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Eatwells Café Breakfast Club



Breakfast club was launched on Wednesday 14th January 2026 and is free to attend offering members of our community free breakfast food items and drinks. We now have our regular weekly visitors and it's always lovely to see new faces. It runs every Wednesday 8:30-10:30 in the blue room at the neighbourhood centre.



Breakfast clubs brings the community together from all walks of life. It is amazing to see everyone all sat together passing the time of day.

One visitor said, *"Really good food nice friendly people to help you, would like to say a big thankyou to all the volunteers and helpers who were doing this to help people out"*

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Farewell to Eric



We said a sad farewell to Eric and his fiancée Bev at the end of January as they leave Oxford to start their new life together in the Cotswolds. Eric has been our Vicar at St Mary`s for almost ten years and we wish him and Bev all the very best for their future together.

February Half Term Holiday Club

We ran Tuesday to Friday during February half term and offered 25 places to local children.

We provided free breakfast and lunch as well as activities which included swimming, Parkour, arts and crafts, planting, sports, a trip to illusion museum and even pancake racing.



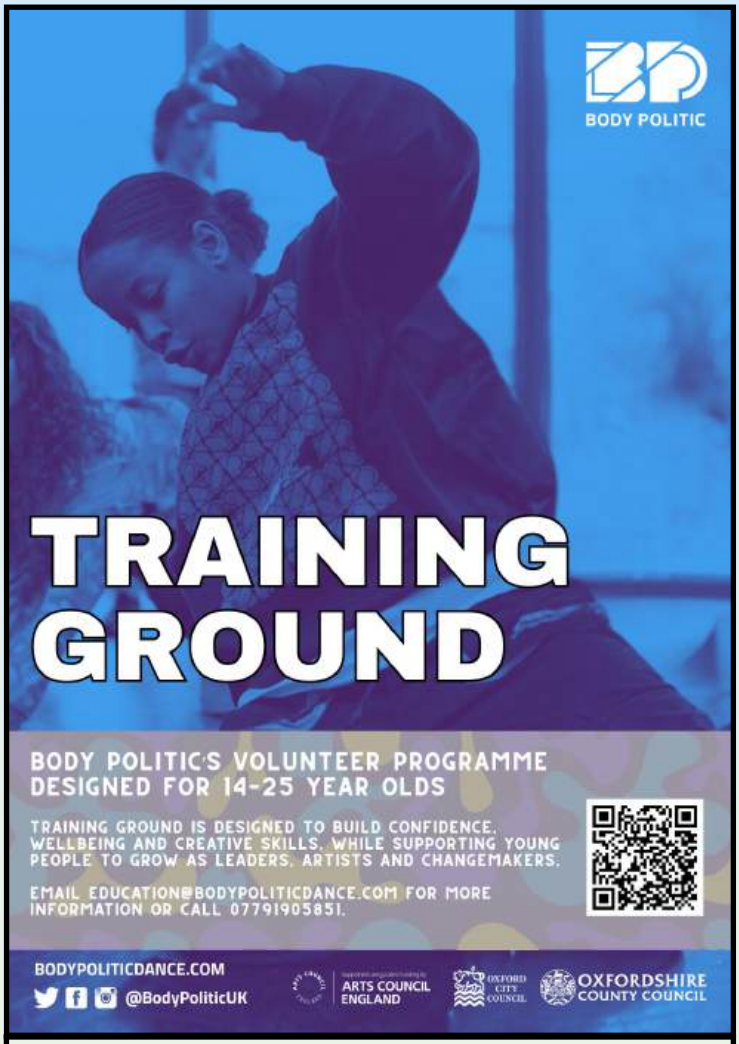
We played a game on Thursday and identified we had ten different nationalities join our holiday club which was amazing.

We all had so much fun and the children were sad it came to an end.

We were even asked if they would ever see us again.

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Body Politic Training Ground: Volunteer Programme 2026

We're excited to launch Training Ground: Body Politic's 12-month volunteer programme for 14-25 year olds in Oxford, grounded in Hip Hop, creativity and community building.

Training Ground supports young people to build confidence, wellbeing and creative skills, while developing as leaders, artists and changemakers.

Volunteers will:

- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Co-create community projects with real impact
- Volunteer with partner organisations across Oxford
- Take part in intensive creative workshops
- Receive 1–2–1 employment support (including CV guidance)
- Train in safeguarding, project design and trauma-informed practice

This programme is ideal for young people who would benefit from structured creative development, leadership experience and supported progression into education, employment or creative pathways.

SIGN UP HERE

Application Deadlines:
Round 1
Submit by Friday 27th March

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Online interviews: Monday 30th March
Programme begins: April 2026

Round 2
Submit by Friday 22nd May
Online interviews: Friday 29th May
Programme begins: June 2026



Barton Fields Allotments

Please see flyer above for more information.



Barton Community Association Free Easter Holiday Club

Come and join us for two days full of fun activities! On Wednesday 1st of April and Thursday 2nd of April at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. Limited spaces available so register now!

To register, please contact Julie at julie@bartoncommunityassociation.com and Sharon at sharong@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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Bingo

Save the date! Join us for Bingo on Saturday 18th of April at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. Doors open at 5:00pm, eyes down at 6:00pm.

All players must be BCA members. Children aged 8+ are welcome with an accompanying adult. See you all there!

Volunteer Focus



Tara

Volunteer

My name is Tara and I volunteer at the Barton community larder. I help with set up and also sign members in. I enjoy the varied roles and opportunities that volunteering has given me.

My favourite part of volunteering is talking with the members.

I began volunteering because I wanted to help and make a difference in my local community and also spend more time meeting new people.

My favourite colour is red and my favourite food is Chinese.

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Barton Community Larder

Barton Community Larder runs every Monday 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.

The larder is now open from 1pm to 6pm, last shop at 5:45pm. The larder café is also open from 11am to 4pm and are serving basic, inexpensive lunches. The new entrance is through Youth Club next to main centre doors.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Sharon at sharong@bartoncommunityassociation.com or on 07566 755544.

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

Exercise Classes at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Come and join for some fun exercise classes which are open to everyone!

<u>Mondays</u>
Zumba Gold 11am to 12 noon

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Line Dancing 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Tuesdays
Zumba Gold Toning 11.30am to 12.30pm
Yoga 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday
Funkfit 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursdays
Zumba 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Fridays
Pilates 11am to 12noon

Saturdays
Body Toning 9:30am to 10.30am

All classes run term time only and cost £10 for five sessions. 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 07866460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com.



Art Club (for ages 6 to 11)

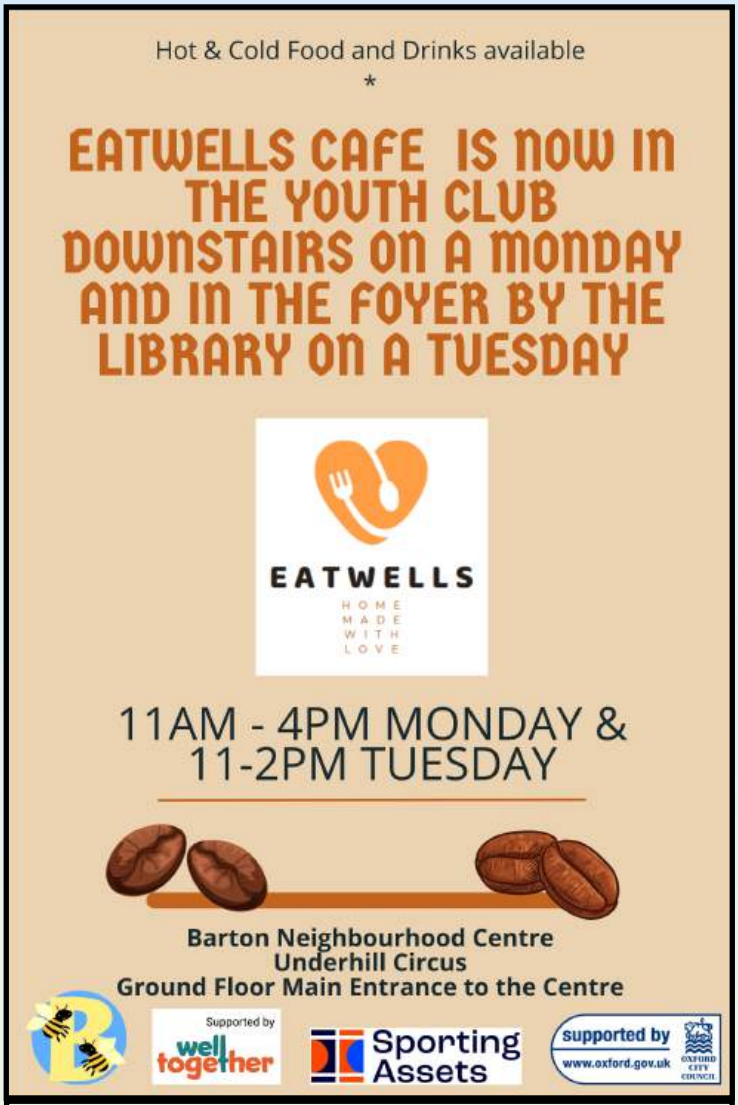
On Thursdays (term time only) in the Youth Club at 4pm to 5pm. For a registration form, please collect from Barton Neighbourhood Office or email sharong@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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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Eatwells Café

A variety of reasonably priced items is available on the menu. Please come and support the café now downstairs in the Youth Club on a Monday 11am to 4pm and upstairs in the foyer by the library on Tuesdays 11am to 2pm. Grab a quick bite or a drink, or maybe use it as a friendly meeting place to catch up with friends and neighbours. We are also looking for some volunteers to come along and help us run the café during opening hours.



Eatwells Café Breakfast Club

On Wednesdays 8:30am to 10:30am at Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

Each month we would like tonfeature 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 Kristine a photo and a bit about them, so for example how long they've been connected with Barton or Barton

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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. Kristine's email is kristine@bartoncommunityassociation.com.



Community Activity Directory

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

Throwback Photos of the Month



Barton International Food Festival 2024



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