

Barton St David Parish Council

Parish Council meetings will be held at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall on **22nd January, 26th February, 26th 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 St David War Memorial.

The Parish Council is looking to restore our war memorial. According to the parish minutes the surround of blue lias crazy paving was laid in 1946. We understand there was some kind of gravel before that date. Is there anyone in the village that can remember what used to be there? If so the PC would love to hear from you.

Give me a call if you are able on 01458 850025.

Many thanks, David Pye (Chair of BSD PC)

It has come to the attention of the parish council that a significant number of dog poo bags have been thrown into hedges and ditches after the dog excrement has been picked up. Please take your poo bags home and dispose of it in the general waste.

It is an offence if you do not pick up your dog poo, prosecution may lead to a maximum fine for non-removal of £1000.

For further information please contact the enforcement team on 01935 462462 or go to www.southsomerset.gov.uk.

Any suggestions or contributions for your newsletter, please send to nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk

Barton St David

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

NEWSLETTER

Dates for Your Diary

JANUARY

Wed 17 th – Fruit Tree Pruning, Plotgate	11.00 – 3.00 pm
Thurs 18 th – Seated Silvercise, Village Hall	3.15 – 4.00 pm
Mon 22 nd – Parish Council, Village Hall	7.45 pm
Thurs 25 th – Open Mic Burns Night, Barton Inn	7.30 pm
Sat 27 th – History Club, Village Bands, Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 28 th – September Son, Barton Inn	3.00 pm
Wed 31 st – Willow Coppicing, Plotgate	11.00 – 3.00 pm

FEBRUARY

Sat 3 rd – Stompin'Dave, Barton Inn	9.00 pm
Tues 13 th – MU Talk, Rose Cottage, Park Lane	2.30 pm
Thurs 15 th – History Club, 'Somerset Anecdotes' Village Hall	7.30 pm tbc
Sat 17 th – Walking Football, Playing Field	11.30 am
Sat 17 th – Ghost Stories, Barton Inn	TBC
Thurs 22 nd – Lenten Lunch, Sleepy Hollow, Mill Road	12.00 – 2.00 pm
Sat 24 th – Fruit Tree grafting workshop, Glastonbury	
Mon 26 th – Parish Council, Village Hall	7.45 pm

MARCH

Sat 3 rd – Northern Soul Night, Barton Inn Skittle Alley	8.30 pm
Tues 13 th – MU talk, Little Orchard, Church St	2.30 pm
Thurs 15 th – History Club, Village Hall	
Sat 17 th – History Club visit to Shepton Mallet Prison	3.00 pm
Mon 26 th – Parish Council, Village Hall	7.45 pm

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Village Hall and Playing Fields

SEATED SILVERCISE - for the over 60's*

STARTS 18th January!

Fun and social fitness classes with a simple dance element, combining **seated and supported** toning, stretching and conditioning. All exercises adapted to each individual's physical abilities. This 45 minute seated class is specifically aimed at those with limited mobility through medical conditions, rehabilitation from injury or surgery, or those wanting to gently regain their fitness and physical confidence. Open to men and women, including wheelchair users. Stay active and healthy, enjoy great music, meet great people, have great fun!

Thursdays, 3.15 - 4pm

Barton St David Village Hall

£3.50 drop in

Contact Lena to register your interest and find out more

* aimed at over 60's but all adults welcome

07810 893679 | lenadeedance@gmail.com

www.lenadeedance.com/seatedsilverscise

Barton Village Hall Subscription Concerts. So far 14 subscribers have pledged £20 each towards a kitty enabling us to invite a top notch performer to play in Barton. Ideally **we need 30** subscribers.

Arranging star performances needs solid support – both to fund the artist(s) and to help promote ticket sales.

To be a 'subscriber' please contact bsd.events@gmail.com or speak with any Trustee of the Village Hall committee. At this stage all we are looking for is an indication of support for this scheme – we don't want yer money, yet !

Planning Renovations This Year?

If you're thinking of a new extension, a bit of remodelling, or finally knocking down that old garage, have you checked for asbestos? Any property built or refurbished before 2000 could potentially contain ACMs (Asbestos Containing Materials). Commonly found in corrugated roofing sheets, it was also widely used in artex-type paint coatings, insulation material, floor tiles, other construction material, fixtures and fittings. Left undisturbed, these materials don't present a health risk. However, when damaged the fibres easily become airborne and can be inhaled. Exposure to these microscopic fibres can lead to severe lung disease and cancer. In the UK, around 5000 deaths a year are linked to asbestos exposure, and it can take years for symptoms to develop. Invisible to the naked eye and normally blended with other substances, professional testing is needed to ensure asbestos is dealt with safely.

Somerset Scientific Services, part of Somerset County Council, offer free impartial asbestos advice as part of our commitment to public health and safety. We also offer an expert service to identify and project manage the removal of any ACMs. Samples of suspect material can be sent to our lab for analysis and we'll provide impartial advice on your next steps if asbestos is identified. For larger projects surveys can be completed on site by our specialist asbestos team if needed.

Call the team or visit our website for expert advice – and to find out what other services we provide.

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BARTON ST DAVID CHURCH

Thursday 22nd February from 12 pm to 2 pm The Lenten Lunch will be held at Sleepy Hollow, Mill Road courtesy of Cath and Trevor Lewis. Please come when you can during these times. Donations for a raffle would be appreciated.

MOTHERS UNION

Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 2.30pm – Meet at Rose Cottage, Park Lane courtesy of Andrea Mayle when Peter Farrant will give an illustrated talk on 'Top to Bottom of New Zealand'.

Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 2.30pm - Meet at Little Orchard, Church Street courtesy of Jackie Houlden when Kylie Gallagher will talk about the Children's Hospice South West.

Barton History Club contact p.robinson468@btinternet.com or 851692
Website <http://bartonstdavid.org.uk/sports-clubs/barton-st-david-history-club%e2%80%a8/>

December. John Stafford gave an intriguing account of the Barton Inn from earliest records – it is hoped to run another Skittle Alley Forum. Thanks to all who contributed.

January. Saturday 27th, 7.30 pm Village Hall. In 17th, 18th and 19th century England, **Village Bands** played music for all manner of village events. We are delighted to welcome the Somerset Russets Village Band. They will demonstrate the music these bands played accompanied by readings from Thomas Hardy's novels. All welcome. Visitors £2. Hearty refreshments after. Will be a memorable evening.

February. Thursday 15th, Village Hall. Readers of the Western Gazette will have encountered Clare Blackmore's fascinating weekly '**Somerset Anecdotes**'. Clare is going to 'find stories, some sad, some funny, some incredible and some about Barton St David'. All welcome, visitors £1. Warming refreshments after.

March. Thursday, 15th, Village Hall. '**Somerset Farms – Then and now**'. Our speaker is Kate Lynch, well-known local artist and historian who documents Somerset farmers and their history. Illustrated talk using Kate's paintings, drawings, old photographs & oral recordings. Welcome all. Visitors £1. A *Ploughman's* with warming refreshments after.

March, Saturday 17th 3pm, **Shepton Mallet Prison.** At the end of March this ancient penal institution will be converted into luxury apartments. We have just heard that our application for 10 places on one of the last guided tours (2 hrs) has gone through. To book your ticket to go to jail please contact Peter Robinson (contact details above). Tickets are priced at £18 and £16 for concessions. We are asked to arrive at least 15mins before tour. Payment by cash or card. Nearer the time we can arrange car sharing.

Barton Walking Football. Saturday, 17th February, 11.30am, Village Playing Field. Wear stout footwear, Free, friendly & fun, what's not to like. See pics on www.bartonstdavid.org.uk

Barton Croquet Club. First game of 2018, **Tuesday April 10th, 2pm.** Village Playing Field croquet lawn. £1 per person per session. All welcome whether you have played or not. Equipment supplied. Mildly aerobic - great fun. Thereafter 1st

VILLAGE TABLE TENNIS sessions are continuing to be held on **Wednesdays** from **2pm** until **4pm**. All welcome to come and play. Equipment provided. Tea and biscuits too!

Carol Singing round the Tree

With many thanks to all that joined in with the singing around the tree this year, where £86 was raised and to the Barton Inn for some very welcome mulled wine.

The total amount, including money raised at my Christmas Concert was £294.33 which is going to the Lord's Larder in Yeovil, a charity food bank.

Lynne

BARTON ST DAVID CARNIVAL 21ST JULY, 2018.

PRE CARNIVAL PAINTING COMPETITION

It has been agreed that this year the wooden cut-outs will be PENGUINS. There will be two designs: a cartoon type and a "Living Planet" type. You may paint your penguin in any way you like and exhibit the finished product in a prominent position at the front of your property from any date before Carnival Day. Before 11.30 a.m. on the morning of 21st July, Carnival Day, you are asked to take your Penguin to the Playing Field where a member of the committee will show you to the area where the judging will take place. This will happen soon after the opening ceremony.

So that enough penguins are produced, please order yours by contacting Dennis Powell, 850517 or email: dennis.powell36@btinternet.com

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

The topic for 2018 will be
"FARMERS AND MILKMAIDS"

Judging to commence at 1.40p.m.
Presentation of rosettes and the "Lightning Cup" at 2.15p.m.

GREAT BARTON BAKEOFF

Following the success of last year's inaugural competition, John Harrington is aiming to introduce some new and some very "interesting" features to the event in the forthcoming Carnival.

MEMBERS OF THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Alan Barber, Austin Barber, Robert Butt, Duncan Forbes, Fred Govier, Alex Guthrie, Jon Harrington, Toby Lapwood, Sam Landrigan, Trevor Lewis (Secretary), Trevor Norton, David Odgers, Tony Phelps (Treasurer), Dennis Powell (Chairman), Jack Stone, Vicky Singleton.

THE BARTON INN

Happy New year fellow Bartonians. We are beginning to fill the Barton Inn diary for the first part of 2018. Events booked so far:

7:30 pm Thursday 25th January – Open Mic Burn's Night Special
3:00 pm Sunday 28th January – September Son and Special Guests
9:00 pm Saturday 3rd February – Stompin' Dave
TBC pm Saturday 17th February – Ghost Stories (Ticket Only)
8:30 pm Saturday 3rd March – Northern Soul Night (Skittle Alley)

As always, keep an eye on the chalk boards for last minute plans!
Wishing you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

John and Sharon.

Plotgate CSA News

January means pruning, and we are running a number of activity days in January and Feb-

Wednesday 17th Jan- fruit tree pruning day with Dan and Amy. 11-3pm
Wednesday 31st Jan- coppicing willow for basketry and ornamental structures 11-3pm Please bring warm clothes, secateurs and a packed lunch- you are very welcome to drop in for part of the day and we ask non members for a small donation (£5-£10)

Saturday 24th Feb- Fruit tree grafting workshop at Paddington Farm, Glastonbury- bring your ancient apple varieties and graft cuttings on to new root stock. Contact us for more information. This will be an all day event and there will be a charge for participation tbc.

January also means New Year's resolutions and getting healthy, so we are running a very special offer for new veg box subscribers who sign up in Jan or Feb- 6 months of fortnightly boxes for just £120! Please see our website for more information plotgatecsa.wordpress.com.

The veg patches look a little bleak at this time of year, but already the signs of spring are emerging- its amazing how quickly after the winter solstice the plants start making plans for the new season.

Wishing the folk of Barton St David a very fruitful 2018
Amy, Dan and Jane. plotgate.csa@gmail.com