

# Hands on News

Newsletter for Barton and the surrounding area December 2007

Issue 10

Produced by Barton residents and community workers

**Xmas** is upon with the giving & receiving of gifts, the gathering of families & friends & the feeling of wellbeing.



For many, Xmas is not a time of joy but of loneliness & memories long past. Some of these people live in your neighbourhood. Just a kindly word speaks volumes.

A card through the letterbox is like a ray of sunshine. Let someone share just a moment of your time as you enjoy this festive season. It really does make a difference.

Merry merry Xmas from the H on N team.

The Editor

## Junior Street Wardens needed in Barton

Calling all young boys & girls between the ages of 8yrs-13yrs.

Would you like to become a junior street warden and work within the community helping to keep your community clean and tidy and most importantly making a difference to where you live.?

You will do lots of different activities and have many trips out which are done on a regular basis and is great fun, so why not give it a try.

So come on and make a difference and enjoy yourself at the same time!

For more information Tel- 01865 764353

## Learning Champions

**We** are looking for dedicated and committed volunteers to join us as Learning Champions. We have recognized that the most successful way of advertising our courses as well as finding out what you really want us to provide is through word of mouth with someone who is local, and who may well be accessing some of the courses themselves. If you are interested in becoming a Learning Champion or would just like to find out more, please call Ann Marie on 01865 742141.

## Barton Community Café Success



**Plans** for a Barton Community Café will soon become a reality.

Barton Community Development Project has been successful in gaining funding that

will pay for the refurbishment of the community hall and the upgrading of the kitchen in Barton Neighbourhood Centre. The café also now has funding which will help pay for staffing costs.

The café will be in part of the community hall with a couple of tables also in the foyer.

The idea is not to have some where that is just cheap and cheerful. This will be an excellent professional café space where we hope people will want to be. There will be good quality food and refreshments at affordable prices.

There will also be the opportunity for local people to learn catering and customer care skills, as they will be able to work in the café as trainees or volunteers.

The café will be opening in May next year. It will employ two workers, a Café Manager and a Chef / trainer. They will be working together with the volunteers and trainees to run the café and a catering business.

We are very keen for residents to be involved in the café from the very beginning; this is a café for your community. If you think you might be interested in volunteering, or training in the café and / or you want to join a group which will decide with the café manager on the café lay out and choose the furniture for the café please let me know.

We will also soon be running a competition to choose the name for the café.

Alan Foulkes Barton Community Development Project Coordinator

## Good Neighbourhood Award



The award for good neighbour has been awarded to Maureen Attwood of 7 High Cross Way Barton who was nominated by Jean Laver. Below is a letter stating why Jean Laver thinks Maureen deserves this award.

"Maureen Attwood is a neighbour with a heart of gold. While I was nursing my sick husband, she would do my shopping for me, as well as looking after her mother. Her sister had an operation earlier in the year and Maureen went over to Kidlington weekly to do her laundry and other household chores. She also takes another neighbour shopping twice a week, as well as helping at the church on Sundays, she gives Sunday lunch to another neighbour, and Maureen is one in a million and an angel without wings! A good friend indeed."

Well done Maureen!

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## The View from the Pavilion

As most readers of Hands on News will know, the pavilion is the football social club on the edge of the estate. It is home to Barton United FC and the Headington Amateurs FC. These two clubs make up the Phoenix Sports Association which run the club on a day to day basis. As you may be aware, the building is quite run down and subject to vandalism on a regular basis. The Council who are our landlords, now recognise that the building is in need of refurbishment or a total re-build. We now have a committee that comprises of members from the council, Phoenix and the Community Association that are looking in to sources of funding. Hopefully we will get a new building or, at the very least, have the existing building improved and made fit for purpose. The club is still available for hire by residents of the estate for parties etc. Barton United also holds regular events such as quiz and poker nights that are open to anyone. Other club events for the young players are the recent fireworks display and the up and coming Christmas race night. At the end of the summer we hold a fun day. This comprises of football for the children, and the various other things such as stalls. Any profit is then split between the football club and a local charity. This year we have given £110 to the cardiology ward at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Everyone is welcome to come down at the weekends, have a drink and watch the football on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Robin Clare

**Chairman of Phoenix Sports Association, Barton United and Company Director BCA**

## Goodbye and Thank you from Maureen Robertson



Hi everyone it's with great sadness to let you know that I am finally moving on to a new post after nearly five years of working within the Barton Community Development Project.

Professionally and personally I have gained so much confidence and experience and I am now looking forward to taking what I have learnt with me into my new post as a Health Trainer for Barton/Wood Farm.

Additionally I would like to thank everyone especially Sue Holden, Vikki Gledhill, Phil Jones, Alan Foulkes, Melanie Phipps and OCHA and most importantly you the community for all your help and support and kindness over the years.

Without you the residents taking the time to stop and talk and give me your views then certain things would not have happened. I would advise anyone who has an interest in what happens within their community to get involved with The Barton Community Development Project / Barton Community Association, there is more available on your own door stop than you think!

So its not good bye for good, I will still be around just in a different role. If you need any health advice for example diet, exercise, smoking, healthy eating, any health related issue I can sign post you in the right direction and support you to make good choices to a healthier lifestyle etc

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## A big welcome to Ahmed A Rahman.



**Ahmed** is the new community development worker who has replaced Melanie Phipps.

Ahmed has been very active in the community and Blackbird Leys working with learning communities and we are very happy to have him join the team

Alan Foulkes Barton Community Development Project Coordinator

## Learning Communities

We are currently putting together our programme of courses for January-March 2008.

We have recently carried out a survey asking you to let us know what courses you would like to see taking place and at what time of day. We hope to be able to cover most of your requests in our programme, together with some of our own ideas. All courses will be widely publicised so all you need to do is register. Why not come along and broaden your horizons as well as unlock your potential.



## THE CENTRE FOR MUSIC BAYARDS HILL SCHOOL

### SATURDAY MUSIC WORKSHOPS



Come along and have fun on a Saturday at The Centre for Music. There is a singing workshop on Saturday January 28th and a recorder workshop on February 4th, both from 2pm until 5.45pm. Children over 7 years and adults of all abilities and experience are welcome. The cost is £12.50 per person or £32 per family. No payment is required for families entitled to free school meals.

### MUSIC FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS IN BARTON



Give your child a flying start by coming along to a music workshop. Children enjoy and respond to music from birth. Sharing music with your child is great fun and helps to develop your child's early language and social skills. In Barton, Oxfordshire County Music Service provides music workshops for mothers or carers and babies, toddlers and young school children. Workshops are at these times: At The Roundabout Centre Barton: 9.30am childminders and children; 10.30am Mums/Dads or carers and children; 11.30 Roundabout Nursery children and their parents (please check with the Nursery first). At Bayards Hill School : Fridays 1.30pm children and parents from the Early Years Unit (please check with Mrs Blackburn at the school first).

### MUSIC AT BAYARDS HILL SCHOOL



In the Autumn term, 11 new children started violin lessons and there are now 15 children altogether learning to play. In October, fifty children from year six enjoyed taster workshops for steel pans as part of Black History Month. After Christmas, thirty 7 year old children will start violin lessons as part of the County's Vocal and Instrumental Programme.



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## Barber Shop

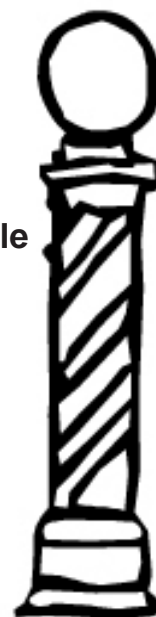
Monday to Friday  
9am - 6pm  
Saturday 9am - 5pm

Ear Piercing now Available

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



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## Calling all animal lovers



RSPCA Oxon will be holding a pet micro chipping event at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday 9th February from 10.00-1.00. Inserting a microchip is no more painful than an injection and safeguards your pet for life against theft and loss. No need to make

an appointment, just bring your dog, cat or rabbit along on the day and we will chip it for only £10(average vets price £25). For more information ring Katherine on 01993-813701



### Christmas Musical Jam

Featuring DJG

- Enjoy rap, hip pop, etc; Choreography
- Face painting with Christmas images;
- Christmas tree math's game; Christmas card making
- Fun easy Christmas craft for kids
- Visit Santa Claus; The Christmas story
- Lots of snacks and drinks; Lots and lots of fun

There's something for everyone.....children, youth, adult

**Date: Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2007**

**Time: 4pm to 7pm**

### Christmas Carol & Service

Attend a Christmas carol with a difference:  
Everyone joins in the carol and rejoices with others this Christmas

**Date: Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007**

**Time: 10am to 12pm**

### Christmas Meal

Featuring food and some music from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean

Enjoy your Christmas with people from different culture/races

**Date: Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2007**

**Time: 1pm to 3pm**

Venue: Barton Neighborhood Centre, Underhill Circus. Oxford.  
Host: The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Christ's Love Assembly, Barton.

Contacts/more information: Pat - 07813709676; Tina - 07817180782;  
website - <http://www.oxrccg.org.uk>

Admission  
is  
**FREE**

## Northway Community Centre Children's Christmas Party



Come along to the Northway Community Centre on December 21st and enjoy an evening of activities such as a puppet show, magic act and a fantastic bubble disco for children aged 3yrs-13yrs from 7pm-9pm.

Tickets available on the door for £3.00.

For more details please call 01865 764273

## Hall for Hire

Do you have something special to celebrate? Need a Hall? Then hire Northway Community Centre's function hall, It accommodates up to 120 people, use of kitchen facilities, fully licensed bar and ample car parking all at very reasonable prices. Further details ring 01865 764273

## B. C. A. Diamond Jubilee

The Association reaches its 60th anniversary in April 2008, and, as we did for our Golden 50th Anniversary, we will be inviting both individuals and groups alike to apply for some £60 bursaries.

Please let us know in writing why you think you should receive a bursary from the Association. All applications will be considered and those who are successful will be informed by March 2008. Please address your applications to me at Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

Sue Holden

### 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 01865 761712

2 Underhill Circus  
Barton  
Oxford  
OX3 9LU

## Barton Surgery

Your Neighbourhood NHS Medical Centre  
Neighbourhood Centre  
Underhill Circus, Headington,  
Oxford, OX3 9LS  
Tel: 01865 744221

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

G.P'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 - referral from GP's

" Substance misuse

" Speech and Language Therapy - adults

" Repeat Prescriptions

Telephone number for appointments and enquiries is 01865 744221

### The Barton Families Reunited Project.



A monthly party for newly formed group of mums and dads from Barton who share an interest in volunteering and getting involved more in the lives of young people on the estate.

The night will include awards for young people as well as the chance for the group to chat informally and plan their current projects. Urban ARTz will be hosting the night which will include food, drink and entertainment which will be comprised of performers and a different guest speaker each month.

This group is involved in the running of all workshops associated with The Community Bizness, and a driving force behind much of what Urban ARTz is aiming to achieve.

Come and join us!

Call: 0788 617 6192 or email:  
info@TheCommunityBizness.co.uk

## Christmas is Coming...



Christmas is traditionally a time of over indulgence: eating, drinking and much merriment. However, sometimes, the overindulging can continue well in to the New Year. Support is available to help people cut down or manage their drinking and drug taking. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your own or someone else's substance use. All matters will be

dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas on what you would like to see happen in relation to drug and alcohol use in Barton. I have been trying to set up a parent's support group, a drop-in for substance users, though have not received much uptake. Although I have had good success with drugs education courses for young people.

I am continuing to run FREE drugs awareness courses for parents and carers in Barton. Please contact me to find the dates and times.

Anthony Armitage  
Community Drugs Project Development Worker  
01865 767118 / 07979 852484. Email:  
knowdrugs@tiscali.co.uk  
Wednesday - Friday

### Christmas at St. Mary's Church Barton Carol Service

**Sunday 23rd December** at 6.30pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the church hall.



**Midnight Mass** is on Christmas Eve at 11pm

**Christmas Day** 10am

Family Service

### Cash Prize Bingo

Saturday 8th December doors open at 7pm,

## Bayards- Hill Primary School News for you

Sue Lockey and Carrie Butler, Learning Mentors at Bayards Hill Primary School, welcome all parents to our coffee mornings. The coffee mornings are well established and a great place to meet other parents, talk about school life and have fun becoming involved in school and community events.

So far this year we have started a sewing club, launched by Bayards Hill (parents/teachers association) and an international event at the school for the whole community. We have also found out more about services and events for families in Barton.

Please drop in to our friendly, informal group on Friday mornings 9am-10am

## Jungle Boy By Sabina L

As I run through all the trees I hear animals growling and the long grass brushing my legs.

I smell the fresh air up my nose and can even taste the wet soggy leaves. Then suddenly I turn around and I see the king of the jungle growling at me as I run as fast as my legs would take me I nearly jumped out of my skin. Then I climb up the big oak tree. The big cat looks up growling at me.

I was blinded by the sun peeking through the gaps in the big tall tress. I threw a sharp stick at the big cat, he falls in a heap and never gets up again. Monkeys come out to crown me as Jungle Boy.

## Car Parking Revised traffic arrangements

Following lengthy consultations with pupils/parents, our near neighbours, the Governors of the School, the Music service, the Roundabout Centre, the Barton Swimming Pool and staff in the School the revised traffic arrangements for the school should be put into place before the



Christmas break.

The existing travel and car parking arrangements have been causing real safety concerns for a long time because of both sheer volume of traffic and also because of inappropriate parking in the car park and on the pavements along Waynfilet road

The school would like to thank those that offered suggestions to improve the basic proposals, some of which have been adopted by the Highways Authority. Therefore, the school car park will be moved to the end of the current playground nearest the swimming pool and a fence will be put in place, roughly half way across the playground. Years 5&6 will play in the remaining part of the playground whilst years 3&4 will play in what is now the current car park. All areas will be safely fenced.

The gates that are currently used for entry for both vehicles and pedestrians will be closed at peak times and the former pedestrian entrances will be reopened.

These measures should vastly improve the safety of all entering and leaving our school and we intend to further improve traffic measures by installing cycle sheds at a later date.

## Barton I.T. HUB VOLUNTEERS

Barton Learning Communities currently have vacancies for volunteers who can help IT Hub users to develop their computer skills.

If you have some spare time on your hands (approximately 3 hours a week), and are looking to share your skills with others within friendly, pleasant surroundings in your community then we would like to hear from you.

Contact us on 01865 742141

## Maths and English courses

Have you considered joining the English and Maths classes held each week at Bayards Hill and Ormrod? Maybe you could just brush up on your basic skills or even take it to another level and work through to GCSE standard-all for free.



You could also think about joining a computer course looking at both Word and internet use to help you in particular with the English Course.

Why not give it a try-it won't cost you anything and it's on your doorstep.

For further details please contact Anne-Marie on 01865 742141

## Cheney School WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 11 students from Cheney School went on work experience from 15th-19th October which proved to be extremely valuable. This week was used for students to realise what life as a working person feels like and to decide whether the jobs are right for them. As far as I am concerned, it is never too early to start thinking about what you might like to do when you are older. In fact, the earlier you start thinking about it, the more chance there is that the job is right for you because you have thought about it.

“English Clubs Flying High”.

It was not as exciting as the 2005 Champions League Final but it was certainly as memorable. Whether you are a Liverpool fan or not, it was a record-breaker you can't forget. Arsenal wasn't too far behind this big win with their 7-0 win two weeks ago on the same day that Manchester United won 4-2. Don't forget Chelsea's 6-0 victory over Manchester City! What is happening with English clubs? Way to go!

By Sahard Parzavi



**Barton Sings!**

The Barton singing group is still going strong. We've had some new people join since September, are learning some new songs and getting ourselves heard! By the time you get this Hands on News, we will have performed at Meadowbrook sheltered housing, at an International Day at Bayards Hill School, and also hopefully at the opening of the garden in front of the shops!

Next term we've got plans to run an event for Oxford International Women's Festival some time in March, and looking further forward, we'll be preparing to sing at the Cowley Road Carnival in June. As well as the Barton Bash, of course!

We're a friendly, informal group, and newcomers are always welcome - you don't need any previous experience of singing, just a willingness to enjoy it! We sing harmony songs from a range of cultures, including African and Eastern European.

We meet at the Neighbourhood Centre (just across from the shops) from 12.15 - 2.15 on Tuesdays during term-time. Sessions start on January 8th, with a break for half-term on Feb 19.

If you fancy giving it a try, just come along to a session. There's a crèche for under-5's, no charge for the session, and we start by eating lunch together (bring your own - tea and coffee provided). If you want to find out more, contact Janet on 01865 762200 or Liz on 01865 792434.

## **BARTON BASH JUNE 2008**

We are now in the process of organising next years Barton Bash we are calling all residents new and old to become involved. In next years bash we really need your help and support in organising this fantastic summer event for all.



We would also like it if residents could donate the fruits of their talents which we could use in our raffle such as gardening produce, paintings, food etc. If you think that you can help in some way then please contact Sue Holden on 01865 761987

Leisure & Cultural Services



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# Barton Pool

## Christmas opening hours

**Don't be a victim of festive excess!**

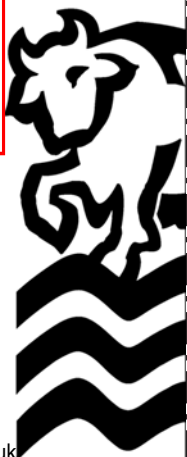
Burn off those festive calories at Barton Pool. Swim, enjoy a Water Workout class or choose from a range of Health & Fitness classes.

24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00 – 16.00
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CLOSED
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.00 – 18.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	CLOSED
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Normal

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Oxford Citizens Housing Association



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Stakeholders and working partners.

Please note that our offices will be  
closed on Christmas day, Boxing day  
and New Year's day.



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