

Barston News Sheet

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PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council meetings

Wednesday 5th June
Wednesday 10th July (See below)

starting at 8 PM in the Memorial Institute

Reminder - Garden judging (July 2nd/ 3rd)

The dates for the judging of the "Best Kept Garden" and "Most Colourful Garden" competitions are approaching rapidly!

Judging will take place on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July. Only gardens which are visible from the highway will be judged.

Prizes will be £50.00 Garden Vouchers in addition to the Shield (Best Kept Garden) and Cup (Most Colourful Garden).

The presentation will take place at the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 10th July at 8.00pm in the Barston Memorial Institute.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Cup for the "Most Colourful Garden" competition last presented in 2014? If so please notify Jenny or Jane on 01675 442708 or 01675 443274.

Dog – fouling

Unfortunately, some dog owners are letting down the responsible majority, by not clearing up their dog-mess. Please respect the law, and your neighbours, by not leaving little doggy-doo around on the pavements and grassy areas.

Airport News

The Airport Master Plan will be published in the summer. There is still no news on when the CAA may get round to commenting on the Post Implementation Review (submitted in July 2017) to follow up on the changes to Runway 15 Southbound take-offs, known as Option 6. Apparently the Report has been written, but, despite the intervening four months, still not signed off!

The CAA have signed off changes to the northbound turn from Runway 15. The changes were introduced

on 23 May 2019. The Airport claim that there should be some, probably minor, benefit to Barston from this. If anyone notices any differences, good or bad, to what is sometimes referred to as 'The Hampton Turn', please let me know, preferably by email.

The noise monitor report arising from the survey carried out in Barston during June/July 2018 will "shortly" be published on the Airport website, together with some follow up data. The noisiest 10 planes, all recorded as over 81 dB(A), were on average 1288 feet over the noise monitor in Eastcote Lane and 1528 feet over the rear of the Bulls Head. When I am informed of the Report being available I will advise the Community What's App group.

David Elliott edavidelliott@aol.com

BARSTON ASSOCIATION

Family Treasure Hunt (Mon. 6th May)

Thank you to all who were able to support our Treasure Hunt. Over 100 walkers entered, collected clues and ate cake! Around £450 was raised for Institute / Association funds.

Family Barn Dance and BBQ (Sat. 6th July)

Dig out those check shirts, boots and hats as we prepare to do-si-do around the lawn under the guidance of a professional Caller and with a live band. Held in St Swithin's House Garden, from 6 PM there will be a Bar and BBQ, and Tea and Cakes will also be available. Tickets are £5 (Children free). Contact me, or request tickets on WhatsApp.

Barston Fete (Monday 26th August)

Our big event is fast approaching. This year, the main Arena event will be the U.K.'s Number 1 Extreme Mountain Bike Show. There will also be (for the first time) a 'Fun Dog Show'. This is in addition to the usual Egg Throwing, Children's Games, Tug of War etc. As ever we are on the lookout for any contributions you may be able to make. We need Tombola prizes, good quality books and white Elephant goods. All contributions will be gratefully received. We are especially keen to find prizes to add to our Main raffle draw. If you or your business can help, please get in touch.

Pete Sumner (07870 483505)

NEWS FROM St SWITHIN'S

Following our Annual Meetings last month Gordon O'Connor agreed to continue as Churchwarden for another year and was instituted at a service in Birmingham Cathedral last month by Bishop David. Details of all our church officers and their contact details can be found in the church porch including a copy of our current notice sheet with up to date information.

Our twice monthly Hobby House and Tea Club continue to meet on Tuesdays and the dates are June 4th and 18th and July 2nd and 16th. We meet in St Swithin's House and weather permitting enjoy afternoon tea and chat in the garden. Everyone is welcome to join: Hobby House from 10 am to 12 noon and Tea Club from 2pm to 3.30pm.

On Wednesday 5th June, St Swithin's House held a Thank You evening to celebrate the completion of the new kitchen – which is now fully operational and much appreciated by both regular and new visitors to the House.

The Church Mission Society is one of four core mission societies supported by Barston Church, operating both locally and abroad. On 19th May we had a visit from our Mission Partners Verity and Tom Clare who with their four delightful boys (aged 6,4,2 and six months) will travel in the new year to Arua in north west Uganda where Tom will work with the health department at Madi West Nile Diocese to improve the health of the local population and some of the local South Sudanese refugee community. You can read more of their journey so far and their future plans at churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/Tom and Verity Clare.

Thursday 27th June 2019 – Buffet Supper – St Swithin's House – 7pm

We are delighted to be hosting this CMS event for the Birmingham diocese with the opportunity to meet Revd Daniel Kirk and his wife Ellelein and hear of their work in Chile, most recently planting Iglesia Pablo Apostol in Valparaiso.

Everyone is welcome to join us – Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the door but a call to Diane on 01564 778926 for catering purposes would be appreciated.

Finally – don't forget the Village Barbeque on Saturday 6th July !!

Our next Parish Breakfast is on Saturday 3rd August from (8.30am – 11am) in St Swithin's House. Join us for a full English cooked breakfast.

Refresh Youth Club – Friday evenings – (7.30 – 9.30 pm)- Memorial Hall

If you are aged 10 to 16 and enjoy board games, table tennis and table football as well as electronic games, music - a tuck shop at cost prices – then call

into the Memorial Hall on Friday evenings in term time.

If you are over 18, willing to be DBS checked and have a couple of hours to spare on an occasional Friday evening to join the team, then come and see what we do. We guarantee a lively experience !

Heart of England Filling Station – Hampton Manor Hotel- 3rd June and 1st July

Over a hundred people from churches of many denominations meet on the first Monday evening of the month to hear a good speaker and enjoy worship and prayer in the beautiful surroundings of Hampton Manor courtesy of the Hill family. There are light refreshments from 7pm. The speaker in June is Paul Mallard of Widecombe Baptist Church and on 1st July, Chipper Betts of the Message Trust. If you have not done so, then please accept a warm invitation to come and see what we are talking about! On Monday 5th August there is a Summer Barbeque for attendees, family and friends :- Tickets £ 10 pp to include burger, sausage, fries and other accompaniments – with a bar available for the purchase of drinks. Call Linda on 0121 704 2458 or Jan Hill on 01675 443384 to book.

CONTACT DETAILS for Revd Stuart Dimes and Service times can be found on the church website : www.barstonchurch.co.uk , on the church notice boards and in the church porch. A message from Stuart follows below.

Diane O'Connor

Togetherness

Welcome to the month of June, we have two very important church festivals this June, Pentecost and then Trinity Sunday.

Pentecost Sunday often known as Whit Sunday is when we celebrate the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on the disciples in Jerusalem, the tongues of flame and rushing wind event at the beginning of the book of Acts in the bible...it is also the birthday of the church, when the Holy Spirit filled the church and Peter preached the first sermon and over 3000 people became followers of Jesus (the term 'Christian' came much later Acts 11 v26).

Much has been said about the Holy Spirit and the gifts and fruits and the charismatic movements, but two things strike me about the Holy Spirit, one is that the Spirit is given to everyone who believes in Jesus and that the gifts and the working of the Holy Spirit is '*for the common good*' (1 Cor 12 7)

The next Sunday is Trinity Sunday '*We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence.*' (Athanasian Creed).

BARSTON U3A

On Trinity Sunday we will celebrate God as one God in three Persons. This understanding is based on how we see God at work in the world. We trust in a God who is: '*God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist; God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again and God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world*'

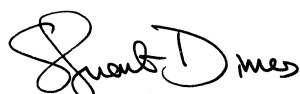
The Trinity provides a model for **Christian community**. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate together in a love relationship of mutual accountability with one another. They complement and build on the work of each other. At His baptism, Jesus the Son is obedient to His Father, who declares His approval as the Spirit anoints Jesus for ministry. '*the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.*' (Luke 3:22).

To what extent does the life of our church reflect this working and relating to each other in love, accountability...? To this we have to reflect how we relate to the other parishes Hampton and Bickenhill....a 'trinity of churches'. We also find our **mission** in the Trinity. Jesus said, '*As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.*' (John 20:21). As the Father sent His Son into the world, so Jesus sends us out to do the Father's work, equipped by the Spirit of God. How are we called to share in God's mission ourselves?

Can I ask what Pentecost and Trinity have to say to our country today...? Pentecost the Holy Spirit given for the common good and Trinity three persons together in love and mutual accountability....surely we need our political leaders to come together for the common good, and for people and parliament to be mutually accountable to each other, don't we?

Society is like a body needing each other. If a foot decided as it was not like the hand it therefore isn't part of the body or if the eye said that it had no need of a foot....it was not part of the body....where would the body be where would society be if we all decided that we could live without each other....togetherness is important we are in this together!!!

Let us live together in the peace and love of God sharing what He has given us for the good of all.....



Our regular programme of lectures and presentations takes place at 2.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Memorial Institute. In April, we were delighted to welcome back to Barston Dr Gillian White who treated us to a lively, thoroughly researched and beautifully illustrated account of the great fire which took hold of Warwick in 1694 but which then led to the rebuilding and transformation of the town. In May, by way of contrast, David Hess gave us a detailed and moving account of his parents' experiences as they escaped from Nazi Germany in his talk entitled "Out of the Frying Pan". We look forward on a future occasion to hearing what happened to them once they were safely out.

Our lectures are varied in topic and of a high standard and, if you are interested in giving one a try, our next talks are:-

9 July: *Sinking in the Antarctic* – Georgie Hale

13 August: *Mary Quant* – Ruth Lowe

There is no outside speaker in June

Our regular activities are held either in the Memorial Institute (table tennis, bridge and STEM lectures) or in members' homes (book reading, mahjong, digital imaging, art appreciation, music appreciation). All members are welcome to attend as many of these activities as they wish without restriction.

Group leaders also organise a number of one-off activities and outings. Since the last News Sheet was published, groups have enjoyed a garden tour at Middleton Hall near Tamworth, a fascinating visit to Acme Whistle factory in the Jewellery Quarter and a morning visit to Compton Verney's excellent exhibition, "Painting Childhood" where we had a guided tour led by a well informed and enthusiastic guide.

Coming soon are guided visits to Tutbury Castle in Staffordshire, a fascinating house with connections to Mary Queen of Scots, and to Owlpen Manor, the fine Tudor manor house near Stroud in Gloucestershire. And, now that the weather is better, the rambling group are looking forward to putting on their walking boots again soon.

If any of the above interests you or you would like to have more information about any aspect of Barston U3A, please contact **Keith Fraser (01564 777262)**.

MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Duck Race – Saturday 8th June

This is our main fundraising event, so please (if you haven't already) do support us by purchasing ducks! The race will again be held on the River Blythe, upstream from Elvers Green Lane ford. As those of you who have attended previously will testify, this event is a lot of fun. Parents, children and dogs are all welcome and who knows - you may witness your duck being first home.

Hall for hire

The Hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates. Please consider using it if you are planning a children's party, a meeting or social event. Saturdays and Sundays, in particular, are usually available.

For details please contact our Bookings secretary Caroline Hadley (caroline@brackenford.plus.com) (01675 442061)

David Elliott (Chairman of Trustees)

WRCC Oil Consortium

Warwickshire Rural Community Council runs a community oil buying syndicate to support people living in rural areas of Warwickshire.

Savings are made through 'bulk buying' and by helping suppliers to be more efficient by delivering orders to a smaller local area on any given day.

Membership is free. Members place their orders at the beginning of any given month. The minimum order is 500 litres.

For more information, visit www.wrccenergy.org.uk or call Sharn on 01789 472619

Yoga classes

Beginners Monday (11:15 AM – 12:15 PM)

Intermediates Monday (10 – 11 AM)

Intermediates Thursday (6:30 – 7:30 PM)

Classes take place in the Village Institute (£8 per session). Blocks and mats are provided.

BARSTON W.I.

Our April meeting was entitled 'The joy of painting' a talk by Jane Good, which was indeed a joy!

Jane used the Bob Ross method of painting quickly, and most effectively, to produce a pretty painting of poppies in a vase. So impressed were the members that we have invited Jane to come and do a workshop in November, so that we might have a go too!

The very hard fought Easter Cake competition was won by Tracey Pearson, who made a beautiful nest cake which looked almost too good to eat.

Our May meeting was the Resolutions debate, and members voted unanimously to support the resolution to halt the decline in local bus services. This obviously has most effect in rural and semi rural locations. 50% of villages now have no access to public transport. The resolution asks for a halt to the cut in subsidies to local buses, cut by 45% since 2010 and £182 million.

The other resolution 'Don't fear the smear' was also passed to go forward, but there were some reservations in that there is already much publicity for this campaign.

Our next meeting is June 12th when we shall hear from Marisa Bretherton-Mackay about Riding for the Disabled. July is our Strawberry Tea, and in August we have a visit to Mr Woolman's garden after lunch at The Railway in Dorridge.

Barston WI meet in the Memorial Institute at 2.15pm on the second Wednesday of the month. All ladies are welcome. For details please contact Tracy Pearson 01675 442075 or Debbie Kirkham 01676 532233

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If you have any events to advertise, or news-items of local interest, please send an e-mail to the editor mikelynn1952@gmail.com or phone 01675 442753

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