY TRIPS WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE NEW DEVELOPMENT?

WHAT ASPECTS OF BARTON DO YOU NOT LIKE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION/ CHAT TO EXPLORE THESE RESPONSES FURTHER?

NAME: **CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

ADDRESS (inc postcode):

Please complete, cut out and return to the neighbourhood centre or email to Sue Holden: susanholden@hotmail.com



Oxfordshire Play Association's Playday is coming to Barton

THE Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA) is a local Charity and has been providing a Countywide service across Oxfordshire for over 40 years. Our mission statement is to 'Champion and support the rights of all Children and Young People to have access to high quality, inclusive, Play opportunities to promote their Physical, Mental and Spiritual wellbeing.'

Each year OPA delivers a series of Community events across Oxfordshire based on the ethos of National Playday, the celebration of the Childs Right to Play (www.playday.org.uk)

Our events are unique in that they offer both FREE Entrance and FREE Activities to ensure an inclusion for ALL.

In the last four years we have delivered 42 events which have been attended by over 65,000 Children Young People and their families.

We will be delivering (subject to funding) an event in Barton on Saturday 11 June 2016 and we would like as many members of the local Community involved as possible.

We are already working with Barton Community Association and the Barton Youth Partnership.

We want to meet LOCAL need with LOCAL people and LOCAL organisations.

■ **If you would be interested in being involved please contact the Oxfordshire Play Association via martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk or 01865 779474 or via your local contacts such as Sue Holden.**

Barton United Football Club

By **MICK BEESLEY**, Chair
Barton United Football Club

BARTON United Football Club have been playing football at the Pavilion at the end of Fettiplace Road for over four years now, and for many years before that using the old derelict building that was neither welcoming or fit for purpose. Now, with the onset of the new development, we have to move to make way for the new houses together with the main spine road. This is going to be our greatest challenge yet – trying to keep the football club operating and the children playing sport.

Through our links with Barton Community Association we have been talking to the developers, Grosvenor, Oxford City Council and our local councillors to ensure that we secure the best facility possible for the club when we return.

We are also mindful that we expect to witness a great expansion of the club once the new dwellings become occupied over the next few years, and in preparation of this we need to make sure our new home reflects these immense changes ahead of us. We have always maintained that it is crucial for the club to stay as local as possible to Barton during this transition period.

Luckily for us, after a meeting with Rachel Medley, Head Teacher at Bayards Hill Primary School, we have very generously been offered the use of the school playing field. This will be ideal for the boys' and girls' teams. However, we still need to find temporary homes for our youth and ladies` teams.

We have a huge amount of organising to do before the move takes place, and we are extremely grateful to C.A. Blackwell, the contractor responsible for the ground works and building of the infrastructure, who have offered us a storage unit that can be used for our equipment during the time we are at the school site.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported and helped us during this uncertain and disruptive time, and especially all our parents for their continued support and loyalty to the Club. We will give further updates as they become available.

Blackwell employment update for Barton Park

BLACKWELL have the following vacancies available for its site at Barton Park, should you be interested, please send a copy of your CV to recruitment@cablackwell.co.uk and mention Barton Park in the subject line.

Site Engineers
The chosen candidates will have the ability to carry out the following:
• Interpreting data and setting out roads, drainage, structure and earthworks.
• Interpreting drawings and implementing quality procedures.
• A solid understanding of civil engineering operations is essential.

Health and Safety Advisor
Would be initially based in Barton Park, Oxford but the role is likely to be expanded across other projects, to carry out site reviews\inspections on our operations on site, carry out H&S audits, assist in preparation\review of H&S related documents and risk assessments ensure compliance with current legislation and best practise.

Clerk of Works
Oversee the quality and safety of work on the site. You will need experience in the building or civil engineering industry.

Barton Oxford LLP will be using a main contractor to deliver the primary infrastructure works, who will be employing the following trades:
• Earthworks
• Drainage
• Groundworks (kerbs and pavements)
• Surfacing
• Lining
• Traffic Signals
• Street lighting & Signage
• Logistics
• Traffic Management

House builders
The first house builder will offer apprenticeships at Barton Park from the main trades including Electricians, Plumbers, Carpentry, Drylining, Painting and Decorating as well as admin roles. In addition each house builder is likely to take on a number of graduates each year to be trained for roles including Quantity Surveyors, Development Managers, Architectural Technicians and Site Managers.

Barton Job Fair
From a result of the Barton Job Fair, we have taken on a local Barton resident, Paolo Rodriguez, as a cleaner.

Carrier bags – to pay or not to pay

HOW much have you spent on carrier bags since the law came into force on 5 October? For the first couple of weeks I was caught out several times by either leaving my supply of bags at home or in the car or spending more than I intended so one carrier was just not enough. More recently I don`t leave the house without a couple of carrier bags shoved into my handbag – just in case – or more substantial bags left on the front seat of my car so they are staring me in the face when I arrive at the supermarket.

Shops are not expected to hand over the money generated from the sale of carrier bags to central Government as this is not an imposable tax. It is hoped that shops will donate all profits to their chosen charities, and they will be required to feed this information back each year. Implementing the bag charge only applies to large retailers who employ more than 250 staff throughout the country, so small retailers who employ less than 250 staff are exempt from passing on this charge to their customers. However, they can be part of the scheme on a voluntary basis, but it is expected that they will donate all proceeds to charity in the same way as the larger retailers. If any smaller retailer chooses to join the scheme they will no doubt want to publicly display their chosen charity and how much has been donated as a result of bag sales each year.

It's quite simple to avoid the charge and subsequently help your environment – just remember those carrier bags or shopping bags each time you shop!

DO YOU ENJOY READING Hands on News?

Then why not get involved in the next one?

We are always looking for local residents to write articles, send in pictures and help produce future issues of the newspaper.

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clayton.lavallin@hotmail.co.uk



Showcasing Barton's talent and skills

HAVE you ever wanted to find out what children's` clubs are going on in Barton or if there`s an IT expert not too far from you? The Barton Guide is a brand new resource for Barton residents and businesses. If you live in Barton it will be a fantastic place to find whatever you need at the click of a mouse. Whether you are looking for a playgroup, a plumber or a photographer hopefully the Barton Guide will provide you with a contact.

If you are a Barton based shop or business or if you have a skill to offer this is a chance to advertise your services absolutely free of charge! You can register by visiting the Barton Guide website www.bartonguide.co.uk and creating an account. The Guide will also have a comprehensive listing of local authority services, police, council, hospital and school contacts.

We are offering a fantastic opportunity to everyone who works and/or lives in Barton to make those stress free connections without having to trawl through the internet. Hopefully, this website will not only make life easier for Barton residents but also bring the community closer together and boost local business. Make this site work for you by listing your business, service, club or society – in fact anything that will benefit the local community.

If you would prefer to supply us with a written copy of your entry then we will make sure it`s entered onto the website. Just hand in to either Sue or Sharon at the Neighbourhood Centre (BCA office first floor)

■ **Please contact Sue Holden for further information on 07866460446 or email**

HELP REQUESTED!

We are looking for one or two people who would be willing to help administer the site.
The role could involve the following:

a. Enter new organisation or individuals on the site who do not feel confident to register online for themselves;

b. Reading new entries and other activity on the site to spot when it is not being used correctly;

c. Answering questions addressed to the site administrator

For more details contact James Bloice on 07545696027

Advertise your business, group, club or organisation

Essential, 'must have' information:

Name:

Address:

* Must have **ONE** of these { **Private email:** / **Public Phone Number:**

Name of Group, Organisation or Business:
(If you don't have a name make one up, e.g. Jane's Babysitting, John the Gardener, etc.)

Description:
(Best if short & snappy)

Optional, good to have but not essential, information:

Private phone number: | Business Fax:

Public Email:

Website Address:

(* People will need a way to contact you. If you want to keep your contact information private, you can give JUST your private email and people can contact you through the website without seeing your address. If you do not have an email address then you must provide a public phone number.)
PUBLIC: Shown in the website & in printed version. **PRIVATE:** For administration purposes only.

'Disco Dadz' gets dads dancing in Barton

DISCO DADZ is a fun disco and dance session for dads and their children under 11 years old. It has been running in Barton for six months and usually takes place on the first Saturday morning of the month. The sessions take place at Barton Neighbourhood Centre and include a professional DJ and dance tutor, disco lights, party games, prizes, face-painting, refreshments, social time and more. The project is proving to be a hit amongst local families. One dad said "I would definitely recommend Disco Dadz to other dads, after all it's not often you get the chance jump about with your children with pumped up music in a controlled and relaxed environment...The atmosphere was proper disco-like."

The project is managed by Barton Community Association and Dancin' Oxford and funded by Awards For All. It will run until Spring 2016, and project manager Rachel Gildea is keen to get more families involved during that time: "I would encourage everyone to come along: mums, dads, carers, aunties, uncles, grandparents. It is aimed at dads but most importantly it is for everyone. We always welcome new families to come along."

This unique project provides a fun and creative space for adults and children alike. Rachel adds 'It's a great family activity, especially in these cold winter months ahead – we have to keep dancing and laughing – and being at Disco Dadz is just the medicine for that!"

The project has also provided families with free tickets for Disco Dadz go-ers to a children's show 'Grass' (Second Hand Dance) as well as tickets to Baby Boogie, both at Pegasus Theatre. These opportunities for free cultural trips will continue next year.

The sessions run at Barton Neighbourhood Centre and Leys Children's Centre, in Blackbird Leys. They encourage more families to join them for their next sessions. The ones in December will be Christmas Specials. Get on your dancing shoes, however big or small and come and join the party!

Disco Dadz dance sessions

- **Saturday 5 December, 10am–12pm, Barton Neighbourhood Centre**
- **Saturday 12 December 10.30–12pm, Leys Children's Centre**
- **Friday 18 December, 11am–12.30pm, Leys Children's Centre**
- **Saturday 9 January, 10am–12pm, Barton Neighbourhood Centre**
- **Saturday 6 February, 10am–12pm, Barton Neighbourhood Centre**

All sessions are £1 per family.

■ **For more information contact Rachel at info@dancinoxford.co.uk or pick up a flyer from Barton Neighbourhood Centre.**



Ghouls and ghosts at Barton Cinema launch

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA was the pick of the films for October's Barton Cinema launch. The screening organised by the Barton Thrive Youth group with Film Oxford attracted over 30 people to the café area in the Barton Neighbourhood centre on Thursday 29 October, 4.30pm. A giant floor to ceiling screen, big sound system and fresh popcorn made it really feel like you were in a cinema! Before the event there was even a chance for young people to have a go at mixing Halloween visuals (VJing) on the Big Screen

'This is the first of, we hope, many screenings. It was great to see it all working and so many of the group involved' said Geron Swann from Film Oxford.

Pilot screenings have been supported by Film Hub South East and also a private local donation.

■ **Barton Cinema is on the look-out for local sponsors – if interested in talking further please contact Geron Swann at Film Oxford on 01865 244274 or email geron@filmoxford.org**

Age UK Drop In

AGE UK Oxfordshire are holding a new Information Drop In Service at Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill Circus, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9LS, the first Monday of every month, between 10.30am–12.30pm. This will be held inside the 'Eatwells Cafe' where you can get information, advice and support. Whether you need help at home or want to find out more about local activities and support services drop by and have a chat with Sian together with a free cup of tea or coffee.

■ **Siân Whitlock, Community information networker, Oxford city, 07827 235448**

Barton Shops Memory Corner

WHO amongst us remembers Ron and Janet Robertson who ran the greengrocers shop at Underhill Circus? Janet reminded us of the days when many of the local young girls would push her son Andrew around in his pram whilst their mums waited to be served in the shop by Janet and Ron.

Back then potatoes were taken from a very large sack and were weighed out on the scales depending on how many lbs of potatoes Mum wanted to buy for the family dinner that day. Andrew now works for Bentley at their premises in Crewe and his sister Katy works at Nielsons just across the road close to Thornhill Park and Ride.

When they retired from the greengrocery trade Ron joined the Thames Valley police force and regularly drove around Barton in his Panda car. Meanwhile Janet worked for a short while in the doctors surgery at Underhill Circus before being transferred to a large practice.Alongside this Janet was the Guide Leader for Barton Guides for over thirty years.

She has come into contact with many of her customers and friends from the shop when their daughters and granddaughters joined the Guides.

Where are they now? Well, both Ron and Janet are happily retired with fond memories of their time at Barton

Jean Laver has very kindly provided all the following information regarding the local shops as well as her own history here in Barton:

Although we haven't got exact dates of their time at Barton how many of us can remember Reg Evans who ran the ironmongers selling everything from rubber tap spouts to a galloon of paraffin and everything else in between? Then there was Mr and Mrs Bartlett the postmaster and postmistress. Mr Bartlett was also the local rent collector. Subsequently Mr and Mrs Hill took on these roles and were later succeeded by Alison and Albert Aldridge. Many more of us will remember Sue and Harry Bhagani who still live locally at Beckley. In the greengrocers we had Mrs Jefferies who was ably assisted by her daughters Peggy and Barbara. Years later the greengrocers was run for a short period of time by Tom and Peggy Hodgson. Owens Drapers was owned and run by Mrs Owen and Mrs Prowse. George and Pauline Knight followed in their footsteps, and when they retired it was taken over by Daphne Dean. This was the last person to run the haberdashery business as it then became a bakery.

Back in the day the Co-op had two separate units – the butchery that was run by Geoff Armstrong who lived in the maisonette above the shop with his family for many years. Then there was the Co-op grocery shop where customers were served across the counter with their grocery needs – no self service back then. Who remembers the two ladies who ran the shop like a military operation between them – Vona Holden and Jean Surridge? The Sweet Shop next door was originally run by a retired RAF officer by the name of Michael. So the shop became known as "Michaels". This name remained when Stan Jones, a retired Warehouse Manager with WHS, took over the shop in the early 60s. Jean's son, Bill, was a paperboy for Stan and continued his role when Sue Holden took over from Stan back in 1972.

Jean herself worked for Mr Evans in the hardware shop for eight years and then went into the post office running the off licence side firstly with Albert and Alison (8 years) and then with Sue and Harry (11 years). Jean was only ever going into the post office on a temporary basis in the first instance to cover for her sister Annette who was poorly at the time, and ended up staying 19 years!

Jean has lived in Barton since 1946. She moved here as a 13 year old schoolgirl when there were no shops and no buses. She had to walk to Green Road to access the bus service. Also, at that time no schools had been built so she had to walk to Margaret Road School each day.

Jean's dad died in 1979 and her mum moved in with her and her family. Jean's mum then moved to her sister Annette`s family home in Highcross Way where she eventually died.

Following this Jean then cared for her mother-in-law, sister and husband Bill during their respective illnesses.

Throughout her time in Barton Jean has lived at 5 Bassett Road, 120 Waynflete Road (during which time she watched Bayswater school being built) 43 Fettiplace Road, 1 Stowford Road and 8 Atkinson Close.

Where is she now? Jean currently lives in Highcross Way in close proximity to her granddaughter and great grandchildren, and she always refers to herself as 82 years young!

■ **If you have any family stories you would like to share with us then please get in touch in time for the next edition of Hands on News.**
Sue Holden, 07866 460446 sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com



Restorative Justice Service

BEING a victim of crime is stressful and emotional. It`s not just the items stolen, the injury inflicted or the damage caused, it`s also the questions and feelings that go along with the experience: Why was I picked out? Was the burglary opportunist? Could it happen again? The offender has no idea what this has done to my life! It wasn`t just me that suffered, it was my whole family too! You may find that Restorative Justice (RJ) has a role to play in helping you through this difficult period when you have been a victim of crime.

RJ is a process designed to bring together victims and offenders so that you can get answers to the many questions you might have. It also gives you the opportunity to explain the full impact the offence has had on your life. In return, the offender has the opportunity to acknowledge the full consequences of what they have done and to offer some form of reparation. RJ has been widely practised for many years and the evidence shows it has a positive impact for both victims and offenders (85% satisfaction rate from victims) helping to repair the harm in individual cases, but also leading to a reduction (14%) in the rate of re-offending for the general benefit of our communities.

RJ is about communication between victims and offenders. It empowers victims by giving them an opportunity to both ask questions and explain to offenders the real impact of crime. RJ is safe. Rigorous risk assessments are prepared in relation to face to face meetings. Alternative methods of communication can be arranged such as letter of apology with the consent of the parties. Offenders are held to account for what they have done and encouraged to take responsibility and make amends, and any criminal offence can be considered within the RJ process. However, RJ is not open to convicted offenders who do not admit to their crime.

■ **For more information please telephone 01844 202001 or visit www.tvrjs.org.uk**

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Section 14(1) & (7)

Notice of Temporary Traffic Order
Oxford, A40 Northern Bypass (Barton Park)
Temporary Speed Limits
Date of Order: 5 October 2015
Coming into force 12 October 2015

This order is being introduced to enable lane reductions for safe working and construction of a new dual carriageway junction at the Barton Park development site adjacent to the Headington bound (north) side of the A40 northern bypass. The effect of the order, when appropriate signage is in place, will be in three phases as follow:

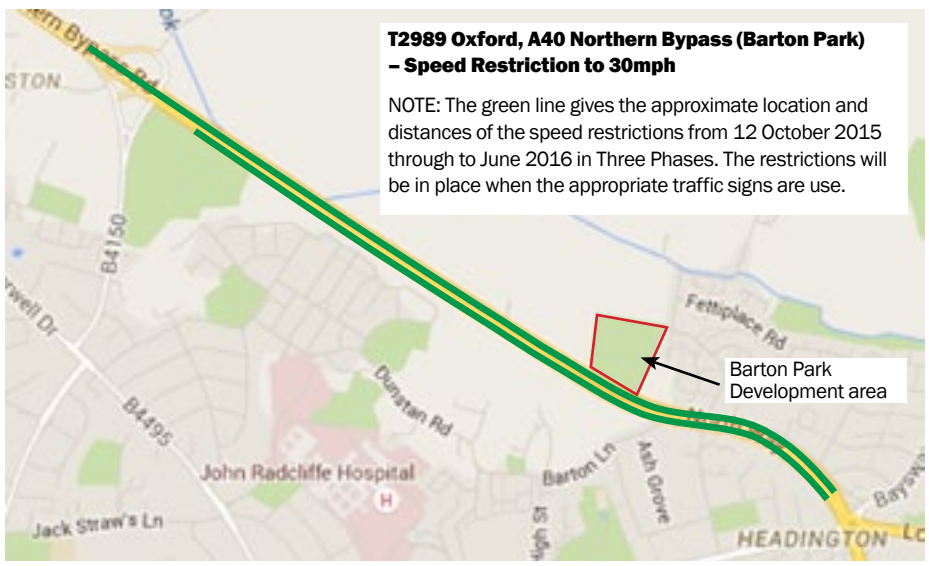
PHASE 1 – LANE 1 CLOSURE (nearside) - 12 October to 7 December 2015:
eastbound towards Headington, and to reduce traffic speeds progressively from 70mph to 50mph (from a point 112 metres before the Marston Interchange for 200 metres) then to 30mph to Headington roundabout.

PHASE 2 – LANE 1 CLOSURE (nearside) - 7 December 2015 to 2 March 2016
westbound towards North Oxford, and to reduce traffic speed to 30mph from Headington roundabout to a point 312 metres before the Marston Interchange (B4150) slip road.

PHASE 3 – LANE 2 CLOSURE (offside) - 2 March to 15 June 2016
(a) eastbound towards Headington, to reduce traffic speeds as Phase 1 above progressively from 70mph to 50mph to 30mph;
(b) westbound towards North Oxford, to reduce traffic speed to 30mph as Phase 2 above.

The relevant part of the Oxfordshire County Council (Oxford Area – A40) (Speed Limits) Order 2012 shall be temporarily suspended (70mph near Headington Roundabout) for the duration of the works.

Exemptions are included for emergency services. This order will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.



Traffic Regulations Team (Ref ACP/T2989) Speedwell House, Oxford OX1 1NE. T: 0845 310 1111.

COOKERY CORNER

Mandy's Signature Dishes – The Easy way to anyone's heart

MANDY who runs Eatwells Cafe has kindly offered to take time out of the busy kitchen to share with the Hands on News two recipes to warm you this winter. The dishes are very popular, cheap and easy to make.

Cheese and Potato Pie

Ingredients:
10 large peeled and quartered potatoes
2 peeled and sliced onions
750 grams of mature grated cheddar cheese
Small amount of garlic flakes according to taste
Tablespoon of butter
2 Tablespoons of milk

Method:
- Boil potatoes and mash with butter and milk.
- Gently fry onions in a little butter until transparent (do not allow to brown).
- Transfer mashed potatoes to a large mixing bowl and add onions and garlic flakes.
- Add half of grated cheese – mix in well.
- Transfer to a suitable size pyrex dish.
- Sprinkle remainder of cheese over the dish Cook in oven on 200 degrees for 20 minutes.
- Serve with fresh vegetables and grilled sausages and ENJOY!

Cheese and Bacon Quiche

Ingredients:
1 x pastry roll – puff pastry works best but shortcrust is ok
I packet of bacon pieces
750 grams – remove any fat
2 onions peeled and chopped
8 eggs
1/2 pint milk
750 grams grated cheese
Garlic flakes to taste
Mixed herbs

Method:
- Remove pastry from fridge 30 minutes before using.
- Gently fry bacon bits and onions together then drain off any excess fat.
- Beat eggs and add a quarter of a pint of milk. Sprinkle in mixed herb s and garlic flakes.
- Unroll pastry into baking tray and bake for ten minutes according to instructions.
- Pour in bacon and onions and sprinkle in approximately a quarter of the grated cheese.
- Pour over egg mixture and then sprinkle over the remaining cheese.
- Cook in oven on 180 degrees for approximately 30–40 minutes until set.
- Serve with Jacket Potato and Mixed leaf salad. ENJOY!

■ **If you have a favourite recipe that you would like to share with others then please get in touch for inclusion in our March issue. You can send details of your favourite cake recipe, homemade soups, vegetarian options – in fact anything that you enjoy shopping for, prepping, cooking and eating. Please call Sue on 07866 460446 or email details to susanholden@hotmail.com**

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Street names for Barton Park update

THE main road running through the new Barton Park development has been named Barton Fields Road. The decision by Oxford City Council follows twelve months of consultation with residents of the existing Barton estate who were invited to submit their suggestions.

All streets in the new housing development will be named after flora and fauna as well as people with a strong connection to Barton including Barry Holden, John Boyce, Witold Pilecki and Vashti de Montford Welbourne, among others. Councillor Mike Rowley, Board member for Housing and Property Services said "I'm delighted that City Council allowed local communities the opportunity to contribute to this process that will have a lasting legacy on their area. The name of the main road fits well with our commitment to integrate the new development to the existing Barton estate and surrounding neighbourhoods. Barton Fields is purely descriptive and neutral as it commemorates the traditional landscape of small fields that will be replaced by the new housing. I'm pleased there will be tributes to people who have served the community, particularly Barry Holden who is very much missed."

Barton Park will provide a total of 885 much needed new homes for Oxford including 354 affordable dwellings. The first phase of housing development will be delivered by Hill who are expected to submit a planning application for the first 237 new homes this year. Subject to planning permission house building at Barton Park will begin in the summer of 2016 with the first residents expected the following year.

Seasonal fun at Townsend House

Halloween and Bonfire Night

Residents of Townsend House made preparations for Halloween this year by carving Pumkins that lit up our gardens for the Bonfire show that took place on the 5 November. We were very lucky with the weather and many of the residents enjoyed watching the fireworks from the Garden whilst enjoying a glass of wine with families and friends who came to share the evening.

Knitting club

Every Friday, 2.30pm–4pm. We are looking volunteers to come into the home to help support our residents with Knitting. All welcome.

Christmas Fete

Townsend House Christmas Fete, 16 December, 4pm–8pm, with a raffle and entertainment provided by Mark "Sparky" Harding who will serenade you with Elvis Presley, Nat king cole, and all those greats from yester years. Any one would like to run a stall please contact Maggie Coleman the home manager at ma.coleman@osjct.co.uk

Anyone who would like to donate a raffle for the fete can do so by bringing to the home. We look forward to seeing you on the 16 December 2015.



Preparing for Remembrance Day at Townsend House

GCSE support group for Barton students

OXFORD Brookes, in partnership with Barton Community Association, are offering up to thirty young people from Barton who are currently in Year 11 to be tutored over the next five months with their GCSE exams in English and Maths.

Nine undergraduate students from Oxford Brookes University will tutor the young people at Barton Neighbourhood Centre after school on Mondays.

Cheney School have helped us identify some of the young people who will benefit from this extra level of support when working towards their GCSE exams in the hope that we will be able to help them towards improving their predicted grades.

The first session took place on 16 November, and sessions will become more regular from January 2016 with the provision of free refreshments at each session.

Sessions: 4pm–5.30pm

Dates: 14 December, 8 February, 22 February, 29 February, 6 March, 13 March, 18 April, 25 April, 9 May

There will also be Easter revision days at Oxford Brookes. Possible dates are 21, 22, 30 and 31 March, (to confirm).

■ **Please let us know if you know of anyone who will benefit from attending this group just in case there are any spare spaces available.**

In loving memory of Dorothy Pearce

MOST of you will know that we sadly lost Dorothy Pearce on 22 October following a short stay in hospital. Dorothy requested her discharge from hospital so that she could spend her last few days in her own home. She will be remembered with great fondness by all her knew her. Last year, 2014, we staged our annual community event The Barton Bash on Dorothy`s 100th birthday where she was guest of honour, surrounded by her many friends and family members. She was immensely proud of the card she received from The Queen and had it on display throughout the afternoon for everyone to see.



Dorothy had worked tirelessly as a trusted and loyal volunteer for many years both at the weekly Bingo sessions where she had been in charge of raffle tickets sales as well as at the BCA Wednesday lunch club. She always displayed a wicked sense of humour as well as being a dab hand at the computer keyboard and more recently her I-Pad that she used to Skype and take photos. Dorothy was one remarkable lady, having given so much to the community of Barton, and she will be very sadly missed."

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(Rosie Young, retired nurse living with cancer)

"Having an advocate at my appointments just made all the difference in the world, because I didn't have to be the Rosie-the-nurse, Rosie-the-patient, Rosie-the-everything. I could just focus on me and what people were saying to me, knowing that my advocate was writing stuff down and if I got it wrong, then she'd talk me through it but also would help me challenge… If it hadn't been for the advocate being there and stepping in I think I might have ended up having completely the wrong type of treatment for me."

A new service run by Oxfordshire Advocacy in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, providing one to one support for anyone aged 50+ affected by cancer, whether they are a Patient or a Carer.

If you know of anyone affected by cancer and aged 50 or more and you feel that they might benefit from having a Macmillan trained volunteer to support them at appointments or with getting the practical help they need then give us a call on 01865 230203 or email us at copa@oadg.org.uk

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Lunch Clubs

Swapshop Saturday 5th December

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12th Dec

Draw at mid-day on Tuesday 15th December

Prizes to include: Turkey Dinner Hamper; Ham; Local Produce; Green/Hand-Made Goodies etc.

Contact Tel: Sandra o7775952994

Free energy saving advice tailored to suit you and your home

OXFORD City Council has recently launched a campaign to help its tenants save money and keep warm this winter.
If you are a council tenant in Barton you are eligible for a free home energy visit from Daniel Welch, Oxford City Council's new Energy Advice Officer, to help you save money and keep warm.

What is a home energy visit?
The visiting energy officer will:
• Undertake an assessment of the building to see what energy efficiency measures are required, e.g. loft insulation.
• Evaluate your energy use and advice on what you can do to reduce your energy use and stay warm.
• Look at your energy bills and discuss the best energy tariffs and eligibility for a £140 Warm Homes Discount.
• If you have high energy bills and/or debt issues, Daniel will refer you onto a designated service by the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) offering specialist debt support.

How will you benefit?
• You may be able to significantly reduce your energy bills, often switching suppler alone can save hundreds of pounds.
• Daniel can help find the most appropriate tariff(s) for your particular situation.
• Gain a greater understanding of how the heating system and controls work.
• Improve your comfort and warmth and reduce the risk of cold-related illness.
• Advice, support and guidance on dealing with energy payments and debt.

Case Study
Maureen Matthews had a home visit from Daniel to see whether there were ways she could stay warmer this winter. On the visit Daniel offered lots of helpful advice and switched her energy supplier saving £151. Maureen has since recommended the service to 'lots of her friends' and was 'utterly delighted with the wonderful service' provided.

Who is eligible?
Anyone who is a council tenant can benefit from a home energy visit from the Council.

■ **Contact the Energy Advice Officers for more information or to book an appointment:**
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Oxford City Council's new Energy Advice Officer Daniel Welch.

Thames Water – Smarter Home Visits

THAMES Water is providing free Smarter Home Visits where Barton customers can benefit from free water-saving devices and tailored advice that could save them up to £180 annually. To date 700 residents in Oxford have already benefited.

Sam McCumiskey, from Marston, said: "It was absolutely no hassle from our end, so I thought 'why not?' You may as well if it could save you some money."

■ **To book a Smarter Home Visit call 0800 6226623 or visit thameswater.co.uk/smarter**

Fundraising for World Challenge!

Hello, My name is Fabian Bryan and I'm a year 12 student at the City of Oxford Collage. In Summer 2016 I will be taking part in a life changing experience where I will learn valuable life skills, home teamwork and leadership skills, become more globally aware and best of all help to build schools, paint classrooms and fight poverty in rural and remote areas, along with many other life changing things that I will experience. I will be going on my expedition with a company called World challenge at the cost of £4,000. As part of my expedition the first challenge is to try and raise at least £1,000. As part of my fundraising I would like to offer my helping hands to help you with any light household jobs anything from changing a light bulb to cleaning your windows or even just for a friendly chat. As I'm trying to fundraise I would like to please ask for a donation of £5 any further donations will be much appreciated. Just simply ring or text me on 07443 631274 to organise a time and day. I will be offering my help from now until my expedition in 2016 so feel free to ring whenever and more than once if you wish, thank you for your time I hope to be hearing from you best wishes

Fabian

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