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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.

Barton Christmas Bonanza

Date for your diary! This will be held on **Saturday 7th December**. Further information to follow.

Barton Youth Activities (Term time only)

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

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)

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

Minibus Trip

Wednesday 22nd May - Shopping trip to Botley Road visiting Aldi, Home Bargains and Dunelm. £2 per person and please contact Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

BCA Facebook Pages

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

These are useful pages to follow to keep in regular touch with BCA activities and general goings on in Barton and the local area.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Barton Community Association needs your help!

MINIBUS DRIVER VOLUNTEER
Do you enjoy driving? Would you like to take people out and about for a day once a month on local trips?

YOUTH ACTIVITIES VOLUNTEER
Do you enjoy working with young people? Do you want to help in bringing opportunities for the young people of your community?

EATWELLS CAFÉ VOLUNTEER
Are you a cheerful person who enjoys meeting people from your community?

STAY AND PLAY VOLUNTEER
Do you want to help in running fun sessions for toddlers and meeting parents from your community?

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER
Do you want to help in providing an efficient way to access books for your community?

For more information, please contact Kristine at **kristine@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. If you are interested or you have any questions, please get in touch with Kristine at kristine@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Community Health and Wellbeing Officer

"My role aims to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and eliminate health inequalities, specifically for the people of Barton. I work to understand the community's needs, listening to comments and concerns from Barton residents and local groups in order to identify , and address health issues. Through building relationships, partnering, and collaborating with charities, community groups, and organisations, I hope to empower the community and individuals to deliver on initiatives and make positive changes to their overall health and wellbeing, to hopefully lead to healthier lives."

Asan Edwards, Community Health & Wellbeing Officer

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

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

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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

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

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.



Eatwells Café

Eatwells Café is now open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 12 noon–2.00 pm. 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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Know Your Worth

Please see flyer above for further information. Thursdays 6.30-8pm starting Thursday 9th May, FREE 8 week course for teenage girls in School Years 7-11.

OX3 Locality Manager

I'm Leanne and I am the Locality Manager for OX3. My role is to manage relationships for the Council within communities, through the lens of reducing inequalities.

One of my key focuses is to support with the cost-of-living crisis and ensure all support that is available is shared widely. I also support in ensuring that community groups and partners are supported in what they offer and hold regular meetings to ensure we are all working towards the common goal. I am local to Barton and grew up on the estate so have lots of real life experience into what the barriers, struggles and issues are, as well as Barton being an amazing place to live with an amazing well established community. I have worked in different areas of the council over the last 10 years so have a broad knowledge of the city council services and how to access them.



Gloji Energy

Starting on Thursday 9th May at Barton Park School between 5 pm and 6 pm, 10 free multisport sessions for children.

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Thames Valley Police

Your local officers

Police Sergeant – Peter Ciechan

PC – Charis Dant

PC – Mathew Bryce

PCSO – Joshua Tedstone

PCSO – Annabel White

We want to hear you!

At Thames Valley Police, we are keen to know what is affecting the members of the Barton/ Barton Park community and where you feel the Neighbourhood Team should be directing their resources. We would really love to hear from you via email on - BGNeighbourhoodTeam@thamesvalley.police.uk (please do not use this email to report crime, instead go via 101 or www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Success – Following concerns raised, the local policing team have recently secured a closure order on a property in Barton and subsequent arrests of individuals for breaching that order. Closure orders are extremely useful as they allow us to restrict who goes to an address due to the crime or anti-social behaviour their presence may cause. Where this is used, we have seen a significant decrease in ASB related incidents.

A warrant was also executed at another address on the estate and work is currently ongoing with that property.



Townsend House Coffee Morning

This happens at Townsend House on the last Friday of the month. Some of their residents don't have visitors so if you have a hour to so to pop up and say hello, they would love to see you. Everyone is welcome including babies, toddlers and children.

Barton Fields Allotments

Barton Fields Allotments (off of Jewel street)
Sunday 16th June 11:30am—2:00pm

Our gates will be open for members of the community to come inside. There will be:

Guided tours of some areas of the allotment site

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A talk on composting
Plant sale to include plants, seeds and brick a brack
Opportunity to plant a seed/plant for visitors to take home
Advice on some aspects of gardening

A wonderful opportunity to see what goes on behind the big double gates.



Allotments

Would you like to try growing your own? Please see the attached flyer and contact lettings_hengrovecommon.gmx.co.uk.



Rectory Farm

Please find attached a flyer with some useful dates from Rectory Farm.

St. Mary's

St Mary's host a range of activities throughout the week. All are either free or low cost. Please contact Fiona 07918463098 or Sam 07754429055 for further information.

Mondays

Coffee and Craft Group 10.30-12.30

A great opportunity to make something, enjoy a coffee and have a chat.

Tuesdays

Barton Growers 10.00-12.00

A fun gardening club where we grow and eat

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our own produce. No experience needed- come for a cuppa and a chat.

Wednesdays

Acorns 10.00-12.00

A pre-school toddler group with activities and refreshments.

Thursdays

Eatwells 10-11.30

An informal opportunity to chat about faith.

I.T. drop in and coffee 12.00-2.00 every week

Come for help with your tablet or phone and have a coffee. Good opportunity to get out and have a chat with other folk.

Bereavement

Everyone faces loss at different times in our lives. Bereavement is one of the most stressful times in life and it is important to process this loss. We run bereavement groups from time to time please let us know if you are interested in hearing about these.

Barton United

Barton United FC based on the new Barton Park is host to 14 teams across both boys and girls leagues along with a ladies and men's team.

April has been a fantastic month for the female side of the club. The U14 Raiders were crowned Oxfordshire County Cup champions for the second year running. The girls beat neighbours Oxford City in a convincing 9-0 victory on 13th April at the ASM stadium in Thame (picture attached).



Barton United FC Ladies have finished top of the Thames Valley Women's Division 2 securing their promotion to Division 1 next season (picture attached).



As the month of May approaches most of the teams are in cup competitions with the boys taking part in various cup finals.

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Community Activity Directory

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

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 .