

Hands on News

WINTER 2018

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

BARTON BASH 2018

We always expect sun shine for the Barton Bash, no matter what the month, so waking on the morning of 13 October this year was a bit of a shock. Grey skies, rain beating down – the odds were not looking good.

Oh ye of little faith! The rain stopped (of course it did!), and by the time Annaliese Dobbs, MP for Oxford East, cut the ribbon to open the Bash formally, the skies had cleared and warm sunshine broken out.

As always, the Bash was a mashup of fun stalls, activities and information. All the usual suspects were there to delight and entertain, as well as some newcomers. Debuting at the Bash, the Saga Louts kicked off with the first of several sets of lively hits from the '60s, which kept the atmosphere electric all afternoon.

People queued for henna tattoos, hair braiding and face-painting, all top favourites at the annual event. And it could never be the same without Twistopher and Twistina's amazing balloon sculptures. The Allotment Society sold not just their own produce but also Mick Evans' renowned Chelsea Buns – they're the size of small loaves!

The Alzheimers Society's tombola prizes were all made by a craft group devoted to raising money for research into this heartbreaking disease, which can have a devastating effect on not just the sufferers but their whole family and network.

New to the main hall this year was a caricature artist, who captured his sitters' features amusingly in quick sketches, while downstairs Claire Waldron showed people how to make a brilliant work of art out of a pebble. In the entrance hall Anne Brown held a "guess the exotic vegetable" competition, and upstairs you could even get a tarot reading.

Outside the ever-popular pulled pork van served fresh hot pork sandwiches;



Lara Fairylove created her famous bubbly magic; and the smoothie bike was back in operation giving youngsters the chance to get a lush smoothie by cycling hard to smash up their own fruit. Later on the Mr Nice Cream van pitched up to cool everyone down with lollies and ice-cream. Simon, who runs the van, also made a donation to the Bash.

Indoors, Eatwells Community Café produced tasty hot meals as well as snacks and sandwiches, tea, coffee and squash at great prices. There was a cake stall too. All tastes were catered for!

Community issues are as much a part of the Bash as dancing and decorating, and the continuing threat to our fields from development was highlighted by Bruce Ross-Smith, formerly of Barton, and Lisa Buchan from Elsfield. These green lungs of Barton are a vital part of what makes it such a fantastic

place to live (see separate article). Barton needs to keep a keen eye on this.

Our community police team always makes sure to turn up to join in and connect with the community. PC Jon Kelly and PCSO Annabel White came along to say hi and even get a selfie or two with Barton residents. The Thames Valley Police stall in the Neighbourhood Centre was there to offer advice, as well as giving out free handy items such as silver safety wallets to slip your credit card into to avoid unscrupulous individuals walking by and "skimming" them for their details. Barton Community Association had a stall, and the City Council were there too. Barton Park was also well represented, showing plans for the rest of the development now that it's well under way.

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Hallo und herzlich willkommen an alle unsere deutschsprachigen Leser!
Hello and welcome to all our German Speaking Readers!



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As ever, there were plenty of lively demonstrations. Phil Patrick's martial arts students were back in the sports hall to show everyone the self-defence moves they've been learning. The Bash would be all the poorer without George's energetic Zumba demonstration, and the Body Toners, encouraged and led by teacher Wendy, also strutted their stuff this year. All of these activities and more take place regularly at the Neighbourhood Centre, so contact the office if you'd like to join in. You just need to be a member of the BCA for a tiny one pound per year, and fees for the classes are really low.

The last event of the day is always the raffle draw, which as usual had lots of excellent prizes. The BCA would like to say a huge thank you to Ali from Barton Chippy, who yet again gave the very generous top prize of £50, as well as some vouchers for his yummy fish and chips. Ali is a great supporter of the BCA and especially of the Bash. Thank you also to Omar, new proprietor of the hairdressers, who kindly donated a voucher for a free haircut.

Thanks also to our sponsors who give so generously every year to help support the Barton Bash. This year prizes were donated by the Co-op, Sainsbury's, Iceland, Tesco, Posh Fish, Savers and McDonalds, all in Headington. Also the Oxford Bus Company, Sainsbury's Heyford Hill, Sainsbury's Kidlington, Tesco at Oxford Retail Park, Wilko, MINI Plant Oxford and Oxford United. Money was donated by Councillors Glynis Phillips, Martyn Rush and Mike Rowley, as well as Grosvenor Estates who are overseeing the building of Barton Park, builders Hill and Redrow and the housing association, Soha Housing. We are very grateful for their contributions.

NEXT YEAR'S BASH
28 SEPTEMBER 2019.

Put it in your diaries! ■

Beautiful Barton - Our transformation has begun

The children from the Barton Art and Craft group which meets on Friday afternoons at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre have kicked off the planting of daffodil bulbs which will be happening around the estate. The children planted pots of daffodils to take home and grow, but they have also planted the garden immediately in front of the Neighbourhood Centre with bulbs.

I think some of the children might be budding gardeners (watch out Monty Don). They really enjoyed digging holes, planting and seeing the huge worms that are enjoying life in the garden!

Do look out for the daffodils as they grow (and a few other surprise flowers). We hope you enjoy them.

If you would like to help us with the planting, our dates for planting bulbs around Barton are:

Sunday 18th 1-3pm (meet at Stowford Road, near Bayswater Road)

Saturday 24th Nov 11-1pm (Meet at top of Barton Estate, near subway)

Sunday 2nd December 1-3pm (Meet at top of Barton Estate, near subway)

Sunday 9th December 1-3pm (meet at Underhill Circus)

Everyone welcome, if Children want to come along- please bring an adult!

This project is supported by a grant from Oxford City Council Green Neighbourhood Fund. ■

Oxfordshire's Fire Safety

Did you know that 1 in 3 people rescued from house fires in Oxfordshire are rescued from cooking fires? Or that distraction is the main cause of cooking fires?

It's easy to get distracted - the phone rings, someone's at the door or a TV show catches your attention. If you need to leave your cooking, even for a couple of minutes:

- turn down the heat
- set the timer
- or ask someone to watch it for you

Or could find that Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service firefighters join you for dinner! Find out more at:

www.365alive.co.uk/cooking ■



Hidden Histories The Museum of Oxford

The Museum of Oxford, located in the Town Hall, is currently carrying out a project called 'Hidden Histories', which aims to highlight Oxford's intangible heritage through the memories of local people. The Museum would love to collect more stories of Barton and people connected to the area.

On 15 January 2019, between 10am and 1pm, one of the Museum's staff, Marta

Lomza, will be available in the Eatwells Community Café to share more information about the project and ask you which stories of Barton you think should be captured and shared with the rest of Oxford.

For more information please contact: Marta Lomza, Community Engagement and Exhibitions Officer, Museum of Oxford, Oxford City Council. 01865 529404 or mmlomza@oxford.gov.uk ■

CIVIL ENFORCEMENT TEAM

If you need to report an illegally parked car in your area then please call the Civil Enforcement Officers on 03453371138 who will respond as soon as possible

Barton Fields Allotment Association

www.bartonfieldsallotment.co.uk

We have been reading in the Hands on News the article 'The long, slow road to a new Barton Community Pavilion' and have a great deal of sympathy with the comments expressed by Barton United Football Club. The Allotments share these concerns about the delays and lack of clarity over future plans and hope the developers can resolve any issues speedily to the benefit of all. It's great that the first social housing tenants have moved in and we hope to be able to welcome some of them as new Members on the allotments.

We are now well into the autumn season and everyone is working hard to get their plots ready for spring planting and taking some time to clear the general areas of the site and tidy everything up. Over half term we hosted a working party week to plant trees and hedging which was donated by the Woodland Trust. We have used this to put a wildlife barrier between the allotments and the linear park on the Southern boundary. As

this develops it will provide food and nesting space for birds and shut out some of the noise and pollution from the bypass which will benefit the allotmenters and the wildlife.

Our weather is increasingly unpredictable so we are looking at means of crop protection for whether we get the "Beast from the East", the deluge of rain or mild temperatures or all three, which is highly likely. Making sure sheds and greenhouse are anchored securely, making sure any vulnerable plants are covered or stored in a dry and frost free place and leaving the soil open to be weathered by the frost and rain are all part and parcel of the winter on the allotment.

All that's left from a busy year is Jam preserves with toasted crumpets, pickles and



preserves with your Christmas Day left-overs as you put your feet up in front of the fire and study your seed catalogues ready for next years' growing and a couple of pictures for you of some of the results of peoples hard work. Maybe you would like to have an allotment? Contact us on 01865 580131 and talk to Janette, our Lettings Secretary. Happy New Year. ■

Calling all residents in Barton. We need your help!

What do you think would be a great name for the park that will connect existing Barton and the newly created part at Barton Park?

Currently referred to as the linear park, it runs from across the north of the new development alongside Bayswater Brook, all the way to the play area at the back of the Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

We've had one suggestion already from the community - 'Barton's Park' - and wondered what the community thought of this or if anyone else wanted the chance to name this park.

The winning name will be selected by members of the Barton Integration Community Engagement Partnership (BICEP) and announced in a future Hands on News issue. We hope to unveil it at an official opening event of the park in Spring/Summer 2019.



For more information or to submit a suggestion, you can visit <http://www.bartonparkoxford.com/contact/>, email barton@oxford.gov.uk, or let Barton Community Association know your thoughts. You can also vote on suggestions using our online poll at <http://tiny.cc/linearpark>. Deadline for submissions is Monday 7th January. ■

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REPORT A CRIME?

Obviously if you need an emergency response for example a crime is in progress or someone's life is at risk then call 999, otherwise you need to call 101.

101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You should call 101 if you want to talk to your local police officer, get crime prevention advice, or report a crime that does not need an emergency response, for example: if your car has been stolen. if your property has been damaged.

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call, or how long you are on the phone. The 15p cost of the call goes to the telephony providers to cover the cost of carrying the calls. The police and government receive no money from calls to 101.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE
Phone: 101

Email:
OxfordBartonRisinghurstNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Councillors update

At the Barton Bash, we were pleased to see so much activity taking place to mobilise the Barton community. The Barton Community Association did a tremendous job to ensure people's views were consulted. There is the campaign for a Post Office in Barton, which we have been proud to help lead on; there is also a campaign to change the road markings on the Green Road Roundabout. The City Council's Localities Officers for Barton also took residents' views on what the priorities for Barton should be, and there was a campaign being organised to stop the development of Wick Farm. All of this shows a community finding its political voice and acting to make Barton and Sandhills an even better place - and we hope you will join in.

Post Office

There will be a consultation meeting on Underhill Circus on the 27th November, from 2pm-5pm in the Neighbourhood Centre. We hope at this time to present the hundreds of signatures we have received calling for a Post Office in Barton, and the results of the BCA Post Office survey. We will be calling around to get more signatures in the next week or two, but it is not too late to sign our online petition here - <https://goo.gl/7NhMhb>

Green Road Markings

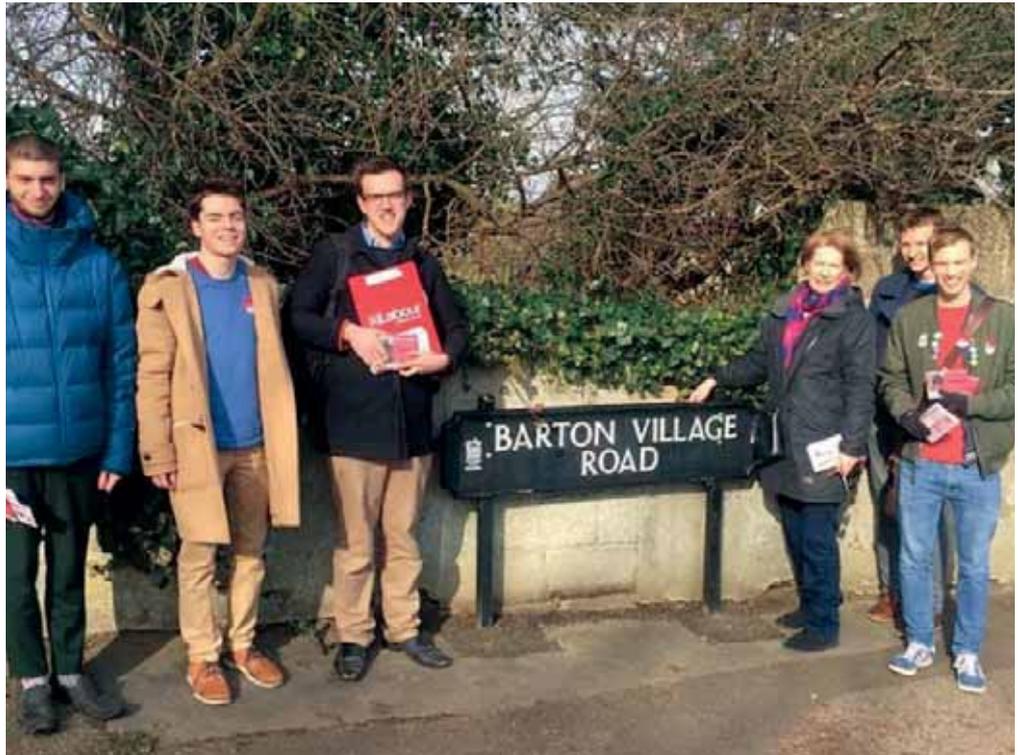
At the Barton Bash the BCA collected signatures to try and persuade the County Council and Highways to amend the situation at the Green Road roundabout to avoid the currently dangerous status quo. It is hoped that an officer from the County will meet with the BCA and your Councillors soon so we can make the required changes. This has been a major issue on the doorstep and, as local Councillors, ourselves and our families also routinely use this roundabout - it could not be more important to us.

Bury Knowle Park

We are looking for your views on the cycling situation in the park. Currently, no cycling is permitted but this rule is often broken creating unsafe situations. We sometimes pick up strong opinions that cycling should be allowed in agreed zones, and equally strong opinions that it should be banned completely, and enforced. We also get comments that the park should be better lit. If you have any ideas on cycling or lighting, we would love you to get in touch.

Malford Road bus stop

We recently undertook a survey of residents in parts of Malford, Claymond, Cranley, Waynfilet Roads nearest the Leisure Centre, to canvass thoughts on installing a bus shelter or bench at the Malford Road bus



stop. We believe this would help residents in the area, and there was also an opinion that the Claymond Road bus stop should have a bench too. We would love to hear your opinions if we missed you on the doorstep.

Ward Forum meetings

We are holding the first of our promised 'Ward Forum' meetings in Sandhills Community School on the 20th November at 7:30pm, with the Barton meeting to follow in January. We hope to announce the dates soon. These meetings are for residents of Barton and Sandhills to discuss local issues with their Councillors and agree shared positions. They were a pledge of our May 2018 manifesto that we are happy to be fulfilling.

Join our campaigns:

A Post Office for Barton - <https://goo.gl/7NhMhb>

Barton NHS Campaign - <https://www.facebook.com/bartonNHS>

Beautiful Barton - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

BeautifulBarton/
Your Councillor team:

City Council
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County Council

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Barton and Sandhills
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Get involved in our campaign:
Martyn for Barton and Sandhills |
Barton and Sandhills Labour

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City Cllr Martyn Rush:
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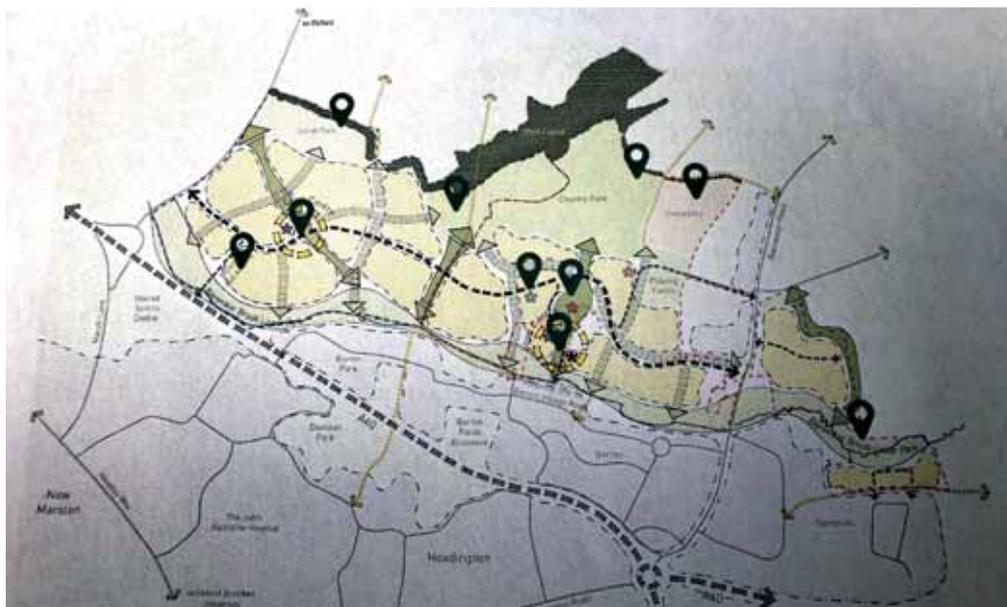
Keep our Green Belt Green!

If you thought the threat to Barton's green fields had gone away, think again. Plans are still bubbling in the offices of Wick Farming Ltd (the owners of Wick Farm) promoted by Berkeley Strategic, and Christ Church (the owners of the land around the village of Elsfield) promoted by Dorchester Residential Management, to cover the landscape in brick.

The latest prospectus from Christ Church proposes housing stretching right across the landscape from the edge of Sandhills, along Bayswater Brook, round the Wick Farm community and along the northern edge of Barton Park to the Elsfield Road, in the form of "residential dwellings [which] would combine... to provide an overall total of 2,900-3,250 homes with associated community facilities".

Over the past four years Christ Church and Wick Farm have kept their proposals separate, but now the two are finally being presented more truthfully as one huge enterprise. The conjoined plans can also now be tied to the so-called "Oxford-Cambridge New Knowledge Arc", better known as the Ox-Cam Expressway, which, if built east of Oxford, will be within spitting distance of the Christ Church-Wick Farm proposed housing. A figure of a million houses between here and Cambridge has been mentioned, concreting over what will be an area the size of Birmingham between the two university cities.

Ignoring the obvious strain this will place on the roads infrastructure, with all the associated traffic trying to pour out on to single track



roads at Elsfield or Bayswater Road, or directly on to the A40, the proposals make the unlikely suggestion that the new Green Belt dwellers, including commuters to London and Birmingham, will all walk or bike to Oxford Station, to Oxford Parkway, or into the city.

If these proposals are realised, the impact of the permanent loss of green belt land on all of the residents of Barton and of Wick Farm will be enormous. Promises (a minimal 10%) of keyworker housing and "community amenities" should be accompanied by a very large pinch of salt. House prices won't be at social housing levels, and the cost of so-called "affordable housing" is defined as 80% of market value.

With prices in Barton Park starting from £322,000 for a one-bed flat, rising to £825,000 for a 3-4 bed house, and no reason to suppose the new estates would be any cheaper, "affordable" is a very relative term.

By the time this is published a meeting will have taken place with Barton's two councillors and a number of Barton resident campaigners. It remains to be seen whether, as happened with Otmoor, the Christ Church-Wick plans can be stopped in their tracks.

Barton needs to keep campaigning to prevent these plans from gobbling up our green belt, the thing that makes it such a special place in which to live. ■

A new Christmas show for Oxford

‘Christmas – isn't that when they come home?’

Andy hasn't seen his daughter in three years. This Christmas, he thinks she's coming back.



Award-winning stage and screen writer Mike Bartlett (Press, Doctor Foster, King Charles III) has written a brand new play: Snowflake. Full of the warmth, wit and heartbreak of Christmas, Snowflake is an epic story about generational conflict, fathers and daughters, and whether we're living in the best or worst of times.

See it at the Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford OX1 2AQ. It runs 5 – 22 December at 7.30pm, and tickets are £10 - £15 from www.oldfirestation.org.uk or 01865 263990. ■



Dainty Dinosaurs
Face painting in Oxford and surrounding area



I'm Steph, the creator of Dainty Dinosaurs Face Painting. I'm a professional face painter working in and around Oxford. I offer face painting for children (and adults) from 2 to 102. I am happy to work any day of the week and fit around any timings you might have.

I started out painting my own children and then at school events and village fetes and have been painting for many years. From Frozen to flowers and from dinosaurs to monsters I have designs for both girls and boys including dainty cheek designs for those who think less is more.

I have public liability insurance and have been CRB checked. I only use professional water-based face paints which are fully compliant with EU and FDA regulations and have a strict hygiene policy.

Why not take a look through the site at some of my work. If you like what you see, why not contact me to see if I can help you



brighten up your kids party with some paint, some glitter and some funky designs

If you are interested in making a booking, getting a quote or just want to find out more about what I can offer please contact me using any of the methods below. As well as the basics (name, contact number etc.) if you could let me know the age of the child host, the type of party, approximate number of guests, location, date and time and any special requirements e.g party theme or specific design request. I look forward to hearing from you and adding some Dainty Dinosaurs to your party!

Email: enquiries@daintydinosaurs.co.uk
Tel: 07562 608754 ■

Appointment Buddies

Do you know an older person who needs a bit more help getting out to the doctor or just out and about?

Appointment Buddies is a service supporting Barton residents over the age of 50, who find it difficult to attend GP appointments or other social activities. We want to make it easier for older people to get out and about by matching them with a local volunteer who is able to support them. We are working with local groups so if you know of someone older who would like to get out a bit more or needs help getting to appointments please do get in touch. We would also like to hear from you if you have time to help an older resident.

Come in and have a chat with us at the Neighbourhood Centre. Just pop in- Fiona Tracey will be there Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday or call 01865 230 203. ■



CRIMESTOPPERS
FREEPHONE NUMBER
0800 555111

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 ■



Barton Memory Group – Dementia Oxfordshire

Barton Memory Group is a lovely group that is held in Barton Community Centre on the second and fourth Friday of the month, from 10.30am – Noon.

This group is for those with memory problems and carers if they wish to come along too. Members are able to come and

meet friends whilst having fun! Activities include singing, crafts, visits from guest speakers as well as having a hot drink and snack. We ask for a donation of £2 which helps the variety of activities we provide. For more information please call Taqwa – 07584 148509. ■

Weekly at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Welcome!

New work opportunities, personal confidence building, IT support, job search and exploring skills potential.

Wednesday 10 – 12 am (Foyer)

What might a successful job look like for you? Come along and find out!

Call/Text Rod 07747604992
info@bartonjobclub.org.uk
www.bartonjobclub.org.uk ■

Wednesday 5th December 5pm
Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday 16th December 4pm
Carol Service

Monday 24th December 4pm
Christingle Service

Monday 24th December 11pm
Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th December 10am
Christmas Morning Celebration

All are welcome!



Christmas at St Mary's Church

An all new state of the art play area for Bayards Hill students

Early Years students (Nursery and Year 1) at Bayards School in Barton have been treated to an all new outside play area this academic year. The state of the art play equipment includes a story telling chair, climbing wall, water play area plus much more. The £120,000 investment has even further improved the Early Years provision that Bayards Hill provides, which is already rated 'Good' by Ofsted. Children have access to the play area throughout the day, and nothing is stopping them from making the most of the new equipment – not even some of the storms we have already seen this autumn.

The play area was officially opened on 20 September – local children's author Cas

Lester attended for the day and took part in a busy schedule of activities with students from across the school. At 3.30pm the Lord Mayor of Oxford, school governors and some other guests arrived and cut the ribbon to officially open the play area.

Bayards Hill are so proud of their new play area they want to extend its use to the local community. They will be hosting stay and play sessions on Wednesday afternoons 1-2.30 between now and 19 December for parents/carers and their young children to come and explore the play area for themselves. If those times don't work for you, keep an eye for more in spring. All you need to do is come to the office at Bayards Hill at 1pm where someone will welcome you and take you to the new area. ■

Headington Singers
Conductor Sally Mears



**DECK
THE
HALL!**

A celebration of Christmas carols
A Christmas Mass by Ronald Corp
With Julian Littlewood, organ

Friday 14 December 2018 at 7.30pm
All Saints' Church, Lime Walk, Headington
Tickets on the door £12 / £10 concessions / children free
www.headingtoningers.org.uk

Sandhills Primary Update

We have had a very busy start to the new school year and as I write this, it's hard to believe it is the first day of November already! It was lovely to welcome lots of new children to our Foundation Class in September. We have also enjoyed welcoming several new members of staff including our new Headteacher, Mrs Emma Coleman.

Alongside some fantastic work on our new topics, we have already had visitors to school providing African Storytelling Workshops. This was as part of our work on Black History Month. We also had a visit from Quantum Theatre Company

who performed a play about World War One. This introduced the work we will be doing over the next one or two weeks on the Centenary of Remembrance Day. As well as some very informative content, it was fascinating to see live theatre being performed in our school hall.

Before you know it, it will be Christmas!

Best wishes,
Sue

Sue Clark
Deputy Headteacher
Sandhills Community Primary School ■

News from the karate club

We attended the international elite open karate championships at London sports dock on October 21st.

The club took plenty of medals which is testament to the standard of martial artist from the area both young and old. Even Sensei Phil stepped back on the matt taking

silver in the men's team event. We took 6 bronze, 1 silver & 3 golds on the day!

We also raised £155.98 for cancer research during week 15th-21st October sporting pink belts while we trained and even got the adult classes involved! ■



Hate Crime

You can report hate crime by calling the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency or through Victims First (www.victimsfirst.org.uk or call 0300 1234 148)

A Hate crime or incident is any incident, which constitutes a criminal offence and is motivated by prejudice. It can take many forms including physical assault, offensive graffiti, verbal abuse, offensive literature, criminal damage and abusive gestures.

Oxford is one of the safest areas in the country with only a small number of hate crimes committed each year. However, when a hate crime does occur, it can have a major impact on the life of the victim and the wider community.

Hate crime can be motivated due to someone's prejudice against another person's:

- Race, colour, ethnic origin, nationality or national origins
- Religion
- Gender or gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- Disability

Reporting Hate Crime

It is really important to report hate crimes - victims have a right to be protected.

Anyone who is a victim of, or witness to, a hate crime is advised to contact the police (on 999, in an emergency, or 101, in a non-emergency, 24 hours a day). Alternatively you can go to Oxford City Council web page which has more information and links to where you can report on line.

www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20101/community_safety/264/reporting_hate_crime

Barton Pavilion

To replace the previous facilities that existed on site, Barton Oxford LLP (the LLP) has commissioned a new Pavilion by David Morely Architects.

The 313m2 Pavilion will be decked out with brand new white goods and changing room facilities. The Pavilion will play host to pre and post-match gatherings with a kitchen and bar in which to prepare refreshments and will be available for wider community uses outside of match days. The external facilities include a new adult pitch, 3G pitch, multi-use games area and new parking facilities.

The Barton community welcomed Barton United FC and Headington Amateurs back to Barton Park when they played their first matches in September. With an official opening of this new community space due in Spring 2019, we look forward to Phoenix Sports Association playing in their new home for many more years to come. ■



Barton Walkabout and Bayswater Brook

BOUNDARY BROOK CLEAN-UP

On 18 October, Carl from Oxford City Council and a team of volunteers helped to clear two tonnes of rubbish from Bayswater Brook. The brook forms the boundary between Barton and the countryside to the north, and is an important part of the natural surroundings Barton is fortunate to enjoy.

A healthy stream teems with live organisms that all have their place in the cycle of life. For instance, they help to shred leaves that fall into it, which they use for food. In turn they become food for larger organisms. All kinds of birds and other wildlife, often hidden from us, make use of brooks, streams and rivers to keep alive. A healthy stream is a sign that all is well in the countryside.

Out of Bayswater Brook the team recovered two sofas, four trolleys, ten footballs, two prams, and lots and lots of bikes. Not only is this pretty ugly, but it pollutes the water, making it dangerous to the wildlife that inhabits the woods and fields that lie above Barton.

The sad thing is that there's no need to use the brook as a rubbish tip, when the council will collect all of the items above and more for no payment whatsoever. That is, ABSOLUTELY FREE. All you have to do is call them on 01865 249811 to find out more. To report Ofo, the yellow hire bikes, in the brook, just message Ofo on their Facebook

page here: <https://www.facebook.com/ofobicycleuk/> or call them on 0808 101 7141.

Please don't chuck. Call instead.

WALKABOUT

Recently, Oxford City Council led a walkabout around Barton with staff from Streetscene, Parks, the Communities Team and Highways, along with local City and County Councillors, and a local resident from the Neighbourhood Watch. A number of actions were identified, including removing graffiti from the underpasses and cleaning up several alleyways off Fettiplace Road, as well as repairing damaged bus shelters. All of this makes Barton a nicer place to live in. Who wants to walk past piles of rubbish or push their way past hedges that stick out across the path?



Oxford City Council would like to encourage you to report any fly tipping, overgrown hedges, dumped bikes or the like through <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> so these problems can be sorted out as quickly as possible.

Thank you! ■

PC JON KELLY COMMENDATION

Our very own PC Jonathan Kelly of the Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst Community Police Team has received a police commendation for saving a man's life.

The team has an office in Barton, but HQ is the city police stations, and Jon was cycling back to St Aldates on 22 June when there was a call-out on his radio. A man was in a serious condition in the cemetery of St Giles Church, which stands at the junction where the Woodstock and Banbury Roads meet in Oxford.

Jon was able to get to the church in a few minutes, to find a person from the St Giles Army Recruiting Office performing CPR on the man, who to protect his identity we'll call Jim (i.e. not his real name). He'd overdosed on drugs, and was in cardiac arrest.

Police officers do a refresher course in First Aid every year, and with Jon's sixteen years of service what he had to do was second nature. He updated the control room and took over the CPR, pumping away at Jim's chest for a good two minutes. That might not sound long to us, but the effort it takes makes it feel like forever. And it's a hard thing to do for other reasons - Jon could hear Jim's ribs cracking as he worked desperately to bring him back to life.

Jon told Hands On News "You just have to get on with it, and you have to do it hard and you have to do it like you mean it because otherwise there's no point, you're not going to get a result. You've got to get him back!"

As Jon worked on Jim, a colleague, police probationer PC Katie Miles, arrived with a defibrillator which she'd had the foresight



to pick up from St Aldates on her way to the scene. Jim had already shown some signs of recovery thanks to Jon's efforts - gasping breaths, flickering eyes - and to their relief the defibrillator finished the job. Two ambulance crews had also arrived shortly after the two police officers. "It was a really good response," Jon said.

There was a surreal moment as Jim suddenly sat up with a bounce and said casually, "Oh, hello Jon, have you seen my beer?" Jon had seen it, sitting next to a gravestone, and he allowed him a quick sip before advising him to go to hospital, which he was initially reluctant to do. But Jon told him he had to get himself checked out, and he'd probably be back that afternoon, so off he went in an ambulance.

Katie Miles also received a commendation for her swift response and quick thinking in bringing the defibrillator. She is fairly new to the job, and Jon had mentored her during her

two weeks' experience with the community team last year, so he was doubly pleased to see that she had acted so promptly and with such forethought.

Jon said he definitely got a buzz from receiving the award, but the best thing for him was knowing that he'd saved a man whose heart was on the point of giving out. In his long experience he's performed CPR on six or seven other people, mostly around Kings Cross, but he's never before been able to bring someone back from right on the brink of death. For him this was a really special moment.

"Yeah that was a good feeling, it's a really good feeling," he said. "He shook my hand, and he was happy." Jon hopes that Jim will put himself forward for treatment, even though when he bumped into him a couple of weeks later he had no memory of what had happened, even when his friend tried to remind him.

"There's obviously a housing shortage, he's not in accommodation, he's living out of a tent. There is help but that person has got to make the decision, it's a personal responsibility. And he's got to stay in one place, because a lot of people like him are transient. Unfortunately it's an occupational hazard, [people in his position] will overdose, especially the method that he was using.

"The government and council are still investing money in rehabilitation programmes and the courts do as well, so there's a chance, of course there is, that's how you've got to think. Fingers crossed. You never know." ■

USEFUL INFO

Health

Barton Surgery 01865 227788
Bury Knowle Health Centre 01865 227788
Manor Surgery 01865 762535
Churchill Hospital 01865 741841
John Radcliffe 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 Practice
 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 604263
headingtonstmary@gmail.com
Oxford Mail 01865 425262
First Homecare 01865 744174
Barton Advice Centre 01865 744152
Getting Heard
 (Oxfordshire Advocacy) 0300 3435718
Barton Family & Children Centre
 01865 764952
Police – Emergency 999
Police – non emergency 101
Recycling and Waste info 01865 249811

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BARTON COMMUNITY UPDATES

JANUARY RESTART DATES

ART CLUB: Restarts on Friday 11th January at 3.30pm – 5.00pm. All children aged between 6 – 12 years of age are welcome to attend the FREE club and refreshments will be provided

MONDAY FUN TO LEARN HOMEWORK CLUB:

Restarts on Monday 14th January at 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Children in Year 6 at Bayards Hill attend these FREE sessions and are invited by the school through Mrs Linda Morton. Free refreshments are provided

THURSDAY FUN TO LEARN HOMEWORK CLUB:

Restarts on Thursday 17th January at 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Details as above. If you would like your child to attend either the Monday or Thursday Clubs please contact Mrs Morton at the school.

ZUMBA:

Our first Zumba session after the Christmas break is Thursday 10th January at 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Cost is £5 for five sessions and not five consecutive weeks so if you miss a week you won't be charged

SALSA:

Our Salsa classes return on Tuesday 8th January at 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Cost is £5 for five sessions and you don't need a partner to take part!

BHANGRA:

Our newest keep fit/dance session is back on Monday 7th January at 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Cost is £5 for five sessions

BODY TONING:

Our popular Saturday exercise class is back on Saturday 12th January between 9.30am – 10.30am. Cost is £5 for five sessions

We all need to get back to pre-Christmas fitness so come along and join in one of the above fun fitness sessions – or maybe all four!! £4 per week for all 4 sessions is less than you will pay for just one session elsewhere in the city.

BARTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS 2019

Please remember all BCA memberships will be up for renewal in January to cover you throughout 2019. The cost is just £1 per year, and we will even do the form filling for you! Please contact either Sharon or Sue for a membership form

LOCAL SHOPS

We would like to thank both Ali from the Chippy and Omar from the Men's Barbers shop for their support towards this year's Barton Bash. We depend heavily on donations and sponsorships for our annual community event, and without support the event simply wouldn't happen so thanks to our local traders for helping us this year, and hopefully for many years to come. Please show your thanks by supporting your local businesses.

PIMP YA BIKE WORKSHOP

BCA ran a bike repair workshop throughout the October half term and 11 young people from the community attended the course that was led by Lukea Rizkella. Each day started with free breakfast at Eatwells and then it was down to stripping down the bikes, carrying out safety checks, doing all necessary repairs, reassembling the bikes and then on the final day getting their hands on cans of paint and spray painting



the bikes. Throughout the course as well as everyone enjoying a free breakfast they were also treated to free lunch in the café. All participants were given a Certificate of Competence on the final day as well as free bike lights and a lock.

Hopefully we will be successful in applying for further funding so that this activity can be repeated in the future.

COOKING UP A FEAST



Also during the half term we ran a three day "Cooking Up A Feast" cookery course aimed at young people and funded through the Youth Ambition Holiday Fund. The course was led by Natalie, a local nutritionist, who made sure all participants were fully aware of healthy eating habits, and talked at length about what's good and what's not good within a healthy diet. On day 1 the young people chose their menu, created the shopping list and looked at budgeting. Day 2 was a trip to a local supermarket to purchase all the ingredients and on Day 3 it was prepping and cooking day. As with the Pimp Ya Bike project everyone started the day with a nourishing free breakfast and lunch, and what food wasn't eaten on the final day was taken home to share with families.

We will shortly be looking at some funding to allow us to run regular cookery classes for young children and families. These will probably take place on either Saturday or Sunday mornings at the Neighbourhood Centre. Please look out for further details to follow once we have secured the necessary funding.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thanks to some very welcome funding received during 2018 we are able to offer a FREE Breakfast Club Mondays – Fridays

between 7.45am – 8.45am at Eatwells Café. All breakfast items served are healthy and nutritious. We also offer the same facility during school holidays when breakfast is available between 9.30am – 10.30am. Young people are welcome to attend on their own if parents are unable to accompany them.

LUNCH CLUB SPECIAL OFFER

Thanks to the generosity of our local County Councillor, Glynis Phillips, we are able to offer a 2-course cooked meal each Tuesday and Wednesday for just £2 at Eatwells Café. Meals are served between 11.30am – 1.00pm. The menu changes each week and there will always be a choice including a vegetarian option. This is our Community Lunch offer so everyone is welcome, regardless of age.

COACH TRIP QUOTES

Here is a selection of quotes we received following our day trips back in August: From AB, a mother of three daughters – Thank you for a lovely summer. We couldn't have gone anywhere if it wasn't for these trips. What BCA does makes such a difference. Just wanted to say Thank You to show how much we appreciate BCA

From RH, mother travelling with son – Our first coach trip this year. Very well organised and we all had a fantastic time. We will definitely be going again next year

From KM – single mum with son and daughter – Really amazing trips at very affordable prices for struggling families to have time away from home. After 14 years with no holidays these were our first trips to the coast. As a single mum and odd day here and there gives me the break to keep my family happy. Thanks to everyone at BCA, these trips have revitalised my soul.

All trips this year were a sell-out, and we will be listing the dates for the 2019 trips in our March issue. We have looked at the possibility of running a day trip to Blackpool once the lights are switched on sometime in September/October. This will mean an early start and possibly a late return. Because of the length of time driving the cost will be higher than normal as there will need to be two drivers, but don't forget we run our Coach Trip Savings Club throughout the year so you can start saving towards those day trips NOW!

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO AT BARTON

Our regular Tuesday night bingo will restart on Tuesday January 8th with doors open at 6.30pm. We welcome all newcomers to these sessions, and all we ask is that you become a member of Barton Community Association which costs just £1 per year.

Our occasional weekend bingo sessions will be announced via our facebook page and website. These happen on Saturday evenings with doors open at 5.00pm with the first game kicking off at 6.00pm. Refreshments are always available from Eatwells Community Café, and children 8 years and over are welcome to come along as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

There will be a series of consultations relating to the redevelopment of Underhill Circus, and we would encourage everyone to attend at least one of the events as this is your opportunity to let City Council, the architects and the developers know what you would like to see in the area once the

upgrade is complete. Start thinking about it now so that when the events happen you will have your ideas and questions at the ready. Tell them what you value about the area and what's important to you as a member of our community.

Also, we will be looking forward to the consultations surrounding the new primary school that will be built at Barton Park and is due to open September 2020. Again, another opportunity for you to let your views be known and what you think will be important in the design of the new school.

STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS IN BARTON – HOW LUCKY ARE WE!!

Did you know there are no less than FOUR Stay and Play sessions that take place each week in Barton?

Firstly, BCA hosts a weekly session at the Centre each Tuesday (term time only) between 9.30am – 11.00am. This session is funded by the Oxfordshire County Council Transition Fund. All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome to come along and meet with like-minded adults, and these sessions enable your children to engage with others in a safe and friendly environment.

Acorns Baby and Toddler Group takes place at St Mary's Church each Wednesday, again term time only, between 10.00am – 11.30am. The cost is £1 per family

Bayards Hill has recently launched a weekly session and please contact the school direct for further details. Tel: 01865 761656

Family Solutions (formerly Roundabout Centre) run a weekly Stay and Play session within their grounds. For further information please call in and speak to a member of staff

SCHOOL DATES JANUARY – APRIL 2019

Bayards Hill School: 7th January – 5th February and 25th February – 5th April
Sandhills School: As Above
Cheney School: As Above
Wheatley Park School: As Above

SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, GOODBYE

By the time you read this we will have said "Goodbye" to Azul Strong Corcoran, our Oxford City Council Localities Officer, who has been attached to Barton since 2011. She and her new husband, Shane, have gone off on their travels around the world for the next twelve months, and she will be back in Barton on 19th December in time to celebrate Christmas 2019! We wish them both a great time on their travels, and hopefully Azul will share some of their experiences with us upon her return. Azul's position is being covered by Phillip Vincent during the sabbatical, and since coming into post he has been getting to know what makes Barton tick. Big shoes to fill Phillip but already we know you're going to do a great job and keep everything moving forward until Azul's return. Good Luck to Azul and Shane.

STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES (CPZ) ARE COMING TO BARTON, BARTON PARK AND SANDHILLS!!

Oxfordshire County Council is currently looking at introducing CPZ's in our streets, and there will be a series of informal consultations to obtain feedback from



Family of 18 enjoying one of our days out this year in Bournemouth.

residents who will be affected by this programme. Please look out for information regarding this on our Facebook page and website. We will keep you updated as soon as we receive any further information

MOBILITY SCOOTERS REALLY DO MATTER

My name is Paul Marlow and I have been a mobility scooter user for 16 years. I have lived locally in Barton for almost seven years.

There are currently a large number of groups in existence addressing disability issues, but it appears that mobility scooter users have been overlooked.

After speaking at length to mobility scooter users in both the Barton and Marston areas I have decided to start up a Mobility Community Group covering Barton, Marston, Risinghurst and Sandhills.

I would welcome any comments, expressions of interest or feedback from anyone interested in becoming involved in this new group. Please contact me on 07506005721 or paul.marlow07@gmail.com

A CORNER FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

- Don't think about what you have lost – think about what you had
- Don't let the shadows of yesterday spoil the sunshine of tomorrow
- Man never made any material as resilient as the human spirit
- Whoever is happy will make others happy too

If you have a favourite saying or quote that you would like to see included in our next issue then please forward them to Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

DISCO DADZ DATES 2019

All sessions take place on Saturdays between 10.45am – 12.15pm on the following dates:

19th January, 23rd February, 23rd March, 27th April, 18th May, 15th June
Everyone welcome – come along and improve your Dad Dancing skills whilst enjoying time with the kids

COFFEE AND CAKE WITH COPS

The next drop in sessions arranged by your local neighbourhood police team are to be held on Saturday 12th January and Saturday 9th February between 10.30am – 11.30am at Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

Drop by for an informal chat and get to know your police officers and PCSO's over a cup of coffee (or tea if you prefer). Alternatively, if you have any concerns about your neighbourhood then this is your chance to speak to a member of the local team who will offer advice or signpost you to the appropriate agency.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REPORT A CRIME?

Obviously if you need an emergency response for example a crime is in progress or someone's life is at risk then call 999, otherwise you need to call 101.

101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You should call 101 if you want to talk to your local police officer, get crime prevention advice, or report a crime that does not need an emergency response, for example: if your car has been stolen. if your property has been damaged.

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call, or how long you are on the phone. The 15p cost of the call goes to the telephony providers to cover the cost of carrying the calls. The police and government receive no money from calls to 101.

Contact us

BCA Office First Floor Neighbourhood Centre, 01865 761987 www.bartoncommunityassociation.com / www.facebook.com/bartoncommunity/ / info@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Sue Holden (Company Secretary) 07866 460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Sharon Keene (Senior Administration and Bookings Manager) 07495 875591 or sharon@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Tanya Field (General and Hands on News Administrator) tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com

RE STAND

Research on Emotional effects of SeroTonin Agonism in Non-medicated Depression

DO YOU FEEL LOW IN MOOD?

We are looking for people who are experiencing persistent low mood and not taking antidepressants or undergoing psychological therapy, to take part in a study investigating how a new medication affects emotional decision making.

For information in confidence, with no obligation to participate, please contact our research team:

restandstudy@psych.ox.ac.uk or 07775 007621

www.restandstudy.co.uk



Participants will be reimbursed for their time and expenses. REC Number: 18/5C/0076



Recycling at Christmas

Collection day changes

Your collection day will change over the festive period from Tuesday 25 December and normal collections will resume from Tuesday 8 January 2019.

Normal bin day

- Tues 25 December
- Wed 26 December
- Thurs 27 December
- Fri 28 December
- Tues 1 January
- Wed 2 January
- Thurs 3 January
- Fri 4 January

Christmas bin collection day

- Thurs 27 December
- Fri 28 December
- Sat 29 December
- Mon 31 December
- Wed 2 January
- Thurs 3 January
- Fri 4 January
- Sat 5 January

Changes over Christmas

Your garden waste (brown bin) collection, our bulky waste service and bin delivery service will be suspended from Tuesday 25 December and will resume on Tuesday 8 January.

Real Christmas tree recycling

Recycle your real, naked Christmas trees (free from pots, baubles and tinsel) on your blue bin collection days between Tuesday 8 January – Friday 1 February. They will get shredded and turned into compost for local farmlands.

If you live in a flat, or want to recycle your trees more quickly, you can drop them off at one of the 12 collection points across the city. For a list of locations, please visit our website:

https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20074/recycling/913/recycling_at_christmas

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 for collection. All of your Christmas wrapping paper and cards are welcome (no glittery paper please!). Wine bottles, beer cans, foil and Christmas pudding boxes too.

Food recycling

Recycle all of your leftover veg, stale mince pies and turkey bones in your food caddy. This will get sent to Cassington where it is turned into electricity and fertiliser for local farmland!

Battery and small electrical recycling

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



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