

# Barton St David Parish Council

Parish Council meetings will be held at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall on **23rd January, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Everyone is welcome and time is set aside for public discussion at every meeting. Come along and get to know more about the issues concerning our village. If you have a point to make this is the time and place to voice any concerns. Councillors from both Somerset County Council and the District Council are usually present.

**Barton Parish Council logo design.** 5 designs to date have been submitted for use on all PC official correspondence. The search is for a logo design which **best represents Barton St David**. Entries invited from Barton residents young and old; there is a £25 prize. Please submit your entry to [clerkbsd@outlook.com](mailto:clerkbsd@outlook.com) or if by hand to Larkrise, Broadclose Way, Barton.

## HAVE YOU GOT SLOW BROADBAND?

Our MP David Warburton is asking for information from folks in the village who are experiencing slow broadband. He needs telephone numbers and postcodes. If you have complained to your Internet Service provider (ISP) as well he needs to know that so he has evidence to give to BT. If you haven't reported slow broadband to your ISP it would help the case if you do. He is involved in an ongoing campaign to highlight the problem of the old aluminium wiring in the village which severely restricts broadband speeds. If effects fibre broadband as well as ordinary broadband so if you aren't getting the advertised speeds please let him know. Please email me on [david@epplus.org](mailto:david@epplus.org) with your telephone number, postcode and if you have complained to your ISP or not. I will collate it all and pass it on to our MP. Many thanks, David Pye (Chair of the Parish Council)

Man's watch lost on 17th October 2016. If found please contact Barbara King [bsdvh.sec@gmail.com](mailto:bsdvh.sec@gmail.com) or Jenny Turk [Bartonexplorers@outlook.com](mailto:Bartonexplorers@outlook.com)

Any suggestions or contributions for your newsletter, please send to [nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk)

# Barton St David

<http://www.bartonstdavid.org.uk>

# NEWSLETTER

## *Dates for Your Diary*

### JANUARY

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> – History Club talk, Village Hall,	7.30 pm
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> – Willow Weaving, Plot Gate	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Parish Council, Village Hall	7.45 pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> – Burns Night, Barton Inn	7.00 pm

### FEBRUARY

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Beaters Ball, Barton Inn	8.00 pm
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> – 70's Night, Village Hall	7.00 pm
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> – Ghost Stories, Barton Inn	8.00 pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> – MU talk, Rose Cottage, Park Lane	2.30 pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> – Plotgate activity day	
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> – Burlesque Night, Barton Inn	8.00 pm
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> – History Club talk, Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> – Walking football, Playing Field	11.30 pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Parish Council, Village Hall	7.45 pm

### MARCH

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> – Chinese Night, Barton Inn	8.00 pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> – Rumble-O's, Barton Inn	8.00 pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> – MU talk, Little Orchard, Church St	2.30 pm
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> – Lenten Lunch, Sleepy Hollow, Mill Rd	12.00-2.00 pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> – Michael Partington, Guitar Concert, Village Hall	7.30 pm

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# Village Hall and Playing Fields

**“70’s night “**  
**On Saturday 4th February 2017.**  
**7pm**  
**in the Village Hall.**

*And Bernie (remember the 60’s night?) will be back*

**To reserve tickets, £12.50 to include dinner and disco**  
please contact [p.robinson468@btinternet.com/851692](mailto:p.robinson468@btinternet.com),  
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[julia.foster007@btinternet.com/851282](mailto:julia.foster007@btinternet.com)  
or any member of the events committee

BYO Refreshments

60/70s Dress Optional

## **Silverbise - Fitness classes for the over 50’s\***

Fun and social fitness classes combining toning, stretching, conditioning and dance.

Classes adapted to all abilities (including limited mobility). Open to men and women.

Stay fit and healthy, learn new exercise and dance skills,  
hear great music, meet great people, have great fun!

**Mondays: 1.45 - 2.45pm Barton St David Village Hall**  
**Thursdays: 1.30 - 2.30pm Keinton Mandeville Village Hall**  
**£3.50 drop in sessions**

**Contact Lena to register your interest and find out more**

\* aimed at over 50’s but all adults welcome and classes adapted to suit all fitness levels

**07810 893679 | [lenadeedance@gmail.com](mailto:lenadeedance@gmail.com)**  
**[www.lenadeedance.com/silverbise](http://www.lenadeedance.com/silverbise)**

Happy New Year from us all at the **Barton Inn.**

Here are a few events to see us through until spring.

7pm Wednesday 25th January - Burns Night

8pm Friday 3rd February - Beaters Ball

8pm Saturday 4th February - Ghost Stories

8pm Saturday 18th February - Burlesque Night

8pm Saturday 4th March - Chinese Night (Bookings for Food)

8pm Saturday 11th March - Rumble-O's (Birthday Party)

Look out for other music yet to be booked on our outside chalkboard. Hope to see you soon, John, Sharon and Jacob

Happy New Year from Plotgate CSA!

Our Friday pop-up veg shop has moved into the warm of the pub for the winter months, still on Fridays from 4-7pm. CSA members collect their weekly harvest shares, but we also have extra veg for sale; you won't find Spanish tomatoes or avocados, but there is plenty of fresh seasonal produce available. Monday evening deliveries are also available.

**Saturday 21st Jan-** willow weaving at Plotgate CSA. Learn the basic skills of willow work and make a beautiful woven platter. Everyone is welcome. There will be a small charge to cover costs (tbc). Please let us know you are coming.

**Saturday 18th Feb-** Activity day with lunch at Plotgate CSA.

We have an active Facebook page where all of our information, events and activities are listed (search Plotgate CSA).

As well as growing vegetables, Plotgate CSA encourages visits to the farm from local groups or individuals. We have regular volunteers who help us out and learn with us. We love talking to people about the farm, so please get in touch if you are interested.

Contact: [plotgate.csa@gmail.com](mailto:plotgate.csa@gmail.com) or call Amy on 07817 608283

Barton History Club contact [p.robinson468@btinternet.com](mailto:p.robinson468@btinternet.com) or 851692

**January**, Saturday 21st, 7.30pm, Village Hall. **'The History of Mead'**. Our speaker, Brett Johnson, makes mead commercially and has researched mead making historically over the last 5,000 years. Either way this is going to be a jolly and informative evening. Everyone welcome. Non-members £1 at door. Refreshments available .. but of course !

**February**, Thursday 23rd, 7.30pm, Village Hall. **'The Natural History of Somerset'** animal, mineral, vegetable. We're delighted to welcome Stephen Parker as our speaker. Stephen is chair of SANHS (Somerset Archaeological & Natural History Society). Everyone welcome. Non-members £1 at door. Refreshments after.

**March**, Monday 20th, 7.30pm, Village Hall. Bartonian David Lawson will offer a **practical** illustrated guide to **'Researching & dating old buildings'**. David has been in the building trade for 46 years specializing in the restoration of major city heritage buildings. He is a post grad of the Architectural Association in Historic Building conservation. After his talk we will be able to 'read' buildings with more understanding and enjoyment. All welcome. Non-members £1 at door. Refreshments after.

**April**, Thursday 20th, 7.30pm, Village Hall. **Barton History Club's 2nd AGM**. A members and potential members only meeting to review, plan, present, adopt, adapt, improve. Refreshment will be needed and provided !

**VISIT TO  
MIDELNEY MANOR  
18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**

Midelney Manor has been in the Trevilian family for over 500 years and is currently looked after by Alice with her husband, Jeremy, and three children. One of the oldest Elizabethan Manors in Somerset, it is set on 400 acres of wood and farmland. Midelney Manor is undoubtedly one of the most romantic and unique venues in Somerset.

With all that history at her fingertips, Alice is opening her house and splendidly kept gardens to the public.

Barton History Club has arranged a tour of the House and Grounds followed by a cream tea on Thursday, 18 May. The cost per person will be £10.50 (BHC Members £9.50). If you would like to reserve a place on the tour, please contact Dennis Powell, 850517. More details in the March Newsletter

**GUITAR CONCERT**

**Michael Partington**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**7.30pm**

**Barton St David Village Hall**

**TA11 6 BS**

Tickets: Adults £12. Students £9.

Michael Partington began playing guitar age 6 growing up in Wales. Now Artist in Residence and director of the guitar program at the University of Washington in Seattle, Michael plays to audiences in North America, Europe, Russia and Scandinavia as a soloist and with ensembles. He regularly performs live on radio in the US and UK.

To book please contact:

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Nicky Wheeler T: 01458 850200

[nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk)

*Light refreshments and **soft** drinks available. Or **bring your own**.*

**Walking Football.** Several intrepids have signed up including 2 ladies ! Come and join in the **inaugural kick-around** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 11.30am, Village Playing Field. Wear stout, grippy footwear. 2 x 15 mins of fun football. **Referee wanted.** Details [p.robinson468@btinternet.com](mailto:p.robinson468@btinternet.com) or 851692.

**TABLE TENNIS**

Fun sessions of table tennis during January, February and March on **Wednesday** afternoons from **2pm until 4pm**.

Some bats available but bringing your own would be useful. A charge of £2 per person per session to cover the use of the hall will be required. Refreshments available. Any further information required please contact Elaine Balcombe ([esbalcombe@googlemail.com](mailto:esbalcombe@googlemail.com))

## Barton St David Church

**Thursday 16th March 12 noon to 2pm -**

**Lenten Lunch** to be held at Sleepy Hollow, Mill Road courtesy of Cath and Trevor Lewis.

### Barton St David Mothers' Union

**Tuesday 14th February at 2.30 pm –**

To be held at Andrea Mayle's home, Rose Cottage in Park Lane when Peter Farrant will give a talk based on his recent cruise to Venice and the Adriatic.

**Tuesday 14th March at 2.30pm –**

To be held at Jackie Houlden's home, Little Orchard in Church Street when Kay and David Franklin will give a talk entitled 'Rowan Romania Update'.

### Carol Singing round the Tree

With many thanks to all that joined in with the singing around the tree this year and to the Barton Inn for some very welcome mulled wine.

Along with money raised by my pupils for their Christmas Concert we sent £235 to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Lynne Kirkman

**Barton Croquet Club.** The Club resumes Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, 2.00pm on the Village Playing Field croquet lawn. Thereafter games will be, as usual, on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month. More games may be arranged if called for.

## **BARTON CARNIVAL**

**SATURDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**

Although the Carnival is still some months away, several important issues claimed attention at our December Committee meeting and will continue to do so at our January meeting - and probably beyond.

A) We received an email from Megan Johnson who, with members of her family and friends, has successfully run the Dog Show for a number of years. In the email Megan wrote:

*I can confirm that we are happy to organise and run the dog show for the next year but after that we will need to look for someone else.*

So, we are already on the lookout for someone with the knowledge and organisational skills who might be willing to run the Barton Dog Show from 2018. If you would be interested in taking on the task - or know of someone who might be interested - please contact the Committee's Chairman, Dennis Powell (Tel: 01458 850517) to discuss the possibility. It would be a great pity if, after so many years, the Dog Show were to lapse.

B) There is great discussion about hiring a suitable band for the evening entertainment. Research is ongoing.

C) Discussion concerning the suggested purchase of a shipping container for storage purposes is also ongoing and a way forward is being sought.

And there will be decisions made about the cookery competition and the recently suggested "Walking Football" competition or exhibition.

**PERHAPS JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> ISN'T SO FAR AWAY AFTER ALL**