

# Barton St David Parish Council

## Business as normal for the Parish Council.

The Parish Council continues to hold its regular meetings online following the national guidelines, these are open to the public as always. The next meeting is at **7.30 on 18<sup>th</sup> May** where planning applications will be discussed. Village residents are welcome to attend and address the meeting via Zoom. For further information on how to do this please contact Caron Potts, Parish Clerk at [clerkbsd@outlook.com](mailto:clerkbsd@outlook.com)

We also have a vacancy on the Council so if you are interested in finding out more do get in touch.

## Planning information

It has come to our attention that due to the lock-down, public notices at the sites of planning applications may not be posted in a timely way so that residents can see proposals. At the next Parish Council, we will be considering three planning applications: two amendments to existing properties and one proposal for new houses next to Laurel Farm on the end of Mill Road. For information about the latest planning applications visit South Somerset District Council's Planning Portal and search Barton St David. <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/planning/search->

Road maintenance has restarted, please report any potholes at [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-pothole-or-road-defect/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-pothole-or-road-defect/)

Footpaths are currently being used more regularly so a request please to dog owners to responsibly dispose of your poo bags appropriately by taking them home and placing in your own bin.

**Mindline Somerset**  
Emotional support helpline  
Coronavirus



**01823 276 892**

Available  
Mon - Fri 9am - 11pm  
Sat - Sun 8pm - 11pm

**Parish Noticeboard.** To put up posters of Village activities / events please contact cabinet keyholders - Parish Clerk, [clerkbsd@outlook.com](mailto:clerkbsd@outlook.com) or Peter Robinson 851692.

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

### Somerset County Council Covid 19 update

We are seeing a slowdown in reported cases positively tested for Covid 19 across Somerset. At the time of going to print the total is 549 confirm cases but sadly we have lost 95 people to this virus - 57 in hospital, 32 in care homes and 6 other. Hospitals remain under capacity and recently there have been no new Covid 19 cases within our care homes.

Somerset County Council are continuing to spend over £200,000 a week on PPE and have supplied over 1.4m items of equipment to date. The Community Resilience team have answered over 3,000 calls for help and have made over 1,200 calls to vulnerable residents.

The contact number for any Coronavirus advice is 0300 7906275 and for more information visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus) South Somerset District Council has ensure Government grants worth in excess of £28m have gone to more than 2,300 businesses.

Our village volunteer group would again like to thank you for all the offers of help and remind others that we are still here to assist if you require it via the Parish Clerk, Caron Potts, Parish Clerk at [clerkbsd@outlook.com](mailto:clerkbsd@outlook.com)

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# Village Hall and Playing Fields

## Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Charity Annual General Meeting is being held online on

**Monday 1st June 2020 at 7.30pm**

You are invited to attend the Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Charity AGM. This short meeting is open to all members of the village. Please join us to hear what the committee has been doing on your behalf during the last year.

If you would like to be part of the AGM, which is being held on Zoom, please send your email address to The Secretary on [bsdvh@gmail.com](mailto:bsdvh@gmail.com) and you will receive an invitation to attend.

## TENNIS COURT

Following government guidelines, the tennis club is proposing to reopen the tennis court from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. This is for Members only and is only to be used at any one time by two people or parents with young children. Doubles may be played but only if all 4 members are from the same household. Unless those playing are residing in the same household, 2 metres distance needs to be maintained. Full LTA guidelines will be posted on the court.

We strongly advise booking ahead preferably by email to [nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk) /text 07979432585 or 01458 850200. If you wish to join the tennis club please contact Rosalie Odgers on [jeacock.dom@btinternet.com](mailto:jeacock.dom@btinternet.com) or 851040

We will be monitoring the situation closely and will keep members informed of any further changes.

Recycling centres have reopened with restrictions:

Government guidance states visits should only take place if waste cannot be stored safely at home without risking harm or ill-health, or harm to public health and amenity. **If not an essential journey, please wait until sites are back to normal. Delays are likely.**

Please note the many temporary conditions/restrictions of recycling site use to ensure safety, manage numbers and maintain social distancing.

Recycling sites open from 11 May: Bridgwater, Chard, Dulverton, Frome, Highbridge, Street, Taunton, Wellington, Wells, Williton and Yeovil. (Other sites due to reopen from Tuesday 26 May.)

All will be open six days a week: 9am-6pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am-4pm Saturdays and Sundays; all closed Thursdays. **Access is "one in, one out", a number plate system will be used:**

- Odd numbers only Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays
- Even numbers only Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays

Other restrictions include:

- Maximum two people per household
- No people with COVID-19 symptoms, or who have been asked to shield
- No large vans (3.5 tonne or heavier)
- No trailers
- Gloves to be worn outside vehicles

**For further details contact [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk).**

## Garden waste restarts Monday 11 May

Collection of garden waste restarts from Monday 11 May. Subscriptions for 2020-21 will run until mid-May 2021.

Many subscribers' collection day and dates have changed. It's important that people reread the letter that came with their bin sticker or check this via My Collection Day at [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk).

The Church remains closed. However the Parish Magazine is available on the village website [www.bartonstdavid.org.uk](http://www.bartonstdavid.org.uk).

**Barton History Club 2020** contact: [p.robinson468@btinternet.com](mailto:p.robinson468@btinternet.com) or 01458 851692.

**May.** 'The Building of Barton Church', was a VIRTUAL meeting prepared by David Lawson and presented on a private link with YouTube. If you would like to join that meeting from the comfort of your own home here is the link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kK\\_cthveYw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kK_cthveYw&feature=youtu.be) Also available on his facebook page- [history of barton st david church](#). If you have questions, comments or pictures, please email [davidlawson69@gmail.com](mailto:davidlawson69@gmail.com)

**June.** Wed. 17<sup>th</sup>, Village Hall, 7.30pm. 'Battle of Britain over Somerset'. Details on the website. Keep an eye on the History Club website..

**July.** We wait to see if Carnival goes ahead. If so BHC has booked a table. Please come and visit us.

**August.** Tuesday 11 August. **Butleigh Heritage Trail.** Starting at 1.45pm. Afternoon tea at 3pm in the Drawing Room specially for us. Jade has kindly offered to show a group around her half-medieval, half-Georgian house. Gill and Barry Hooks will be in touch with details.

**VE DAY 75 Celebration.** Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>. **And Barton did.** Many, many thanks to all who participated in the various events of the VE Day 75 programme. The lone bell ringer, horse rider bearing Union Flag and rumpeter; for the soldiers and Union Flag at the War Memorial and the moral display. Do please email **your** photos for the Village archive. Don't let us lose images of such an extraordinary day. Contact details above. To see the pictures that have come in go to [www.BartonStDavid.org.uk](http://www.BartonStDavid.org.uk) and click on History Club **Gallery 2**.

**VW2 Memorabilia Display.** Again many, many thanks to all who contributed items - most long hidden away - showing the surprisingly varied aspects of wartime life and times. To view this fascinating exhibition go to [www.BartonStDavid.org.uk](http://www.BartonStDavid.org.uk) and click on History Club **Gallery 1**. It will run for a while yet.

**Barton Croquet.** We live in hope, suitably distanced, play will resume shortly! Keep an eye on [www.BartonStDavid.org.uk](http://www.BartonStDavid.org.uk) Croquet Club.

**The Barton Inn** will continue to provide an off-sales service from the rear courtyard, providing food, real ale, bottled and canned drinks. A weekly food menu is sent out via email every Saturday evening for the following week. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact us at [sharonstaffordz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sharonstaffordz@yahoo.co.uk)

We do advise booking meals as early as possible. Fridays are particularly busy, so booking by Wednesday is essential to guarantee your takeaway/delivery.

After the latest announcement from the government, it looks as though there will be no change in relation to public indoor spaces until late summer. The pub's vital signs are good though and we are confident that when the day comes, we will be ready to welcome you all once again!

Best wishes,

John and Sharon

#### **Email Distribution List:**

If you wish to receive any useful information or indeed need to get a message out to the village quickly this email list is proving to be a very useful resource.

However due to data protection I can only include those who have specifically asked to be included, preferably by email. You may think I have your address already but unless you have been receiving emails recently, you are not on the list! Please be assured that no email addresses are disclosed and you may ask to be removed at any time.

To either be included on the list or if you wish to pass on any information, please email me at [nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk) or phone on 850200

Already, a vast amount has been written and recorded during this period of self-isolation, all of it unique.

The people who live in Barton St David are also unique as is the life that takes place within its boundaries. Under the auspices of the BARTON HISTORY CLUB, we wish to record that life for future generations.

*Please, would you help us to record how the Coronavirus has affected you ... how you dealt with lock down; what you found difficult and even what were the good' sides.*

*We are also anxious for photos which capture these events; for example the Thursday evening applause at 8 o'clock for the NHS, the delivery of food to those in self isolation. Please make sure you have the agreement of those photographed for the use of their photos in the archive; this is especially important for the parents of under-18s.*

*We will collate these stories and photos and so gradually put together an archive of this amazing period in Barton St David's History.*

*You can ask to remain anonymous if you wish and this will be respected - please state this clearly when you send your contribution. It would be good to have contributions from all age groups*

*To send your stories either write to Gill and Barry Hooks, at 'Summer Lea', Jarmany Hill, BSD TA11 6DA or email to [db\\_hooks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:db_hooks@yahoo.co.uk) or to [gill.hooks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gill.hooks@yahoo.co.uk) Village documents of this time are already being archived by Gill and Barry*

No one knows how long this lock-down will last ..... 6 months, 12 months, 2 years, who knows?

Peoples' perceptions, opinions, habits change ..... and people forget! Already people forget what they were thinking and doing at the beginning. When was "the beginning"?

*It is suggested that the beginning be taken as the period from **4th January, when Matt Hancock chaired the first COBRA meeting about CORONAVIRUS and said that the risk to the public was "low"***

*To **7th March, when the PRIME MINISTER stood at the podium outside 10 Downing Street and delivered his "return to work" speech.***

*Please keep those stories coming to Gill and Barry, however short or fleeting, and, in time to come, we will have a unique history to pass on to future Villagers. Thank you.*

## Plywood cut-outs

### Fun for all the family!!

Let your creative skills run wild while you decorate your rainbow shaped cut-out!!

Pick up your plywood cut-out from the Barton Inn skittle alley between



**1pm and 3pm**

**Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>**

It's first come first served but don't worry if there's none left when you get there, just put your details on the contact sheet at the pub and we'll get one cut especially for you.

Once your masterpiece is finished, display it for all to see outside your house.

It's a bit of lockdown fun, no prizes, everyone's a winner.

Brought to you by the Barton Carnival team with special thanks to Clive Cabble for generously supplying the plywood and his masterful sawing skills.

#### **FREE Older People Active at Home Packs**

Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership have launched an Active at Home Pack for older people and those with long term health conditions who may be self-isolating, shielding or spending a lot of time at home. The packs contain an elastic resistance band (latex), a helpful booklet with exercise instructions and a self-isolating sticker which can be stuck on your window or door to let people know you are self-isolating.

If you, or someone you know, fits this criteria and would be interested in a