

# Hands on News

Newsletter for Barton and the surrounding area June 2006

Produced by Barton Residents and Community Workers

## Two steps forward

The swimming pool is a reality(see back page), there are signs of activity on the Roundabout and Underhill Circus is starting its transformation. This is evidence that people do have an influence. Now the citizens of our area have a vehicle to express their wishes. Hands on News is your newsletter for your patch. Tell us of improvements that you would like to see. Have your views in print. We don't promise you results, but with a readership of over five thousand local residents. We are force to be reckoned with.

We receive event news from Barton but sadly nothing from Sandhills and Risinghurst. We know that these are vibrant areas with a host of activities taking place. Write, telephone or email us with your news. Communicating your information is a must for a successful conclusion. Do remember that we go to print every three months at present and so your item dates should reflect this.

The Editor

(See page 3 for advertising)

putting the 'unity' back into 'community'

# THE BARTON BASH

Big Raffle  
Stalls  
penalty Shootout  
Messy Jam Dance Company  
Face Painting  
Music  
ART Exhibition

**SATURDAY 17 JUNE**  
**2-5PM** free Refreshments  
Strawberries and Cream  
Juice Bar

to be opened by the Lord Mayor of Oxford at 2pm  
Prizes for Children's Fancy Dress

## BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Barton Bash acknowledges support from Barton Community Development Project, Barton Community Association, Oxford City Council, St Mary's Church, Barton and Thames Valley Police

Please be aware that we will be taking photographs on the day to record the event, for the community newsletter and will be available to buy at a later date.



## Your Community Association Needs You!.

The fact that people live close to one another does not necessarily mean that they have much to do with each other. It is the role of an active Community Organisation to bring local people together for social, leisure and educational purposes.

The guiding principle of the Barton Community Association is:

- V to provide a voice for local people.
- I to be independent and committed to democratic principles.
- S to provide services for local people.
- I to initiate projects and respond to local need.
- B to build partnerships with other organisations and groups.
- L to provide a strong local net work of people and organisations.
- E to engage and encourage people to become active in their community.

The Community Association AGM on the 11th May 2006 was attended by 28 local people, City & County Councillors and representatives of agencies working in the area. The main points coming from the meeting were -

- The independent auditor found the community association to be financially stable and well managed.
- The efforts of volunteers was appreciated and praised.
- Vacancies exist for 4 local people of all ages to sit on the management committee as Directors!!

Are you interested in becoming a Director?? – If so this would normally involve attending one 2 hour meeting each month!

For Further information call Sharon on Oxford 761987



Barton Community  
Association

# SIRZ

## Barber Shop

66 London Road

Headington

Oxford

Tel: 01865 308080

Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Gent's Cut	£10.00
Children's Cut	£8.00
O.A.P's	£6.00

All cheques made payable to "W. Philp  
We welcome everyone and provide an excellent service

## Latest News and Events on Barton

NEWS FROM THE CENTRE FOR MUSIC Bayards Hill School  
Firstly, thank you to all the people who I have met and for making me so welcome.

I have enjoyed meeting you and having the chance to listen to your ideas about music activities for Barton. Here are some of things that we have already arranged.

Obelan Puppet Theatre - Entertainment for all Ages

On 23rd March, more than sixty people from Barton came to a special production of The Singing Story Cloth by the Obelan Puppet Theatre. The stories kept us all sitting on the edge of our seats and it was fun joining in. The puppeteers plan to return again during Family Learning Week on 11th & 12th October.

Summer Music Making Course at the Bayards Hill Centre for Music

Mon 24 - Fri 28 July 2006.

This 5 day course is open to anyone in years four, five and six who likes making music. There are opportunities to sing, play, explore sounds, try new instruments and a host of other musical activities. No previous musical experience is needed. Course fee £90 (free to children who receive free school meals).

Applications for this year's course are available from the Music Service Office. (tel. 01865 740006)

Music Workshops for Adults

Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like the chance to play in a group? Every Thursday from 7.30pm - 9.30pm, The Centre for Music runs groups for adults. There are groups of various sizes and standards from beginner upwards for flute, clarinet, saxophone and strings. On Thursday June 8th there is also a special TASTER WORKSHOP for keyboard beginners. Cost £8.

If you like the sound of any of these workshops why not pick up a leaflet from the Barton Neighbourhood Centre, the Centre for Music, or ring me for more information on 01865 740210  
Linda Brown, Development Officer

### BARTONS GOT BALLS!

Back in January a joint partnership between Oxford Youth Works and Oxford Bible Church founded the Barton Sport Crew with fortnightly indoor football and basketball afternoons for 11-14 year olds. The venue is the Barton Neighbourhood Centre Sports Hall, Underhill Circus on Saturdays between 12.30pm-2pm. A dozen young girls & boys regularly participate with the occasional adult getting in on the act.

Refreshments are available. The youth centre is always open for young people who want to drop in or play pool, table football, draw, or just watch T.V. Full adult supervision is on hand and all the regulations are met with regard to 'working with children'.

Extra events will be added throughout the year and a penalty shootout competition will be held at this summer's Barton Bash. Are you aged between 11-14 year, then come and join in the fun. As our adverts say 'we want 2CU at the Barton Sports Crew'.

Sports Crew dates: 3rd June, 1st and 15th July.

Barton's new Learning Community has arrived!

The new co-ordinator is in post and the refurbishment work is almost finished...

This project will support local people accessing learning, training, employment and guidance.

See separate article on page 4.

Community Articles up to 250 words are free of charge to people who live in Barton, Sandhills, Risinghurst or community groups. We are looking for:

- Stories
- Photos
- Letters
- History
- Quiz's

We also welcome Good Neighbour Nominations and have a £25 prize for the winning nominated person. If you think your neighbour is great then write to us and tell us why! You could win them £25!

We will also be giving £25 for the best community article.

The deadline for the next issue is 14th August.

Contact the Newsletter Team on 01865 760684 or email [melanie@bartonresearch.demon.co.uk](mailto:melanie@bartonresearch.demon.co.uk)  
BCDP, Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill Circus, Barton, Oxford OX3 9LS

### Coach Trips Summer 2006

Likely venues for this years coach trips sponsored by BCA and OCHA are:

Alton Towers (early start!) Thorpe Park, Gulliver's Land, Bournemouth, Weymouth and Brighton. Final details will appear in the shop windows and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Once they are gone they're gone!! Everyone going on the trips must be a member of the BCA. All memberships are £1 and forms are available from Sue Holden or Sharon Keene.

Most trips will take place during the summer school holidays.

Community Minibus:- we intend using the bus for trips to Castle Quays and Morrison's at Banbury and Millett's Farm leaving at 9.30am and return by 2.30pm so that it fits in with a school day.

The bus seats 17 so if there is anyone interested please look out for the posters with further details.

### Calling organisations/agencies and local businesses

- Placing an advert through this quarterly newsletter couldn't be easier!
- Our newsletter is a cost effective way of reaching over 5,000 people!
- Your business will also be supporting a vital community project which is resident led.

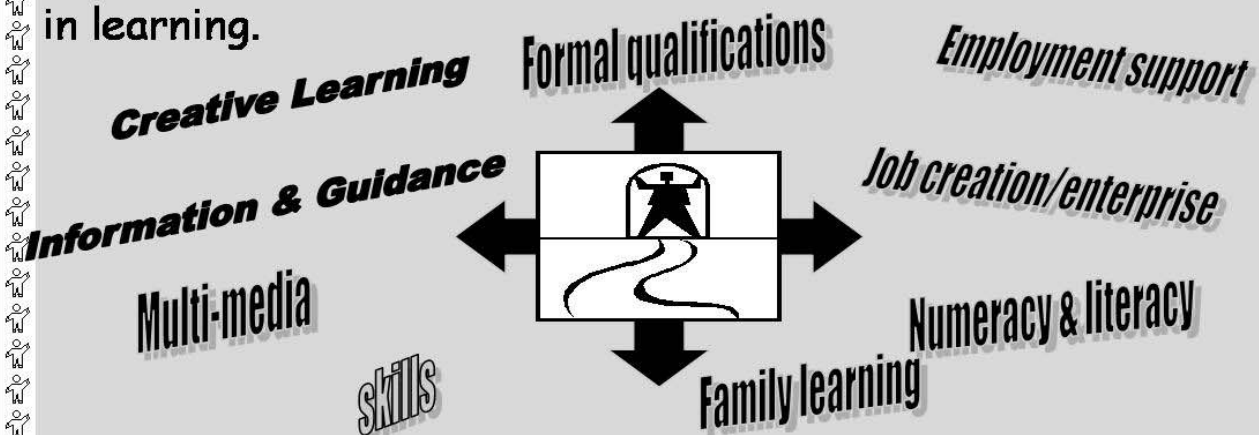
Tel: 01865 760684 or email [maureen@bartonresearch.demon.co.uk](mailto:maureen@bartonresearch.demon.co.uk)



# Barton Learning Community

**Your new local learning environment!**

Learning Communities is a new project which is focussed on building partnerships and networks within communities. We will support and involve local people in accessing and engaging in learning.



In a nutshell we are about making learning more enjoyable and comfortable by responding to your needs and supporting people as they reach their aspirations and goals.

**Who can benefit from this new project? Anybody who lives in Barton.**

Part of Barton Neighbourhood Centre is being refurbished to provide this new community facility and is almost ready! **Modern and user friendly IT Suite and learning equipment will be available!**

**PLEASE** we want to hear from **YOU** about your ideas for local courses and skill development.

Contact: Vikki Gledhill, Learning Co-ordinator 01865 742141 or 07920 211407  
vikki.gledhill@oxfordshire.gov.uk

**Come and visit our stall at the Barton Bash  
On Saturday 17th June 2-5pm. Have a go at our Learning  
Lucky Dip!**



Barton Community Association



GRAB AN OPPORTUNITY

English

Maths

Computing

Courses

First Time Online

SKILLS 4 LIFE

PUT SOME LIGHT BACK INTO YOUR LIFE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEN POP IN AND BOOK AN APPOINTMENT ANYTIME  
01865 751616

**On Thursday the 22nd & Friday the 23rd June**  
**From 10 am to 2 pm**  
The hub is open to introduce to the first time users of a computer and People who would like to improve their Numeracy and literacy skills  
**THESE FUN INFORMAL/INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS ARE FREE**  
"A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU MAY HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TOO, WITHOUT COMMITTING YOURSELF TO ANYTHING"  
If you can bring along proof of being on benefits you will be entitled to up to 4 energy saver light bulbs FREE

**Easter Activities for Barton kids** went really well for this Easter over 218 children benefited from attending a week of fun and games at Bayard's school.

The activities were run by Jason Carbon and were funded by Oxford City Council. After such a great success there will be 4 weeks of summer fun in the school holidays.

### Alex Hollingsworth

Alex has represented Barton and Sandhills for many years and for some considerable time was a resident as well as our local councillor. He has shown great commitment and loyalty to the estate, and has given his support and backing on many local issues. He vigorously campaigned alongside residents for our swimming pool and has always made himself accessible and easy to reach. We all wish him well as he retires from local politics and send our best wishes and thanks for his dedication to our Communities.

### After School Art Club'

Barton Community Association has been awarded a grant from Awards For All to start up a club for 8 - 14 year olds to attend a regular art club and work with Amy our leading artist on exciting and community based art projects

The Club Started Monday 24th April 3.30pm - 4.45pm (term time) at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. So far it has been well attended and the children seem to be enjoying it very much.

Calling all young people - come and get involved in this exciting project! Try your hand at ceramics, pottery, jewellery making and much more....

Contact: 760684 for more details and look out for posters

Swimming for Women only  
Every Tuesday  
11am - 12pm  
at Omerod School  
Waynflette Road  
Barton

The Roundabout Centre  
 The Ormerod School  
 Waynflete Road  
 Headington  
 Oxford  
 OX3 8DD

Tel/Fax No: 01865 764952



*"A highlight for us all has been the Round-about-Dads - a brilliant concept and beautifully (and discretely) administered. As a dad I always look forward to our Saturday hugely"*



"The Roundabout Centre is a wonderful place where we can come and have adult company while our children are happy playing with lots of exciting things. Everyone is so welcoming and friendly, we love coming here and we will keep coming for as long as it's here"

*"It is the perfect day care in every way - friendly, helpful, with caring staff, fun activities and nutritious food"*



**Open morning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006 - All Welcome**

The Roundabout Centre is open 8am - 6pm Monday to Friday. If you would like more information please ring 01865 764952 or call in for a chat.



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### Magnificent Stones

In the past couple of weeks residents may have noticed something different in the area outside the Barton Chippy. The stones have been placed in this area as part of the Redevelopment of Underhill Circus and the Garden Of Respect in which the stones are situated. These stones were transported from Bayard's School where they have been for many years. Very shortly there will be local art work in the form of mosaics installed into the stones. We do urge parents to supervise their children at all times and for older youth to respect the stones and the work that will be installed.

### New Community Drugs Project Worker

"Hi, I'm Anthony Armitage, the new community drugs project worker. I have taken over Xanthe's job, and look forward to continuing the ongoing projects and also to get some new ones started. I'm really keen to meet residents of Barton to discuss their concerns on substance use on the estate. I will be attending many community meetings, and will eventually have an office space in the Neighbourhood Centre. Please feel free to send an email or drop me a line, or when I have an office, come and visit me!

### Barton Surgery

#### Your Neighbourhood NHS Medical Centre

Neighbourhood Centre  
Underhill Circus, Headington,  
Oxford, OX3 9LS.

Tel: 01865 744221

Affiliated with the Bury Knowle Health Centre in Headington, Barton Surgery reception is open each day from 8.30am - 6pm except for afternoon closing on Thursdays and Fridays.

GP's are in attendance for part of each day except Thursdays and the Practice Nurse is available during the week as well. Other Healthcare Professionals attending are Midwives, Health Visitors, Counsellors, Speech Therapist, Substance Misuse experts.....

Consultations are by appointment and cover the following:

- \* GP surgeries - diagnosis, prescribing and referrals
- \* Nursing surgeries - chronic disease management, smoking cessation, vaccinations, blood tests, suture removal, family planning and dressings.
- \* Health visitor - baby clinics
- \* Midwives - ante natal checks
- \* Counselling - on referral from GP's
- \* Substance misuse
- \* Speech and Language therapy - adults
- \* Repeat Prescriptions

The telephone number for appointments and enquiries is 01865 744221

### Grow your own food!!!

Having an allotment is a fun (and healthy) way of getting some gentle exercise, making new friends, and of course growing food that is MUCH tastier than anything in the supermarkets!

Barton's allotment holders don't just grow vegetables though. Everyone's plot is different with some people growing traditional potatoes and carrots in perfectly straight rows while others try out more adventurous crops from red lettuces to purple carrots. There are also lots of herbs to be found and flowers grown to make plots look pretty, or to be cut and taken home!

Barton Field Allotments have some vacant plots at the moment so if you would like to grow your own fruit and veg close to home now is your chance.

Plots of different sizes are available to cater for different sized appetites, and levels of energy. Existing plot-holders are always keen to share their experience, and will help make sure you get the most out of your allotment if you want them to.

**To find out more, call Catherine on 01865 768196.**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

### Barton United F.C.

Our best season to date in this our 25th year in the Oxford Mail Boys League. The U9s team, run by Andy Rose & Darryl Cribben, finished top of the Green League. Congratulations to the lads who have played brilliantly. The U10s, run by Neil Crozier, just lost out to Berinsfield, taking a commendable runners up spot in the Green league. Young ladies have participated in this group too. Well done all.

More players are needed for the next 11 aside next season.

The U13s, managed by Paul Hankinson and trained by David Lester, are producing the goods. Having topped the Green League in the 04/05 season, they have finished third in the higher Blue League.

The men's team in the Morrells Sunday League, managed by Paul Woodburn, finished second and have won promotion to the Premier division. Some of the men have progressed through the boys & youth teams.

Supporters are always welcome at the Barton recreation ground, Saturday morning for the U8s and U9s and Sunday for the U10s, U11s & U14s. If you are interested in joining us, either as a player or just to help out, Phone Dave or Jan on 01865 452616. Don't forget our fun day on Sunday 27th August with a men's football tournament, girls/boys 5 aside competition and delights such as a Bouncy Castle, hot food, bar, stalls and raffle. Proceeds are for Townsend House.

# Barton Pool – Now Open

Barton Pool opened to the public in a blaze of glory on the 13th April 2006.

The Lord Mayor Bob Price opened the pool and the event was attended

By children from Bayard's Hill School, residents, Sport England and Oxford City Council representatives

The 2.8million pound project was completed after a good partnership between the local community, Oxford City Council and Sport England.

The facility is fully accessible and consists of a four lane 25 metre swimming pool and a multi use dance studio where we provide a variety of fitness and exercise classes. We also provide Birthday Parties.

The City of Oxford Swimming Club run swimming lessons for the general public Monday- Friday from 4pm - 5.30pm and on Monday evening for adults from 7pm - 8pm.

For further information please telephone Jan on 07770 934520, or pick up a leaflet from reception.

Fantastic value membership is available and discounts for those on low income. Don't forget kids swim free. Contact reception on 01865 467290 for more details and finally enjoy your new pool.

## **Barton Pool Fitness Class Timetable**

### **Monday**

Aerotone 10.00-11.00am

Pilates 11.00-11.45am

Aerobics 6.00 –7.00pm

Floor and Core 7.00-8.00

### **Tuesday**

Yoga Hatha 1 10.30-12.00

Fighting Fit 12.00-12.45pm

Water Workout 1.00-1.45pm

Aerobics 7.00-8.00pm

### **Wednesday**

LBT 9.30-10.30am

Water Work out 7.00-8.00pm

### **Thursday**

Floor and Core 6.00-7.00pm

LBT 7.00-8.00pm

### **Friday**

Freestyle Fitness Yoga 9.30-10.30am

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