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Hands on News

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

BARTON BASH 2017

The 2017 Barton Bash at the end of September proved as popular as always, with a fantastic showing of Barton residents bringing their kids to enjoy the fun.

By **Pippa Gwilliam**

AS USUAL, people couldn't wait and were already checking out the stalls and displays inside and out before the official opening. It goes to show how much we all look forward to this annual event.

This year it was the new Oxford East MP Anneliese Dodds who cut the red ribbon and declared Barton Bash 2017 officially Open for Business.

Inside the hall the Barton Job Club advertised job vacancies and Rod was on hand to answer any questions and talk to people about what the club does. The club is held at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre on Mondays 6.30–8.30am and Wednesdays 9.30am–12pm, so if you missed it, you can always pop along and check it out.

CAKES AND BUNS

Colourful produce from the Allotment Society was on sale, not to mention the scrumptious Chelsea Buns baked by allotment member Mick Evans, which sold like hot – er – Chelsea Buns. Also in the foyer were gorgeous cakes baked and decorated by Sonia. She is a disabled lady who, fed up with not being able to find employment, has started her own cake business. What a delicious way to earn a living.

This year saw the return of the "make your own smoothie exercise bike" in the open behind the sports hall, where a few minutes' fast peddling to mash the fruit was rewarded by a delicious, healthy drink.

In the same area there was a petting zoo, featuring a goat, a sheep, some huge ducks and a tiny pony. It was very popular, especially with the little ones.

There was also a stall where you could express yourself artistically on large pieces of cardboard. And of course, round the corner, the ever-popular Lara Fairylove was back to show everyone how to blow the biggest, best bubbles.

MARTIAL ARTS

Phil Patrick's fantastic martial arts students showed off their moves in the sports hall. Phil shares his enthusiasm for his sport with kids of all ages weekly at the Neighbourhood Centre. If you have a child who might be interested, be sure to contact the Centre for details. It's a great way to build their confidence while they're having fun and learning an important set of skills.

Also in the hall there were computer driving games and a test-your-strength hammer-and-bell apparatus. There were face-painting, henna tattoos and hair braiding going on on the top floor, and no Bash is complete without balloon sculptures. Kids could be seen wandering around with all kinds of designs on their faces, clutching cleverly-made balloon animals.

Something different for this year, too. The Bash hired silhouette artist Oli Curtis to wander around reproducing people's profiles. Armed with a very small pair of scissors and some sticky-backed black paper, he cut freehand to catch the perfect likenesses of anyone who said yes, presenting them with a little card with their mini shadow portrait. Oli said it was one of the best events he'd ever been to.

Members of the Neighbourhood Community Police were around as usual to have chat, and this year we also saw officers from Marston and some of the other new teams in the Headington area who wanted to join in and see the fun. The fire engine came, always a big draw, and the ambulance too, to remind us of the excellent services these men and women provide to help keep us safe.

POLICE HORSES

And of course, we can't forget the police horses. This year we met newcomer Mallory, still a "rookie", and the more experienced Atlas. Mallory went to his first footie match recently and by all accounts did very well. Now he has experienced his first community Bash, too. It's a full life for a Thames Valley police horse! You can follow the horses on Twitter. Look for @ TVP_horses.

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Bonjour et bienvenue à tous nos lecteurs francophones

Good Day and Welcome to all our French speaking readers

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Messy Jam street-dance troupe gave a lively performance in the sports hall later in the afternoon with some stunning moves, and upstairs, George got everyone dancing with his Zumba demonstrations. Every year, he never fails to get the room on its feet and grinning. Zumba classes are held at the Neighbourhood Centre, and well worth checking out for an evening of fun, exercise and music.

The City Council was also present with its stall, and Azul Strong from the Communities Team was spotted showing off her strides with the Zumba crowd.

Grosvenor Estates from the new Barton Park development sent along a photographer who stayed all afternoon and took about a thousand pictures! So much going on, and so many people having fun, it was hard to capture it all but he did his best.

All through the afternoon, Eatwells, our community café, did a roaring trade with a range of excellent-value meals to suit everyone. It also served hot and cold drinks and snacks. Great job, Mandy! The last event of the day was the raffle draw, and once again a huge thank you to Ali from Barton Chippy for his generous first prize of £50, and to everyone else who provided prizes.

The BCA was really pleased with the response from our sponsors and donors, some of whom have continued their generosity and some of whom are new. We would like to thank, among others, Blackwells, BMW, Soha Housing, Oxford City Council, Tesco, Sainsbury, Oxford United, McDonalds, Barton Leisure Centre and Barton Park developers Grosvenor Estates and Hill..

Every year we say it's been the "best Bash ever", and every year it feels as though it is.

Thank you to Barton residents for coming along to make this such a great occasion. See you again next year!

Barton and Sandhills Police Update

Keeping Barton Safe

ON 15 SEPTEMBER, a 29 year-old-man of no fixed abode was identified by Barton officers and arrested, charged and remanded for the theft in August of three charity tins from the Six Bells pub in Headington Quarry, and attempting to steal another in September.

On 14 September a 30-year-old man from Barton was given a £90 fine for wasting police time after calling 999 and 101 more than 420 times for frivolous matters. He has stopped calling police now and the fine has been paid.

On 6 October a 49-year-old male and a 42-year-old male of no fixed abode were stopped outside Pen to Paper in London Rd, Headington by Barton police. These two men are responsible for numerous pickpocket offences. They always target the very elderly. Barton officers had already identified them for several other offences. The older man had an elderly gentleman's wallet in his possession, which we later confirmed as having been stolen in Aylesbury. Identifying the gentleman from his bank cards, they called him claiming to be from the bank and asking for his PIN identification. Fortunately this was not provided but it is worth readers being reminded that banks will never ask for your PIN so please never hand this out to anyone no matter where they claim to be from. The two man denied all the offences, but ten charges including fraudulently trying to obtain the PIN were secured against them and they were remanded to HMP Bullingdon. A really good result against people targeting the elderly.

On 7 October a 28-year-old man from Cowley was stopped on Gypsy Lane in possession of a stolen push-bike, Barton officers also identified him as being responsible for the theft of a laptop from the JR and he was subsequently arrested, and charged and remanded for this. The bike was returned to its owner.

On 27 October, a 34-year-old woman from Barton was arrested for breaching her CBO (Criminal Behaviour Order) once again for begging in Quarry High Street. She is currently on bail for this and another matter.

Finally 3 November, an elusive 35-year-old man from Barton was stopped on Barton Lane and arrested on a warrant issued back in August. He appeared at Oxford Magistrates Court on 4 November.

CONTACT US

- **To contact the Neighbourhood Team call the police non-emergency number 101 (*for emergencies dial 999*)**
- **Email us at OxfordNorthEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk (*Note this email address cannot be used to report crimes or for any urgent matters*)**
- **To report crime or Anti-Social Behaviour but you don't want to speak to the police, call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111**
- **To receive updates about what is happening in your area follow us on Twitter at TVPOxford**



Read Easy is expanding in Oxford!

READ Easy Oxford East is a local community group that supports adults with reading difficulties. Our trained volunteers provide one-to-one intensive coaching over a six to eighteen month period so that people can improve their reading skills. This often helps them to transform their lives in other ways – they may be able to get a better job, sign up for further training, or start to read with their children and grandchildren. We also plan to offer an extension programme of further reading and writing activities tailored to the individual needs of each reader to enable them to move ahead with their lives.

Due to the success of our work, which began specifically in Blackbird Leys, we are now expanding to encompass the entire Oxford East parliamentary constituency.

We will now be working in areas including Headington, Barton, Rose Hill, and Wood Farm, alongside our existing activities in Blackbird Leys. Anyone can refer themselves if they think they need help and many of our readers are referred to us through other agencies. We carry out an independent assessment and aim to match each reader with a suitable coach.

We do not employ any members of staff; all our coaches are volunteers, as are the coordinators and members of the management committee. We have to raise funds to buy the special reading manuals that are given to each reader, train and support the coaches, and reimburse expenses to the volunteer coordinators.

New coaches are always welcome, as are offers of sponsorship and introductions to potential readers. We're also looking for a support coordinator, and new members to join our management committee.

- **For general enquires contact Lynn Dowler on: oxfordeast@readeasy.org.uk**
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Barton Community Association

Fun and Fireworks in Barton



BARTON had its first fireworks for many years at Bayards Hill School on Friday 3 November.

Along with the fireworks display which was sponsored by Barton Community Association and Headington Community Association, Bayard Hill School PTA had put on several games stalls, face painting, hot dogs, burgers and refreshment.

The weather was on our side and although cold, it didn't rain and we had a clear sky to enjoy the fireworks. Fun was had by all, the event was a sell out and it is hoped that Barton Fireworks will now be an annual event.

Pexmas

Barton Park Public Artwork Programme

THANK you for having us at the Barton Bash again on 30 September and for contributing to the artwork we left with Sue to go up in the Community Centre when it is refurbished. You told us the things that were important or most obvious to you in your neighbourhood, and what cropped up most was 'Community', 'Family' and 'Nature'. These will inform the artists' brief for the final artwork, which is due to be put out to the public along with the strategy for this whole project very soon.

We hope that we will have a shortlist of artists submissions to share with you in probably February at a showcase event where you can give us your feedback on the different proposals for the public artwork, meet some new neighbours from the first residents of Barton Park and enjoy an afternoon out with all the family.

Wishing everyone in Barton a fantastic Christmas season and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year! From Sarah, Sven and the team at Pexmas.

■ If you are interested in trading or performing at our event, do drop Kelly a line at kelly@pexmas.com

Community to help Design Transport Solutions in Barton

A PROJECT seeking a new approach to planning transport and mobility solutions is hoping to start working with the Barton community.

Cities-4-People – a European funded project - is using a method called People Oriented Transport and Mobility to work with communities to identify transport and mobility issues and put experts, policy makers and the community together to seek solutions.

Oxfordshire County Council is partnering with Cities-4-People to use this approach in several East Oxford communities including Barton. This area was chosen due to the lack of direct transport connections from Barton to areas other than the city centre.

Together with community groups, the project will identify the transport and mobility issues the members of the Barton community are facing. Starting in the new year and continuing into the summer Cities-4-People will organise a series of workshops to create solutions to these problems.

These workshops will bring together local authorities, transport experts, transport providers and members of the Barton community to analyse the issues identified by community members, assess available resources, and develop solutions.

The solutions with the most support will then be tested, refined, and scaled up over the next two years. The goal will not only be a process that empowers the Barton community in transport and mobility design, but putting in place a long-term sustainable solution to some of the mobility issues the Barton community is facing.

Cities-4-People is a European Horizon 2020 funded project that is partnering with five European cities that are facing a variety of mobility and transport issues.

The other cities participating in this pilot program are: Budapest in Hungary, Hamburg in Germany, Istanbul in Turkey, and Trikala in Greece. Cities-4-People hopes to take what is learned from these pilot cities and expand the use of the People Oriented Transport and Mobility method to more cities across Europe.



■ If you are interested in finding out more and taking part in future events, keep your eye on the Barton Community Facebook page or email the Projects and Community Outreach Officer at graham.stanley@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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@BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

BREAKFAST CLUB (Starting 8th Jan 2018) **FREE**
FREE breakfast to school children
Mo Tu We Th Fr 8-8:45am

BARTON COMMUNITY CUPBOARD **FREE**
Deliveries from Oxford Food Bank
Mo Tu Fr Appx 1pm

GADGET DROP IN **FREE**
Mo 2:30 - 4:30pm

JOB CLUB: BARTON **FREE**
Mo 6:30-8:30pm We 10am-12noon

SALSA CLASS **6 SESSIONS FOR £5**
Mo 7 - 8pm

BODY TONING **6 SESSIONS FOR £5**
Sa 9:30 - 10:30am

ADVICE CENTRE Drop in available for OX3 city residents
Mo 9:30 - 1pm

ENGLISH LITERACY CLASSES **FREE**
Tu 9:30 - 11:30am

MATHS NUMERACY CLASSES **FREE**
We 9:30 - 11:30am

LUNCH CLUB Two course healthy lunch **£2**
We 11:30am-1:30pm

BARTON SINGS **£5 OR £1 IF ON INCOME RELATED BENEFITS**
Th 10am-12noon

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Th 6:30-7:30pm

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@BARTON CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE

PLAY AND LEARN **FREE**
Drop-in for families with babies, toddlers & siblings 0-5 years.
Th 10 - 12noon **HEALTH VISITORS FROM 10:30AM**

CHOICES **FREE**
Support for work & training opportunities for 16-19 year olds
Tu 12noon - 3pm

@ST MARY'S CHURCH

COFFEE AND CRAFTS
Weekly social group to meet with others and craft together
Mo 11am - 1pm **TERM TIME ONLY**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
We 3 - 4:30pm **TERM TIME ONLY**

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Barton Fields Allotment Association

A year on the life of Barton Fields Allotments



THERE have been allotments here for generations, the ground is rented from Oxford City Council and the Allotments run by a Committee as part of the Lease with OCC.

We have over 70 plots and 60 allotmentees tending them, growing anything from potatoes, cabbages and root vegetables, soft fruit, beans and peas, to asparagus and more exotic fruit and veg in greenhouses. We have just received a grant of over 300 hedging shrubs and native trees from the Woodlands Trust which will enhance the habitat for birds and other small wildlife.

Our oldest allotmentee is George who is 93 next year and our youngest is Jordan at16. George has had an allotment since 1970 and in those days it was a necessity to help feed the family and in winter time it provided work to keep warm. Now it is a hobby and a way of helping to keep fit. Autumn through to winter is a good time for starting a plot and getting a current one ready for spring sowing.

We have a communal spirit and allotmentees are very happy to share their experience and help each other.

We are planning to have an article in Hands on News on a regular basis and would be happy to answer any of your questions about growing vegetables and fruit which we can answer on our website. We would like to share recipies so please leave them on our website and we will select the best seasonal rececipe and publish it in next quarters article. Over the next few issues we will look at the dig or no dig methods for getting best results, regular update on what wildlife to look out for as well as Top Tips for season. We can also keep you updated on the development and the benefits that can bring to the allotments.

TOP TIP from George

"Turn over the plot roughly to let the frost break down the soil. It is also a good idea to divide your plot into three for crop rotation."

■ **Visit our website for Top Tips, find out more, ask questions, leave recipies or arrange a visit to the allotments. www.bartonfieldsallotments.co.uk**



Barton Youth Clubs

YOUTH Ambition delivers two weekly youth clubs (open access) during school term in Barton. One for boys and other girls aimed at secondary school age young people.

Both youth clubs participated in the 'Great British Bike Off' Event organised by the Ark T Centre who focus on the delivery of arts as a way to bring people and communities together.

The projects aim was to celebrate culture, creativity and cycling and to provide a fun event for families and people from different backgrounds together. Over six weeks the young people customised bikes with recycled materials with help from professional artists.

The young people were able to show off their creations in a bike parade at the community events that took place on Broad Street on 21 October.

Young people said that it was a great way to work together to learn teambuilding skills. They were also proud of creating something artistic with their friends. One young person enthused "it was fun to do something completely different!"

It was an award winning day on Broad Street. The young people at Barton Girls Youth Club won the arts and creativity category and a Youth Ambition staff who attended said: "the event was a brilliant way to celebrate and bring people together.

All the staff at Youth Ambition are so proud of the achievements of all the young people involved and would like to send a special congratulations to the winners at Barton Girls Youth Club.

Barton Girls Youth Club
Tuesdays, 6pm–8pm, at the Barton Youth Centre

Barton Boys Youth Club
Thursdays, 5pm–7pm, at the Barton Youth Centre

■ **For more inquires please call 01865 252728 or alternatively you can email Leonard Sackey (*Youth Ambition Lead youth worker in Barton*) at lsackey@oxford.gov.uk**

Oxford churches provide families with festive hamper cheer

AROUND 35 local families living below the poverty line will receive special Christmas hampers made by the Oxford Churches Debt Centre.

Members of Oxford Churches, which run the local CAP Debt Centre and the CAP Money Course in partnership with national charity Christians Against Poverty, have filled hampers with food and other essentials to deliver across the community.

James Bloice Smith, of Headington Baptist Church, said: "We know there is a serious need among some of the people in our area. It's really tough living on a low income and many of the people CAP are working with have a list of other difficulties too, such as ill health, joblessness and grief.

"Christmas on a very tight budget can be a very difficult time – it's a huge privilege to be able to lighten the load just a little."

He added that their faith is the reason for their generosity and that giving to others is a great way to celebrate Christmas.

Jill Ewbank, Oxford CAP Debt Centre Manager said: "It's great to be able to say to people that however impossible their financial situation seems, we will be able to help them to become debt free."

She said that she and her debt centre team visit every client in their home, helping people across the Oxford area. Meanwhile, CAP's head office negotiates with each person's creditors and local volunteers offer support to each person until they become debt free.

Jill Ewbank said: "If you know you are already in crisis, please get in touch via our website capuk.org, or by calling our freephone number 0800 328 0006. We'd love to visit and help you."

■ **Anyone wanting to donate to CAP's hamper appeal can visit: www.capuk.org/christmas**

Working Christmas

NOT a fan of panto? The Old Fire Station in the centre of Oxford has something a bit different: a festive comedy for grown-ups! Stuffed full of love, songs and silliness, Working Christmas tells the story of a very unlikely friendship. It's about how Christmas isn't always great for everyone. It's about how in this city, you can be next-door neighbours but live in totally different words. The show runs 6–23 December.

■ **For more info phone 01865 263990 or go to www.oldfirestation.org.uk**

DISCO DADZ!

Barton Neighbourhood Centre

The monthly disco and dance sessions include a live DJ and dance tutor, disco lights, party games, prizes, face-painting, refreshments, social time and much much more! No need to book, just turn up!

13 January
17 February
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Only £1 per family
For more info, email info@dancinoxford.co.uk

Barton Community Association

Table Top Sale

Saturday 27 January, 11am–2.30pm
Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Table prices – BCA members free, non-members £3, local organisations free. Set-up at 10.30am.
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Thrive



The serving team after the Young Achievers Dinner.

Thrive serves up lasting change

BARTON based charity Thrive develops young people to bring hope and lasting change to their own community. Their annual Young Achievers Dinner and awards was a testament to the power of investing in young people.

Representatives from Barton Community Association were delighted to attend the event at The Kings Centre on Saturday 14 October. The evening was a glittering occasion where the young people who Thrive works with took centre stage, and were empowered to feel confident and competent hosting an audience of 260 guests.

Thrive's youth workers, Erica Payne and Dan Barker, not only work with young people, but live here too.

"We live here because we believe in Barton, and in its young people," says Dan, Thrive's youth worker who moved into Sherwood Place in February.

"Sometimes we invite young people into our homes for youth work sessions," says Erica who lives in Hengrove Close. "We find that parents are happy for their kids to have somewhere safe to be, and we find it helps the young people feel that they are in a comfortable space where they can express themselves."

"Young people in Barton have energy, passion and creativity," says Dan. "They know what Barton needs, and they have the ideas and the influence to make a difference here. We want to see young people released to be the best version of themselves."

The Young Achievers Dinner was an excellent example of this work in action; dinner was served to guests by the young people, with tables encouraged to ask questions of their dedicated server.

And the young people absolutely loved the night. One of them summed it up when she said: "The hard work made me feel proud," and another said "It brought me out of my comfort zone."

The evening culminated in awards being presented to young people who had made especially significant progress. These included Devon, an 18-year-old from Blackbird Leys (where there is another Thrive team) who is the first in his family to go to university; and Luke, a 14-year-old from Barton who has grown in resilience and is channeling his emotions positively through Thai kick boxing.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Young Achievers Dinner 2017

AUTUMN has been a lot of fun for Thrive. Our main project has been our annual Young Achievers Dinner, which this year was run in partnership with Thrive Blackbird Lets and Thrive South Abingdon. Over 10 young people from Barton helped to prepare decorations for the event over a four week period and then on the night served 270 guests, including a representative of the queen, Thrive partners and supporters.



The Young Achievers Dinner stage, designed by Bradley, Kai, and others from Barton. Kings Centre staff said after the event that the decor was some of the best they had seen at the centre.



The serving team at work, ready to serve 270 people in 10 minutes.

Group mentoring

THIS term, one of Thrive's boys mentoring groups are renovating a caravan. Thrive's mentoring programmes aim to build up confidence and skills in young people and help them be able to manage and excel when faced with challenges.

The caravan will hopefully be used as a music studio and mentoring space in the future and will show what can be achieved when young people's skills are recognised, and when young people committed and given opportunities to succeed. Watch this space!

1-2-1 mentoring

THRIVE mentor a number of young people currently, helping them to fulfil their potential. We will be looking to start new mentoring relationships in January.

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The Ghosts of Barton

By **John Lowe**,
Hands on News
resident historian

HAVING experienced ghosts when living in Banbury, Risinghurst and Cowley, I thought that I should mention that Baton and Wick also had their ghosts.

In the Barton area, a large black dog about the size of a donkey silently plodded around the estate. It was a very large animal with huge eyes. It is beieved to be a relative of the Black Suck of the East of England and may have been one of Odin's Hounds.

PHANTOM HORSEMAN

In 1979 a motorist was driving along the A40 just past the Headington Roundabout when a phantom horseman riding a white horse jumped the hedge and dissapeared. This happened three times to the same motorist. After a third event the motorist mentioned it to his wife who became interested but before she was able to complete her investigation they emigrated to Australia and it has never been recorded since.

The original community centre was haunted by an old lady carrying a mop and bucket wearing a crossover apron. Fortunately she ignored everybody.

A house in Bernwood Road was haunted by Fred, who was often seen in the bathroom mirror. He appeared to be an elderly man wearing a baggy cardigan.

OUIJA BOARD

A house in Stowford Road had a Rumplestiltskin like ghost which, it was discovered, the spirtit had been released from Shotover Forest by somenone using a ouija board. The ghost thrived on human emotions. Exorcists were summond and offered the spirit rehabilitation back in its own strata to which he became abusive and obstructive. It was finally captured and taken back to Shotover Forest and released where it was able to melt back into the Spirit World.

WICK FARM

Even Wick never escaped their ghosts. At Wick Farm there was a female named Nanny Martin, who had the ability to cure people of various eye conditions with water from the well at Wick Farm. However, following an incident where a baby drowned after being accidently dropped in to the well. In remorse, she drowned herself but it was believed that she may have been murderd.

Nanny Martin would often appear in the farmhouse and was once seen by Miss Ely. The farmers daughter saw Nanny Martin looking over her shoulder whilst looking into the bathroom mirror.

When the apples were in season, Nanny Martin would appear in the orchard (off Barton Village Road) to deter locals from stealing the apples. She also had the habit of opening and closing the gate. A pond near the farm is named after her where it is believed she was laid to rest in it.

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Barton Children and Family Centre

Autumn Celebration at Play and Learn Open Session

AROUND 100 local children and adults joined the party for a special day to celebrate a successful first 6 months of our weekly Thursday morning Play and Learn session. This popular free entry open access group is for any local families with children aged up to five years old, and in holiday time older school age children are welcome.

Many different activities were on offer for babies and toddlers including water play, drumming, a reading area, painting, trains and cars, ride on toys and block play. The highlight of the day was the outdoor fire pit upon which children and parents were able to cook their own hand made bread using sticks from local woods.

Forest School Worker Melanie made pancakes which the families could enjoy. Families joined in with singing Circle Time song around fire when the event climaxed with a children's singing session with lots of favourite songs with actions and words enjoyed by all.

■ **Please contact Jeremy.leggett@oxfordshire.gov.uk for any more info**

Knowing our rights

By **Mark Ladbrooke,**
Oxford City Councillor Barton,
Sandhills and NE Headington

GREAT news, the WEA (Workers' Educational Association) together with Ruskin College and Brookes University are back on Barton.

Their theme: Knowing our rights … our rights in dealing with landlords, at work, in the shops and in the community. How do we stand up for ourselves and our loved ones? I'm proud to support these short friendly sessions. They are free and open to everyone. So my New Year's resolution is to learn about our rights! And yours?

Many thanks to Martyn Rush and Lisa Birch for the work they have put into organising this.

In Case of Emergency

IN CASE of Emergency (ICE) is a programme that enables first responders, such as paramedics, firefighters, and police officers, as well as hospital personnel, to contact the next of kin of the owner of a working mobile phone to obtain important medical or support information. The phone entry or entries are intended to supplement or complement written information in a wallet or on a marked bracelet or necklace.

The programme was conceived in 2004 by Bob Brotchie, a British paramedic, and ICE was subsequently promoted by Brotchie from May 2005.It encourages people to enter emergency contacts in their mobile phone address book under the name ICE, or multiple contacts as ICE1, ICE2, etc.

Following research carried out by Vodafone that showed that fewer than 25% of people carry any details of who they would like telephoned following a serious accident or sudden illness a campaign encouraging people to do this was started in May 2005 by Bob Brotchie, a paramedic in the East Anglia Ambulance Service. The idea has taken off since 7 July 2005 London bombings.

When interviewed on BBC Radio 4, Brotchie said: "I was reflecting on some difficult calls I've attended, where people were unable to speak to me through injury or illness and we were unable to find out who they were.

"I discovered that many people, obviously, carry mobile phones and we were using them to discover who they were. It occurred to me that if we had a uniform approach to searching inside a mobile phone for an emergency contact then that would make it easier for everyone."

Brotchie also urged mobile phone manufacturers to support the campaign by adding an ICE heading to phone number lists of all new mobile phones.

LOCKED PHONES

For security purposes, many mobile phone owners now lock their mobiles, requiring a passcode to be entered in order to access the device. This hinders the ability of first responders to access the ICE phone list entry.

In response to this problem, many device manufacturers have provided a mechanism to specify some text to be displayed while the mobile is in the locked state, such as an ICE contact and also a "Lost and Found" (LAF) contact. For example, BlackBerry 10 mobiles permit ICE and LAF information to be displayed on the "locked" screen so it is directly available for use by the emergency services. Alternatively, some manufacturer's handsets provide access to a list of ICE contacts from the "locked" screen.

Why do people borrow from loan sharks?

There are many reasons why someone might borrow from a loan shark:

- **Repair or purchase of a motor vehicle**
- **To help out family members with unexpected emergencies**
- **Mortgage or rental deposit**
- **By far the most common reason given is everyday bills and living expenses**

People may borrow because they have a poor credit history; are newly arrived in the UK; believe they can't get a loan from a mainstream legal credit provider or more commonly just believe they are borrowing from a friend or colleague.

Useful information

If someone is lending you money they must be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority. Search their database to see if the lender is legal:

https://register.fca.org.uk/

Free confidential debt advice
For free, confidential debt advice on money worries from legal lenders visit the Stepchange website and the National debtline.

www.stepchange.org
www.nationaldebtline.org

Legal advice
Citizen's Advice will give you advice on legal issues:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

For consumer legal issues:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer

Saving and borrowing
Credit Unions offer ethical loans and secure savings. Owned by their members and run solely for their benefit, anyone can join.

For more details visit
www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk

To report a loan shark call our 24 hour hotline on 0300 555 2222 or text 0786 002 2116 (*all calls are confidential*)

Web: www.stoploansharks.uk
Twitter: #stoploansharks
facebook: www.facebook.com/stoploansharksproject

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Christmas and Equality

By **James Bloice-Smith**

THERE is an old joke that Father Christmas is unfair because he gives better presents to rich kids. This is, of course, the opposite of the real Christmas story. If you want to understand why our law is based on the idea that all people are equal, then Christmas is a good place to start.

In the real story, God choses a poor carpenter's family as the home for Jesus—not quite peasants, but not far from it. The mother of Jesus, Mary, quickly realises the political statement God had made by choosing her when she says: "He has brought down rulers from their thrones, but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.' (Luke 1:52-53 NIV)

She is well aware she is a 'nobody'. She is not rich, she has no power, she lives in an occupied country, she probably had no education, and she was having a baby without being married.

The point of the story is that everyone is equally precious to God. God could have chosen as the mother of Jesus a powerful and wealthy queen in a luxurious palace. Instead, God choses a simple village girl, who is forced to give birth in a stable in a backwater of the Roman Empire.

Just to underline the message, God chooses a group of shepherds as the first witnesses of the event. At the time shepherds were despised. For one thing, they smelt of sheep and, as a group, they were also accused of acquiring stuff that was not exactly theirs. True, some time later, a group of 'wise men from the east' also make an appearance, but the first place they go looking is in the palace. They are amazed when they find 'The Christ', Jesus, in a poor, ordinary setting.

Whether or not you are religious, it is a matter of fact that the stories of Jesus have played a massive part in shaping our British (and European) culture and values. The birth of Jesus is not quite as 'romantic' as the pictures on our Christmas cards suggest, but much more important – we are all equal in God's eyes, and that has become the law of our land.

■ **If you want to know more, see Inventing the Individual: The Origins of Western Liberalism, by Larry Siedentop, 2014.**



POETRY PLEASE

Reconciliation and Rejuvenation

EVERY so often a poem comes along that resonates and strikes a deep chord. One such is Owen Sheers' Winter Swans. This poem begins bleakly in a boggy and drenched landscape with a couple walking together yet apart, with nothing apparently to cheer or unite them.

When two swans descend and seem to perform, although not intentionally for them, the effect is slowly to reunite the distanced couple, who see in the swans a faithful unity and togetherness.

This in turn brings the pairs hands – swimming the distance between them. The wintry aspect of the verses is almost inescapable, and in fact reinforced by the poet's choice of cold imagery, yet the couple's barely articulated reflections give us hope of both reconciliation and a chance at renewal.

Winter Swans

The clouds had given their all –
two days of rain and then a break
in which we walked,

the waterlogged earth
gulping for breath at our feet
as we skirted the lake, silent and apart,

until the swans came and stopped us
with a show of tipping in unison.
As if rolling weights down their bodies to
their heads

they halved themselves in the dark water,
icebergs of white feather, paused before
returning again
like boats righting in rough weather.

'They mate for life' you said as they left,
porcelain over the stilling water. I didn't reply
but as we moved on through the afternoon
light,

slow-stepping in the lake's shingle and sand,
I noticed our hands, that had, somehow,
swum the distance between us

and folded, one over the other,
like a pair of wings settling after flight

Introducing Sandra Palmer

An occasional series introducing members of the Barton Community Association

SANDRA Palmer has lived in Barton for ten years and has been a Trustee of the Barton Community Association for about nine of those. She was 'almost driven' to be part of it because, she says, wherever she is she needs to be 'part of the organisation'. It isn't enough for her to sit to one side and watch. If she weren't a part of it, she would just feel frustrated.

This means attending the monthly meetings, liaising with other Trustees and the Association's Company Secretary Sue Holden between meetings, and acting on decisions and projects. Being a Trustee means that she can have an equal influence on those decisions, both when they mean introducing new things and when they're building on what there already is.

Sandra sees the BCA as an organisation trying to make things better for people in the existing Barton, and hopefully in the wider Barton that will come with the new development up the road. The way to do that is to "keep an eye on what's happening around us, and also try to make some fun times for people".

"A lot has been done over the years by the BCA, and I don't want to see it slide, or slip away. I want to make sure we're going to be here, always…organising things and not letting the other decision-makers around us get the better of us."

Those other decision-makers might be the city and county councils, shopkeepers, and anyone else who has an impact on Barton and its inhabitants. Shopkeepers? "We don't have an awful lot of influence with them, but I feel better that we're there to make a point when we need to."

Sandra is proud of both the BCA's and the community's resilience. "We're still here after all this time. It must mean something."

She believes that one of the Association's jobs is to encourage local people to get involved in the things it does and provides, and in the estate generally, as much as it can. "We do that by providing outings, courses and events like the Barton Bash. I think [it's] gradually building up. You have to be patient. It's no good expecting quick fixes all the time. I'd like to see a few more of those sort of things. I'd like to see outings that cater for different groups in the community."

Barton has gradually been changing over the years since Sandra moved here. As housing has become less affordable elsewhere different types of people have come in, and she thinks that's a good thing.

Becoming more of a mixed society is great as long as no one is left behind, she believes.

"One other thing that I do like about Barton is that there are a lot of strong women." She laughs. "I think that's great. If you look around at the number of strong women, not just on the BCA, but all over the estate, I think that's great."



Christmas at St. Mary's Church

Sunday 3 December - 4pm – Advent Carols – Christmas starts early with our Advent Carols.

Sunday 17 December - 4pm – Candle Lit Carol - Service followed by traditional refreshments.

Sunday 24 December 4pm - Christingle Service – great for the family, young and old. Service followed by traditional refreshments.

Sunday 24 December 11pm – Midnight Holy Communion – See Christmas Day in.

Monday 25 December Christmas Day Service 10am – Celebrate Jesus birth.

Cherry Tree Nursery

CHERRY Tree Nursery has had a busy start to the new year welcoming back old and new families. All our children have settling well enjoying all the activity's nursery has to offer while our parents workshops have been held with new families enjoying them.

■ **For info of what nursery can offer you and your child please contact Jenny on 01865 769794, email jennycherrytree@hotmail.co.uk or drop by and see us in Headington Community Centre**

Barton Community Association Update

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Who said January is boring?

Saturday Night Bingo Fever at Barton!
On Saturday 13 January we will be holding an evening Bingo session at the Neighbourhood Centre. This will be a cash prize only bingo together with a raffle and will be free to attend. Doors will be open at 5pm and Eyes Down at 6pm. You will haves four chances to win during any one game so 40 cash prizes up for grabs during the evening.

All players must be members of Barton Community Association which costs just £1 per year and also entitles you to play Bingo on Tuesday evenings and join us on our annual coach trips. Children age 10 and over will be welcome to come along on the night. Refreshments will be available through Eatwells Community Café offering special "Bingo Night" prices.

Books will be priced at £1 each, and a special bonus will be offered on the last full house if called in 45 numbers or less. No need to sit indoors on 13 January – come along and join in. Between 5 – 6pm you can join in a game of Oi! Don`t know what Oi! is? Then come along and find out!

Thursday Afternoon Bingo at Barton
Thursday 25 January – Doors open at 1pm Eyes Down at 2pm including free entry. Books will cost £1 each or six for £5 and we will offer some lovely raffle prizes as well. A free cup of tea or coffee will be on offer for everyone who plays. If this session proves to be popular we are planning to make this a fortnightly event so come along and support your daytime bingo sessions at your Neighbourhood Centre.

Children's Pantomime at the Neighbourhood Centre
The date for our panto this year is Saturday 20 January. Will it be Aladdin or will it be Rudolph with a very red nose? Who knows? Whoever decides to visit us on 20 January they will provide great entertainment for all children aged between 3–10 years old (Mums and Dads can stay if they wish as they enjoy a good panto as much as the children!)

The Panto is due to start at 3pm and we recommend you register your children in advance to avoid disappointment on the day. There will be a charge of just £1 per child to cover the cost of refreshments during half time and this can be paid to Sharon who works in the BCA office on the First Floor at the Neighbourhood Centre. Alternatively you can pay at the door on the day.

International Food Festival
Following on from the great success we had last year with no less than 17 countries represented we are staging another International Food Festival where everyone has the opportunity to cook their favourite dishes and bring them along for tasting. Do you make a real mean curry? Are you a dab hand at Caribbean cuisine? Can you knock up some favourite fairy cakes? How are you with a tasty Chinese dish? No one cooks pasta like the Italians – or do they? How easy is it to knock up a delicious Spanish paella? The Greeks have brought some amazing dishes to the table – can you? The list is endless, and we want you to showcase and share your best international recipes.

Our community is now so positively diverse and its time we started sharing our kitchen secrets. Do you come from Poland, Russia, Syria, Argentina, in fact anywhere in the world. Please join us on 20 January between 2–4pm at the Neighbourhood Centre. We will have a very small budget to contribute towards your ingredients (upon production of receipts) and we hope this will encourage you to get those culinary ideas flowing.

Anyone who would like to come along and savour some of the dishes on offer there will be a small charge of £1 per person to help towards the cost of the event. Lets show how truly international Barton is, and how proud we are of our diversity.

ESOL Family Learning Classes
We will be running a five week course commencing on Tuesday 9 January between 9.30am–11.30am for anyone who`s first language is not English. This course will be very helpful to anyone who wants to start learning the language before moving on to more formal learning. The course will take place at Barton Neighbourhood Centre and there is no need to pre-register and its FREE to attend. If you need any further information then please contact Sue or Sharon.

■ **Contact details relating to any of the above:**
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or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com
Sharon Keene 07495875591
or Sharon@bartoncommunityassociation.com
BCA Office 01865 761987
or info@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Wednesday Community Lunch Club
We would like to thank both Cllr Glynis Phillips and Cllr Mike Rowley for their recent generous donations towards the Wednesday Lunch Club. This will enable us to continue offering our special two course meal each week for just £2 for the foreseeable future. The lunches are available between 11.30am and 1.30pm each Wednesday with a changing menu each week. Why not pop in and try our healthy nutritious lunches. Its much cheaper than cooking at home!

Scores on the Doors
We are delighted that, following a recent visit from Environmental Health, Eatwells has retained its Scores on the Doors highest rating of five stars. Thanks to Mandy and Emma and all the volunteers who ensure we continue to achieve this rating for Eatwells. Well done team

Breakfast Club at Eatwells
We will be trialling out a free Breakfast Club at Eatwells Community Café in the New Year. The Club will be open, 8–8.45am, Mondays–Fridays, during the Spring school term, and will welcome pupils from Bayards Hill and Sandhills Schools. The Club will start on Monday 8 January and if we are successful in securing future funding the club will run indefinitely.

Youth Club Refreshments
As with the Breakfast Club above we will be offering free light meals to anyone who attends the youth sessions on Tuesdays (Girls Group) and Thursdays (Boys Group) starting on Tuesday 9 January. The meals will be available between 4pm–5pm on both days. All attendees must be registered with one of the youth sessions.

You're sure you locked your car – or did you?
There have been recent reports of criminals using an electronic device that prevents you from locking your car successfully. You press your remote fob and assume that all's well when, in fact, the criminal is sat a short distance from your car deactivating your locking sensor.

You leave your car on the assumption that its locked only to find the next day that any valuables have been stolen but with no signs of breaking into the vehicle. Car alarms don't activate when the criminal returns some time later to remove the goods from your vehicle because the alarm has never actually been set. Two points to remember here:
1. Double check your car doors even when you have pressed your fob "just in case"
2. Don`t leave any valuables in your car even if you think they are not on view to an opportunist thief especially at this time of year when Christmas shopping is at the top of many people's lists.

Room Hire
2018 Barton Neighbourhood Centre Room rates as follows:
Blue Room – £32 per hour
Half Blue Room – £28 per hour
Green Room – £25 per hour
Red Room – £25 per hour
Café Space – £15 per hour
Youth Club – £22 per hour
Sports Hall – £20 per hour adults, £15 per hour juniors
Foyer – £12 per hour Children's Weekend Birthday parties – £40 for three hours and £55 for four hours. These times include setting up and clearing up.

School Calendar dates
Christmas break up Bayards Primary is Thursday 19 December. New term begins on Wednesday 3 January.
Half term holiday 12–16 February
Easter holiday break up Thursday 29 March and new term begins Monday 16 April.
Half term holiday 28 May–1 June.
Summer holiday break up Wednesday 25 July and new term begins Monday 3 September.

Barton Bash
We would like to thank everyone who sponsored or donated towards this year's Bash:
- Grosvenor Estates
- Blackwell
- GreenSquare
- Oxford City Council
- Soha Housing
- MINI Plant Oxford
- Co-operative
- Daisy Chain
- Dominos Pizza
- Frog Orange
- Headington Homeware
- McDonalds
- Oxford United
- Partyman
- Posh Fish
- The Post Office
- Vente Hair & Beauty
- Waitrose
- Barton chippy
- Barton Leisure Centre
- Tesco, Oxford retail Park
- Sainsbury's Heyford Hill
- Sainsbury's Kidlington
- Cllr Mike Rowley
- Cllr Mark Ladbrooke

SAFEGUARDING

Do you know who to contact?
If you have any concerns regarding a safeguarding issue then please contact your Safeguarding Officer whose details are listed here. We have also included details of the MASH team (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) if you are unable to contact anyone locally. If you have any doubts or worries then make that call – NOW.

Safeguarding Reporting
If a safeguarding suspicion or disclosure occurs, report to:
Sue Holden (The Association's Safeguarding Officer) – 01865 742811 / 07866 460446
or Rod Shepherd (Management Committee Trustee) – 01865 848337 / 07747 604992.

If you cannot contact your Safeguarding Officer or Management Committee Trustee, please call the Assessment Team (for the area in which the child/vulnerable person lives) as soon as possible. Ask to speak to the duty social worker.

North team (Banbury) – 01865 816670
City team (Oxford) – 01865 323048
South team (Abingdon) – 01865 897983
Out of hours number – 0800 833408

CONTACT US

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■ **Tanya Field (*General and Hands on News Administrator*)**
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■ **BCA Office, 1st Floor Neighbourhood Centre, 01865 761987**

What's on at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

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
Salsa
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 2pm)
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–2.30pm (fortnightly)

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

HOLIDAY DATES

Homework Club – Last session before Christmas will be Thursday 7 December and will return on Thursday 11 January

Art Club – Last session before Christmas will be Friday 8 December and will return on Friday 12 January

Stay and Play – Last session before Christmas will be Tuesday 12 December and will return on Tuesday 9 January

Body Toning – Last session before Christmas will be Saturday 9 December and will return on Saturday 6 January

Zumba – Last session before Christmas will be Thursday 14 December and will return on Thursday 11 January

Salsa – Last session before Christmas will be Monday 11 December and will return on Monday 8 January

Bingo – Last session before Christmas will be Tuesday 19 December and will return on Tuesday 2 January

Community Lunch Club – Last session before Christmas will be Wednesday 20 December and will return on Wednesday 3 January

USEFUL INFO

HEALTH

Barton Surgery
01865 744221
Bury Knowle Health Centre
01865 761651
Manor Surgery
01865 762535
Churchill Hospital
01865 741841
John Radclifffe Hospital
0300 304 7777
Nuffield Hospital
01865 741155
NHS Direct
111

LOCAL DENTAL PRACTICES

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

LOCAL CHEMISTS

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

SCHOOLS

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

LOCAL SHOPS

Chippy
01865 761712
Spar
01865 763606

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Age Uk
01235 849400
Childline
0800 1111
Gas Emergencies
0800 111999
Thames Valley Police Non Emergency 101
Oxfordshire County Council
01865 792422
Oxford City Council
01865 249811
Oxford City Council Out Of Hours
01865 252900
Samaritans
08457 909090
City Council Tax Team
01865 249811
Free collection of up to 3 bulky items 0800 227 676
Furniture Recycling
01865 763698
Social Services
08450 507 666
Social Care Safeguarding Team
To report a concern about a child/ vulnerable adult call 01865 323048 (out of hours number is 0800 833408)
Residents Parking Permits
08456 344 466
Planning Application Updates
For live updates to plans in the local area go to http://ox.planningtracker.co.uk

SERVICES

Barton Community Association
01865 761987
Christians Against Poverty
(Free service) 0800 3280006
Leisure Centre
01865 467290
Barton Pavilion
01865 452616
St Mary's Church
01865 761886
Oxford Mail
01865 425262
First Homecare
01865 744174
Barton Advice Centre
01865 744152
Getting Heard
(Oxfordshire Advocacy) 0300 3435718
Roundabout Family Centre
01865 764952
Police – Emergency
999
Police – non emergency
101
Recycling and Waste info
01865 249811

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Drop-in session to meet your councillor

OXFORD City Councillor Mike Rowley plans to attend the Lunch Club at Barton Neighbourhood Centre every month on the second Wednesday.

If anyone has a problem the council might be able to help with, any comments or suggestions about Barton, or you have anything at all on your mind, feel free to drop by and have a chat with him.

He wants people to bring any issue to him, and if he can't deal with it himself, he'll pass it on to the local MP, or a County Councillor. Mike's looking forward to meeting you soon.

Surgery with Cllr Mike Rowley on the second Wednesday of each month at the Lunch Club:

10 January
14 February
14 March

Lunch Club

Every Wednesday, 12 noon until 1.30pm
at Barton Neighbourhood Centre
Two courses for £4
(two courses for £2 until the end of January)
Everyone welcome

Free transport for people from Barton, Sandhills, Risinghurst and Headington Quarry with mobility difficulties. To book transport, please call 01865 761987 before midday the day before.

Dance to Health sessions starting in February

In partnership with South East Dance and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Aesop is delighted to announce that Dance to Health sessions will start in Oxfordshire next month and will be coming to the Barton Neighbourhood Centre on Mondays at 1pm from February 2018.

Dance to Health is a pioneering older people's falls prevention dance programme developed by Aesop, an arts charity and social enterprise. It combines evidence-based physiotherapy with the creativity and energy of dance.

If you are an older person who has had a fall or is worried about falling, Dance to Health is a FREE and fun falls prevention session. No Dance experience necessary!

Come along to our taster session on Monday 29 January at 1pm at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

To find out more about the programme and how to sign up for the taster session or the sessions generally contact Hannah Gray, Dance to Health Coordinator Oxfordshire.

01993 870158

HannahGray@ae-sop.org

www.dancetohealth.org/Oxfordshire



Recycling

Recycling over Christmas

CHRISTMAS is here once again. It's time to deck your halls, put up your tree and wrap your gifts. Of course, we want to remind you that recycling over Christmas is as important as ever because households generate 30% more waste at this time of year, and 80% of this can be recycled!

Below, we've listed a few reminders to make your Christmas recycling even easier.

Bin day changes

Your normal bin day will be one day later this year during Christmas week (starting 25 December) only. That means, if you bin day is normally Tuesday 26 December, it will move to Wednesday 27 December. Things go back to normal from New Year's Day.

Garden waste suspension

Garden waste (brown bin) collections will be suspended for the Christmas and New Year period between Tuesday 26 December and Friday 5 January. Collections will resume as normal from Tuesday 9 January 2018.

Blue bin recycling

If you have any extra recycling, you can leave it out next to your bin in a clear bag or cardboard box and we will collect it!

All of your Christmas wrapping paper and cards are welcome (minus the glitter and tape please!). Wine bottles, beer cans, foil and Christmas pudding boxes too. Remember it's all important, no matter how small. Even good old plastic bottles – recycling these can help make a new festive jumper!

If you're lucky enough to get new clothes this year and want to recycle your old ones, please take them to a local charity shop or collection point (we can't recycle them in the blue bin).

Food Recycling

Simply pop your soggy veg, gone off meat and that lucky wish bone into your food caddy! It will get turned into electricity and fertiliser for local farmland. And, what's more, you can now line your caddy with plastic liners (though no black bags or canvas bags please!). A simple carrier bag or bread bag would do the job. This means that it is much easier, cleaner and cheaper for you to recycle your food. You can still use compostable liners and newspaper, if you prefer.

Small electrical items and batteries

Have your fairy lights lost their spark, or is it time for new batteries? Recycle your old ones by leaving on top of your blue, brown or green bin in a clear bag or carrier bag on your bin day.

Christmas tree recycling

Recycle your naked (pots and decorations removed) Christmas tree at home or on the go. You can put them out for collection on your blue bin day between 9 January and 2 February.

If you live in a flat, or want to recycle your real tree more quickly, you can take it to one of our 12 collection points located all over the city, which will be open from 27 December (through to 14 January). For a list of locations, see www.oxford.gov.uk/christmasrecycling, email recycling@oxford.gov.uk, visit us on social media or give us a call on 01865 249811.

Fun festive fact

Did you know recycling six mince pie foil cases saves enough energy to watch Eastenders on Christmas day!

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