

# Hands on News

Newsletter for Barton and the surrounding area Sept 2006

Issue 5

Produced by Barton Residents and community workers



## Barton Celebrates in Style

On Saturday 17th June Barton celebrated the summer by holding a community event for all.

We were honoured that the Lord Mayor Jim Campbell could attend and open our event to the sound of the Army Cadets Band.

The Lord Mayor gave a very positive speech as residents gathered to hear him praise Barton and say that our estate is no longer the forgotten estate, it is up and coming and very vibrant.

Over 500 people turned up to join in the fun. In the Barton neighbourhood Centre there were a mixture of stalls and refreshments.

As the day progressed the atmosphere was electric, with music playing, face painting, a dance show, drama, five a side football, penalty shoot out, school art competition and much much more.

We are now in the process of organizing next year's event which will be a themed event celebrating Barton being over a 100 years old. It will also have an educational strand to it by including the history of Barton which the children of Bayard's Hill School will research and produce work that will be displayed on the day.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Barton Bash and look forward to seeing you all again next year. If you would like to be involved or have any ideas for the 2007 Bash please contact Maureen Robertson 01865 760684.



Turn to page 4 to check out the new kids

## Be Holden To You

Our thanks go to Sue & Barry Holden for their years of service to the community. Outside of their business interests, they worked hard to make life a little easier for many of the Barton residents. May your retirement be all things nice.

Plans are ongoing at great expense to make the Underhill Circus more attractive. This will not solve our litter problems. It's your patch and in your hands. Let us all make an effort.

Editor



## Underhill Circus Feedback Event

The Underhill Circus feedback event is due to take place in October there will be flyers and posters advertising the time and date.

Please show your support by attending this event.

For more detail contact the team 01865 760684



Hi, I am Alan Foulkes the new Barton Community Development Project Co-ordinator. I have taken over from Vikki Gledhill who some of you will know. The Barton Community Development Project has achieved much over the last 2 years.

I am really looking forward to working with Maureen and Melanie the Community Development Workers, with Barton Community Association, and other members of the community to ensure that the next 18 months of the project are just as successful. I am keen to be out and about, getting to meet people.

Please feel free to contact me on 760684, or email me on [alan@bartonresearchproject.demon.co.uk](mailto:alan@bartonresearchproject.demon.co.uk) and let me know your concerns and ideas for community improvements.



Barton Community  
Association



## Hello from Barton Community Association

Hope you've all enjoyed the summer holidays and just a reminder that xmas is only thirteen weeks away!!

Traditionally August is a quiet time for the Association but this year throughout the month we've run no less than six coach trips to various venues including Alton Towers, Gullivers Land and Bournemouth. In fact we had two coaches going to Bournemouth on the same day when Jean took her activity group for their annual jaunt to the seaside. It must have been like a mass invasion of Bartonites. We are hoping to be able to offer Christmas Shopping Trips later in the year followed by our annual Panto Theatre extravaganza!! More details will follow at a later date.

Don't forget our regular Bingo every Tuesday and Evergreens on Thursday afternoons, also indoor bowls take place Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2pm - 4pm just turn up.

If you need anymore information please call either Sue or Sharon on 01865 761987

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING

We are taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning in support of the Macmillan Cancer Appeal.

**Friday 29th September**

**10am - 1pm**

**Barton Neighbourhood Centre  
Underhill Circus**

Please come and join us for coffee, biscuits and a chat while raising funds for a worthwhile cause. Bring a friend and/or family member and instantly double your support.

See you on the 29th

Sue Holden

Business Support worker

BCA



# SIRZ

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Saturday 9am - 5pm

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O.A.P's	£6.00

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We welcome everyone and provide an excellent service

## St. Mary's News

St. Mary's Church is the Church of England Church at the gateway to the Barton Estate and welcomes everyone to its 10am Family Service. We have a good Sunday school and disabled access to the building with an induction loop for the hard of hearing. Freshly brewed Bewley's Coffee is served after the service.

Our highlights this Autumn are the wedding of local couple Philip Major and Claire Churchouse of Bernwood Road on Saturday 16th September and the Ordination to the Priesthood of Barton resident Richard Chand of Bayswater Road on Sunday 24th September in Christchurch Cathedral.

Each month we have a Cash Prize Bingo and the next games are on Saturday 9th September and Saturday 14th October. Doors open at 7pm with Eyes Down at 7.30pm.

Also each month we have a fellowship lunch of soup, bread and cheese with pudding in the Hall. The meal ends with a reflection and costs just £2. The next lunch is on Thursday 7th September at 12noon.

This year's Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 15th October with a huge Curry party in the Church Hall to raise funds for our partner charity USPG, working to help Christians in other parts of the world.

Fr. Jonathan Sewell

## St. Mary's Church, Barton

Weekly Services:

Sunday 10am Family Eucharist with Sunday School

Tuesday 10am Holy Communion  
Thursday 5pm Evening Prayer



Each month's social activities are open to all. They include a delicious Fellowship Lunch, learning craft work at Knotting and Knitting, singing in our Choir The St. Mary's Minstrels and the chance to make new friends and win at Cash Prize Bingo.

Barton residents are able to hire the Church Hall on Edgecombe Road at an economical rate on Saturday and Sunday evenings for family parties.

No charge is made for the Baptism of a child and all Barton couples are welcome to have their wedding in St. Mary's Church.

For an appointment with the Vicar please call at the Vicarage.

Members of St. Mary's pastoral team are also available for home visits.

Fr. Jonathan Sewell The Vicarage Bayswater Road Barton  
Tel: 01865-761886

Email: jonathan.sewell@ntlworld.com

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  
Quizzes



We would 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 £10 for the best community article.

The deadline for the next issue is 6th November.

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

### Your Community Needs You

Do you enjoy writing or finding out what's happening in your community? Then why not become a volunteer with Barton Community Development Project. It's a great way to meet new people and also gain recognized qualifications through training.



So come on what are you waiting for. Take a step and make a difference to what happens in your community! All ages welcome. We believe it takes people from all different backgrounds to make a community!

Tel: 01865 760684

#### The End

We are all very sad that we won't be delivering your newspapers any more, because we made lots of friends and it meant we didn't have to ask our parents for pocket money. It was also an easy way to exercise regularly. We are all looking for new jobs so may be car - washing, shopping or even a bit of help in the garden! Who knows. Barton Paperboys and Girls.

### 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

# The Bayards Hill Times

## Key stage 2 Sports Day

On Thursday 13th July 2006 the key stage 2 pupils of Bayards Hill School had their annual sports day in honour of the school.

The team for the relay were equally shared out, although some people were faster than others.

Miss Pikes class and Miss Sellers class were really good as they battled out the races with no fear at all.

All the classes of Bayards Hill school were in teams. The red house, blue house, yellow house and green house.

At the moment the points for each team have not been announced but they will be soon.

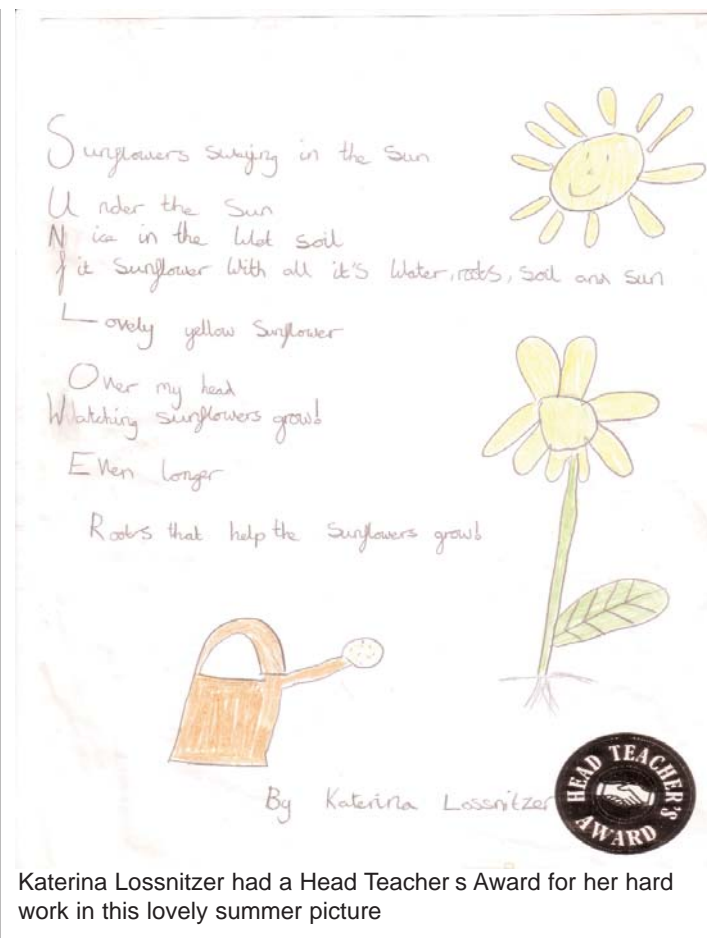
We went backstage to have a talk with one of the winning racers Shaun Amos and he said It was an exhilarating ride of excitement as you run down the field. It was great fun and enjoyable .

Shaun Amos was a great team player in the relay race as he also made a great comeback during the hurdles which he also won, but in the end everyone had great fun in this brilliant adventure of 2006!

By Ben Cox

## Fire Entertainment Evening

The entertainment evening was a real success with a good turnout of pupils and parents/carers who enjoyed an evening of singing and dancing in the school hall. The massive raffle had over 50 prizes and many thanks to all who contributed. £380.00 was raised so many thanks and congratulations to John Harvey and family who put so much effort into the organisation and preparation of this enjoyable event.



Katerina Lossnitzer had a Head Teacher's Award for her hard work in this lovely summer picture

## The All New Barton IT Hub

You may have noticed the shutters down on the much loved Barton IT Hub recently!! This is because the Hub has now moved into a new state of the art computer suite over at the neighbourhood centre across the road.

To find the centre you need to enter the neighbourhood centre in Underhill Circus, just turn right at the top of the stairs and we are in the right hand corner of the new learning space - just follow the Barton Hub Logos and you will find us.

The centre has facilities for using the internet and email, printing, word processing, spreadsheets and databases and includes professional software for bookkeeping too!!.

There are scanners and image editing software such as photoshop we even have the industry standard programmes for web design and creating animations from macromedia.

See what you can achieve with Learndirect courses: we offer a wide range of exciting online courses that you can study in your own time at your own pace. You can even gain nationally recognised certificate in English and Maths by studying with us on one of our free English and Maths courses.

Here are some of the courses that will be run at the Barton Hub. You can contact the centre on: 01865 751616 or 01865 766496



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Title	Date	Time	Weeks
Computers for Beginners	Wed 27.09.06	9.30am - 11.30am	10
Desktop Publishing for Beginners	Tue 31.10.06	9.30am - 11.30am	5
Digital Cameras for Beginners	Mon 25.09.06	9.30am - 12pm	4
Images & Photoshop for Beginners	Mon 30.10.06	9.30am - 11.30am	5
Internet for Beginners	Mon 30.10.06	12.30pm - 2.30pm	5
PC Maintenance for Beginners	Mon 25.09.06	12.15pm - 2.45pm	4
Spreadsheets for Beginners	Tue 26.09.06	9.30am - 12pm	4
Creative Computing	Wed 27.09.06	3.30pm - 5.30pm	10
Refresher Course	Wed 27.09.06	12.30pm - 2.30pm	10

## Barton Chippy

Opening Times

Monday to Saturday

11am - 10pm

Sunday 1pm - 7.30pm

If you wish to place an order  
by phone and then pick up  
please call 10865 761712

2 Underhill Circus

Barton

Oxford

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### *Personal Acknowledgement.*

It is with great sadness to inform our readers that Margaret Rowles, formerly of Mather Rd Barton, sadly passed away recently.

Margaret was a very proud and independent woman with lots of community spirit.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

### CELEBRATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

From our next issue we will be including an Announcements column for births, birthdays, anniversaries and personal acknowledgements. Each entry will cost just £1 but must be limited to twenty words.

If you would like an announcement included in our next issue please let us have the details by 6th November together with the £1 to cover costs.

Delivery of the newsletter will be approximately 15th December.

Tel: 01865 760684 or email

maureen@bartonresearch.demon.co.uk

### A SAD DAY FOR BARTON UNITED

Regretfully we have found it necessary to discontinue with the Bonus Ball Lucky Numbers and the sale of second hand books as Mr Sanghera feels unable to continue with this source of fund-raising for Barton United.

Over the years we have managed to raise thousands of pounds for the club, and we would now like to hear of any ideas you may have to continue with the fundraising. Tel: 742811.

We would like to personally thank each and everyone of you who have supported our fund-raising efforts over the past twenty five years for the club and long may it continue.

Regards Sue & Barry Holden

### All change for Barton United Penny Pots

Just to let you know that the collection pots have been re-located from Sanghera Supermarkets to the Chippy and the Off Licence Post Office.

Please continue your invaluable support for your Football Club

# OCHA

## Older Persons Rented Homes Available

Oxford Citizens Housing Association has unfurnished, self-contained, studio and one-bedroom accommodation in various areas of Oxford City available for long-term rental to couples and single people aged 55 and over.

All properties are provided with an alarm call system and many schemes have a manager who can provide regular visits to those who require them.

Weekly rents are from approx £80 (inclusive of service charges).

If you would like further information or an application pack please call 01865 773000 or visit [www.ocha.org.uk](http://www.ocha.org.uk)

Available properties will be offered on a priority basis.

We are also inviting applications for a limited number of sheltered flats in the Iffley area. These are available to let for a limited period (approx 2 years) on Assured Shorthold Tenancies at similar rent levels. If you are aged 55 or over and interested, we will be happy to provide further information.



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## OXFORD CITIZENS HOUSING ASSOCIATION PRESS RELEASE

New development by local housing association will help families get on property ladder

Families struggling to get a foot on the property ladder could benefit from an innovative development by Oxford Citizens Housing Association (OCHA) in Barton, Oxford.

OCHA, in partnership with Lovell Partnerships, is building 15 one-bedroom and 3 two-bedroom flats for Affordable Home Ownership, which enables residents to part-buy and part-rent their own home

It is an ideal option for people who cannot afford to buy a property outright on the open market, because they buy a share in the property and pay subsidised rent on the remainder. They then have the option of increasing their stake in the property by buying more shares.

Residents can buy initial shares in the properties in Fettiplace Road, Barton, ranging from 25 to 50 per cent.

This is an excellent way for people to have a stake in their own home when they wouldn't be able to afford to do so on the open market explains OCHA's Development Project Manager Christine Warner. We're delighted to be increasing the levels of home ownership in the Barton area.

OCHA is also building rental properties on the site including nine two-bedroom homes, twelve three-bedroom, one four-bedroom and one five-bedroom home for allocation through Oxford City Council.

All the properties are being built using an innovative method called Fusion, a steel-frame system which speeds up the construction of new homes by using leading-edge computer aided design. The system uses prefabricated steel framed panels injection moulded with insulation which are bolted together on site.

This is the first time we have used this modern method of construction says Christine. The Fusion method allows the frames go up very quickly so the people working inside can work in a clean, dry environment from an early stage.

OCHA hopes the first of the new homes will be handed over early next year with the scheme completed by July 2007.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the affordable home ownership properties should contact OCHA on 01865 773000 or visit the OCHA website on [www.ocha.org.uk](http://www.ocha.org.uk) for further information and an application form.

For further information please contact  
Sarah Pomroy at OCHA on 01865 782573



## MUSIC AROUND BARTON NEWS FROM THE CENTRE FOR MUSIC

Oxfordshire County Music Service staff have been busy leading music activities in Barton. Sue Lawrence provided a very successful workshop at the Barton Bash where children, adults and families had great fun trying their hand at African Drumming and proved to be able students!

At the end of the school term, Jenny Grinham and Simon Gray worked with Bayards Hill Primary

School staff and pupils to present 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'Footsteps on the Moon', two productions that involved all the children in the school. Both productions were well attended by parents and friends. We were also pleased to welcome residents of Townsend House and other local residents who came and enjoyed an afternoon listening to the children's singing followed by refreshments.

Pupils from year three had their own special day when they joined children from other primary schools to rehearse and present a string concert. Oxfordshire County Music Service provides a whole year of free instrumental tuition for children aged 7 to 8, in school time. The children really did show that they have learned a great deal in a year and we hope that many of them will take up the opportunity to carry on learning to play an instrument next year.

In the school holidays Jenny Grinham has provided three free sessions of Summer Music Making Fun for 5-7 year olds. All the children enjoyed learning songs and playing music based around the theme of Treasure Island.

Everyone who attended received a certificate and free activity pack to take home.

The Centre for Music also provides activities for ADULTS who wish to pursue their love of music. There is a range of music groups for people at all stages of experience. Where there is sufficient interest it is possible to start new groups.

\* WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY IN A BRASS BAND? I understand that there are a number of adults who are already interested in forming a group to practise and play brass instruments. If you would like to join in please contact LINDA BROWN on 01865 740210

## Oxford City Primary Care Trust



### A Health Trainer for Barton

Next time you pop into the Neighbourhood Centre why not keep an eye out for Rosemary Aldgate, the Health Trainer for Barton?

She is one of a new team working in Oxford's estates to help people find out more about:

- Healthier eating
- Getting the right amount of exercise
- Smoking and stopping smoking!
- Alcohol use and drug use
- Sexual health

The service is for anyone aged 18 or over, and works as a series of one-to-one meetings. In your first meeting you will get plenty of time to talk over the health issues that most concern you, find out about what you could do about them, and decide if you are ready to take action! If you feel ready to make some changes, Rosemary can help you to put together a plan that will work for you, and offer you ongoing support as you work through it.

At the moment Rosemary is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Individual meetings can be arranged at Barton Neighbourhood Centre, or at the Roundabout Centre. Rosemary can also come and talk to your local community group about what the Health Trainer service can offer.

Interested? You can telephone Rosemary on 0786 7552 012 (calls can be returned so that we pay the bill!), or email her at [rosemary\\_healthtrainer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosemary_healthtrainer@yahoo.co.uk). You can also leave a message at Barton Surgery in Barton Neighbourhood Centre where Rosemary is based, and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Look forward to hearing from you soon!

[Health Trainers are supervised by the Oxford Healthy Living Partnership, and funded / monitored by Oxford City PCT.]

### **Know Drugs! Want to know more?**



Are you concerned about drug and alcohol use in Barton? Do you want to know more?

I am inviting people to come and talk to me about their thoughts, feelings and concerns about drugs. It doesn't matter who you are or whether you are a drug-user or not. I am here to provide impartial advice and to work with the community to address the drugs issue.

I am looking into setting up various drop-in services at the moment, ranging from parent support groups to harm-reduction for drug-users. If you have concerns about a family member or friend. I will be running support workshops soon. Please contact me for more information.

The main focus of my work at present is on alcohol and binge drinking. I am working with the Youth Service to develop an interactive website that will incorporate the views and feelings of young people in Barton. This will be done with drama and role plays which will be acted, recorded and edited by the young people involved.

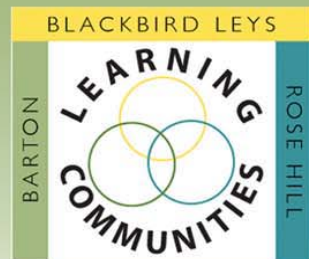
We have also run drug education sessions at the Summer Schemes in Barton and Wood Farm which have been popular. I hope to keep running similar sessions at the various Youth Clubs in the future.

And I will be running the Energy & Vision course 'Drugs in the 21st Century' soon. This is a subsidised six-week course designed for parents and carers. It gives up-to-date information on all aspects of drug use, and is accredited to Level 2 of the Open College Network.

If you need any more information or want to drop in for a chat, please don't hesitate to call me on 01865 760684 or 07979 852484, or email me at: [knowdrugs@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:knowdrugs@tiscali.co.uk).

**Anthony Armitage    Community Drugs Project Development Worker.**

# Barton Learning Community



Vikki Gledhill Learning Community Co-ordinator Barton Learning Community  
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Hello,

You might have read or heard about *Learning Communities*. It's a new project based on three estates, Barton, Blackbird Leys and Rose Hill, working to support local people access learning, new skills and employment.

## What the project aims to do:

- Set up a new learning resource centre situated in Barton Neighbourhood Centre, including a well equipped multimedia IT Suite.
- Assist people with employment support to help them get a job.
- Work with all people including families and young people to develop their own skills.
- Help adults to gain qualifications in basic skills - maths, reading and writing.
- Ensure that some adults achieve new qualifications.
- We will involve local people as Learning Champions to develop a lasting plan for the community

Many local people we have spoken to wish to develop their skills which could then open more doors and opportunities but this is not always as easy as it sounds. From talking to people we understand that there are many issues and barriers that people face such as affording child care, not enough or too much information, lack of time or sometimes lack of confidence.

Do you have an idea for a social enterprise but need some advice on how to get started? Or do you want to set up your own business but don't know how to go about it? If so, contact Co-operative Futures on 01865 726521 to arrange a free and confidential business advice session.

## Learning News update

What's going on locally?

See article inside on Barton IT Hub and recent changes

### Adult Learning classes

**Adult Literacy and Numeracy classes** are running at **Bayards School** on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Phone 01865 778827 if you are interested in joining a class.

### Barton IT Hub

#### Computer for Beginners

starts Wednesday 27 September 9.30-11.30am.

#### Creative Computing for Improvers

starts Wednesday 27 September 3.30 -5.30pm.

#### Refresher Course for Improvers

starts Wednesday 27 September 12.30-2.30pm.

Prospectuses for all colleges are available from *Learning Communities* (first floor Barton Neighbourhood Centre)

*If you would like to use some space in the new Learning Area free of charge, for any type of community project or a regular group meeting then please contact us.*

# Learning

We want to recruit and train local people to become Learning Champions.

This valuable role in the community involves letting other local people know about learning opportunities and knowing who to put them in touch with. You would be provided with training and could develop your skills in the process!

A short two day course is being set up for local people on 14/15th November 10 - 2pm. To find out more phone 01865 742141 and speak to Vikki.

# Champions