

Hands on News

Newsletter for Barton and the surrounding area March 2007

Issue 7

Produced by Barton Residents and community workers

How does one spend valuable time in a constructive way? Learning skills is an obvious answer. Be it starting or improving computer knowledge, writing articles, growing vegetables on an allotment, playing lawn bowls locally, attending classes on almost any subject or sport. The opportunities are endless, rewarding and can be fun. Your Newsletter highlights several of the openings available to you. Many of the occasions take place in Barton.



Several young residents are now getting involved in their community and making a difference to their lives and to the aspirations of others. Join the bandwagon now, for each and every one of you is unique and has a lot to offer

The Editor



Uniting the Generations

On January 8th the Roundabout Centre, Barton Community Development Project and The Evergreens Club organized a special lunch for three generations of Barton residents.

The meal brought together young children, parents, and senior citizens providing an opportunity to pass on years of knowledge and exchange views on different topics. The conversation flowed and everyone had a truly wonderful lunch which was prepared by a volunteer from the roundabout centre.

The aim of the day was to build bridges across the different age groups and give people a chance to talk and share views. Eugenie Stevenson who organizes the Evergreens club thought that the day was a great success.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered and helped make this day such a great success. It just shows that if we all contribute a little bit of time within the community we can make a difference to peoples' lives.

by Artwell

After School Art Club

If your aged between 7-14 years and enjoy art and being creative, why not come along on Mondays between 3.30 - 4.45 to the Barton Neighbourhood Centre. Join in and have some fun. We are a well supervised group with a common vision. ART IS FUN - everyone is welcome.



Barton After School Art Club

Bayard's Hill Febuary Fun week

Without doubt the Bayard's Hill February fun week has once again proved extremely successful.

This is not by luck. The work pioneered by the staff over the last year, has reaped many benefits. The children's behaviour, towards fellow peers has improved, most notably.

As a result, they have embraced fully these Fun Weeks and are able to get the most out of their time spent there.

Overall, this was a great week a really positive, constructive way for the children to spend the holiday enjoying themselves, having fun and, at the same time, developing positively as people. With a clear ethos and points of emphasis unmistakably defined, both children and staff had a great time alike.

A bid has now been put in to Oxford City Council to fund Easter and summer holidays

For 8-16 programme and a new programme for 5-8 year olds! Keep your fingers crossed

Look out in the local shops & the Barton website for further details.

Thanks Jason



Barton Community Association is made up of a board of Directors who are involved in the overall running of the organisation and responsible for all decision-making. Due to three directors recently moving away from Oxford we have vacancies for local people to contribute their time and skills, and help shape the future of their community. Everyone has personal skills to offer you don't need a qualification to prove it just commitment and a desire to make a difference.

If you would like more info or just a chat about what's involved please give me a ring on 742811 or 07866460446

Sue Holden
Secretary BCA

Bouncy Castle Parties

Because of restrictions imposed on us by our insurance company we are no longer able to hire out the Bouncy Castle.

The venue is still available for hire @ a cost of £10 per hour, and we have details of several companies who will provide a huge range of inflatables for parties covering all age groups.

Some companies also include an entertainer and goody bags.

All companies carry full insurance.

Why not consider a joint party with friends or family and reduce the cost by half. The sports hall can comfortably accommodate up to 60 children.

For full details please contact Sharon on 761987

Sue Holden BCA



Barton Swimming Pool

As our swimming pool fast approaches its first birthday, maybe it's time to remind everyone about regular exercise.

The pool offers a varied timetable and for those of you under 17 it's still a free facility - how great is that. Please let us know if there are any sessions you would like to see happen that are not covered by the current timetable, nothing guaranteed but we'll try our best.



Local Barton up and coming soulful Singer/Songwriter Ann Marie Browne. Got her chance to sing at The Zodiac on Sunday, March 25 2007. A musical event held marking the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Ann Marie says her songs are written from the heart and are based on real life issues anyone across the world can relate to. She hopes to inspire others with her singing.

We wish her the Best of Luck.



SIRZ

Monday to Friday
9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

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

Barber Shop
66 London Road
Headington
Oxford
Tel: 01865 308080

SIRZ II

We would also like to introduce you to our New express shop which is situated in
**New High Street
Headington**

Barbers Required
Contact Billy
Tel 01865 308080





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

The Happy Prince Puppet show came to Barton

One of Oscar Wild's fairy tales it told the story of the friendship between the statue of the happy prince and a little swallow on his way to Egypt for the winter. This classic story is retold using puppets and large animated sculptures; it was truly a magical performance for the children and the adults the production was funded by Oxford City Council and the Oxford Community Touring Network.

Air your concerns Column

Have you got any concerns that you would like to air about your community, it can be anything from litter problems to traffic noise etc. If you have then please send them to maureen@bartonresearch.demon.co.uk or call into our office, which is situated where the old playgroup used to be by the youth centre, between 9.30am-2.45pm Monday- Thursday 01865 760684

Street Wardens

We have delivered leaflets to the whole of Barton with regards to the min motos and safety of them. We also are currently carrying out cycling proficiency in Bayards Hill School. We are trying to get in to Barton as much as we possible can, with just 2 teams. Hopefully come April, (or very soon after), we will be even more visible when we get to full strength again. For more details call 01865 401456

Barton Sings!

If you've been walking past the Neighbourhood Centre on a Tuesday lunchtime, you may have heard some bewitching harmony singing drifting out onto the street... A new group has been getting together to sing regularly since February, and now has plans to start getting out and about to perform, and get other people joining in!

We have two group leaders and about 10 regular participants ranging from experienced singers through to people who have only previously warbled in the bath. We do some simple exercises to help develop confidence, and then learn a range of songs that are sung in two or more harmony parts. We're making up some tailored Barton words for one of them! BBC Radio Oxford are apparently interested in coming and recording us at some point.

The idea for the group came after a series of programmes on Channel 5 followed the development of a choir in Blackbird Leys ("The Singing Estate"). There was some funding available to start other projects (a partnership between Five and the Arts Council called "Fivearts Cities"), so we thought it was time Barton got in on the act too. Vikki from Barton Learning Community kindly pitched in and offered the support of a crèche and a sandwich lunch - which makes for a very relaxed and friendly gathering!

We're still open to new people joining, whether you have previous experience of singing or not. If you're interested, we meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill Circus, on most Tuesdays during term-time from 12.30 to 2.30. To find out more, contact Janet on 01865 762200 or Liz 01865 792434.

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 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 30th April 07.

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

Underhill Circus Update

Many of you will notice within the next few months that the post box will be moved over by the phone box.

This is all within the plans that will be in progress very soon for the Underhill Circus area.



Barton Bowls

Recreation Ground
Barton Village Road
Barton

**Open Day Sunday 29th April 2007
2pm to 5pm.**

Come along and try your hand at rolling the bowls, you never know you might enjoy the game and decide to join our friendly team for the coming season. Everybody young or old are made welcome, all you have to bring is flat shoes or trainers.

You will also have a chance to watch a final being played, which was left over from last season.

Refreshment will be laid on for all who attend.

If you need further information please feel free to contact Anne (Bowls Secretary) 01865 430504

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

Teen's Corner

Teen's Top Tune's



The new man on the block!

Mika is one of the newest artist's to storm the charts with his great single Grace Kelly. Look out for him in the near future.



The new soul sound of 2007!

Leona Lewis the winner of the x-factor 2006, the first female winner of the TV talent show, also stormed the charts at Xmas with her winning single (A moment like this). I expect her to be one of Britain's greatest success in years. Look out for her new album and singles later this year.

Teen's Top Movie's



Little miss sunshine.

Little miss sunshine, new out in the cinema's, is a great film starring some great actors and actresses including **Toni Collette** and **Steve Carell**, both playing great roles in this ridiculously funny yet serious movie. I recommend anyone to go and see it.



Hot fuzz.

Hot fuzz has already had great reviews off the media, and off me, this film is absolutely great and I think anyone would enjoy it. Staring **Nick Frost** and **Simon Pegg** both brilliant actors and I personally think make the film.

Teen's Top Help

Dear Teen's Top Help,

I am a 14, and in yr10. I am in a group of friends at school who are always getting in to trouble and dragging me along with them. My parents want me to do my best at school but I feel I can't whilst I hang around with this group. How do I leave the group but stay friends with them. I don't want to hurt my friends feelings but I feel I am not achieving my best. Please help

Many Thanks

Hi there, well, what you can do is talk to your friends and say that your parents are worried about your school work and that your not achieving your best, and possibly tell them, at school you would rather not hang around with them unless they stop getting into trouble, but you would like to stay friends out of school. Or work hard in class to prove to your teachers you are a good student. Good luck!

Teen's Top Exam Help

For yr11 students it is nearly the time of the year for G.C.S.E's, so instead of panicking! Get organised and start revising a.s.a.p!

Teen's Revision Web-Site's

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- www.mymaths.co.uk
- www.samlearning.co.uk



MUSIC AROUND BARTON



News From The Centre For Music, Bayards Hill School

MUSIC WORKSHOPS FOR EARLY YEARS CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS



- *Do you like playing singing and action games with your child?
- *Did you know that music can help children to do well at reading and writing and to learn life skills like turn taking and co-operation?

The MUSIC AROUND BARTON project has been funded by YOUTH MUSIC for a year, to help teachers and parents develop more daily music making activities for very young children in Barton. Annie Paul Jones, an Oxfordshire County Music Service teacher, is leading free workshops for groups of children and parents at Bayards Hill School, The Roundabout Centre Nursery and The Roundabout Drop In Centre. These workshops also provide training for the staff to carry on with the project and to extend it to more children and parents as time goes on. Children are having great fun learning to sing new songs and to play musical instruments as they sing.

If you would like to know more about these workshops get in touch with Linda Brown at the Centre For Music 01865 740000

“Children of this age find it easier to remember phrases and sentences when they are “attached” to a tune. They develop the ability to do this through song before they are able to do it in speech” Quoted from Youth Music research into music and very young children.

The day of my Life.

Its funny how life works out for you.

It had all started in such a bad way that you would never have guessed it would have such a happy ending. I was stationed at RAF Abingdon at the time , I was a twelve year regular airman, and this was my second posting having previously been at RAF Valley on Anglesey. I had been there about 12 months when I was at Rugby training one evening afterwork.

In those days RAF Abingdon had what was considered a decent side. Well while I was training I broke my leg. There were complications that meant I couldn't have a plaster put on for about 3 weeks. Lying there in bed in the Camp hospital I must have seen at least 12 paratroopers come in with broken legs , doing something much more dangerous than I had , jumping out of aeroplanes at night! My job at the time was to maintain the Paratooop training equipment in one of the aircraft hangers, and so it brought home to me what a dangerous job those Para's had. Inside the training hanger there didn't appear to be a problem with jumping out of aircraft . I had used the equipment ,when it was free , and had even thought of applying for the jumping course which was available to RAF personell.

After those three weeks I was eventually put into plaster., and sent home for three weeks convalesance. All I could do with myself was sit around at my Mum & Dads - we lived on Florence Park - so it wasn't exactly an exciting time , until the day came for me to return to Abingdon.

It was that day that was to become one of the most memorable of my life.

It began at around midday when my cousin came to visit my Mum with her young daughter, she also brought with her a friend , who was the most stunning person I'd met and she was just 18 years old. Although we hardly said a word as we sat opposite each other. Anyway the visit ended and they left and I thought that's the end of that, but no, on the way to her home she met my sister

And said "ask your brother for a date for me "

Eight months later we were married.

If I hadn't broken my leg 6 weeks earlier who knows how my life would have panned out.

Which just goes to show behind every cloud is a silver lining.

Drugs in the 21st Century! Learn about the drugs of today.

Some of you may remember the Energy & Vision course "Drugs in the 21st Century" that was run a few times a couple of years ago. This was an 8 week accredited course, and was designed with parents/carers in mind. The course goes into quite some detail on what street drugs are, why people take them, and the mental and physical effects of the drugs.

We are looking at running this course again. It is free or heavily subsidised (depending on benefits/income) for Barton residents. The course can now also be run over a period of 4 weeks or even a 2 day intensive, and will take place during the day or evening. Childcare can be provided if necessary.

If you are interested in this course, please contact me. We can then discuss individual requirements and preferences, such as the timing of the course and whether childcare needs to be provided. Please feel free to contact me or pop in for a chat with any other enquiries/questions on drugs and alcohol that you may have.

Anthony, Community Drugs Project Development Worker.

Wednesday - Friday, 01865 767118 or 07979 852484
Or email knowdrugs@tiscali.co.uk

BUILDING PRIDE IN OUR CITY
BARTON POOL

Come along to your local pool for:

- Adult only sessions lunchtimes & evenings
- Water Workout classes
- Fun & Family Fun Swims Sat & Sun
- Free swimming for under 17's

Don't forget we also have a wide range of fitness and wellness classes too!

Pop in or give us a call to find out more.....

Waynflete Road, Barton, Oxford, OX3 8GA
T: 01865 467290 E: bartonpool@oxford.gov.

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

St. Mary's Church Barton and Sandhills

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Cash Prize Bingo on Saturdays 10th March and 14th April
Doors open at 7pm eyes down at 7.30pm, players must be 18years or over, fantastic raffle, delicious refreshments. A nice safe evening out for all.

Saturday 10th March 10am to 12 noon Fair trade Coffee morning to raise money for church funds.

Mothering Sunday 18th March, 10am Family Service with gifts of posies

Easter Day 8th April 10am Family Service with Easter Eggs

For information regarding a Christening for your child, for Marriage in church or to renew your Wedding vows come along to church on Sunday at 10am.

Yours

Fr. Jonathan Sewell
Tel: 01865-761886



Need help giving up smoking?

With your local
NHS Stop Smoking Service

FREE advice and support
in Oxfordshire
for smokers who want to quit

01865 226663



Oxfordshire Smoking Advice Service
Supporting people through the process of quitting

Stress free fun

There is only one rule at Oxford Youth Works sessions that take place at Barton Neighbourhood Centre according to the Youth worker in charge Ian Watkins who wants "Stress free fun" for all.

Mr Watkins, who has been involved with youth work for many years now, has provided a safe and stress free environment for the local youth to come, meet, socialise and play.

Mr Watkins is assisted by two youth workers-Dominique Strachan Brooks and Rachel Preece. They are not shy with engaging with the young people while helping to create the stress free environment. They have the interest and social development of the young people of Barton at the core of all they do.

Oxford Youth Work sessions are on Monday and Tuesday from 3.30pm for school age children. There is a large hall suitable for ball games, while the annex has tabletop games and a pool table.

If Dominique, who has assisted Mr Watkins for over a year, had four wishes for the club they would be for: longer opening hours, to defeat the negative stigma which Barton has, more money, and finally spirited volunteers. So if you feel challenged, they would welcome your interest.

Parents come and meet the caring people who are making Barton fun.

by Artwell

Bayard's Hill Primary School**Pancake Day**

Despite being a week late Bayard's Hill held their own celebration on Tuesday 27th February. The children were given pancakes to eat at lunch time and pancake races were held in the afternoon.

Even some of the teachers joined in!! A cake sale was also held and that, together with the sale of the pancakes, raised a total of £245.

Woodlands School Trip

During the week beginning 19th February the Year 5 and 6 children went to an outdoor activity centre called Woodlands.

They enjoyed an action packed week taking part in a huge range of activities including caving, mountain walking and canoeing. As part of their stay the children were responsible for a number of chores and made light work of them! The teachers responsible for taking them were Miss Pike and Miss Thompson, both of whom had a fantastic time with the children and did not want to leave!

Quotes from children who went to woodlands
When we were at Woodlands we went canoeing. We dipped our heads under water and talked to the fish. We sang songs in the boat. It was cool and we enjoyed it very much!

African Art Project

The children in 4ST were lucky enough to have an Art specialist come in on Monday to work with them. They worked very hard all day and produced some fantastic charcoal pictures of African masks and a piece of collaborative artwork. All these are now on display in the school.

Several of the year groups have been focussing on Poetry during their Literacy Hour and have produced some high quality work**Yellow is.....**

Yellow is soft as sand,
Tickling your toes
Yellow is as hot as the sun
Blazing heat in the air
Yellow is like a goldfish gliding through the sea
Yellow is like a car speeding through the street
Yellow is like cheese lovely and tasty to eat
Yellow is a sponge as rough as King Kong

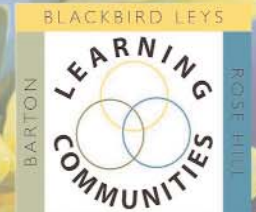
by Michael O' Leary

Wolf Began

For His Fur
He took the shadows of the dark caves
He took the lightness of the shining moon
For his Teeth
He took the sharpness of the builder's sword
For his Eyes
He took the darkness of the night
For his tail
He took the length of the snake
He took a lady's bad hair day
He took the slyness of the fox
He took the shyness of a mouse
So Wolf was born

By Oria Malik

Barton Learning Community



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Barton Learning Community has been busy working to plan and deliver learning in Barton. Our main aim is to bring more learning opportunities to people of Barton, working with the community and partners.

What's on?

Singing Group

Fun singing for all (it really is fun!)
Every Tues 12.30-2.30pm term time
Main Hall Neighbourhood Centre
Just turn up
Crèche provided and lunch

Carry on with Computers

Thur 19th April 12.30 – 2.30pm 6 weeks
Phone us to book
Support for child care available

Computers 4 Beginners

Tues 17th April 12.30 – 2.30pm for 6 weeks
Phone us to book
Support for child care available

Carry on with Desktop Publishing

Wed 18th April 9.30am-11.30am
Phone us to book
Support for child care available

Carry on with Web Pages

Wed 18th April 9.30am-11.30am
Phone us to book
Support for child care available

Literacy & Numeracy

+ICT evening class – any level.
Improve your skills.
Planned for Thur 3rd May 7-9pm
Learning Community Space,
Neighbourhood Centre
Phone us to book
Support for child care available

The new IT Hub is in the Learning Space which is on the first floor of the Neighbourhood Centre. The IT Hub is open for drop in Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, for local people 16+. Adult Learning Services no longer manages the IT Hub due to their recent restructure. Barton Learning Community has taken over the day to day management of the Hub through local volunteers and a small number of staff. Come and visit and find out more about courses or book in some 121 sessions.

The old IT Hub near the shops is currently open to 16-25 year olds and there are daily session run during the week from 10am – 12.30pm to help young adults with skill development, job searching, CVs and more!
Contact Jason on 766496 for info or just turn up.

You might have seen fliers for

FIRST AID COURSES

if you missed them and want to do one please contact us.

Information and Guidance

is available at Barton Learning Community – you can book a 121 with an experienced advisor to discuss your learning needs and what sort of training would suit you. Help is also at hand for job applications and CVs.

Parenting Classes

Due to popular demand more parenting classes are planned for after Easter. These will be run by Parentline plus and are geared towards helping parents/carers manage with all types of parenting issues from toddlers to teenagers!

Barton to Brookes

Brookes University are now working in partnership with our project – they want to support local people who are interested in accessing Brookes. Also, they want to deliver university modules here! Modules ranging from creative writing, criminal psychology to many other areas could be delivered in Barton.

If you are interested in getting involved with this locally led group then contact us.

The next lunch meeting is on Thursday 22nd March from 12 noon to 2pm.

Brookes to Barton



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We have done our best to make sure the information in this newsletter was correct and upto date at the time of publishing. the views are not necessarily of the BCA or BCDP. if anything is incorrect it will be corrected in the next issue.