

Hands on News

Newsletter for Barton and the surrounding area March 2008

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Barton Community Development Project Ends

Barton Community Development Project (BCDP) is coming to the end of its funding from the Lottery and will be finishing at the end of March.

As well as producing this news letter the project, which has trained and employed local residents to work as community workers, has worked in a wide number of areas to make Barton an even better place to live. For example BCDP has developed youth facilities, produced the A-Z guide of Barton, initiated the Underhill Circus improvements, and has developed the Barton Community café which will open in May.

I believe that the strength of the project has been that research and community work has been done by local people.

We wish to thank the Community for the support you have given us and especially to many local people who have been involved as volunteers over the last 3 years.

The future of community development work in Barton is uncertain though Barton Community Association is fund raising to develop a new version of BCDP where more residents will be trained and employed in community research and development.

Alan Foulkes BCDP Coordinator



Young people have put a lot of work into the Garden of Respect at Underhill Circus. We hope that everyone will enjoy the new Underhill Circus opening day on the 11th March @ 5.30PM.

"B-DAZZLED AT BARTON"

SATURDAY, 15th MARCH 2008 6-8pm

A lively singing dancing and poetry event hosted by Barton Groups to showcase local talent. [Supported by the Amryl Johnson Foundation for International Women's Festival]. Look forward to seeing you there!

Ann Marie Browne

Tel 01865 742 141

Helping those with Debt in Barton

Barton Advice Centre (BAC) based in Barton's Neighbourhood Centre helps "individual who live locally in Barton" with debt and debt management. BAC can represent clients, contact their creditors and offer useful advice-even with those dreaded Bank charges.

BAC is independent and offers advice covering: bailiff action, completing welfare benefit forms, advising clients of their right to challenge decisions and assisting with Benefit Appeals and Court Hearings.

Stop fearing the post woman and her red letters. BAC and its helpful staff will give you individual attention with debt. Debt and financial difficulties look set to continue to be a major source of unhappiness for many. Do not suffer alone, dry your tears, advice and help is locally available at BAC. 01865 744152 www.bartonadvicecentre.org.uk

ROAR BARTON TALENT

We decided to ask 'hands-on' to publish a few words to say 'congratulations and well done', to an extremely talented local lad, our son Shakur Gabbidon-Williams (aged 10 yrs), for landing the role of 'young Simba', in the West End production of The Lion King @ the Lyceum Theatre, London.



I can't wait to be king - lion king

By Delena G-Williams

Mum (bursting with pride)

You are invited to the Barton Community Development Project

Feedback Event

Friday 14th March 12 to 2pm

At Barton Neighbourhood Centre

To celebrate the achievements of the research and development projects

To look at lessons learnt

To look towards the future of community development in Barton

Positive Activities for Young People

I am pleased to become a member of the Barton Community Develop Team and my focus is fixed on offering young people the opportunity to become involved with positive activities within the community, as well as, encouraging them to get involved into film production that promotes youth action, participation and empowerment within Barton's community development plans.

Kieran Watson

FUNDAY FOR ALL / "BCA NEEDS YOU"

We have decided to re-name this year's Bash to "Funday for All". It will still take place on Saturday 14th June between Noon and 5.00 p.m, and will very much be focussed on children of all ages. The day itself will be based on the Funday that we held in September 2007 which was a resounding success.

Who can help out making cakes? Who wants to supervise the inflatables? Who is good at "crowd control"? We need your help to make it all happen so if you think you would like to become involved please give us a ring with your details. More in-depth information will be available nearer the time.

Are you interested in what happens to your community? Would you like to have your say about local issues? Would you like to represent the views of your community? Then why not join the Association. Our AGM is scheduled for May so come along and see what we're all about.

Anyone out there fancy dabbling in local news stories? Or what about trying your hand at website updating? We would welcome anyone with these talents to help us with our future newsletters and website.

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Just get in touch on 01865 761987 or 07866460446.

Sue Holden - Barton Community Association

Musical Inspiration



Barton parents! Lets inspire our children. As parents and carers let us try to expose our children to the arts: musical instruments for example. Barton is the home of Bayards Hill music centre which co-ordinates the music teaching for the county. I often wonder how many of the large numbers of children who use the centre at weekends are from Barton. Let us inspire our children to the beauty and skill, which the art of music can produce.

For more information please contact Linda Brown , Music Development Officer for Barton 740006

By Artwell

A Church for all Nations

Happy new year Barton, We from The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Christ's Love Assembly really want to thank you for your acceptance and friendship with the church. Many thanks to all the people from different culture, background and nations who attended the Musical Jam, Christmas Meal and other church programs. We look forward to a happy and exciting blessed 2008 for you all.

We've had questions from some resident whether the church is an African church and our reply is that Christ's Love Assembly, Barton is a church for all nations and so please feel free to join us on any Sunday at 10.00am and Thursday at 7.30pm. *Dr Foyeke C. Tolani*

Giving Barton Children A Head Star



Carrie Bulter and Sue Lockey, the Learning Mentors at Bayards Hill School, seek to inspire Barton's pupils to love learning: it can be a difficult task. But, a task which can be made easier with the help of carers and parents: that could be you. Carrie and Sue can help you create a learning atmosphere in your own home: they are also a mine of information for parents. Sue has helped parents with grant applications and nutritional advice.

Carrie and Sue have developed "home-school links with parents." They want you, parents and carers to "get involved." Sue and Carrie have a "coffee morning on Friday"(9am-10am) where parents talk freely concerning their successes and future aims.

So don't be scared, make yourself known. Sue and Carrie are warm and friendly. They want your child to enjoy and benefit from their learning process at Bayards Hill School.

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