Hands on News

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





Longest serving community police officer leaves Barton

BARTON is waving goodbye to its longest-serving Community Police Officer. WPC Dawn Raffield, who was named Community Police Officer of the year in 2014, is moving on to new things.

Oxford policing is undergoing its biggest organisational change in years, and Dawn will be part of a new team dealing with problem-solving throughout the whole of Oxford. The team will look at any persistent problems in the Oxford area and develop a way to deal with those problems in the longer term, rather than just going for a quick fix and hoping things will stay fixed. It could be anything from persistent speeding

in a certain area to bigger issues such as child exploitation or drugs – everything will be within the new unit's remit.

It's a big change for Dawn, who came to the Barton community policing team in 2013. She was headhunted for the new department and is looking forward to the challenge, but she's going to miss Barton and its residents.

What will she miss most? "The variety of work, the people – absolutely the people – the community centre. I love the area. I've had an amazing time in Barton. It's probably been one of my best jobs in sixteen years of being in the police.

Getting my teeth into stuff, getting to know the people, understanding the families." Having an effect has been very important. Even if the change is slight, knowing she's had an impact has been very satisfying: "That's what does it for me."

Hands On News asked Dawn if there was anything she wouldn't miss. The answer might come as a bit of a surprise. "I've never liked the water in Barton. In four years, I've never drunk the water out of the tap. I don't like the taste of it. There's something strange about it. So it's the only thing I won't miss. I bring my water every day, and I will only drink it if it's boiled."

If that's the only thing she won't miss it says a lot about our community, and about what it means to her.

Asked if she had any leaving message for Barton, Dawn said "I wish them well. And I wish them well with the new Barton Park development. I hope that the fusion doesn't go badly. Also, I hope they like the new PCSOs and PCs. I know them all; they're really nice people. They might work a bit differently to how I work, so it's all to be seen."

But she's sure the new team will settle in fine. The police team has often changed its members during the time that Dawn has been with Barton, leaving her as the one constant point. "I've had to train people up, tell them about the area. They've learned the area and the people very quickly.

"I do also want to thank Sue Holden and the Barton Community Association. The consistent person who's supported me and my team has always been Sue and her team. They've been amazing. It's always been very good. So, thank you very much."

Barton will miss Dawn as much as she misses Barton. We wish her well in her new role, and hope she'll find time to visit us now and then. See you at the Barton Bash, Dawn!





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Barton Fields Allotment Association www.bartonfieldsallotment.co.uk

Barton Fields Allotment Association in Barton Village Road is keen to welcome new Members. We have plots available in various sizes to suit all abilities. If you like to grow your own fruit, vegetables and flowers but don't have the space at home why not come and meet us, have a look around and see what we have to offer.

Barton Park development is going on around us and we are hopefully going to see some benefits from this in terms of upgrades on the site - more parking, improvements to the communal shed and a toilet. Meanwhile our Chair is active in looking out for the wildlife that is being effected by the development work.

If you are interested give Janette a ring on 01865 580131 to arrange a visit or have a look a look at our website www.bartonfieldsallotment.co.uk and grab a plot before the new residents take them all!

The Hands on News

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Barton Community

Barton Buses and their bad habit

By James Bloice Smith, **BCA Trustee**

OUR BUS service is like one of those good friends who has a bad social habit. The buses do "shake the house when they go by," says Barry Church, "but it doesn't disturb us, is a good bus service."

There are lots of people like Barry along the bus route in Barton who have learnt to live with the buses. As for the rest of us in Barton, we just love having a good service.

Learning to live with things you can't change is a great attitude to life. However, not all of us can do that. When you run a twelve ton (empty) double-decker bus down a narrow road that was never designed to take this sort of punishment it is going to cause problems.

People talk about their houses vibrating and shaking, the windows drumming, things falling off shelves, TVs shaking and 'playing up', children having their sleep disturbed, and so on. I can see why some people who live along the bus route are fed up. There are two key issues, the state of the roads and the management of the

There are some facts of life, unfortunately, which make this difficult to solve. First, the

roads. When the roads are in good order vibration from buses is much less.

The County Council says that Oxford has only 6% of the roads in Oxfordshire, so it only gives 6% of its road maintenance budget to Oxford. This is true if you measure the roads in miles, but what about wear-and-tear? We have well over 20% of the population of Oxfordshire and our roads are very, very busy, so they need way more maintenance.

For this reason, roads are failing all over Oxford. This is really bad news for Barton because the houses are so close to the road. But we have another problem.

As we all know, underneath the tarmac of a lot of our roads are those old concrete slabs. These are a double whammy. On the one hand, in a technical sense, they make our roads not too bad, so I am told, therefore no one is going replace them. On the other hand, the top surface of tar is always going to break up along the cracks between the slabs or wherever the roads are being dug up for some reason.

We need to find a way past this crazy situation with road maintenance. Part of Fettiplace Road has been dug up and an improved road installed. Where this has been done the problems have been

reduced. It is not cost-effective to keep patching potholes - we need our political representatives to find a way to make some longer term, good decisions that improve the situation.

However, there is a second set of problems which relates to the management of buses. The top, and most fixable issue, is to slow down the buses in the evening and through the night. When the buses are empty, don't have to stop, and there is no oncoming traffic, they speed along our roads and crash over the potholes sending vibrations right up into the bedrooms. This is unacceptable and needs to stop.

There are other issues, namely, the size of the buses on this route, empty buses running round the estate at night, and the way they are frequently bunched up with two or three together not being uncommon.

There are some complicated issues involved in this state of affairs, so I will comment no further here. Nationally, we know that some bus companies manage their schedules much better than other bus companies, so we would like to begin a conversation with the bus companies to see what can be done.

Barton Summer Programme '17

For young people and families

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| | 6pm - 8pm | • | | • | | • |
| | Coach trips 8am—8pm | | | • | | |
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Age: School years 3-6 Location: Bayards Hill School

Cost: £1.50 per child or £3 per family per day Contact: Jason 07931315450

SC sport & fun club — secondary school programme Activities: Sports, arts, music & trips to cinema & bowling Age: School years 7 -11 Location: Multi-use Games Area ost: £1.50 per child per day Contact: Jason 07931315450





Contact: Dan 07463043336

Barton Community Association — coach trips August: Tue 8th - Portsmouth/Southsea, Wed 16th - Brighton, Thu 24th - Weymouth, & Thu 31th - Bournemouth

Cost: £10 per person (BCA membership needed, £1 per membership) Contact: Sue on 07866460446 or Sharon 01865 761987

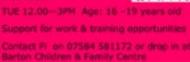




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Silent auction raises cash for care home

By Luciano Thomas, Customer Relationship Advisor

IN MARCH, residents at Townsend House part of The Orders of St John Care Trust (OSJCT) - hosted a silent auction to raise money for summer outings. The residents decided amongst themselves that this would be the best way to raise funds as well as be a fantastic way for everyone to get involved.

The auction was held at Townsend House, Bayswater Road, Headington on 22 March at 5pm with refreshments, including a lovely buffet, made available for all attendees.

Items on auction include an autographed pair of scrubs from the Holby City set and signed photos of the cast, two tickets for a home game from Oxford United Football Club, bottles of wine donated by the House of Commons and chocolates worth more than £50.

A big thanks to the generous donations received from the amazing cast of Holby City, Oxford United Football Club, Cllr Andrew Smith

Colin Booth, former Oxford United player presented prizes to the lucky winners and residents had the chance to submit their own

One hundred percent of the funds raised from the auction will go towards our summer outings like trips to the seaside.



Barton Remembers Clir Van Coulter

CLLR VAN COULTER sadly died this year and his funeral was held on 30 March. Barton remembers him and his work on behalf of the community with some remembrances from County and City Council colleagues included:

"I will miss Van very much - miss his quiet presence, invaluable support, principled solidarity and loyal friendship. So I am sure will many others in Barton and elsewhere whom he helped in so many different ways. And as time passes I believe some of us will come to miss him more rather than less."

Councillor Mike Rowley

"Everyone was shocked to hear about Van's death. It was a moment to stop what you were doing, sit back and think of Van. He was only 57 years old when he died and I had assumed that he had years of active campaigning ahead of him.

"My first memory of Van was during his first campaign to be elected City Councillor for Barton & Sandhills. He wore out shoes and he got wet through on a number of occasions but he was determined to be elected as a councillor for this area.

"He was passionate about social justice and angry about the inequalities of opportunity that he saw around him every day. His ability to retain detailed information and statistics was legendary and made him a formidable debater. He was a supportive and helpful councillor and extremely knowledgeable about what was going on in Barton and Sandhills.

"We found out more about Van's life at his funeral service on 30 March. He had to give up his career because of ill health and made a new life for himself among us in Oxford. One role he really loved was as Father Christmas at the Barton Winter Wonderland- 'No padding required!' A poem called Success by Ralph Waldo Emerson was read at Van's funeral and the last lines are relevant "To know that even one life has breathed easier Because you have lived - This is to have succeeded."

Cllr Glynis Phillips, Oxfordshire County Council

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

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Bash is

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LOTS of free activities planned for the day

September issue of Hands on News

together with music and dance. For full details

of the day's programme please look out for our

: Bollywood at the Bash!

back!

Saturday

Barns on Wick Farm

THERE was a meeting at the Neighbourhood Centre on Friday 5 May between Harry Aubrey-Fletcher, owner of Wick Farm, and residents of the Wick Farm Mobile Home Site. The residents were worried about proposals to change the function of two farm barns near the site from agricultural usage to a lock-up storage facility.

Mr Aubrey-Fletcher sought to reassure those living near the barns that his company, Wick Farm Ltd, had tried to find the lowest-impact solution to bringing the barns into some kind of revenue-producing condition.

The barns would be protected by gates with an entry code, which might change daily, and would be open seven days a week from 7.30am to 7.30pm. He said that the barns were no longer needed for agriculture, and if they couldn't be used for something else they would degenerate and fall down.

In answer to criticism from residents that they had had no knowledge of the plans, he apologised for not having either visited or leafleted them to

explain what he intended.

Mr Aubrey-Fletcher stated that he didn't see the project as a high-intensity facility, but as somewhere that people could store, for example, unneeded furniture and other goods of that type, in the same way that other storage companies offered throughout the city.

He said he believed that filling the barns with individual lockup units for personal domestic storage would have little impact on the residents of Wick Farm

The number of units they could contain was limited by their size. There was concern from some of the residents that the storage units could be used for criminal purposes, that strangers would have access to their homes while visiting the units, and that the track would need to be upgraded to deal with the traffic.

Mr Aubrey-Fletcher stated that he intended to install CCTV to cover the facility. He mentioned that he was considering asking South Oxfordshire District Council for permission to upgrade and extend a track that leads from Bayswater Road near the Crematorium across to Wick Farm, but that he wasn't sure permission would be granted as it would cross Green Belt land.

Gadget Drop In

AGE UK run a weekly IT drop in sessions for anyone to come without an appointment to get help using mobile phones, tablets or laptops. This is not a class but somewhere you can come to get help at your own pace. You can learn basic techniques like email, used word processor, skype, Facebook, as well as photos and more advanced MS Office software techniques.

Last year Heather (pictured) started coming to the sessions because she wanted to text on her mobile phone. This has made a big difference to how she feels about life. She said: "My husband died two years ago and I didn't know what to do with myself. I used to just sit at home and get depressed. Then I thought I've had enough. I shall have to do something

When I started texting it opened a new world to me and made me feel less isolated. I then started to write stories about my life and bought a laptop to put them on. It made me feel great and I'd really achieved



Since then Heather has been a regular and now uses her phone to text and take photos. She also has a laptop and a tablet which she uses to write stories, get on the internet and talk to friends on Facebook.

Kenneth came along to the group "This is a great place to come to get he

* WE ARE trying to locate a Bollywood Dance Group who would be free to perform at the Barton Bash on Saturday 30

> September at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre. If you know of anyone who can fill this slot (approx. 20-30 mins) then please get in touch at:

sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

something. And now I love talking to friends on Facebook."

because he saw a poster advertising the drop-in. He was applying for a job and wanted help putting the application in a particular format. Rudy was able to help him and he got the application in on time. He said: help you need. Its easy to get to, you can learn at your own speed and you won't be patronised."

Barton Gadget Drop In Wednesdays, Neighbourhood Centre, 2.30-4pm. Please contact Fiona on 07469 150669 fionatracey@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk

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Barton Kung Fu Junior Warriors

WING Chun Kung-Fu Junior Warrior Classes are for Children aged 7 to 12 years. In this programme, we look to give the children a stable base in Martial Arts and development in Leadership, values and life skills.

The junior warrior programme is based 50% on the life skills as listed below and 50% on the physical elements of Martial Arts.

For children, the education in Martial Arts is the key of one's development, not the focus of a child's ability to Kick and Punch another. Martial Arts is far more than just punching and kicking and at this age. The Wing Chun Training must be about instilling great values in behaviour.

The Junior Warrior beginner class is on Mondays, 5.30pm–6pm at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

To book a complimentary class, contact Sifu Datze, 07846 371 611 wcioxford@gmail.com

For more info please visit http://wciworldwide.com/ oxford-martial-arts/

Here's an inside view of the Junior Warriors' Programme:

For a beginner, the Junior Warrior programme is about teaching your child the foundation of Martial Arts. Although we are a Wing Chun Kung-Fu Organisation it is very difficult to ask a child to learn the Wing Chun Self Defence system from day one. We deal with this by making the initial classes fun and energetic for the children and look to educate them on being in a Martial Arts class and giving them Martial Art material that will be easy for them (Wing Chun is not easy for a 7-year-old).

When a new child begins their journey with Wing Chun International they will be introduced to the basics of Martial

- · How to welcome each other
- How to get ready for the class (Leave the Parent)
- · How to stand and act in class
- How to join in with the curriculum that is being taught to the other children
- How to work through some basic hand and leg movements

Once they have achieved this they will be introduced to the physical programme of:

- Kick Boxing striking movements and body movements
- Partner training interaction with
- each other in safe mannerFlight training balance
- Flight training balance improvement through lots of different kick routines
- Self-defence learning basic selfdefence moves and an introduction to the Wing Chun System

BARTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Our tribute to Ray Guillery



By **Sue Holden**, Barton Community Association

EVERYONE at Barton Community Association feels privileged and honoured that Ray made the decision to come and live amongst us during his last few years.

Ray's first interest in a future career lay with his interest in furniture making, but with encouragement and guidance from his mother she steered him towards the world of medicine where he became extremely well known for his research work and highly respected by everyone in his chosen field. It soon became clear that Ray's real passion was with scientific research which dominated the best part of his adult life right up until his death. He learnt quite recently that his latest book, The Brain as a Tool, will be published in the Autumn.

The greatest influence in Ray's life was the biologist, John Zachary, who unleashed Rays enquiring and challenging mind. He chose the study of the brain as his specialist field, and this led him to lecture around the world as well as much closer to home.

More recently Ray chose to move to Barton and become a resident of "The Village".

He gave us so much – his time, his knowledge, his generosity but most of all we benefitted from his wisdom.

He changed the way we thought about so many aspects of everyday life, and more specifically Ray became heavily engaged in debate about the new development and the impact it would have on existing residents. He challenged many of the ideas and decisions taken by the developers, and his suggestion of the linear park being named "Barton's Park" has been adopted and will be a lifelong reminder of Ray's input into this important element of the changes affecting Barton. Everything Ray gave us was unconditional and for that we shall be forever grateful.

Much closer to home Ray fought the good fight for the survival of the beautiful willow tree that sat close to his front door. This tree originally sat in the grounds of Bernwood School and was included as a focal point within the new development of Sherwood Place. It became obvious that no one, neither the developers or Oxford City Council, wanted to take responsibility for its maintenance, but Ray, not one to give in easily, took his cause to every meeting he attended until it was agreed that the tree would be well cared for.

We at Barton Community Association, and those who have directly benefitted from Rays involvement with us, will remember him for many things but especially his humility and kindness shown to those around him. We will remember him with respect and fondness as well as his mischievous sense of humour. The twinkle in his eye always made us smile. On a personal note, I always valued our email exchanges, and I learnt a great deal from him. He made me truly understand the real value of education and how important it is to help and support those around us. Thank you Ray for helping me to help others.

Ray, thank you for being such an integral part of our lives and for inspiring us to bring about change to improve the quality of life for everyone living in the village of Barton.

Footpaths in Barton

By Keith Frayn

BARTON has a large number of footpaths. Some are public rights of way, others not (so they do not have the same protection in law). There are 19 public rights of way, all of them footpaths (that is, horses and cycling not permitted), and a large number of other 'alleyways'.

They provide a means of connecting the different parts of Barton for people on foot. They also serve as routes towards Headington and Oxford city centre, and into the wider countryside towards Beckley and Elsfield.

The public rights of way are shown on the County Council's 'Definitive Map', which is the legal record of rights of way: you can see it at https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/definitive-map-and-statement-online. (Barton is covered by two sheets, SP50NW and SP50NE.) That map is dated 2006 and a couple more (around Hubble Close) have been added since that time. All the rights of way

are numbered with the prefix 320 (Oxford City). The County Council, as the Highways Authority, has a duty to ensure the rights of way are maintained, but will usually do this by requesting the landowner (in the case of Barton paths, mostly the City Council) to do what is needed.

There are two important rural paths (at least at present – this will change with the development of Barton Park). These are 320/72, which leads alongside the Bayswater Brook roughly northeastwards from a corner of Barton Village Road, and 320/57, which comes from the Northern Bypass, past the electricity substation, and joins footpath 72.

Footpath 72 regularly gets overgrown and sometimes blocked by fallen trees, but the City Council have a good record in clearing it once they have been

Footpath 57 once joined with Stoke Place, a bridleway from Old Headington, before the Northern Bypass was built. Some people still cross the bypass to connect Barton and Old Headington. Once the Barton Park development is completed, some of us believe that a new, safe crossing should be installed so that Barton residents can cycle or walk to Headington and the Hospitals, and residents from there can have access

to the countryside beyond (towards Beckley and Elsfield). This footpath 57 was diverted recently, over very muddy ground, by the Barton Park contractors. The County Council's Countryside Access Team were soon on the case, talked to the contractors about their responsibilities, and also arranged clearance of vegetation.

Despite severe cutbacks in recent years, the Countryside Access Team continue to do a great job looking after our paths. But they depend on help from local volunteers.

The Ramblers have established a system of volunteer Path Wardens who look after rights of way in their own area. I look after the Barton paths, although I hope shortly to share these duties with David Adams, the Parish Path Warden for Sandhills and Risinghurst. We walk the paths regularly, report any problems, and do what maintenance we can ourselves – mainly clipping back brambles and nettles.

Our footpaths are a precious, and often historic, resource. As with many things, use them, look after them, or lose them!

There is always a lot to do, especially in the summer, and if you feel like helping, please contact me at keithfrayn@gmail.com

Volunteers needed

ARE YOU looking for a new volunteering opportunity, and do you have a desire to support and empower others?

Would you like to help develop and shape a new service? Getting Heard is an organisation offering independent advocacy to adults within Oxfordshire and we are currently looking for volunteers for a new service called "Appointment Buddies" in Barton.

The service will support Barton residents over the age of 50 who find it difficult to attend GP appointments, working with clients to support them to overcome barriers they might face getting to their GP surgery.

Getting Heard offers three days of training for new volunteers, with plenty of opportunity to learn about what advocacy is and how we use these principles to support our clients. The next training will take place at the beginning of July.

For more information, please visit our website www.gettingheard. org or contact the service co-ordinator Bec Hoare on 07554 928291

Leaflet deliverers needed

THE Barton Community Association $\,$ has a few rounds available within the immediate area for leaflet deliverers. These opportunities are occasional/irregular so no need to tie yourself into something on a weekly basis. Good rates of pay and as long as you enjoy walking with a few hours to spare then this job is for you.

This is suitable for people of any age with a minimum of 13 years old. We often have parents apply who take their children with them as a form of exercise whilst getting paid at the same time. Also a great way for anyone retired to stay fit and active.

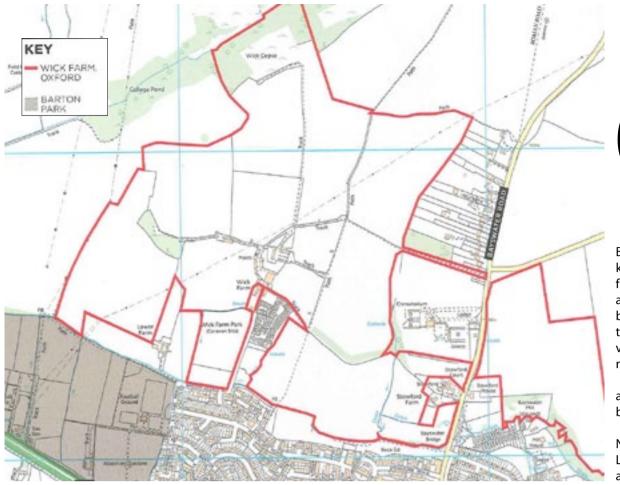
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PART of Barton's special character, and what makes it such a nice place to live, is its proximity to the fields, woods and nature reserves of the Green Belt. Recent articles in the Oxford Mail, and presentations to councils, have suggested that there is great pressure for the Green Belt status of the land rising above Barton - Wick Farm - to be lifted, allowing

this precious countryside to be covered in houses. If this were to happen, not only would it lead to road chaos, but the impact on wildlife, that is all the plants and animals that have their sanctuary in the Green Belt, would be enormous.

If houses were to be built at Wick Farm, wildlife would be prevented from accessing the water of

Protect Barton's Green Belt

Bayswater Brook, where among other creatures, kingfishers and possibly water voles live. The farmland is also home to deer, hares and badgers, and many birds. Rare orchids and other flora would be put at risk if there were to be a development there. And that's not even to mention losing the view and access to open countryside that Barton residents cherish.

There are several well-used public rights of way across Wick Farm land, and there are three listed buildings/monuments on the site.

At an open meeting on Tuesday 2 May at the Neighbourhood Centre heard presentations from Lisa Buchan from Elsfield, which would also be adversely affected by any development, and Bruce Ross-Smith, a former Barton resident, who have both done extensive research into the proposals.

The meeting learned that plans have been presented for developing approximately 3,000 houses on the site, though the numbers appear to be flexible. Developers Berkeley Homes and landowners have already been talking to one another about developing Lower Elsfield, owned by

Christ Church, as well as Wick Farm, owned by Harry Aubrey-Fletcher of Wick Farm Ltd. If these were given the go-ahead, the potential to join them up into one huge super-site would be irresistible.

Talks have also been held with the Oxford NHS Trust with a view to providing accommodation for nurses and a "park and ride" for employees of the trust, with a shuttle bus running to and from the hospitals. This could be seen as an argument to sway planning decisions in favour of developing Wick

The potential developers claim that there would be affordable housing included in the plans, which would be available to key workers such as those nurses. The government definition of "affordable" is 80% of market rate to rent or buy. With housing in Barton approaching the £300,000 mark for a terraced house, and rentals ranging upwards of £850 for a one-bedroomed flat, 80% is too high a price for people on average incomes to afford. The papers are already full of stories about nurses having to use food banks. It's unlikely that such key workers could afford a mortgage, even if any bank or building

society would offer them one.

At the meeting City Councillor Mike Rowley spoke of a person living in Barton who was not even allowed to register with a Headington estate agency because their household income was below £33,000 per year. There are many people needing houses in Oxford whose income is well below that. So there is a strong possibility that houses on the development would be bought by wealthier commuters, meaning that claims that it would help solve Oxford's housing crisis ring a little hollow.

It would all mean a huge increase in traffic, since there is no road infrastructure improvement proposed. Anyone who uses Bayswater Road to get on to the Green Road Roundabout knows the problems there already are regarding that. Once development begins, it can be hard to argue that it shouldn't just continue into the countryside until Oxford widens into urban sprawl. The only weapon ordinary people have is to tell the city and county councils, often, that they object to any development that removes Green Belt land from protection. Keep on letting your City and District councillors know that the countryside is not up for

South Oxfordshire District Council, whose jurisdiction the Wick Farm land comes under, has rejected the proposal for now, citing an alternative site at Chalgrove to fulfil their housing needs. However, with a continuing housing shortage in Oxford the question is bound to come up again and

Let's make sure that brownfield sites, which make more sense because they are already within the city boundaries and therefore closer to public transport and centres of work, are always considered first, and that we are always aware of any attempt to take our

Barton – a little bit of history

By John Lowe

AS BARTON and Wick were only small farming communities they only got a brief mention in the history books. However, from early times these were two small hamlets. The name Barton is from the Old English words bere 'barley' and tun 'enclosure', meaning a farmstead where barley is grown. In 1246 it was known as Aldebarton, in 1276 as Oldebarton and by 1326 Oldbarton. It was not until the late 1880s that Barton was recorded as being part of the Headington Parish.

Wick (Old English for dairy farm) lies beyond Bayswater Brook. In the 1270s it was a large farm approximately 135 acres together with three small cottages. Following a fire in 1840 the farm house was rebuilt. There is an ancient well in the farmyard. The well house c1660 is a stone building with a central door. The Wick was a house which stood in its own grounds which was demolished to build Barton Village School, which itself was demolished and demolished with new houses being built on the

The land between Barton

and Sandhills was farmland which was north facing and on an incline and was considered to be unsuitable for housing development. However, due to the acute housing shortage in the early 1930s they commenced laying sewage pipes for a proposed housing development.

The first council houses were ready for occupation by 1938. By the outbreak of WW II there were about 54 houses occupied but due to the war all building ceased but recommenced in early 1946 when the first prefabricated bungalows were built.

Barton Schools

With the development of Barton Estate from 1946. It soon became apparent that school facilities would be required. In 1949 Barton Junior School opened on Northway with the opening of Barton Infant School in Fettiplace

Bayswater Secondary Modern School opened in 1953 becoming of which most suffered from Bayswater Middle School in 1975 when Oxford adopted a threetier system of comprehensive education. With the new three tier system of education Barton Junior School became Bernwood First School and Barton Infant

School became Barton Village First School.

Bernwood First School closed in 1998 and in September the same year the pupils of Barton Village School moved to the Northway site. In September 2003 Oxford reverted to a two-tier system of education with Barton Village First School; moving to the former site of Bayswater Middle School and was renamed Bayards Hill Primary School.

The old Barton Village School site was demolished and sold for the development of Hubble

Sir Arthur Latham Ormerod was the first full-time Medical Officer of Health for Oxfordshire from 1901–1929, who instigated the Open Air School which opened in (now the site of the John Radcliffe Fox was built on Northway and Hospital).

catered for 40 pupils in the winter and 60 in the summer tuberculosis. By 1965 the nature of the school had changed catering more for children with physical handicaps. In 1959 it was renamed the Ormerod School after its founder. With the building of the John Radcliffe in

Originally the Open Air School

the 1970s the school moved to a new site in Wayneflete Road with accommodation for 120 children of all ages together with a nursery unit for 20 children. The Ormerod School amalgamated with the Marlborough School in Woodstock and move to the Woodstock site in 2005.

Public Houses

The original Fox Public House was a small thatched building which only had one room for drinking with the beer being brought up from the cellar. The old Fox was closed and demolished during the 1930s with a new Fox being built beside the Northern Bypass.

This in turn was closed and rebuilt to make way for the upgrading of the Northern Bypass 1928 in the Manor House Grounds to a duel carriageway and a new opened in 1967. This was again closed and demolished to make way for a housing development.

Princes Castle had an unusual start in that it was formally a blacksmith and stable block for the Manor House. Unfortunately, the pub closed in the mid 1980s. Lottie and Ada Collins kept the pub from 1914-1935.

The Princes Castle together with the Fox Public House

became the focal points where residents used to meet to make plans on how to improve their way of life as there were no shops, buses, schools or even footpaths

They worked together to form football teams, youth clubs and a Community Centre to be built in Underhill Circus. The first football team was known as Barton Midgets and Alden's the Butchers provided the first football shirts. Barton also had a cricket team and a ladies rounders team.

There is a rhyme naming some of the pubs in the Headington area which goes as follows: 'A Black Boy rode a White Horse carrying a Royal Standard, shouting rule Britannia. He chased the White Hart which had a Bell around its neck. This disturbed the Fox which ran to ground at the Princes Castle.

Barton Community Centre

The original Community Centre was a second-hand prefabricated building being erected during 1949/50 in Underhill Circus by volunteers which was in turn replaced by today's modern



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BARTON PARK: Right up your street!

The following road and street names have been named by you - the residents of Barton - and shortlisted for the new development. Here is a summary of the names and the reason they were selected.

Primary Roads

Barton Fields Road Under the Street Naming and Numbering Policy this has a good strong connection to existing Barton and the new development site and is therefore seen as acceptable.

Secondary Primary Roads

John Boyce

First known occupier of Barton Manor and Mayor of

Barry Holden

Vice President of the BCA. Proprietor of the local Holden's Newsagents and Arkwright's Supermarket.

Community rep in SRB

Cliff Harris

Treasurer of BCA. President of the local Oxfordshire

branch of Bird Fanciers.

Jean (Eugenia) Stevenson

Lifelong volunteer of BCA. Ran first Girls group in

Gerard McClean

Involved with Barton United Football Club. Dug the

first SOD for the present Community Centre.

Godfrey Hounsfield Nobel prize winner. Invented the CT scanner.

Witold Pilecki

WW2 Hero. Drew world attention to Auschwitz concentration camp. Mark of respect for the Polish

residents within the area.

Welborne

Vashti de Montfort Resident of Barton Manor in 1876. West Window in St Andrews Church Headington is commemorated

to Vashti de Montfort Wellborne

Richard Jewell

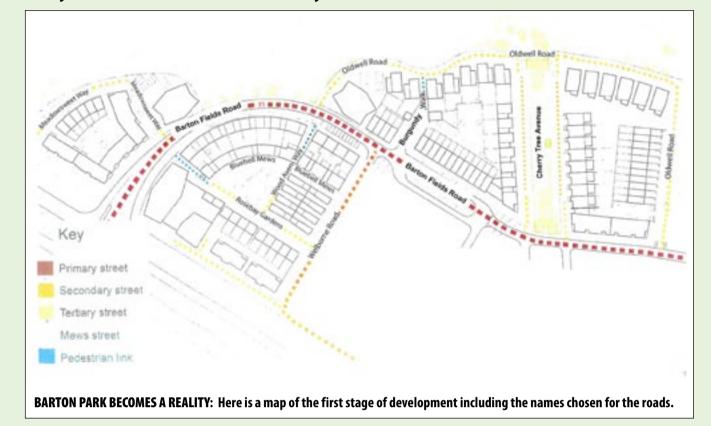
Lollipop Man from 80's through to 1994 for Bayswater School. Under the Street Naming and Numbering Policy - Good reference to his

contribution to the Barton Area.

Norah O'Neil

Campaigned for the small community centre to become the centre it is, better shops, a safer community. Under the Street Naming and Numbering Policy — Good reference to his contribution to the Barton Area.

Elizabeth Maud Smith 57 years resident of Barton



Secondary Roads Themes

Flowers, plants and trees

Generic flower Clover Poppy Generic flower Maple Local species Whitebeam Local species **Meadow Barley** Local species Buttercup Local species Foxtail Local species Meadowsweet Local species Rosebay Local species Willowherb Local species **Wood Avens** Local species **Oakdale** Generic tree name Cherry Generic flower

Birds and butterflies

Red Kite Complies with the Street Naming

and Numbering Policy

Complies with the Street Naming and Numbering Policy

Complies with the Street Naming

and Numbering Policy

Speckled Wood Complies with the Street Naming

and Numbering Policy

Other/Maybe

Oldwell

Apollo

Burgundy

Hunter Place

Complies with the Street Naming

and Numbering Policy

There is an Old Well in Wick's farm

Things to know about Barton Park

Who is Barton Oxford LLP? Barton Oxford LLP is a joint venture between Oxford City Council and Grosve nor Developments Ltd formed to create a new commu nity at Barton Park. We are both committed to creating a successful. sustainable, mixed-use community by delivering high qual buildings and Oxford City Council More information about Oxford City Council can philosophy which supports our strategy, guiding us At Grosvenor, we hope to 1. Living make a lasting to create, to invest in and contribution to the to manage properties and communities in which we places that contribute to are active, and to the the enduring success of in Barton For more information about advantage of the property skills and the our Living Cities philosophy

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ong-term perspective that

we have developed over

many generations as a

'Living cities' is a

Park

How many homes will there

be at Barton Park?

Across the entire development there will be 885

Has a house builder been selected yet?

On 20th January 2015, it was announced that Hill was selected to deliver the first phase at Barton Park which is 237 new homes

Where can I get a brochure with ouse prices/sizes etc?

You can request a brochure and more information from Hill's sales team on 0808 178 9063 or email sales@hill.co.uk

How much are the homes going to cost?

Please contact Hill who will be able to provide you with more information. They will start marketing new homes in June/ July of this year, so if you are interested please register your details with them on 0808 178 9063 or email sales@hill.co.uk

Will there be affordable homes and other incentive schemes?

40% of the whole development will be affordable housing, that's around 354

mes. Oxford City Council is the housing provider and below is a link to their relevant website page which will tell you what you need to do and any information you need to provide to register for affordable housing www.oxford.gov.uk/ PageRender/decH/Housing.

Will there be any bungalows?

register_occw.htm

There are no bungalows in the current Hill designs but please sales team on 0808 178 9063 or email sales@hill.co.uk There will also be further house builders delivering homes in future phases and you will be able to check with them when they are on site.

Will there be a bus connection between Barton and Barton

Park? We are working with bus companies and further nformation will be provided at a later date when we have more details to share.

Can I house swap with a new one. Who can use the new facilities at at Barton Park?

For affordable homes please check with Oxford City Council here www.oxford.gov.uk/ PageRender/decH/Housing,

register_occw.htm and for private units, in the first instance, check with Hill on 0808 178 9063 or email

Will there be any other

There will be a new primary school, a food store and a community hub with flexible space for community uses. There will also be new sports pevilion, sports pitches and a 3G sports pitch), a new community garden and improved allotments. Go to this link to view the proposals which were granted full planning approval in December

www.bartonparkoxford.com/ documents/Exhibition%20 Boards/Sports_Pitches_ consultation boards Dec 15

Barton Park? The facilities at Barton Park

are open to everyone and we are encouraging everyone to

What is Barton Healthy New

Barton Park is one of ten Healthy New Towns which are part of NHS England's programme to promote healthy lifestyles through new oments. Grosvenor are working closely with Oxford City Council on the Barton Healthy New Town project to improve health opportunities locally through the built behaviours and by promoting integration between existing and new parts of Barton to makes sure there is equal access to health services For more information about Barton Healthy New Town project, please visit www.axford.gov.uk/ info/20272/barton_healthy_ new_town/1151/background_ to_barton_healthy_new_town

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The way Thames Valley Police are going to be dealing with calls for service and crime is about to undergo a significant change, the biggest shakeup in 15 years.

The New Local Operations Model will see TVP join operations with Hampshire police in triaging calls to 999 and 101, which will make the process cheaper and more efficient for both forces.

GOLDEN HOUR PRINCIPLE

The idea is to make sure that problems are referred to the appropriate place as quickly as possible, so that police time is not wasted trying to deal with things that would be better managed by other agencies. Something called the golden

hour principle describes the aim to get the initial response teams (who answer the emergency numbers) to refer the crime or incident to the right agency within the first hour after that call. Bigger crimes will go to an Investigation Hub.

The new system should mean that your situation is dealt with at once, and you can be referred straight away, whether that is the police themselves, or another agency such as child protection, social services, or wherever is appropriate. It is not a question of saying "it's not the police's job to deal with this." It is making sure that you are referred straight to the people who can deal with your problem.

If it is a stolen bin, for instance,

Police restructuring in Oxford

the responders would either call the council, or suggest to the caller that they should do that. This would leave the police free to deal with more serious matters.

This, it is hoped, will avoid the current situation where when you report a crime, someone, perhaps a sergeant, comes to see you. Then, say for a burglary, a forensic team comes later, and a burglary team comes at yet another time. That is three or four contacts with different police before the job is progressed. TVP say that that is not good for the victim, and it is also a great demand on police time.

But it does mean that more police will be needed to staff the new Investigation Hub, which will deal with the more serious crimes. The changes mean that the area of responsibility for neighbourhood teams will be increased, with Marston and Headington joining Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst, and there will be fewer officers in those teams. But the Neighbourhood PCs and PCSOs will not constantly be called out to other jobs that are nothing to do with those areas. If they

come across a crime that is not part of their local duties, once they have assessed the situation they will then be able to pass it on to the City police, leaving them free to concentrate on their core role as Neighbourhood Police 100% of the time they're on duty.

There will be four new officers on the Neighbourhood Team: John Kelly, James Gunner, Simon Collins and Ian Lucas. They will have their picture on the door, so you'll know who to contact. You can do this by calling 101 and asking for the neighbourhood officer.

THE FOUR PILLARS

In jargon, the new way of working is being called the Four Pillars.

Pillar One is Visibility. That is, being in the right place at the right time so the officer can (a) deal with the problem and (b) reassure residents that they are still around to sort things out, rather than be sitting in the office dealing with paperwork from other jobs.

The Second Pillar is Engagement. You in the community know what is going on, you know where the problems are. There will still be Community Safety Meetings that the Barton Community Association will attend, there will still be Have Your Say meetings, and there will be more digital communication. Most people now have smart phones. You can tweet as well as call 101. These are ways you can tell the police what needs to be done.

The police want to know what's going on, and they also want to let the public know that they have dealt with a problem. They will be investigating the best ways to communicate that back to the community.

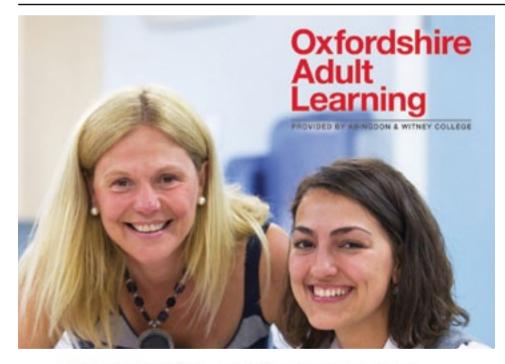
The third Pillar is Operation Boulevard. TVP is hoping to cooperate with local people who, for example, might report persistent speeding. In this scenario, the police would go out with a committee of local people and talk to speeding drivers. The committee would pick the time and the place, subject to police availability. People on the committee would volunteer, or be suggested by their local councillors. Those people would work to fix a problem and get a real

benefit for the community. The emphasis would be on it being community led.

The fourth Pillar is Problem Solving. There will be a new department dedicated to solving issues in the longer term. That team will look at how to fix problems so that they stay fixed. As an example, back to speeding, TVP can do a monthly check, pull in speeding drivers and issue tickets. But does that solve the long term problem of speeding? Might the money be better spent on putting in speed humps? The problem-solving team will look at possible solutions that could have a more permanent effect.

The new system is bound to take time to settle in. But in the end, Thames Valley Police hope that it will make for better policing, getting to the heart of crime, as well as neighbourhood issues, and solving problems more efficiently and much faster.

Thanks to Acting Inspector Martyn Williams, formerly of the Barton Neighbourhood Team, for his help in explaining the new system to Hands On News.



FREE English and Maths courses at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Before you come along we'll need to have a chat about which course is best for you.

You can either call us on 01235 216 248 or come to one of our drop-in days at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre on:

Wednesday 28th June from 9:30-11am. Tuesday 4th July from 9:30-11am.

Starting in September, English will be run on: Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30am. Maths will run Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30am.

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Coffee & Crafts

Mondays, 11am–1pm (in term time)

St Mary's Church, Bayswater Road, Barton £2 per session

Join us every Monday in term time to enjoy a chat over coffee and crafts. Learn new craft skills or bring your own project to work on.

For more info call 01865 604 263

Body toning is back!

Barton Neighbourhood Centre Saturdays, 9.30–10.30am Tutor: Wendy Allen

All participants must be a member of BCA Cost is £5 for six weeks – less than £1 per week. You will not be charged for any weeks you do not attend.

No need to pre-register, just turn up on the day. First session 10 June.

For further info please contact Sue, 07866 460446 sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com Or see Sharon in the BCA office, Mondays–Fridays, 9.30am–2.30pm.

FREE! PICK-YOUR-OWN







Saturday 24 June

A free day out to a pick-your-own farm with Barton Community Association

Pickups from Barton Neighbourhood Centre at the following times: 10am 10.20am 10.40am 11am

Minibuses return back from Rectory Farm at: 12pm 12.20pm 12.40pm 2pm

To book your place drop in at Eatwells Cafe or email Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com Or take your chances and just turn up!

Dress for the weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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BARTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATE



Goodbye and thank you

No doubt you will all be aware by now that Andrew Smith is stepping down as our local MP, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew for many years of hard work and a great contribution to the community at Barton.

Andrew never failed to make himself available to us either through his local surgery, answering residents' queries, researching local issues or turning up at the annual Barton Bash and spending a great deal of time chatting to his constituents in a social setting.

We all understand Andrew's reasons for stepping down - 30 years in Westminster is a lot to ask of anyone – and we wish him a happy and peaceful retirement although I suspect we will still continue to see him about within our communities helping out where he can. Thank you, Andrew, for all your support and care.

English and maths: we will be back

Please see the ad on page 9 containing the details for the next Literacy and Numeracy classes here at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. If you think you can benefit from attending either or both of these classes then please pop along and get registered in time for the start of term in September.



Paediatric first aid course

We are hosting a Paediatric First Aid Course here at the Centre on Monday 19 June, 10am-12 noon. Please see separate article for further details. This is a short but essential course for anyone who has contact with babies and young children whether you are a parent, carer, work with young children or just want to improve your knowledge and skills.

Body toning is back!

After a public outcry from previous participants we have restarted the Saturday morning Body Toning classes. The sessions take place in the main hall at the Neighbourhood Centre between 9.30am-10.30am each week term time only.

The cost is £5 for six sessions so less than £1 per week, and you only pay for the weeks you actually attend so if any week you are unable to come along you will not be charged so six weeks really does mean six weeks! Come along and give it a try. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from previous sessions and it gives you a great reason to get out of bed on a Saturday morning.



Salsa makes you want to get up and join in!

This as a comment from one of the first people to attend the classes that started back in May. Everyone leaves the building smiling and feeling good about themselves. The classes are on Monday evenings between 7pm–8pm at the Centre and the cost is a nominal £5 for six weeks, the same as for the Body Toning and Zumba classes. You don't need to bring a partner (but you can if you want to) so come along and be part of a really fun

Zumba classes - nine months old and still

The gorgeous George will help you get in the zone, and it doesn't matter what level you're at just come along and enjoy yourselves, breathe in the rhythm of Latin American music while also keeping fit - what's not to like? Again, it's just £5 for six weeks (best value throughout the whole county and beyond) and this group has established its own facebook page.

Zumba for kids at the centre

- When? Mondays (term time only)
- What time? 4pm 4.45pm
- Who for? 7–12 year olds
- How much? Nothing it`s free!!! Come along and join in – fantastic music, Brilliant teacher and lots of fun

Anyone attending any of the above classes need to be members of Barton Community Association which costs just £1 per year. You can fill in your membership form when you enrol, and once you have your membership it covers any classes you attend as well as Stay and Play sessions and coach trips.

Stay and Play is back at Barton **Neighbourhood Centre**

Following a successful bid to the County Council Transition funding pot

Play session on Tuesday mornings, 9.30am-11.30am, for babies and preschool children.

We offer free refreshments to both adults and children in a relaxed and secure environment. These sessions are all FREE to attend, and during school holidays we welcome older siblings up to the age of seven. Plenty of activities to get involved in with your children, and a great opportunity to network with other parents and carers from the local area. We are hoping to have a trip to Rectory Farm once the fruit is ready for picking using our own minibus so come along, watch your children get stuck in with other like-minded children and share your stories and experiences with others.



Summer coach trips – and beyond!

Get out those buckets and spades – the beach awaits you or maybe you just want to wander around those quirky shopping alleys in Brighton, ascend the Spinnaker Tower at Portsmouth or take a look at the Mary Rose.

Perhaps you want to enjoy all what's on offer at Weymouth or spend time on the pier at Bournemouth. Or maybe you want to enjoy the thrills and spills of the Bournemouth Air Show – for free! If any of this appeals to you then get booking. The seats aren't guaranteed until they are paid for and once they're gone they're gone.

Everyone travelling needs to be a member of BCA, (for children under 16 membership is free) and the cost of the seats is £10. We do offer a savings club so that you can pay for your seats and spread the cost.

Please see the page opposite for further details of this year's trips including a return visit to the Birmingham German Christmas Market and a trip to London taking in the spectacular Christmas Lights throughout Oxford Street and Regent Street as well as a Sightseeing tour around many well-known landmarks.

Blackpool overnight visit

In October we are off up the M6 for a one night stay in Blackpool. There will be free time when we arrive to start exploring this amazing place and everyone will have the opportunity to jump on board on Friday evening for

we are now running a weekly Stay and a tour of the world-famous Blackpool Illuminations stretching approximately five miles along the seafront.

> There will be plenty of free time on Saturday after a hearty breakfast to further explore whether you choose to go up to the top of the Blackpool Tower and maybe having a quick look inside the famous Tower Ballroom – just think of Strictly Come Dancing – plenty of excitement on the rollercoasters at the Pleasure Beach, a visit to Madame Tussauds Waxworks museum, or just a stroll along one of the three piers on offer.

> So much to do and so little time to do it in! The cost of the trip and hotel is £78 per person and this includes your coach fare from Barton Neighbourhood Centre leaving at 8am on Friday 6 October and returning by 10pm on Saturday 7 October. Your hotel is on the seafront, Queens Hotel, and we have booked on a B & B basis a mix of rooms including singles, twins, doubles and family rooms. The cost also includes the optional Illuminations Tour. We have limited spaces so if you would like to join us on our trip up North then please get in touch and book early. Again, there is a savings club available so no need to pay all in one go.

Kids behaving badly

Over the past few months we have seen an accelerating increase in the amount of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Neighbourhood Centre. We have worked in partnership with Thames Valley police to assist them in getting this under control. BCA cannot be responsible for what happens outside the building, but we will endeavour to make sure we play our part in halting this unacceptable level of behaviour and the affect it has on others.

Do you value what is on offer in your community? If these young people are allowed to continue in this way then it is inevitable that services will be directly affected and in some cases activities will be stopped.

We cannot expect TVP to be in attendance 24/7 so its up to us to make sure we "do our bit" to maintain a level of good behaviour both in and around the Centre as well as throughout our community.

The young people involved show little respect for those around them, and we can't let a small core group of young people spoil everything for the majority. One day these youngsters will be the adults in our community so let's get it sorted now. We don't want to see the title changed to "men behaving badly."

Are you green fingered? Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to get paid to do something you enjoy?

We are constantly being asked "Do you know any local gardeners?" "Do you know anyone locally who would like to do a couple of hours of paid gardening?" especially this time of the year when there is so much attention needed to most gardens.

If you fancy picking up your spade and helping out someone in your area and at the same time earning a bit of extra income then please let me know so we can pass on your details.

Some of the enquiries come from people who work long unsociable hours and find it difficult to set aside time to do the work necessary or it maybe someone who through either immobility or illness is no longer able

If this is something you are interested in then please get in touch either through email sue@ bartoncommunityassociation. com mobile 07866460446 or the BCA office on the first floor at the **Neighbourhood Centre**

After School Arts and Craft Club term dates

Our weekly Arts and Craft Club for 7 – 12 year olds runs on Fridays between 3.30–5pm, term time only. The club is free to attend and free refreshments are available to all children. The last session before the Summer break will be on Friday 7 July, and the club will restart again on Friday 15 September. It will then run through to Friday 13 December, with a break during the October half term. If your child enjoys the world of art and doing crafty things then please bring them along to join in our longest running activity at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. You will need to complete a registration form on their first visit and then it's fun all the way!

English and maths tutors

We recently received an offer to work with students wanting support with their English at GCSE level. Sadly, I have mislaid the letter containing the contact details and if the person who kindly offered to help reads this can I ask if you would kindly get back in touch so that we can set up some English tuition at the Centre. Thank you.

We are also hoping to set up similar sessions for Maths GCSE support so if anyone is able to help with this please contact me at sue@ bartoncommunityassociation.com

■ Barton Community Association Contact Details:

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BCA Office, 1st Floor Neighbourhood Centre, 01865 761987

WHAT'S ON AT BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

SUNDAYS

Elshaddai Oxford

Red & Green Rooms, 9.30am–12.30pm

Destiny Springs Intern

Sports Hall, 9.30am-12noon

Sunday @ 5

Blue Room, 4.15pm-6.30pm

MONDAYS

Barton Surgery

Surgery, 8.30am-6pm (closed 12 to 2pm)

Eatwells

Café, 9am-1.30pm

Name It

Youth Club, 11am-1pm

Zumba Kids

Blue Room, 4pm-4.45pm

Kung Fu

Blue Room, 5.30pm-6.30pm

Job Club

Café Space, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Sports Hall, 7pm-8pm

Barton Community Cupboard

Foyer, approx 1pm, (Food Bank)

TUESDAYS

Barton Surgery

Surgery, 8.30am-6pm (closed 12 to 2pm)

Eatwells

Café, 9am-1.30pm

Stay & Play

Blue Room, 9am-11.30am

English Literacy Classes

Green Room, 9.30am–11.30am

Children Heard & Seen, Youth Club/

Sports Hall, 4.30pm-6pm

Brownies

Green Room, 6pm-7.30pm

Girls Group

Youth Club/Sports Hall, 6pm-8pm

Bingo

Blue Room, 6.30pm-9.30pm

Barton Community Cupboard

Foyer, approx 1pm (Food Bank)

WEDNESDAYS

Barton Surgery

Surgery, 8.30am-6pm (closed 12 to 2pm)

Eatwells

Café, 9am-1.30pm

Maths Numeracy Classes

Green Room, 9.30am–11.30am

Sewing Group

Youth Club, 10am-1pm

Job Club

Foyer, 10am-12noon

Lunch Club

Blue Room, 11am-2.30pm

Community Gadget Drop In

Blue Room, 2.30pm-4.30pm **Karate**

Sports Hall, 4pm-9.30pm

THURSDAYS

Barton Surgery

Surgery, 8.30am-6pm (closed 12 to

Eatwells

Café, 9am-1.30pm

Fun 2 Learn Homework Club

Green Room, 3.30pm-5pm

Senior Boys Youth Club

Youth Club, 5pm-7pm

ZUMBA

Blue Room, 6.30pm-7.30pm

FRIDAYS

Barton Surgery

Surgery, 8.30am-6pm (closed 12 to 2pm)

Eatwells

Café, 9am-1pm

Art and Crafts Club

Blue Room, 3.30pm-5pm

Barton Community Cupboard

Foyer, approx 1pm (Food Bank)

SATURDAYS

Eatwells

Café, 9am-12noon

Body Toning

Blue Room, 9.30am-10.30am

Karate

Sports Hall, 9.30am–1pm

OBC Youth Club

Youth Club/Sports Hall, 11.30am to 2.30pm (fortnightly)

BCA COACH TRIPS 2017

TUESDAY 8 AUGUST

Southsea & Portsmouth

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST

Brighton

THURSDAY 24 AUGUST

Weymouth

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST

Bournemouth

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

Birmingham German Christmas Market

All above trips depart at 8am, and return by around 8pm

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

London Illuminations and Sightseeing Tour

Leaving Neighbourhood Centre at 4pm and return by 10pm

All seats for above trips £10 per person

Overnight trip to Blackpool

See the Illuminations and much more! Departing Friday 6 October, 8am, and returning next day by 10pm.

£78 Per Person. Price includes coach fare and hotel B & B, plus tour of the illuminations on Friday evening (Optional).

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Mark Ladbrooke, newly elected councillor for Barton and Sandhills: who he is an how to get hold of him!

UNUSUAL among councillors Mark comes from the Trade Union side of the Labour movement and worked with Van Coulter to push employers and contractors to pay the Oxford Living Wage.

He recognises the desperate

need for more good quality and genuinely affordable housing for workers.

Mark has promised to use his ward budget to back the Barton Bash and he would also like to get some classes underway so people could learn about our rights – at work, in housing as consumers and as citizens.

■ Councillor Mark Ladbrooke, cllrmladbrooke@oxford.gov.uk 07483 010660

Police and youth of Barton play dodgeball under new Floodlights

By Richard Chidwick

A DODGEBALL match between the young people of Barton, Oxford City Council's Community Services and Thames Valley Police was held to celebrate the installation of the City's first LED floodlit Multi-Use Games Area. Oxford City Council installed the new LED floodlights on the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Taggs Gate, Barton. It took three weeks to install the lights, at a cost of £19,000.

Following the dodgeball match held in March, young participant Sully, aged 14 from Barton, said: "It's older people mixing with younger people and Police engagement – It is really good. If we get to know the Police we feel safer, so It is important to get to know them more."

Other comments from young people at the match were: "It has helped us see them [The Police] as people and not just Police," and: "The lights are cool as we can play until later, The only problem is when the ball goes out of the MUGA it is

harder to find in the dark."
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officer Azul Strong, who organised the event, said: "It has taken around 18 months' worth of community engagement, appreciative inquiries, negotiations and fundraising work to complete this project, which concluded yesterday evening with a community dodgeball game."

This event has been organised not only to celebrate the installation of the lights, but also to improve relationships between young people and the local police and anti-social behaviour team.

The initial need for the lights was first identified by the young people of Barton attending the match, who also wanted a better relationship with the police. This was a great opportunity to achieve both.

Councillor Linda Smith, Executive Board Member for Leisure, Parks and Sport, said: "Providing young people with opportunities to get more active is an important priority for Oxford City Council.

The Taggs Gate games area in Barton is well used and the newly installed floodlighting will mean the fun won't have to stop when the light starts to fade. This is another example of the City Council investing wisely in our facilities and our communities."

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