SUMMER 2016

# Hands on News

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

# Barton and Sandhills welcome new vicar

**TUESDAY,** 26 April saw the official installation of a new vicar at St Mary's Church, Headington. The Reverend Eric Bossward, who prefers simply 'Eric', moved from a leafy suburb of Preston to take up the post, which two of his three children saw advertised and decided was right up his street.

Eric and his wife Lynn had no intention of moving anywhere. But once he had read the parish profile and job description on line, he showed it to Lynn and "I just had this funny feeling that we ought to apply…we just felt God was giving us a big nudge. The church itself seems to me to be a very energetic, diverse, imaginative though small group of people, really a place that wants to make an impact on and work in partnership with the community. So that made my heart sing. When we came to look round we just felt we loved the place."

Growing up in a similar community means that Eric has an affinity for somewhere that is very diverse, with all kinds of different things going on, lively, but with some problems too. He lost his mother when he was only 12, and was brought up by his dad, who had his own difficulties. Eric grew used to seeing debt collectors at the door, and to the violent behaviour caused by his father's drinking.

Eric's previous work has included chaplain to the Castington Young Offenders Institution in Northumberland. He said: "I loved working with the 15–21 year olds. They were absolute live wires, pretty much all of them, but a tremendous amount of fun. Our congregation was about 40 when I got there, and we decided to do things a lot differently, with drama and music and all sorts of things on a Sunday." He was soon getting around 100 to his Sunday morning service, out of a population of 400.

Eric believes that much more can be achieved by working in partnership with other people, and that it's more fun to do so than to 'empire-build'. He said: "I've taken that model from the prison chaplaincy and brought it into parish ministry."

His previous church, St Cuthbert's, in the suburb of Fulwood in Preston, ran a drop-in centre for asylum seekers, worked with children and toddlers, and held a lunch club for elders, among other things. Eric said: "The impact that that makes as a church in a community is really significant and important." He's very keen to create new partnerships now that he's at St Mary's.

The new vicar has hit the ground running, and is looking forward to working with the Barton Community Association, particularly the Secretary, Sue Holden, whom he's met briefly. He's already met Rachel Medley, head teacher at Bayards Primary School, and hopes to connect with other local schools and organisations, including the Barton Community Police. He hopes that everyone will feel comfortable at St Mary's, whether they are religious or not, and looks forward to welcoming the people of Sandhills and Barton – and anyone else, for that matter.

Eric hasn't wasted any time in getting to know the neighbourhood. He and Lynn have already checked out Underhill Circus, tasting fish and chips from the Barton Chippy and doing a bit of shopping in the Spar store, and Eric had his hair cut at Tony the Guy in preparation for his inauguration. Asked if he felt he would be a 'round peg in a round hole' living in Barton, Eric confirmed that that is exactly how it seems to him.

The icing on the cake for Eric and Lynn is that all three of their children, Josh, Paul and Hannah, together with her Canadian husband Jeffrey, already live in Oxford, so they will be able to see their family as often as they like.

Judging from the reception at the inauguration, which included welcomes from representatives of many other faiths, including Islam and Roman Catholicism, Eric is off to a fine start.





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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**

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|---|---|
| Chemist | 01865 763106 |
| Chippy | 01865 761712 |
| Spar | 01865 763606 |

**COUNCILS/COUNCILLORS/MP**

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|---|---|
| Andrew Smith M.P | 01865 595790 |
| Oxford City Council | 01865 249811 |
| Oxfordshire County Council | 01865 792422 |
| Cllr Van Coulter | 07767496409 |
| Cllr Glynis Phillips | 07929659902 |
| Cllr Mike Rowley | 07827532445 |

**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 |

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## Barton Community Association (BCA)

# Oh! We do like to be beside the seaside!

**Coach Trips 2016**
The coaches are all booked, membership forms ready to be completed, tickets selling fast! This year`s coach trips are:

- Tuesday 2August to Brighton
- Wednesday 10 August to Weston Super Mare
- Thursday 18 August to Bournemouth
- Friday 26 August to Weymouth

All coaches will leave Barton Neighbourhood Centre at 8.00am and will pick up outside Townsend House soon after. Tickets are £10 per person and all passengers, including young babies, must be allocated a seat. All passengers will be asked to complete a BCA Membership form and the cost is £1 per year for adults 16+ and is free to under 16s. Providing there are no traffic hold ups all coaches should be back to Barton by 8pm. Unfortunately, we are unable to guarantee any seats until they have been paid for in full.

If you would like to jump on board any of our coaches, then please contact Sue on 07866460446 or email sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com. Alternatively, you can call Sharon or Tanya on 01865 761987 or call into the BCA office on the first floor at the Neighbourhood Centre any day Mondays-Fridays between 9.30am–2.30pm.

Don`t wait to book because once they`re gone they`re gone!

**Art Club Assistant**
We are currently recruiting an Art Club assistant to work at the centre Fridays term time only between 3.30pm–5pm.

The Club has been running for several years now and the age group of the children is 6–12 years old. We offer a safe environment where children are encouraged to use their imagination and improve not only their curriculum skills but also their social skills whilst interacting with others. Free refreshments are available to the children at the end of each session. This is a very rewarding role as well as providing an extra income stream.

If you are interested in the post please contact Sue on 07866460446 or email sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

**Food Bank**
We have been able to secure a third delivery each week from Oxford Food Bank so we now take deliveries on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. The food is usually available from 12.30pm on each of these days and whilst we encourage residents to pop in and pick up some items of food we do ask that no one takes more than one plastic carrier bag full each time they visit. This way everyone who wants to access the Food Bank is able to pick up some grocery lines three times each week. Mandy from Eatwells Cafe is usually on hand to offer tips on what to do with some of the more unusual items that we come across from time to time.

**Children's parties**
We are able to offer a venue for children's parties at the Neighbourhood Centre on Saturdays and Sundays anytime between 1.30pm–6pm. The cost for a two hour party is £36 and a three hour party will cost £50. Whichever time slot you decide on you will be given 30 minutes either side of your allotted time to allow extra time for preparation and clearing up. If you would like to book a children's party then please contact Sharon on 01865 761987, email sharon@bartoncommunityassociation.com or alternatively call into the BCA office on the first floor any day Mondays – Fridays between 9.30am–2.30pm and ask for Sharon

**ESOL – literacy – numeracy classes**
As a result of County Council cutbacks affecting the provision of these classes locally we are planning to host our own classes from September 2016 at the Neighbourhood Centre. We are currently securing the relevant tutors and classes will probably be held between 9.30am–11am during the week and will run term time only as there will be no creche facilities. Please get in touch if you are interested in accessing these learning opportunities, and further details will be advertised in the September newsletter.

**Tai chi and zumba classes**
Tai Chi and Zumba classes will be held from September at the Neighbourhood Centre so you can be as relaxed or as active as you want to be, but always with your health and wellbeing at the core of each activity. We are also hoping to provide some basic keep fit and toning classes to offer even more opportunity to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Details of times and dates will be available in our September issue.

**Ladies' sewing group**
WHEN? Each Wednesday between 10am–12.30pm ( term time only)
WHERE? Barton Neighbourhood Centre Youth Club area
COST? Nothing – it`s all free
WHY NOT? Come along and join in, meet new people, make new friends
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? Not just sewing but other forms of craft as well as a great opportunity to socialise with others
POP IN and speak to Sadia who will introduce you to other members of the Group

**Community partnership meeting**
The next Community Partnership meeting will take place on 29 June at 6pm in the Community Partnership Room at the Neighbourhood Centre. Come along and find out what`s going on in your area.

# BCA AGM

**Barton Community Association Annual General Meeting**
**Thursday 21 July**
**Barton Neighbourhood Centre,**
**Underhill Circus**

**An open forum will take place at 6pm where we will take questions from members and this will be followed by the main AGM at 7pm. Refreshments will be available together with a free raffle.**

**We offer an open invitation to all our members to attend our AGM and if you are interested in becoming a trustee of the association please come along on 14 July and find out more about your community association.**

Barton Community Association



# Tanya joins BCA

**I HAVE** joined Barton Community Association as part-time admin support. I have lived in Headington for the past 26 years and my three grown up children went to Sandhills Primary School, and then Cheney.

I was chair of Cherry Tree Nursery which is based in Headington Community Centre from 2000 until 2013 and have been chair of Headington Community Association (which manages Headington Community Centre) for the past 15 years.

In my spare time, I enjoy taking my Cowley and Longbridge built cars out to various events. I own several classic Minis, three Maestros, a Montego, a Rover 800 and a few others as well. During the second week in August, I will be sitting in Cowley Centre with 8 or 9 Cowley built cars, so if you're in that direction, pop in and see the cars.

I'm really pleased to be working for BCA and in Barton. I already know a number of local people and I'm looking forward to meeting more of you.

# Sgt David Keith – New sergeant at Barton Community Police Station



**IT'S ALL CHANGE** at the top of Barton Neighbourhood Police, with the arrival of Sgt David Keith to replace Martyn Williams, who's got promotion and moved to the larger force in Oxford. The station is responsible for Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst.

Still very new to the job, David's been out and about talking to the locals. "I thought people would be quite stand-offish and not want to have a chat with a police officer in uniform, but it's quite the opposite," he smiles. (He smiles a lot.) He's found a friendly welcome, and an appreciation that he and his team just want to be a presence that makes people feel safe, rather than to 'beat them with a big stick'.

"The neighbourhood team are already well established here, they've got good community links, I think that's obvious from just wandering around Barton," he says.

David served in the London Metropolitan Police, where he worked with Safer Transport to deal with anti-social behaviour on public transport. Bus passengers are as diverse and have as many needs as any other community, he says, adding that it was good experience for his current job.

Immediately before coming to Barton, David was a duty sergeant at Response, the Oxford police team responding to 999 calls. In that job it's about managing incidents and drawing together resources in a hurry, and then handing it all over to someone else to deal with. It's a very different pace from what he's doing now. In the community "you might pull people in to help you with whatever it is, but ultimately you keep ownership of that incident, that crime, and then develop it and see it right through to the end."

Asked what challenges David sees in his new post, he thinks that Barton's location on "the other side of the ring road" knits the community together, but it also means that when a crime is committed it's a big thing for people here. The quicker he and the team can resolve a situation the better, however big or small the incident.

Attending local events in the three communities the team is responsible for, Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst, is an important part of what the team members do. They don't want just to be seen to be 'doing something" with no meaning. It's their way of being part of the community. It means that people get used to seeing the team members amongst them at a friendly, enjoyable event, and can talk about anything that's troubling them, or just have a chat. It's also a bit of fun. At the last Barton Bash the police team happily joined in and some even got their faces painted. Candy floss may have been consumed.

In the end, it's understanding and caring about the area they work in and its people that counts for David. "We spend the majority of our time here, so what affects them affects us. In my mind that's the whole point of community policing, that you're part of that community so you actually have an attachment to it, and the problems they have become more personal. We're human beings and if things personally affect us then sometimes, rightly or wrongly, we deal with them differently. So for me being here all the time, living and breathing the community, makes a big difference in how problems are solved."

■ **Anyone can contact the neighbourhood police station either by walking in, by phone (call 101 and ask for the Barton Neighbourhood Officer) or by email (OxfordBartonRisinghurstNHPT@thamesvalley.police.co.uk)**

# Council to consult on new Local Plan

**WE ARE** working on producing a new Local Plan to guide development in Oxford to 2036 and beyond. We want to manage the expected growth of Oxford's economy and population in a way that maintains the city's special qualities and builds on its successes.

Our first steps consultation runs for six weeks from 27 June to 5 August.

■ **To find out how you can get involved, please visit our website at www.oxford.gov.uk/localplan , ring 01865 252847 or email planningpolicy@oxford.gov.uk**

# Trading Team

**THE** Anti-Social Behaviour Team at Oxford City Council works closely with Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards. There is a dedicated Case Manager, Monica Walton who regularly liaises with officers from Trading Standards. Door to door selling can be linked to organised crime groups. These are highly organised groups who are often brought in to the area as part of criminal gangs to collect intelligence about households in the location they are visiting. This information is then taken back to the organised crime groups and can be used then for further criminal activity such as distraction burglary.

Trading Standards advice in regard to door step sales is to say NO. Although there are some legitimate door to door sales men, the advice given is to never buy at the doorstep. If you do receive a visit from a cold caller you should report this to the police on 101.

Trading Standards also offer a list of approved traders. You can get further details about this on the Trading Standards Web www.oxfordshire.gov.uk or by telephoning 03454 04 05 06.

Thames Valley Police can also give you more information on crime reduction and how to become involved in your local neighbourhood watch scheme. You can contact them on 101 or you can find out more information though their web page, www.thamesvalley.police.uk

# BARTON UPDATES

**A40 Crossing Signal Agreed**

At last the County Council has agreed to a signal crossing at the bottom of Collinwood Road across the A40. This was announced on 16 February by the leader of Oxfordshire County Council as part of the budget statement.

This outcome is as a result of successful negotiation when it became an obvious opportunity to give the residents of Barton a safe pedestrian crossing between the two communities.

This issue has been raised by residents constantly, especially since we lost our Post Office and people were forced to go off site to access postal services. This will also allow the opening of the right hand turn out of Collinwood Road so that drivers no longer have to negotiate the Green Road roundabout when exiting Risinghurst and wanting to travel east on the A40. Anyone from Risinghurst will find it much easier to access the Leisure Centre in Waynflete Road. This will form part of the A40 strategy which has to date been focussing on the west portion but will now include this junction as well.

We will endeavour to find out the timescale for this work to take place and will report back any further information in the September issue of the Hands on News. Our thanks to Cllr Glynis Phillips for all her hard work in getting this crossing approved for the benefit of all.

**Local Council Elections**

At the local elections on 5 May Cllr Mike Rowley was re-elected as one of the two serving city councillors covering the Barton and Sandhills ward.

If you need to contact Mike about any local issues you can email him at mike_rowley100@hotmail.com or call him on 07827 532 445

**Barton Regeneration is Go!**

Oxford City Council has earmarked £3.9 million to improve the quality of life within Barton. Some of the money will be spent on improvements to the Neighbourhood Centre and Underhill Circus as well as improving the appearance of council flats and solar panels for some of the least efficient properties to help with heating bills. Improved signage will also be part of the project.

Barton Community Association is closely monitoring the proposals from Oxford City Council to make sure we get the best deal possible for our residents, and a full consultation process will take place so that everyone has the opportunity to comment on the suggestions being put forward by Oxford City Council or even put forward suggestions of your own. We will endeavour to keep you fully updated, and hope that more information will be available by the time our September issue goes to print.

**Barton Pavilion**

I'm sure many of you will have noticed over the past few weeks the removal of the pavilion that has stood as the home to Barton United Football Club and Headington Amateurs for the past five years.

A new pavilion will be built as part of the new development at Barton Park, and the hope is that the new building will be adequate to accommodate all the new families who will be moving to the area over the next five to seven years together with our existing community.

Barton United will play their home games through the 2016/17 season at Bayards Hill Primary School and our thanks to Rachel Medley, Head Teacher at Bayards, for making this possible. Thanks also to C. A. Blackwell, the contractors currently based at Barton Park, for all their support during this transition period.

## White Feather Events

**at Barton Neighbourhood Centre**

**Tickets £4 each**
**7.30–9.30pm**
**on the following dates:**

**1 July, Jonathan Brown**
**5 August, Brenda Manning**

**For more info please call Sue on 07866 460446 or email Sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com**

## 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**

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

# Beware of courier fraud!

Do they want your bank details, your pin number, or to send a courier?

1. **Hang up** the phone
2. **Find a mobile** phone
3. **Call the police** on 101, or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

Remember:

- The police will NEVER ask for your bank details
- NEVER give your pin number to anyone
- To make a phone call straight after you've hung up, ALWAYS use a different phone

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE 101 IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

Sign up to Thames Valley ALERT www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Thames Valley CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555 111

# Home Security Advice

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

**GARDEN GATES AND FENCES**
• Look for weaknesses in your garden boundary, e.g. broken fencing and gaps in the hedge.
• Lock your ladders and tools away, don't leave them in the garden.
• Consider property marking your tools.
• Never recommend the use of barbed wire, broken glass or carpet gripper as a deterrent to intruders. There are legal implications and alternatives are available.
• Consider defensive planting and trellis.
• Fit strong, lockable, high gates across passageways.
• Consider locking even low gates.
Fences/Hedges
• Prune hedges and keep fencing to one metre high in the front gardens and up to 1.8 metres high in the rear garden.
• Higher fences may need planning permission.

**DOORS**
• Doors and frames should be strong and in good condition.
• Wooden doors: Fit a mortise deadlock to BS3621 and a strong bolt.
• UPVC doors should have multi-locking points.
• Always lock your doors. Double lock your UPVC doors by lifting the internal handle and turning the key.
• Get a professional to fit door chains to UPVC doors.
• Don't answer the door until the caller can be identified to the householder's satisfaction.
• Consider sash locks on UPVC doors, as appropriate.
• Check with the door manufacturers that fitting a door viewer will not invalidate any door warranty.
• Door viewers help to see who is outside, before opening the door.
• Check with manufacturer that fitting a door chain will not invalidate any door warranty.
• As appropriate, fit a front door chain and use it when callers come to your home.
• Fit security bolts.
• Fit anti-lift bars/blocks to prevent doors being lifted from their rails.
• Wooden doors: Fit a mortise deadlock to BS 3621 and Security bolts at the top and bottom of both doors.
• Fit 2 'Hinge bolts' per door to protect external hinges.
• UPVC doors: should have multi-locking points.
• Double lock using a key.

**WINDOWS**
• Many windows are fitted with locking handles. Additional locks can make them more secure, if appropriate.
• Window locks on all windows
• Additional window locks are available for Wooden, Metal and UPVC windows.
• Extra locks on UPVC windows should be fitted by specialists.
• Protect downstairs windows and easy to reach windows near to a flat roof or drainpipe.

**LIGHTING**
• Good lighting can be a deterrent.
Internal timer switches
• Use timer switches to turn some lights on when it gets dark.
• Consider plugging a radio into a timer switch.
• Use timer switches in rooms like lounges/bedrooms and not in hallways and landings.

**ALARMS**
• Liaise with your Insurance Company to confirm the standard of alarm required.
Burglar alarm
• According to research, houses fitted with a working burglar alarm are less likely to be burgled.
• We do not advise the use of dummy alarm covers or Dummy CCTV.
Alarm activated when going to bed
• Use the zoning facility, where available, on your alarm to protect downstairs (other areas) when you go to bed.
Fit smoke alarms
• For safety's sake, fit and test smoke alarms regularly.
• For additional information, refer to the Fire and Rescue Service Fire Reduction Officer and to page 30 of the TVP book "How to avoid

**PROPERTY MARKING**
• Use Forensic marking Smart water, Selecta DNA or Crimestoppers property protector forensic marking
• Or, use Ultra-violet marker pens, engraving or etching to put your house number and postcode on items.
• Mark your garden tools also, e.g. using house paint.
• Photograph unusual and/or valuable items, pictures, jewellery, ceramics etc.
Inventory list
• Record all serial and model numbers of electrical items.
• Consider various on-line registration schemes for property marking or refer to the CPRA for additional information.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE 101 IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999 www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk

**Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by signing up to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk**




# BLUE BIN RECYCLING LEAGUE

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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

The Blue Bin Recycling League is your big chance to **win prizes for yourself and your community** just by recycling. The great news is, it couldn't be simpler to take part - all you need to do is **pledge to recycle as much as you can!**

We've split Oxford into eight areas and every month the area which **improves its recycling rate the most** will top the league and win!

If your area wins, you and your neighbours will be invited to vote for your **favourite local charity or community group to receive a £400 cash boost.** Details of the shortlisted local charities and community groups can be found on our website: oxford.gov.uk/recyclingleague.

If you've pledged to take part and your area wins you will automatically be entered into a draw to **win a prize worth £30 or more!** Two households will win every month. Everyone who pledges to take part can also claim a **free roll of food caddy liners.**



# Barton Residents Spring Clean!

**BARTON** residents have been out giving Barton a good spring clean. As well as recovering a bike that is as good a new from the brook, Barbara Jordan local resident also found time to create the 'Barton litter pickers song', to be sung to the tune of I Am A Cider Drinker:

We are the litter pickers we pick up litter all day,
We are the litter pickers we pick up what you throw away,
What you throw away,
We are the litter pickers it's such an easy thing,
So if you have any litter please put it in a bin,
Put it in a bin.

■ **For more details about the Oxclean project or how to get involved please see: www.oxclean.org.uk/**



# Bayards Hill Primary School visits Barton Park

**WHAT** could be better than visiting a real construction site when you're a kid, well a group of KS2 students from Bayards Hill Primary School got to do just that.

Paul Massey, General Foreman on the site gave a brief presentation of the scheme where the students asked lots of interesting questions, there was a safety briefing followed by a tour of the project.

Outfitted in hard hats and safety vests, the students got to ride in 4 x 4's around the site at Barton Park and have a go in a real digger.

The children were also thrilled to meet Considerate Constructors mascot, Ivor Goodsite and have their photo taken with the site hero, at the end of the tour each student received a goody bag.

The students were well-behaved and respectful, and Blackwell would like to thank them in ensuring a safe and educational site tour.

The current work represents phase 1 where Blackwell are undertaking the infrastructure for this major development which will include over 800 new homes.

# POETRY PLEASE!

**THE** summer months, when the weather is more predictable, seem to reward getting up early; it's cool, but the sun is up, birds are twittering in the trees, and some Barton folks are already at their allotments.

Times like these certain poets and poems come to mind. One of my favourites is W B Yeats. His Lake Isle of Innisfree is perfect for a summer's morning – full of purpose, desire for closeness to nature and soulful satisfaction in life.
Here it is:

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings

I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

# Headington Singers celebrates 30 glorious years of singing



By **Hilary Bradley**

**THIS** year is a double anniversary for one of your local choirs, Headington Singers. It's the 30th anniversary of the choir and the 20th anniversary of its conductor, Sally Mears. If you've not come across us before, we're a community choir that sings the great choral classics (and more) for the sheer love of it.

The choir was founded by a group of women, some of them still active with the choir, including not least our wonderful accompanist Maureen Cooper who is well known in local music circles.

Although the choir is 'strictly amateur' our concerts are very professional and are great occasions for local people to enjoy choral music and meet friends in the interval, over a glass of wine.

The choir has gone from strength to strength in its 30 years, thanks in no small measure to Sally's boundless energy and enthusiasm. There are around 80-90 singers who tackle a wide variety of choral music, from Mozart to Karl Jenkins whose Armed Man: A mass for peace was a huge success a year ago. The choir has even commissioned music for special occasions from local composers. Our termly concerts are usually held in All Saints' Church in Headington but we have also sung in Oxford Town Hall on several occasions and in Dorchester Abbey.
The next concerts will be:
Friday 1 July: 'Requiem'

John Rutter's popular Requiem will be the centrepiece of this concert which marks exactly 100 years since the start of the Battle of the Somme. The concert also features First World War poetry and a medley of songs that brought comfort to a world at war.

It promises to be a very moving concert that will appeal to a wide range of audiences.

Friday 9 December: 'An English Christmas' – with Alfredston Brass
A thoroughly festive concert, this one will feature a mix of old favourites (including carols for audience and choir) and unfamiliar ones. We'll be singing Christus Natus Est, a contemporary work by Cecelia McDowall based on familiar carols, and some 'West Gallery' carols. This style of music, written between 1700 and 1850, was designed to be sung in church galleries, accompanied by a few musicians. Some high church people disapproved of West Gallery carols on the grounds that they weren't solemn enough! Enjoyment guaranteed!

Everyone is welcome. Both concerts will be held at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Lime Walk, OX3 7AX. Tickets on the door £12 /£10 concessions, children free.

**Fancy singing?**
We welcome new members who want to give choral singing a try. There are no auditions and we think we're the friendliest choir in Oxford! It helps if you know your way round a music score but it's not essential – most members get by thanks to Sally's fantastic tuition and the many rehearsal tracks freely available online. The next opportunity to join will be the autumn term which starts on 13 September. Weekly rehearsals are held on Tuesdays in Headington School at 7.30pm. For more details ring 762418 or see www.headingtonsingers.org.uk

# Revision day at Brookes for year 11 students

**ON FRIDAY** 1 April we held an 'Extra Miler' revision day at Oxford Brookes University with great success. Year 11 students from the local area attended the GCSE revision day supported by our undergraduate students. A number of these students were from our Barton tutoring programme and had already benefitted from small group tutoring delivered by undergraduate students in Barton.

The students who attended worked really hard and picked up a lot of tips for success in their upcoming exams.

They were introduced to "Memory Mnemonics" delivered by Elevate Education. In the workshop they covered simple ways to use techniques and strategies that help students with their memorisation and recall of information.

The workshop showed students what an ineffective study environment can do to their memory. Students were introduced to ways to deal with Facebook, music, TV, distractions, internet and ineffective work times. They also explored a range of memory techniques outlined to suit different learning styles:

After lunch the students were joined by our undergraduate students who have been tutoring in the Barton community. This helped to reinforce the students' learning from the morning workshop, as well as enabling students to offer their own tips for putting the skills into practice.

A Quote from one of the tutors: "Working as a tutor has allowed me to gain practical teaching and mentoring experience, whilst feeling that I am giving something back to the community. Tutoring young people has allowed me to see first-hand the improvement in the student's confidence levels as they prepare for their GCSE and A-Level exams.

The transition from school or college to University is not always an easy one, so it has been rewarding to put student's minds at rest by answering any questions that they have on Uni Life! Furthermore, the support from the Recruitment and Partnerships team has been incredible and they have made me feel like a welcome addition to their team!"

The Barton Community Association would like to extend many thanks to Brookes and their undergraduate students for their support with this project, and we are hopeful that we will be able to offer similar support to next year's Year 11 students during the run up to their GCSE exams.

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# New dance and disco project puts father and child bond in the limelight

**DISCO DADZ**, the innovative year-long community arts project which saw Barton's dads take to the dance floor with their little ones proved to be a huge success.

The monthly sessions on Saturday mornings brought dads together to Barton Community Centre, where the small hall was transformed into a family disco, with lights, a live DJ, dance tutor, props, prizes, face-painting, games and more. The relaxed and inclusive atmosphere created by the male tutors Euton Daley and Roly Carline helped to make the sessions fun and exciting for all who came.

At the heart of the project was the aim to deepen the father's relationship with their children through play and dance. One father commented: "You're enjoying time together. You're helping each other to grow."

Another dad suggested that it was just as much fun for the dads as it was for the children: "It's very good for me – working all week – coming here on a Saturday morning it feels like I'm finally unwinding!"

The project was funded by Awards for All as well as with help from partners Dancin' Oxford. Importantly, the session have responded to a need to provide accessible, positive, inclusive activities for fathers/male carers at a time when services and provisions for young families are being cut in across the Oxford city.

Sue Holden said: "We are now starting to feel the affects of cuts to local service provision and the consequent loss of activities."

Sue also stressed the need for Disco Dadz, a project which puts dads in the picture in childcare: "it serves to attract dads rather than the normal mums and children sessions that are usually on offer."

Although the monthly sessions have come to an end for now, Barton Community Centre and Dancin' Oxford are dedicated to keep the sessions going and riding on the waves of its success. The next one will be on Saturday 11 June, 12–2pm. All are welcome (mums too!). Come and get down with us!



■ **For more information about future Disco Dadz sessions at Barton Community Centre please email Project Manager Rachel Gildea at rgildea@oxford.gov.uk**



Barton city councillor Mike Rowley.

# Headington Amateurs to leave Barton?

**HEADINGTON** Amateurs Football club, Oxford's third biggest club may have to leave Barton after 25 years due to complications over ground requirements in the new Barton Park sports complex. The controversial plans were unanimously given the go ahead by Oxford city councillors but Barton city councillor Mike Rowley hopes measures can be put in place for the club to remain in the new Barton Park estate. He said: "Both clubs, Barton United and Headington Amateurs, face challenges with the transfer to the new facilities, especially the 18-month hiatus.

"The Council has given support to the local football clubs, including £4,000 to the clubs collectively for storage and replacement of equipment over the 18-month hiatus, and £3,000 from my ward budget to pay for Barton United's fees and expenses (since they have many more teams and, therefore, many more fees that they simply couldn't cope with otherwise without income from the Pavilion).

"The Council is arranging alternatives for Amateurs at Court Place Farm or Horspath Road, which may in the longer-term, prove more practical for them than returning to Barton. We will make sure the pitch fees there are affordable for them."

Cllr Rowley added: "want them to have the option of returning to Barton, as their going would be a loss to our area. Although they don't involve nearly so many local people as Barton United, they provide a team playing at a higher level to which BU players can progress."

An Oxford Mail article covering the story stated that the scheme will 'feature a new turf sports pitch, multi-use games area and all-weather and floodlit pitch aimed at serving people from both existing Barton and Barton Park'. The sports facilities are part of a wider 885-house development on land east of Barton. Housebuilders Hill Ltd will lay the bricks for the first 237 homes in June.

The article also disclosed that 'One of the requirements to play at the Hellenic League standard, for which Headington Amateurs currently has special dispensation at its current ground, is a stand with seating for 100 people. A document by the Barton LLP in 2013 said there would have enough space to be able to "upgrade to Hellenic League standards" yet this was not included in the most recent designs for the ground, which will become home to more than 10 senior and junior teams'.

Headington Amateurs and Barton United, will leave the Barton Recreation Ground at the end of April.

Ian Brooke, head of community services, said: "The city council's priority is to invest in community facilities. We are actively working with Headington Amateurs to consider several options, including moving to Horspath in the short term."

Cllr Mike Rowley urged developers to make changes to the site, such as fencing off the pitch, which may allow the club to play. He said: "I think the new pitch proposals are very high quality and an improvement on what we've got now, especially the all-weather, floodlit 3G children's pitch, which will help hugely with the problems Barton united have had with after-school training for their kids in winter.

"However, they need a few tweaks – not major or expensive ones – to make the end result the best it can be for people in Barton. I'll therefore continue to press for the necessary, and quite minor, changes to what otherwise are excellent and exciting plans."

# City Council targets summer start to £3.9 million Barton improvement scheme

**OXFORD** City Council has begun consultation with Barton residents in preparation for the start of works to regenerate the existing estate.

The Council has just completed consultation with residents living in the blocks of flats on Stowford Road and Bayswater Road who shared their opinions on the proposed works to improve the external areas of their blocks.

Residents of the two roads expressed overwhelming support for these improvements, which are part of a £3.9m City Council programme to regenerate the estate. In June the Council will carry out a similar consultation process with residents of Barton Road. Works will begin on these blocks this summer and extend to all blocks in Barton over the next four years.

Titled 'Investing in Barton', the regeneration programme will improve the state of the blocks of flats, enhance the street scene, improve security, and redevelop the face of the community - Underhill Circus.

The improvements will go a long way in integrating the existing Barton to the new Barton development, where 875 homes are scheduled to be built and the first residents expected by 2017.

'Investing in Barton' will deliver a range of improvement works, including:

- Improvements to all the blocks of flats, starting with Stowford Road and Bayswater Road, and then rolling out similar works to the remaining blocks in Barton
- Transformation of the entrance foyer in the Barton Neighbourhood Centre and a small amount of landscaping outside and signage inside will also be installed to help people find their way around the centre more easily
- The extension of the Health Centre in the Neighbourhood Centre will be brought forward, enabling improved health services for the area
- New and refurbished street signage including 'Welcome to Barton' signs
- Uncluttering the street scene by installing screened bin storage areas
- Significant redevelopment of Underhill Circus, detailed proposals are currently being worked up

The City Council worked with the Barton Community Association as well as elected representatives to discuss the scope of the regeneration programme and agree a list of priorities for improvement.

Councillor Mike Rowley, Board Member for Housing and also ward representative for Barton, said: "This is great news for Barton. Despite the government's massive cuts to local council funding, we remain determined that the new Barton development must benefit the existing estate. It's a real pleasure to be able to set out some of the ways this will be done. These projects, which have been discussed locally, will help improve the quality of life in Barton for all residents."

Councillor Van Coulter, also ward representative for Barton, said: "I welcome the City Council's allocation of £3.9 million for the improvement of Barton, particularly because this will help attract further funding towards reinvigorating the Barton neighbourhood."

The existing Barton community comprises about 4,000 residents – expected to increase by a further 3,000 when the new development is completed.



# Time to celebrate Mary Mclean

**MANY** will know Mary McLean through her Brownie pack which meets at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. She's been a Brown Owl for 26 years, so she's guided her Brownies' mums and even grandmums through the pack. But that isn't her only connection to the estate.

Mary was born in Barton, one of seven children, and spent the first 25 years of her life here, attending the youth club and later running a judo club, as well as keep fit and self-defence classes. She also served as a school governor and helped with the school reading programme.

In 1983 Mary and her husband moved to the north of England, but returned in 1985 to Headington. After a while working in other jobs, she became a part-time Mobile Warden and part-time Control Centre Operator, dividing her week between the two. The job of the CCO was to take emergency calls from county-wide and pass them on to the emergency services or a Mobile Warden.

The Wardens would visit people in sheltered housing and anyone with a dependence alarm, checking they weren't ill, perhaps helping them up off the floor, and contacting GPs or relatives if necessary.

The operation was based in the now-demolished Beckley View block until 2005 when it moved to the council offices in the Neighbourhood Centre.

At first it got a lukewarm reception, but it soon proved its worth. It was staffed 24 hours a day, so the operators were also able to monitor the CCTV cameras around the Centre and in the tower blocks on the estate. That meant the police could ask to look at the tapes at any time if they needed to check something. It was a great example of cooperation between services.

The Control Centre was supported by the County Council and District Councils, but one by one they pulled out as costs rose, and it no longer operates. Mary left in 2010.

Although Mary now lives in Dry Sandford, she still feels connected to Barton. As well as the Brownies, there are people of her mum's generation she knew through her work and she keeps in contact with a lot of those, although, she says sadly, they are fewer and fewer every year.

There are plenty of people in Barton who have reason to be grateful for Mary's long service on their behalf in so many areas, and Hands On News is celebrating her today.

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**11 Blavatnik School of Government** *Afternoon tea for two with complimentary tickets to an exhibition at the Ashmolean Museum*

**12 OVADA** *An OVADA sketch book as part of our 'Little Bit Of' project, and a token for one free Life Drawing session*

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**18 Rose Hill Community Centre** *A month's free gym membership at Rose Hill Community Centre*

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**20 Leys Pool and Leisure Centre** *Two free guest passes to any Fusion leisure centre*

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# YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN BARTON

**HERE are details of some of the activities that take place in Barton for young people on a regular basis:**

**Young Mums Group hosted by Name It**
Mondays term time only held in the Youth Club, 11am–1pm. for further details email nameit1@hotmail.co.uk

**Kung Fu classes**
Mondays, 5.30pm, Sports Hall. Contact Dace at wcioxford@gmail.com

**Open Access Junior Youth Club**
Tuesdays from 6–8pm, Youth Club and Sports Hall , for 8–13 year olds. Term time only

**Karate**
Wednesdays, 4pm, sessions for various age groups in Sports Hall. Contact Phil Patrick at philpatrickis@yahoo.com

**Messy Jam Street Dance Group**
Thursdays, 4pm, in Sports Hall.
Contact Elisha at messyjam@aol.com

**Youth Ambition Senior Youth Club and sports sessions**
Thursdays, 6.30–8.30pm, in Youth Club and Sports Hall, for 10–18 year olds. These sessions are run by Oxford City Council and include football, basketball, dodgeball, table tennis, pool, board games and quizzes – term time only

**After School Art and Crafts Club**
Fridays, 3.30–5pm, Community Hall, for 6–12 year olds. Includes free refreshments. Yerm time only.
Contact sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

**Girls Nite Out**
Fridays, 6.30–8.30pm, in Youth Club and Sports Hall, for 13–19 year olds. Term time only.
Please email hannah@wolvercoteypc.org.uk

**Karate**
Saturdays, 9.30am–1.30pm, sessions for various age groups in Sports Hall. Contact philpatrickis@yahoo.com

**OBC Open Access Youth Club sessions**
Alternate Saturdays, 12–2.30pm, Youth Club and Sports Hall. Contact sharon@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Children's parties can be booked using the Sports Hall on Saturdays and Sundays anytime between 1.30– 6pm. Please contact sharon@bartoncommunityassociation.com for further details.

As well as the above activities there will be a specific programme covering the summer holiday period as well as some half term sessions. Please refer to noticeboards for further information.

Thrive work throughout Barton on a regular basis and their work includes:

- Mentoring programme for six boys and six girls
- Support Barton Community Church in their youth provision and leadership training
- Individual work with hard to reach youth and their families
- Supporting Oxford City Council`s Youth Forum
- Lads and Dads Football
- Young Achievers Dinner – awards ceremony for young people in Barton with youth hosting the event

Thrive will again host Holiday Activities this summer on behalf of Oxford City Council. We are at Barton Neighbourhood Centre Monday to Friday on the weeks of 25 July, 1 August, 22 August, 29 August. Sessions are 11am–1pm and 2pm–4pm including youth club, cooking, sport coaching with Access Sport, craft and trips out. 20p per session. Ages 10–16.

■ **For more information or to sign up contact Erica Payne on 07872166212 or at erica.payne@innovista.org**

■ **If you need any further information regarding the above then please contact Sue Holden at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com**

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No formal qualifications are required for these roles as full training will be given by our specialist caseworkers.

**Please contact Sarah Darby on 01865 744165 or email: sdarby@oxfordshirewelfarerights.org.uk**

# Fighting Doorstep Crime




**A few tips to keep you safe**

- If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it! Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from ie. Gas, Electricity, Water or Police. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider. Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller, they may be bogus.
- Telephone a neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check out the caller before you open the door to them.
- Some areas in the country have Neighbourhood Watch or Nominated Neighbour Schemes you can sign up to. Check with your local police Safer Neighbourhood Team to find out if there is one in your area.
- Many utility service providers like Gas Electricity and Water, provide password schemes or hotline numbers for customers to call, to check the identity of callers before opening the door. Speak to your utility provider.
- Don't keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank or post office where it is safe.
- Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times. Only put the door chain on to answer the door.
- If somebody asks for your help, needs to make a telephone call, has lost a ball in your garden, needs a drink or request a pen and paper for example, refer them to a younger neighbour or assist them through a closed door. Or call a friend or neighbour to come and assist.
- If you suspect a bogus caller has visited you, even if you didn't let them in, call the police straight away.

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**Age UK**
For information and advice, call 0800 169 6565 or visit www.ageuk.org.uk

**Consumer Direct**
If you need help or advice regarding a trader contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06, they can also offer advice on selecting a reputable trader in your area.

**Energy companies**
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- Try doing new things with you
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**find out about:**

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- Where to get specialist support and advice
- How to access work and training opportunities
- How to get childcare funding and tax credits

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| 9.30-11.30am<br>**Barton Buddies**<br>Drop in for 0-5 year olds<br>Art & Crafts, gardening, cooking, outdoor play, water play and much more! | 9.30-11.30am<br>**Now We're Two**<br>What can we do?<br>Drop in for 18m-3 year olds | 11.15am-12.15pm<br>**Watch, Wait & Wonder**<br>Booking essential<br>22nd June 7.00-9.00pm<br>Baby & Toddler **First Aid Workshop**<br>Booking essential | 10.30am-12.30pm<br>**Barton Babies**<br>Drop in for 0-18 months<br>11.30-1.30pm<br>**Baby Clinic**<br>Health Visitor<br>1.00-3.00pm<br>**Midwife** Clinic | 9.30am-12.30pm<br>**BOP**<br>Young Parents Group under 25 years<br>Term time only<br>Free lunch included |

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## Job Club: Barton

# Looking for work?

**BARTON** Job Club is held every Monday evening 6.30–8.30pm and Wednesday mornings 10am–12pm at the Neighbourhood Centre on Underhill Circus. It's a drop-in session at which everyone is welcome. If you're looking for work and don't know how to start, this is the place for you. It doesn't matter if you don't know one end of a computer from the other (and let's face it, most jobs today require you at least to apply on line) there is plenty of help here, with a team of volunteers happy to give a few hours of their time to it.

Anyone who attends can be sure they're going to be in an environment where they're respected, and where there are people working with them who understand their situation, whatever it may be. All the people volunteering at the club come from different working backgrounds, so there's a variety of experience to be tapped.

If you need it, someone will take you through from the basic process of logging on and searching for a job, right through to filling in an application form, and they're happy to spend as long as it takes. It doesn't have to be all in one evening. Everyone is welcome to drop in on any session.

Rodney Shepherd, who runs the club, says the aim is to find out what people's working backgrounds are, what skills they might have, and what qualities they could bring to a job. Rodney says "People don't always know what that means, because if they've been out of work for some time then they feel that they don't have any qualities or skills. Our job is to dig beneath that and show them what potential they do have, so they can start to believe in themselves once again".

People will only do that if they feel that someone is genuinely interested in them, and it can take a while to build up a relationship so that they feel comfortable enough to talk about it. "We're not here to tell people they don't deserve benefits. We're here to treat people as individuals, to find out what they enjoy doing, and to encourage them to think about where they'd like to be in, say, five years' time."

People who've been out of work, long or short term, can feel badly about themselves, and the volunteers at Job Club are there to make them feel better about themselves, to realise that they were just in the wrong place at the wrong time, and that it doesn't alter their gifts or their potential. They just need a helping hand to get ready for work, plus some good advice and practical instruction on how to find it – and maybe just someone to talk to who understands.

Pat Long has been going to Job Club for three years. She goes along because it's something to do, it's friendly and welcoming, and somewhere she likes to go back to. It's helped her find several jobs, and for her help with the computer was the main thing. Everyone has different needs when it comes to seeking work, and it might be just the encouragement that's lacking.

The club provides free tea and coffee as well as access to laptops. Advice includes where to find training, courses or apprenticeships, and how to apply for them. Hopefully these will be free, but if there is a cost attached, Job Club has a budget that means some sponsorship could be available to people to get that training. "We can do this because we are supported by Emmanuel Church together with the Barton Community Association, and sometimes we can help with funding." It could be ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) or it could be something else.

Rodney says "We hold people whoever they are with high regard and respect. We don't own them, or put them under obligation to do anything if they do not wish to attend. But if they want to, we're here."

That can be a strength and a weakness,



Dan Farley and Rodney Shepherd.

because people must become self-motivated to succeed but might still decide not to return, but that's their decision we can only provide support if there is a commitment both ways. The important thing is we welcome anyone who turns up, give them a cuppa, talk to them, and help them on their way to work if that's what they want.

Sometimes people get jobs and then don't return. If anyone has found work with the help of Job Club, Rodney and his fellow volunteers would love to know. Why don't you send them an email or call in one night and tell them how you're doing?

If you have a computer, check out http://www.bartonjobclub.org.uk/. The registration form can be found here: http://www.bartonjobclub.org.uk/home/Get-Involved

If you don't then simply drop by for a chat either on Mondays at the help session from 6.30–8.30pm, or on Wednesdays from 10am–12pm when you'll find Rodney at his table by the Jobs Board promoting the Club, meeting new people wanting to register and where he is available for existing clients who need some additional information or guidance.

The jobs noticeboard is always on display at the Neighbourhood Centre for you to check out what's on offer and there are two wall computers nearby which can be used for Job Search for all those who have registered as a member of the Job Club.



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*Want to be financially independent and secure?*

**Job Club: Barton** is an independent voluntary professional group established in Barton in 2010 to provide a personal and confidential service for Barton residents who are seeking employment and a better quality of work lifestyle living.

● CV Writing ● Internet Job Search ● Discover Your Skills ● Preparing for Interviews ● Setting Goals & Objectives ● Personal Development & Wellness ● Training Opportunities ● Computer Skills ● Knowing Yourself ● Planning for Success ● Find the Right Job ● Promoting Your Gifts & Abilities ● Advice, Information & Guidance.

**There is no charge for these services and refreshments are included!**

Will 2016 be a year of opportunity to think differently about your future? Our hopes and dreams often get shrunk down to size by today's overwhelming circumstances. How about deciding to think differently about your potential life-style choices and start working towards becoming financially independent?

**Job Club:Barton meets every Monday 6.30pm to 8.30pm and Wednesday 10am to 12pm at Barton Neighbourhood Centre.**

Call/Text Rod 07747 604992 or Andy 07850 104723
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Job Club: Barton

**A weekly Job Club with a BIG difference!**

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Barton Neighbourhood Centre

**Weekly informal drop in sessions for all who are seeking work, personal support, advice, training and job search ideas in a friendly atmosphere with refreshments!**

**Job Club:Barton** is managed by an independent voluntary group of professionals with extensive experience in employment and business management. Our aim is to help all who are seeking work opportunities to identify personal skills and abilities to plan for a healthy work lifestyle balance and a successful future.

Regardless of personal circumstances or background, we believe in the respect and dignity of others and their potential to enjoy a successful and fulfilling lifestyle. Why not come along and find out for yourself how Job Club:Barton can make a BIG difference to you achieving your aspirations and dreams for the future.

**Have you given up on finding work?**
**Dependent on employment benefits for your income?**
**Looking for an opportunity to change your future?**
**Want to be financially independent and secure?**
**Want to know what success could look like for you?**

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# USEFUL INFO

### SCHOOL DATES FOR 2016

Term 4 finishes on Thursday 24 March

Term 5 starts on Monday 11 April

Term 5 finishes on Friday 27 May

Term 6 starts on Monday 6 June

Term 6 finishes on Wednesday 20 July

New school year begins on Thursday 1 September

*These dates are taken from Oxford City Council Website. Please check your school's website for dates of inset days.*

### OCAL 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 Prctice**
6A The Parade, Windmill Rd, 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 484608

### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Age Uk | 01235 849400 |
| Childline | 0800 1111 |
| John Radcliffe Hospital | 01865 741166 |
| Gas Emergencies | 0800 111999 |
| Thames Valley Police Non Emergency | 101 |
| Oxford City Council | 01865 249811 |
| Oxford City Council Out Of Hours | 01865 252900 |
| Rt.Hon. Andrew Smith | 02072 194512 |
| Nhs Direct | 111 |
| Samaritans | 08457 909090 |
| Recycling And Waste | 01865 249811 |

*More useful numbers on page 2*

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR 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

### USEFUL INFORMATION

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 |
| Residents Parking Permits | 08456 344 466 |

Planning Application Updates: You can now find live updates to plans in the local area using the website http://ox.planningtracker.co.uk

# Recycling update

By **Laura Baughan** of the Recycling Team.

**RECYCLING** in Oxford has never been easier and you can recycle up to 80% of your household waste in the city! Below we have a few helpful hints and tips to make it even easier.

If you are like me and you have trouble understanding the different types of plastics, here's a simple guide to help you! There is a useful test I like to call the scrunch test, and this works with plastic film packaging. If you pick up a piece of plastic packaging and scrunch it up, it will do one of two things:

- it will either spring back to its original shape meaning it is not recyclable (e.g. crisp packets; salad bags) or
- it will stay scrunched, meaning it is recyclable (e.g. cling film).

Another plastic packaging test is the stretch test. Let's take the items above to use as examples:

- if you stretch a packet of crisps, it would ultimately rip, meaning bin it;
- if you do this with cling film however, it would stretch and not tear, meaning you can pop it into your blue bin for recycling.

In Oxford we cannot take black bags from your blue recycling bin, even if there is recycling inside. This is because our recycling facility does not accept black bags and if we were to collect a bin with black bags inside, then they have every right to turn away the whole dustcart full of recycling, wasting as much as 10 tonnes!

You'd be surprised at what lurks within black bags – nappies, food, polystyrene and textiles are the most common examples, all of which cannot be recycled in the blue bin. Our top tips are:

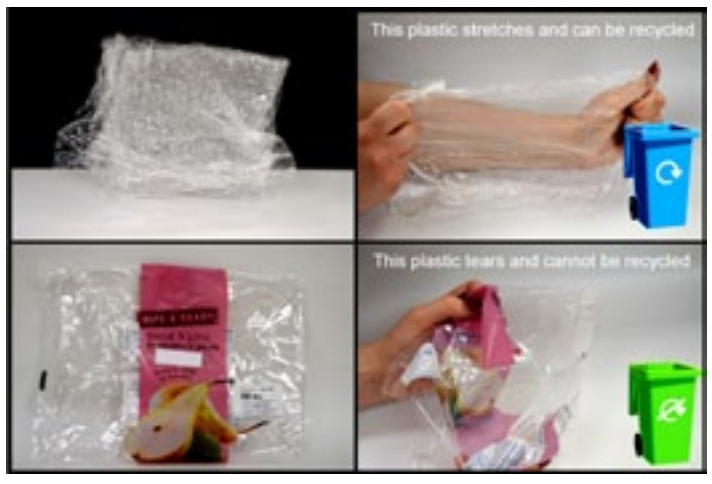
- put items in your bin loose, washed and squashed;
- empty the contents of carrier bags (if using) and place in loose separately;
- use clear or translucent bags (if you prefer to use bin liners).

Did you also know about our collections of batteries and small electricals? Simply place them on top of your bin lid inside a clear bag or carrier bag on either collection day. We will then collect these and place them into a cage on the side of the dustcart so can only accept small items such as kettles, toasters and hairdryers.

While we cannot collect microwaves or larger items, these can be taken to Redbridge or you can arrange a bulky waste collection by calling us (number below).

You may have also heard of our recycling competition, the Blue Bin Recycling League. We've split Oxford into eight different areas, and every month these areas compete to see who can improve their recycling rate the most. From the winning area, two residents who pledge to recycle as much as they can, will get randomly selected to win a prize of £30 or more. There is also a community prize of £400 up for grabs each month. As you may have heard, your local community group, Thrive Barton, won in December last year. They used the money to fund volunteer training to mentor 12 young people from the area. You can pledge to take part online at oxford.gov.uk/recyclingleague or on our app (in the 'report it' section).

■ **If you have any questions, please do get in touch on 01865 249811 (options 2, 1, then 3) or email us on recycling@oxford.gov.uk**







# Anti-Social Behaviour Team

**WE ALL HAVE** a responsibility for the quality of life in our neighbourhood. Neighbours can be a good source of support and strong communities like Barton are a rewarding place to live.

Some times though neighbours can come in to conflict.

Below are some of the most common issues which result in neighbours falling out. If you can avoid these, then you will be able to have a good relationship with your neighbours.

- Inconsiderate parking – Blocking neighbours access to property or drive
- Loud music or television – Having the volume too high
- Barking dog – Leaving your dog to howl all day
- Unsupervised children – Children behaving badly, screaming or misbehaving
- Bad language– Swearing in or outside your house
- Summer barbeques – Late night barbeques which can be very loud when your neighbours are trying to go to sleep
- Slamming doors – The sound of a slamming door is very annoying
- Bonfires – Garden bonfires can blow across your neighbours' garden and may affect hanging washing

Trying to avoid these kinds of behaviours can help communities to enjoy their homes without having a negative effect on others in the community.

When neighbours have conflict it affects not just them but also other neighbours, family and friends of those affected. Restorative Justice can be used to enable everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and find a positive way forward.

Restorative Justice enables everyone involved to meet in a neutral venue, they are able to voice the harm they feel has been done to them and together they are able to agree a mutual decision as to how to plan for the future. It does require an investment of time but it can change lives and can prevent problems from escalating.

■ **If you feel that you have an ongoing conflict which maybe suitable for Restorative Justice and would like to take the first step in making a real change to an issue which is effecting you and your family please contact the Anti-Social Behaviour Team on 249811.**

# COOKERY CORNER

## Apples in and out

***(Apples with suet pastry make this a baked pudding with a crunchy top)***

**Serves 4**

**Ingredients**

8oz self-raising flour
2 large cooking apples peeled, cored and cut into chunky pieces
4 oz suet
2oz caster sugar
Pinch of salt

**Oven setting:**

180C (160C fan oven)

**Method**

Butter an 8 inch pie dish. Mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl and stir in the prepared apples.

Add just enough water to form a soft but not sticky dough. Put into the pie dish, spread out.

Bake for approximately 45 minutes until golden brown. Serve with custard.

Apologies to those who have to convert quantities into metric.

# Primary transition at Cheney School

**HERE** are Cheney School we have designed a thorough Transition programme for all new students to ensure their start at Cheney is as smooth as possible.

Many of our new students will have already had the opportunity to come to the school on their Transition Visit and Meeting and meet the Transition Team.

On Friday 17 June, we are organising a Welcome to College Meeting (8.30am–10.30am) where parents/carers and all Year 6 students will have the chance to meet Tutors and College Staff and ask any questions.

Our two Transition Days are taking place on Thursday 30 June and Friday 1 July and special events are being planned for our new students (unfortunately, parents are not able to attend those events).

■ **Please visit the Admissions/Transition page of our website www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk; our Transition film Countdown to Cheney and our Year 6 Transition Booklet will answer a lot of the questions you may have! Alternatively please feel free to contact Mr Ewen (current Head of Year 7) at jen@cheney.oxon.sch.uk**

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