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Talk About Money

Please see attached flyer for more information.



Bayards Hill Primary School Christmas Fete

Please see attached flyer for more information.



Bayards Hill Primary School Reception Open Days

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Body Politic Family Dance Party

Back due to popular demand, we've once again partnered with Dancin' Oxford and The North Wall Arts Centre to bring you a special Family Dance Party, with a Body Politic twist.

Join us for a 'hip-hopping, toe-tapping' daytime disco for all of the family. Featuring a live DJ, party games, bubbles and disco lights and more!

Christmas Family Dance Party

Sun 1st Dec | Barton Neighbourhood Centre

12-1:30pm / 2:30-4pm

Body Politic works hard to ensure that our classes and activities are accessible to everyone.

Family Dance Party operates at a suggested cost of £5 per person and under 2's go free!

If finance is a barrier, we ask you to pay-what-you-can.

Call 01865 319450

Email contact@thenorthwall.com

BOOK HERE



Townsend House Christmas Fete

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Volunteer Focus

Freya Goddard

Volunteer

My name is Freya, and I have been living in Barton park for about 6 years. Don't go thinking that Barton park is all posh houses for rich folk, over one thirds of us are council tenants.

I have been a volunteer at the Barton Larder for about 3 years now. My role as a volunteer is to help out on the front desk signing people in and also, I help with the pack away at the end of the larder. I find volunteering to be very rewarding and a great way to help the community. It gets me out of my home once a week and has been great for my mental health. If you have been thinking about volunteering, I would say do it there are a lot of fabulous friendly people who volunteer here from lots of different age groups and different walks of life. The larder provides me with a vital lifeline when it comes to having some fresh vegetables and fruit.



A little about me, I work in administration for the public sector and since the events at the beginning of the decade. I mostly work from home though every once in a while, there's something or other that requires me to go to the office. What is my preference when it comes to hot drinks, well it used to be tea with milk or a fruit or herbal infusion, but over the last few years I have started to love coffee after years of not being able to stand the taste. Where do I like to eat locally well, I love fish and chips and have had a couple of fabulous meals at Posh Fish in Headington, I don't get to eat out much so when I do it's a special treat. I have been going to Slimming

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World since May and have managed to lose nearly 4 stone so far, I can't recommend the program highly enough and you can often get referred for free through your GP practice. A favourite fruit of mine is the banana, and vegetable is frozen garden peas. I love science fiction and am a big fan of the Star Trek franchise whether it be the TV shows, movies, and books. Anyway, enough about me happy holidays, Freya



The Library Barton

The Fundamentals of Financial Wellbeing

the MONEY Charity

The Money Charity is helping people take control of their finances, become financially capable, and achieve financial wellbeing.
Join this interactive workshop for free, impartial, expert advice on how to get the best out of your money. Session topics:

- Financial Resilience and the Cost of Living Crisis
- Budgeting and Keeping Track • Credit, Borrowing, and Credit Score
- Where to Access Support for Debt • Savings and Investments
- Organisations Offering Free, Credible Support and Information

All attendees will receive a copy of our Money Manual, along with a handout detailing the organisations mentioned in the session.

Wednesday 11 December 12- 2pm

Free event at Barton Library (Blue Room)

Scan the code or speak to the Library Staff (Monday-Wednesday) to book. Spaces are limited, where possible please give a minimum of 7 days' notice of cancellation.

Book on Eventbrite here

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Fundamentals of Financial Wellbeing

Please see attached flyer for more information.

Christmas at St Mary's

Services in December

Sunday 1st at 10am Advent Sunday ALL AGE service

Wednesday 4th at 5pm Christmas Tree lighting with school choirs

Sunday 8th at 10am Advent 2 Holy Communion

Saturday 14th 10 - 11.30am Christmas Crafts event

Sunday 15th at 10am Advent 3 Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd at 9.30am Advent 4 Said Communion

Sunday 22nd at 4pm Christmas Carols and Christingle

Tuesday 24th at 11pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th at 10am Christmas Day Holy Communion



Christmas at St Mary's

Please see attached flyer for more information.

Birthday Cakes

Do you know a child who would love a birthday cake, but their carers cannot afford one for them? If so, Free Cakes for Kids may be able to help. Further details can be found here.

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Exercise Classes

Come and join for some fun exercise classes here at Barton Neighbourhood Centre! The following exercise classes are open to everyone.

Mondays

Zumba Gold 11.00am – 12 noon £5 for four sessions

Line Dancing 6.30pm – 7.30pm £5 for four sessions

Tuesdays

Yoga 6.30pm – 7.30pm £10 for five sessions – please bring a mat with you or we have them available for purchase £5 each

Thursdays

Zumba 6.30pm – 7.30pm £5 for four sessions

Saturdays

Body Toning 9.30am – 10.30am £5 for four sessions

All classes run term time only and all attendees need to have a current BCA membership costing £2 per year. This can be completed when you attend your first session if you don't already have a membership.
For further details please contact Sue on 07866 460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Exercise Classes at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Come and join for some fun exercise classes which are open to everyone! For further details, please contact Sue on 07866460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

Last dates and restart dates:

Zumba Gold and Line Dancing last date 9th December restarting on 6th January

Yoga last date 10th December restarting on 7th January

Funkfit last date 11th December and restarting 8th January

Zumba last date 12th December and then will take a break until Easter

Body Toning last date 14th December and restart on 11th January



Barton Community Larder

Barton Community Larder runs every Tuesday from the sports hall at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. The larder is open to everyone, and we welcome visits anytime we're open so you can look around and chat to volunteers to see if the larder will work for you.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Tanya at tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com or on 07929 868284.

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Barton Youth Activities (Term time only)

Art Club—Mondays 3:45pm to 5:15pm (For ages 6 to 11)

Body Politic FREE Hip Hop Dance Classes—Tuesdays 4:30pm to 5:30pm (For ages 11 to 18)

Science Club (by Science Oxford)—Wednesdays 4:00pm to 5:30pm (For Key Stage 2)

Junior Youth Club—Thursdays 4:00pm to 5:30pm (For ages 8 to 12)

Senior Youth Club—Thursdays 6:00pm to 7:30pm (For ages 12 to 16)

Cooking Class— Fridays 4:00pm to 5:15pm (For ages 11 to 16) FULL

Messy Jam—Fridays 6:00pm to 7:00pm (For ages 11 to 18)

For more information, please contact Kristine at kristine@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

BCA Website and Facebook Pages

The Barton Community Association website can be found on the following link: https://www.bartoncommunityassociation.com/
Contact Number: 07566 755544

The main Barton Community page can be found on the following link: https://www.facebook.com/bartoncommunity

The Barton Youth Activities page can be found on the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/BartonYouthActivities



Eatwells Café

A variety of reasonably priced items is available on the menu. Please come and support the café. Grab a quick bite or a drink, or maybe use it as a friendly meeting place to catch up with friends and neighbours. There is a warm cosy space available in which to enjoy your food and drink. We are also looking for some volunteers to come along and help us run the café during opening hours. If you have a couple of hours spare, please get in touch with Kristine at kristine@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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Vacant Positions

Volunteering Positions:
Help with larder set up on Monday mornings (includes some physical tasks)
Café volunteers (Wednesdays and Thursdays)
Volunteers for Mini youth club and Art Club

For more information please contact Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Volunteering

We at Barton Community Association are so lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers helping us in various ways, but we still have some areas that we need more help with. Please see flyer above for more information or contact Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

Bric-a-brac donations

We welcome limited donations of items such as books and toys for the larder, **but you must speak to Sherrie first to check we have capacity to take them or email sherrie@bartoncommunityassociation.com.**

Items need to be delivered on Monday mornings. Thank you. We sell items very cheaply, prices starting from 10p. **If you wish to buy items, please bring cash with you as we can no longer accept IOUs.**



Barton Christmas Bonanza

Saturday 7th of December 2024 12:00pm to 4:30pm! Please see flyer above for more information.

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Barton Christmas Bonanza Tabletop Sale

Please see flyer above for more information.

Each month we would like to feature someone who volunteers in either Barton or Barton Park. If you are a volunteer who would like to be featured, or know somebody who would, please can you send Tanya a photo and a bit about them, so for example how long they've been connected with Barton or Barton Park, what voluntary work they do, what they feel they gain from volunteering, how long they have volunteered for, their advice to anybody thinking about volunteering etc.

Tanya's email is tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com.



Knitting and Crochet Club

Free to attend Knitting and Crochet Club on Wednesdays 11:30am to 1pm at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. Please see attached flyer for more details or contact Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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Coach Trips 2024

Xscape Milton Keynes and Shopping Centre Wednesday 29th May

Depart Barton 9.00am Depart Milton Keynes 4.30pm 61 seater £10

Eastbourne Friday 26th July Depart Barton 7.30am Depart Eastbourne 5.00pm 61 seater £15

Portsmouth and Southsea Friday 2nd August

Depart Barton 8.00am Depart Portsmouth and Southsea 5.00pm 61 seater £15

Weston Super Mare and Cheddar Caves Wednesday 7th August

Depart Barton 7.30am Depart Weston Super Mare 5.30pm 61 seater £15

Brighton Thursday 15th August Depart Barton 7.30am Depart Brighton 5.00pm 61 seater £15

Weymouth Thursday 22nd August Depart Barton 7.30am Depart Weymouth 5.00pm 61 seater £15

Bournemouth Sat 31st August Depart Barton 7.30am Depart Bournemouth 5.30pm 61 seater £15

Milton Keynes Xmas Shopping Saturday 23rd November

Depart Barton 9.00am Depart Milton Keynes 5.00pm 61 seater £15

Stratford Victorian Xmas Market Friday 6th December

Depart Barton 8.30am Depart Stratford 5.00pm 61 seater £15

If you would like to book seats on any of the above trips you will need to have a current BCA membership (£2 for 2024 for anyone aged 16+ or free for anyone under the age of 16)

Please call Sue on 07866 460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Or Mandy on 07566 755544 or mandy@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Seats can be paid for by instalments and either by cash, cheque or BACS transfer

Bank details: Metro Bank Barton Community Association Account No. 42609781

sort code 23-05-80 Please use your surname for reference if paying by BACS

We have only booked one coach for each trip this year so book early to guarantee your seats

For any further information please call or email using the details above

All trips are subsidised by Barton Community Association

Coach Trips 2024

Please contact either Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com or Mandy at mandy@bartoncommunityassociation.com to book a place.



Community Activity Directory

Headington Action have complied a handy Community Activity Directory. For further details please see the flyer attached or click here.

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Throwback Photos of the Month





