

Hands on News

Newsletter for Barton and the surrounding area June 2007

Issue 8

Produced by Barton Residents and community workers

Yesterday I was going to be rich. Yesterday I was going to be an academic. Yesterday I was going to be successful in business. Make yesterday today. There are opportunities waiting round every corner in Oxfordshire. People who want to teach you, advise you, train you and employ you given the chance. All you have to do is provide the time and effort. What were you yesterday?

The Editor

Barton Community Café Would Be Popular

Plans for a Community Café in Barton Neighbourhood Centre were given a boost by the results of a residents survey carried out in May. This showed that 74% of over 100 people interviewed would use the café at least once a week. The Café will aim to provide good affordable food in friendly comfortable surroundings.



Barton Scores Again

Yes Barton Under Tens have won the League Cup this year. Barton United, coached by Daryl Cribben and managed by Andy Rose, are pleased with all those who have contributed to this successful Barton team. Charlie Gillet was top scorer. Barton United were winners last year in the Under Nine league-more goals from their boots. By Artwell

FROM A LOCAL HOBBY TO INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

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Lloyd Anderson, Joe Bonasissa, Dan Brown, Cain Donald and Chloe Clifton

Underhill Circus Redevelopment Begins



Many of you will have noticed that work has started outside the local shops at Underhill Circus. This work is due to be completed by the end of August and the whole project will be finished by August 2007. A number of consultations were held to involve residents, and were asked what design they preferred. The outcome

was that the majority of residents chose the design above. Additionally lots of art work shops were held within the community and this art work will be part of the installation. Many of the residents raised some concerns about where the funding is coming from for the redevelopment. We would just like to let residents know that the majority of the money is from developers that have used land within Barton to develop properties such as Sherwood Close and a relatively small amount is from Oxford City Council. We hope that residents will all be pleased with the new look of Underhill circus when the redevelopment is finished.

Barton Bash 2 proves a hit

It takes more than a bit of thunder and rain to snuff out the spirit of the Barton Bash.

Shunning the showers and glomming skies, people from Barton and beyond turned up in the hundreds to party inside and outside the Neighbourhood Centre.

Accompanied by the Army Cadets bugles and drums, Oxford's Lord Mayor John Tanner kicked off the bash on Saturday afternoon and from then on it was six hours of merry making.

The Bash buzzed with dozens of stalls and activities for all tastes to mark Oxfordshire's 1000th anniversary as a County. This included an exhibition looking at the history of the area provided by Bayard's Hill Primary school.

There was a very emotional part of the day as two dozen

pink balloons were let go into the sky in memory of Kyomie Williams who passed away last year from meningitis.

Kyomie's mother Jackie Williams, Grandmother Doris Williams and Gavin Williams Kyomie's brother, all joined in the moving tribute.

Later Jackie Williams said that she would like to thank everyone for their help and support that has been given in the past months and today.

What this event showed more than anything was the strength of community spirit and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support in making this a fantastic day for all.

Barton Community Association

I am Treasurer and Director of the BCA, as well as being on the Management Committee of the Barton Community Development Project (BCDP). I want to tell you about S106 monies relating to Barton.

S106 monies are defined as "Developer contributions are sought to mitigate the impact of development and overcome what would otherwise be a potential reason to refuse a planning application."

There have been discussions at the BCA and BCDP on how to make the best use of the S106 monies for the community of Barton.

A good example of the power of S106 monies to improve the quality of life in Barton is on Waynflete Road, where there is an excellent, new colourful playground thanks to consultation with local children and neighbours and to £18,600 of S106 monies.

There are ten pots of S106 monies for Barton for consideration in 2007/08 and beyond, involving over £577,000 (plus interest). The table below summarises the situation, with five overall themes: Underhill Circus; Bernwood Park play area; environment; transport and the Pavilion. Several pots of money have not been spent or allocated, and discussion should focus on what projects could profit from such monies. I, and the BCA, would welcome comments and suggestions.

No	S106 monies	Item	Notes
1	£78,285 + £150,000	Underhill Circus project	Project currently underway
2	£32,000	Underhill Circus project: public work of art	Project currently underway
3	£20,000+£10,000	Bernwood park play area	
4	Up to £15,500	Bernwood park: work of art	
5	£3,423	Bayswater Brook project	
6	£8,500	Open Spaces	Yet to be allocated
7	£49,270	Barton Cycle Link	
8	£6,729	North Way parking controls	Yet to be allocated
9	£140,000	The Pavilion	
10	£63,480	The Recreation Ground (but not the Pavilion)	Yet to be allocated

Be assured that the BCA and BCDP will do their best to ensure that S106 monies are spent in a timely and appropriate way for the maximum benefit of local residents of Barton.

Dr Simon Heap, 76 Waynflete Road, Barton: effaheap@aol.com



SIRZ

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

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

CALLING ALL "BIN-GOERS"

We have a weekly Bingo session each Tuesday at the Neighbourhood Centre. It is a great way to socialise, meet others from around the estate and become part of your Community. Refreshments are always available, it is low cost entertainment, and who knows you might even win! Doors are open from 6.30 pm onwards and it is "eyes down" at 7.30pm - 9.30 pm.

Come along and join in the fun!

THERAPY DAY Tuesday 10th July



We're planning a Women's Therapy Day where we will be offering all kinds of therapies at a "too good to be true" price taking place in the Neighbourhood Centre. It will be a real "hands-on" experience together with loads of free advice and guidance. Light Refreshments will be made available throughout. We hope to be offering amongst other things massage, reflexology, reiki, manicures and facials. Contact Sue 742811 or 07866460446

DAY TRIPS

We are currently taking bookings for our Summer Day Trips. There will be four different venues throughout August, details of which can be found on the Notice Board in the Neighbourhood Centre or Barton Chippy. To book seats or for any further information please contact Sue Holden on 742811/07866460446 Just a reminder that everyone travelling must be a member of the Barton Community Association. Membership forms can be obtained from Sue Holden or Sharon Keene on 761987. A single membership covers all trips

Barton Volunteer Shines again

Christine Gerkin received a Certificate of Honour at the Town Hall on Wednesday 2nd May. Saying how "honoured" she felt, Christine said, "All I do is run a lunch club." Christine has been organising the Lunch Club from 1974, but was lost for words at the ceremony. However, she wanted to thank Sue Holden and her daughter Judy. Christine's wish for Barton is for more people to volunteer their skills and knowledge.



By Artwell

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 14th August.

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

Do you want to grow your own?

Barton's allotments have continued to welcome new members since you read the last Newsletter, and we hope that even more of Barton's residents will soon be growing their own fruit, salads, herbs and vegetables.

The allotment site is part of an area to the east of Barton that is being considered for development. The Allotment Association will strongly oppose any plans to remove or relocate the site should any kind of future development take place, and we have already informed the City Council of our views. Allotments are very well protected in national law and it would be extremely difficult to get permission to develop the site. However, the more members we have, the louder our voice we will be.

If you want to have fresh vegetables now is the time to plant potatoes, cauliflowers, winter root vegetables and summer salad crops. Grow food for yourselves, and help make sure the allotments are here for Barton's residents in the future! We look forward to welcoming you!

Call Catherine on 768196 for more information.

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 Summer Film's



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix:

This is the 5th Harry Potter film, and I expect it to be the best yet, I am sure Harry, Ron and Hermione will face their biggest battle yet when Voldemort returns, again!

Release date: 13/7/07



Shrek 3

Shrek is back and he is back in his best film yet. Shrek, donkey, princess Fiona and Puss 'n Boots, are back for their funniest watch. It is expected to be a real competition for the blockbusters, up against all the other top films out this year.

Release date: 29/6/07

Spiderman 3

This is the 3rd film for Spiderman, and again I expect it to also be the best so far. Spiderman comes under an arch enemy the Sand Man and also his black evil twin, this is a multi million £ movie so it should have amazing special effects.

Release date: 04/5/07



Pirates of the Caribbean 3

The 3rd and final pirates, it will surely be the best yet as was the 2nd. Jonny Depp, Kiera Knightly and Orlando Bloom, star again in this spectacular watch. The 2nd film left us on a cliff hanger so this will answer all our questions.

Release date: 24/5/07



Teen's Top Help

Dear Teens Top Help,

I am in yr11 at a Oxfordshire school, I am in a group of friends who are all really smart at every subject. But I feel I am not, as they get A's B's C's but, I never get A's. I am scared that I won't do my best in my up and soon coming G.C.S.E.'S, I don't want to tell my friends that I am frightened what grades I will be getting because they won't be helpful, because they don't get these problems. Please help.

Hi well seriously this isn't that big of a problem, unless you want to compare yourself with your friends. Everyone is different and get different grades, not everyone is a grade students throughout their school subjects. But if you do want those A's then get some extra revision, and possibly go to after school clubs which I presume most schools host. Good luck and don't panic!

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



The Community Bizness– youth and community workshop company.

Just wanted to say thank you to all the people who have helped us in Barton and Wood Farm over the last year to set up this company; we have now got to the point where we run 2 projects a day,

7–days–a–week in Barton / Wood Farm

(mostly Barton) and just in case you can't get to Barton Chippy or Arkwrights (where we always have posters up) here's what's on / what day in Barton ... Saturdays (4.30–7.30pm) "2nd Chance Soccer", Sundays (3– 5pm) it's "Da Bizness" youth fashion label, Tuesdays (every other week 5.30–8.30pm) "OX3 Recordz" / "Oxford Mix Radio", Wednesdays (4.30–7.30pm) "Az–a–Team" where teams win points (and prizes) for how they behave as well as being good at stuff (it could be anything– so far we have done volleyball, rapping, tennis and ten–pin–bowling), Thursdays (3– 6pm every other week) it's "The MO.V.I.E Unit"– a youth film unit, and Fridays (3.30–6.30pm) "Team Barton" Pool Club and "Oxford Representz" Youth and Community leaflet. And if you get involved then you may be invited to take part in MixFest– arts and multimedia festivals taking place at the County Music Service/ Bayards Hill in September and Oxford Brookes University Student Union in October.

We have wonderful partners, volunteers and paid staff– Darren, Debbie, Abdul, Simon (Headington Youth Service) and Anthony Armitage (Barton Drugs Worker) without you this wouldn't have happened. And without the absolute support (and funding) from YOT Prevention / IDSS City Coordinator Jon Brewis then we would never have grown in the way we have– you showed real vision believing in this Jon and now it's bearing fruit. Thanx, Robz.

FROM A LOCAL HOBBY TO INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Local martial arts instructor Phil Patrick took a group of fighters out of his elite Barton club to compete in the Irish International Open Championships which were held on 31st March to 1st April 07.

Chloe Clifton (Barton), Cain Donald (Heyford) and Joe Bonasissa (Yarnton) all won medals in the team fighting sections.

With Joe and Cain winning Gold in the boys 10/11 years and Chloe taking a Bronze in the girls 14/15 years team fighting. Lloyd Anderson (Barton) and Shaun Jones (Marston) both reached the final in their individual sections.

Shaun took Silver in the boys 14/15 heavy weight section narrowly missing out on Gold, but both Dan in the 16/17 years and Lloyd in the 14/15/ years middle weights took Gold making them both Irish International Open Champions.

Coach Phil Patrick is overwhelmed with all the squads success in Dublin and hopes to take the same form to the British Junior Championships later this month.

For classes with Phil and all the guys in Barton Please contact Phil Patrick on 07915-661-853

Therapy Day

Are there any budding therapists out there, who want the chance to "strut their stuff"? We're holding our Therapy Day on Tuesday 10th July between 10am - 3pm at the Neighbourhood Centre, and would particularly encourage anyone in the Community from an ethnic background to come along and demonstrate their skills or simply be part of the day. Refreshments will be available throughout.

Can you manipulate the muscle, pluck the brow, or trim the tresses.

If so please contact Sue on 742811 or 07866460446

OXFORD CITIZENS HOUSING ASSOCIATION



Local communities clean up their neighbourhoods

Young residents in Barton worked with Oxford Citizens Housing Association (OCHA), Oxford City Council, SOHA, the Wild Waste Show and local Street Wardens to clean up their neighbourhood.

"Fly tipping and rubbish are an issue on the estate. A community clean up day encourages people not to drop rubbish or dump bulky items. This was also a fantastic opportunity for residents and landlords to work together and have some fun" says Michelle O'Donohue, Resident Involvement Officer for OCHA.

The Community clean up day was held on Thursday 12 April from 10am - noon. Residents received free bin bags, gloves and litter pickers from the Street Wardens. OCHA and Oxford City Council paid for 3 skips for residents to fill with the rubbish they collected as part of the cleanup.

Also the Wild Waste Show (an initiative sponsored by Vale of White Horse in partnership with all other Oxfordshire councils) showed the residents of Barton how to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste and the younger residents got to go on the Big Blue Waste Bus to get a "hands on" experience of dealing with waste. They got the chance to recycle paper and look at reducing wrapping and packaging.

For further information please contact Michelle O'Donohue on 01865 782546.

MAKING LEARNING HAPPEN IN BARTON

LEARNING COMMUNITY CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Vikki and her dedicated Learning Community Team at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre have made learning fun for the people of Barton by providing a variety of courses accessible for us here on the estate. These courses range from Parenting Classes to Cookery, and First Aid to Computer Courses.

It has been twelve months now since Vikki and her team championed the need for local education and they have made Barton a quality place to learn. The Barton Neighbourhood Centre has superb computers and teachers. People of Barton, if you have educational needs, talk to Vikki at the Neighbourhood Centre, as I am sure she will be able to assist.

(See back page for more details on courses and information)



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THE CENTRE FOR MUSIC BAYARDS HILL SCHOOL

"I know there is a Centre for Music at Bayards Hill but is there anything for people from Barton to join in?"



YES!!!

The Centre for Music works with other organisations in Barton to help people enjoy making all types of music.

MUSIC MAKING AT THE IT HUB



Every week, a group of enthusiastic and talented young people from Barton get together with

Alex Hehir, from the Centre for Music, at the IT HUB. They are busy on the computers creating their own music and recording it to CD. Each course of workshops runs for 6 weeks and they are FREE!

You do not require any previous experience and with Alex's expert help you will soon be listening to your own compositions.

If you fancy joining in, why not have a chat to Jason at the IT HUB or call in one Tuesday between 10 00-12.00am?

Music for Mums and Toddlers

The Centre for Music works with The Roundabout Centre Drop in and Nursery and Bayards Hill School to provide weekly music making for Early Years children and their mothers. Anne Paul Jones leads a 30 minute workshop gently introducing singing and work with musical instruments.. Every child has an instrument to play every week!



**Bayards Hill
School**

The Centre for Music has joined up with Bayards Hill School and The Museum of Oxfordshire at Woodstock to provide class 4ST with two term multicultural arts and music project. Sue Lawrence, from the Centre for Music, taught the whole class African Drumming and the children performed at the school Christmas concert. From January to March, a group of children continued with an African Drumming after school club.

Can my child learn to play an instrument?

The Music Service provides a year's free lessons in learning to play the violin or cello to all 7 year olds at Bayards Hill School. After this year,



children may continue to learn to play the violin or another instrument in groups of 4 to 20. There is a sliding scale of charges according to the size of the group. Pupils

from families who qualify for free school meals are not expected to pay. Children who are learning can also go to Saturday workshops

What about adults who want to play an instrument?



There are weekly groups for adults from beginner to advanced.

There are also Saturday workshops throughout the year for a variety of instruments.

SEEN SOMETHING YOU LIKE? Contact the Centre for Music 01865 740006 for more details.

WANT TO KNOW IF WE CAN START SOMETHING NEW? We are always keen to hear your ideas. Get in touch with Linda Brown, Music Development Officer for Barton 740006

Advertisements

Healthier and Healthier!

Barton will soon have an extra spark of health and fitness! Two new Health Trainers are about to start work on the estate.



Tish has just finished a Nutrition course. She says, "I am looking forward to helping members of the Barton community to make healthier choices in my new position as a Health Trainer"

Maureen is a familiar face to lots of people on the estate - her other job is at the Barton Community Development Project. Maureen worked on our health event earlier in the year, and is now taking her interest in health further with this new role.



Health Trainers can help you work out what would make you feel healthier. This is different for everyone, so you get a chance to look at how you like to live, and what you could plan to do to make a difference. Your Health Trainer will then give you support to see the plan through and help you through any tricky spots.

Other people have had help with things like losing weight; finding healthy recipes that the rest of the family will eat; getting out of the armchair and being more active; and much more...

Tish and Maureen will be trained and ready to work with you by the end of June. You don't have to wait that long, though! Call Zoe on (01865) 467327 and she can put you in touch with a Health Trainer from one of our other areas.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Changes to Oxford Rubbish & Recycling Services

You'll have noticed by now that the way waste is collected has changed in Oxford. Every house in the city is part of a fortnightly waste collection service.

Most properties have been given a wheelie bin. Some (where wheelie bins cannot be used) have a limited supply of lilac sacks. As well as the green boxes that have been available for years and green bags for garden waste which everybody now has, you'll have a blue box for additional materials such as plastic bottles, some types of paper, cans & aluminium foil.

Collections are now on a rolling programme with blue boxes (or blue wheelie bins, if you choose to buy one) picked up one week together with either green garden waste bags OR green boxes. The next week, wheelie bins or lilac sacks for waste that cannot be recycled are collected together with either green boxes OR green bags of garden waste. Which week depends on whether you are on an ORANGE calendar or PURPLE calendar? If you have any queries please contact Oxford City Council recycling Department.

BARTON POOL



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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 fitness & wellness classes too!

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

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

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.....

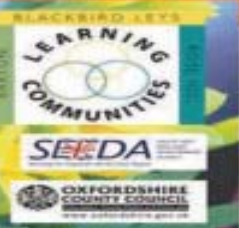
Consultations are by appointment and cover the following:

- * 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

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.

Barton Learning Community has been running a variety of local courses from cookery, parenting classes, singing groups, computer classes through to English classes and Music workshops. As well as encouraging and supporting people on to local courses, it is important that people can progress to the next level, so we are busy working with many education providers to make learning more accessible.

Every Thursday morning we run **Information, Advice and Guidance** sessions for anybody who needs support with finding the right training or employment and career advice. You can book an appointment on 742141 to arrange to see a friendly and professionally trained advisor.

Early June, we are running **European Computer Driving Licence** at Barton on Monday evenings, there may be spare places so contact us soon.

We are planning courses for the future in the following areas:— Maths/English GCSE, English as a Foreign Language and book keeping.

If you are interested in improving **English or Literacy** then call us—there are several options daytime and evening.



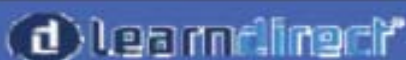
Sewing a Peace Cloth for Barton

Come and be a part of this exciting new project.

Sewing a "Peace Cloth" for Barton.

A chance to take part in your community improve your sewing skills and make new friends.

Drop-in to the IT Hub (Neighbourhood Centre) speak to Anne-Marie or Phone us on 01865 742141



Do you:

Want to learn but have problems getting childcare?

Want to learn new skills but can't find a class at a time that suits?

Children starting school in September and you are worrying how you are going to help them with their homework?

Want to go for a promotion or get a new job but your skills are letting you down?

Did you answer yes to any of the questions above?

If you did you may want to consider a Learn Direct course.

We can help you to gain a qualification in English or Maths equivalent to a GCSE for free. We also offer a range of computer courses at a reasonable price.

Our courses are online, flexible courses that are easy to use at home, at work or wherever you have access to the internet.

There will be a tutor available for help and support in the Barton IT Hub on a Friday morning from 10.00-12.00.



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Westgate, Oxford
on 01865 246555

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