

BARTON STACEY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 4th May, 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Nicholas Prideaux in the Chair

Present:- Jo Gadney - PC Clerk, Cllr David Drew, Peggy Carter, Nicholas Prideaux, Mark Bailey, Chris Coates, Jill Coates, Janne Hansen, Kate Sarnicki, Jo Parker, Terry Moffatt, , Sarah Oakley, Peter Wood, Donna Oliver, Tessa Lee, Frank Lee, Laura Prince, Mike Pratt (TVBC) Vicki Seth, Victoria Oliver-Bellasis, Lee Stangroom

1. Cllr Prideaux welcomed everyone to the first Zoom Annual Parish Assembly – A reminder that after 40 minutes everyone would need to log back in using the same zoom link.
2. Minutes had previously been emailed to all those attending – It was agreed that they were a true record of the meeting.
3. **Barton Stacey Parish Council**
 - a) Chairman's Report

Looking back over last year and the first four months of this year, any hope that we may have had for peace and quiet was very soon dispelled! Wheelabrator was safely out of the way, what else could possibly go wrong? The answer is obvious. The continuing Pandemic and the restrictions on all our lives have conspired to make things difficult enough but it has shown that living in a close community like ours has its advantages, people keep an eye on their neighbours and help each other when and where needed and that has certainly happened. The Shop has excelled itself thanks to the hard work of the May family and their helpers.

However, there has been a variety of events which took us all by surprise. The threat of an Asylum Seekers Camp which has still not been resolved; A Planning Application by the owner of the plot of land behind the MUGA for the use of Gypsy Travellers which also has not been resolved by the Planning Inspectorate in London; the disastrous fire which destroyed the Pavilion in two hours on 13th August 2020 (a Working Party has been formed and is currently considering a suitable replacement building) and then on 7th March 2021, the fire in Bransbury which destroyed four cottages. The residents were left homeless but the neighbours in Bransbury and elsewhere in Barton Stacey rallied round to help which I know was much appreciated.

The Parish Council has certainly been busy and I wish to record my thanks to all my Councillor colleagues and also our industrious and efficient Clerk, Jo Gadney for all their hard work. I would also like to thank our Borough Councillor David Drew for his advice and help during the year and our County Councillor Andrew Gibson who is shortly to retire after 12 years.

Work has almost been completed on a Resilience Plan for the Parish which ensures that if there is an emergency, everyone knows what to do. A questionnaire will shortly be delivered to your homes – please take time to complete it.

In summary, it has been a busy year but Barton Stacey has survived and I am confident will continue to do so in the coming year too.

b) Financial Statement

Income and Expenditure schedules were shown on the screen (and will be appended) Expenditure down this year as last year the payment for the MUGA made it unusually high

4. Visiting speaker – Mike Pratt – Waste and Recycling Officer, TVBC

Recycling Contamination in Test Valley

What is Recycling Contamination? Basically it is anything in a householders recycling bin “ that is not paper; cardboard; plastic bottles and tins and cans” Our recycling materials are raw materials that are sent to a reprocessing plant to make new items. So it is all about the quality of the material we collect.

Contamination can be a minor issue - plastic bags, aluminium foil, tissues, plastic tubs; plastic food wrapping e.g. crisp wrappers. A recycling bin will be emptied even with small amounts of these materials in the bin, but in large amounts then it might not be emptied. A yellow tag is used when a bin is emptied but we need to communicate to the resident that there are problems with it.

Contamination can also a major problem - textiles, bits of carpet; food waste; nappy waste; dog poo; glass; syringes; furniture; electrical goods; pizza boxes with oil and food waste on it; and general household waste. A red tag signifies the bin has not been emptied and it communicates the reason why.

We need to minimise contamination as it works to undermine recycling. It may also present a H & S danger to the people working at the recycling centre; or it might damage the sorting machinery; or directly affect paper and cardboard e.g. food waste can stain and damage paper and cardboard.

What is the Recycling Team at Test Valley Borough Council doing to tackle the problem? It is a priority for the Team. We follow the data here which comes from samples collected by Hampshire’s Waste Management Partnership or issues our collection crew have identified on the rounds. The Recycling Team at Environmental Services in Test Valley Borough Council run training sessions for every member of the collection crew, 4 times a year. We also put recycling stickers on recycling bins, post information through letter boxes and carry out home visits to talk to residents and discuss recycling issues.

How well are we doing in Test Valley? It is a challenge for most councils across the country. The average contamination rate in Hampshire is 17.54% and due to the work and time invested by our staff it is now fallen to 13.37% in Test Valley!

How residents of Barton Stacey can help. Please familiarise yourself with what we collect for recycling and be vigilant about what you put into your recycling bin. Perhaps use a system to check what is in your recycling bag or box (inside the house), before it is put into the recycling bin outside. Spread the word that this is important.

Contamination costs Hampshire County Council £1.2 million each year to deal with! With your help we can reduce this waste!

5. Barton Stacey History Group (including Archaeology) – Report by Stuart Rippon

Despite having limited access to the records office over the past year The History group has not stood still. Firstly, our thanks to Lin Moffatt who has been our chair since we were first established who has decided to step down. Stuart Rippon will take on her role as chair. We are very pleased to say that Lin will continue to be an active member of the group focusing on our archives and web presence as well as continuing projects such as the graveyard survey and house histories. Lin was instrumental in setting up the group and our success since then is a credit to the guidance she has provided. Alan Longden also decided to step down as treasurer and Chris Coates has joined us to take on this role. Our thanks to Alan for all his support and a warm welcome to Chris to the team. We are also joined by Jill Coats who takes on the role as secretary. Publications - We continued with our publications during the Pandemic and Peter Wood completed the work to write his brief history of mapping of Barton Stacey. To be easily readable the maps needed to be larger than our normal format allows so for the first time we have printed a booklet in an A4 format. The response to this booklet has been very positive and it includes extracts of maps of the village back to the 18th Century. Peter has now started work on a booklet covering WW2 Barton Stacey and the Camps. If you have any information on Barton Stacey in WW2 or the camps please contact Peter. We hope that restrictions will allow us to exhibit the maps along with our work on house histories sometime in 2021. The map booklet brings our range of booklets on village history to ten. If you would like copies of any booklets contact Stuart Rippon or Chris Coates or email bartonstaceyhistory@gmail.com. Details of all the booklets are on our website. The global nature of the internet has led to a surprise contact from the USA from a direct descendant of Rogo and Emery de Sacy. So we have now exported a booklet to the USA and managed to navigate the complexities of international payments. Graveyard Survey - Peter Wood has surveyed and added to the original graveyard plan (drawn in 1971) with the graves added between 1971 and the present day. You can find the complete plan on the All Saints page of the Barton Stacey History Group's website www.bartonstaceyhistory.co.uk. A couple of years ago the BSHG organised a community project to photograph ALL headstones and copy

inscriptions from the LOWER CHURCHYARD. (Mr J.S. Gordon Clark did the TOP CHURCHYARD and INSIDE THE CHURCH many years ago). We always intended to make the photographs and other information freely available. After much deliberation, we have now decided to place our inscriptions and photographs on findagrave.com. This is free and allows us to add not only our photographs but also additional family history that we have on each individual. Thus we are making use of this very good free website rather than try to establish links on our own website. After lockdown, if you can offer some time to help Lin Moffatt to load in the data, please let her know.

Parish Registers - We have another project well underway to copy All Saints' parish register (which begins in 1713) and make this freely available on the BSHG website. Progress over the last year has been minimal because the records are kept on microfiche at Hampshire Record Office in Winchester, which has been closed for much of that time. We are trying to scan the micro fiches but this is proving problematic given the high level of magnification required and the poor quality of some of the original images.

Archaeology - Unfortunately all of our Archaeological research had been curtailed by lockdown but we are still hoping to launch a programme of test pitting as soon as allowed. Our aim will be to encourage people to dig 1m square holes on their land recording what they find in exactly the same manner as a professional archaeologist. It would be time team again. Documenting our 2018 and 2019 digs has also been impacted by Covid but we still believe that the building we found was the Manor Chapel. The potential grave cut may indicate that the important person buried there was moved to the church and the chapel went out of use. Interestingly the history group has subsequently uncovered evidence that work on the South Isle in 1765 opened the tomb of the Lord of the Manor and a high status mediaeval Tomb top has been re-sited in the South chapel upside down probably during Victorian or Army restoration of the church.

Mediaeval - The mediaeval history of Barton Stacey is still proving to be remarkable. The records office has more than 50 documents dating from 1280 to 1841 that hold manor records. The manor was the lowest form of government and law until parish councils came into being. Many of these records are on parchment and the earliest are 20 foot long rolls of parchment written in medieval Latin. Amongst these documents is the Barton Stacey Manor Record Book which consists of copies of documents - a series of charters, wills and other texts - important to the parish including a copy of the original charter from King John. Most of the documents are handwritten in medieval Latin. It appears that the book was compiled in the sixteenth century as the latest document that can be positively dated is a charter from the reign of Henry VIII. There are two wills written in Olde English which are those of William Ryngborne and his son William Ryngborne. Both wills show that extent of the land holdings of the Ryngbornes spread out into Wiltshire and Oxfordshire. The book starts with lists of the costs paid to commission the Record Book. This includes money paid to attorneys (6s. 8p.) and 5s. 8d. to the Justice that 'took the knowledge' with 2s. to his clerk. Katie Clarke is working hard to translate all the documents into the manor book and we are hoping to start on the other Manor records as soon as restrictions allow. If there is anyone interested in helping with this task please get in touch. If you are interested in the History of Barton Stacey and would like to get involved please get in touch.

6. **Parochial Church Council** – Rev. Mark Bailey

- This has been a challenging year for All Saints Church, as it has been for everyone throughout the pandemic. The Church however has continued to be open during the day for private prayer and as a place of sanctuary during Lockdown periods. Services have continued as and when allowed.
- Sadly, a number of families have suffered deaths and funerals have had to take place with limited numbers of mourners in accordance with the legally binding restrictions.
- Similarly, a number of couples wishing to marry have had the trauma of having to reorganise their weddings sometimes twice and even three times.
- The Church suffered a catastrophic lead theft from the South Aisle roof in the run up to Christmas. The thieves would have received no more than £500 for the amount of lead stolen. Yet the damage to the roof will cost £50 000 to repair. The PCC is considering alternative materials to lead for the re-roofing. This is a long-term project.
- One consequence of the pandemic is the financial cost to a number of institutions including the Church of England and the Diocese of Winchester. A Diocesan wide reorganisation means that after thirteen years of Rector of the Lower Dever Benefice, I shall be leaving for pastures new in the summer. I would just like to state that it has been nothing but a privilege and a pleasure to serve the people of Barton Stacey and the surrounding hamlets throughout this time.

7. **Launchpad, Barton Stacey** – report from Jo Parker

Whilst reviewing this past year it has become clear, that the phrase and thoughts uppermost in our minds have been to keep everyone safe, children, families, staff and the community. Our ethos of joy, care and friendship remained strong during these challenging times that we faced together.

In late March 2020 we closed our doors for the first lockdown, we adapted and used Zoom to create virtual pre-school sessions, our children are resilient and adapted to this change and after the first tentative steps started to enjoy seeing their friends in this virtual space. The children had planted Mother's Day bulbs and we watched them grow every week on Zoom. We built a virtual community for our parents in a closed Facebook Group to share ideas and a children's art gallery and pictures of the bulbs. We provided online education to our children at home, posting activities on Tapestry, our online platform and our Facebook group. We celebrated the children's birthdays differently with videos from staff singing happy birthdays from their gardens and posted onto the closed Facebook group for children to watch with their families. Like many organisations we experienced furlough with our staff team.

We reopened on the 1st June having reorganised the space to keep everyone safe in line with government guidance, hand washing and cleaning regime, scaling back resources, daily washing and sterilising of all toys. We supported key worker families and children going to school in September. We followed government guidance and our after-school club was closed. With the rest of the nation our children created NHS pictures to display on the windows, supporting their parents who work in the NHS and care sectors. The staff team was reduced to three, as we learnt a member of our team was expecting a baby.

Children learnt about “the cough” and asked “when can I go to the toy shop?” “when can I go to the supermarket?” and learnt to adapt to the changes “you can come and play at my home when the virus is gone.” We played outside for two months and the weather was glorious, the children had to learn to keep some distance between themselves and this was the most challenging part of life during covid-19. Our younger children started in return in July and we developed routines with the ever changing government guidance.

The children talked about places they had been to before Covid and we created complex train tracks with routes to Barton Stacey, Andover, London and Bournemouth. The children expressed themselves through art and the pre-school walls were covered with pictures.

We returned in September and opened our After School Club, working closely with Barton Stacey Primary school to keep everyone safe and working in bubbles. We could only provide the club for Snowy Owls and Barn Owls classes. We began the Jigsaw accreditation programme in October with the central theme of adding impact to the children’s education.

In October we celebrated Harvest Festival with and collected food for the Andover Basics Bank one of our staff made a wheatsheaf and the children ate some of the bread. To help our children understand the world displayed a large foam world map at child height and talked about places in the world. We had the Bag2School in November and from the fundraising we invested in a Bluetooth speaker and the children travelled the world and listened to the music from other countries Hawaii, Russia, Greenland, Australia and Algeria to mention a few. At the beginning of November the children made Poppies out of play dough and they watched the CBeebies story and we held a minutes silence. Parent consultations took place on Zoom and through this experience we saw an opportunity to reach a larger audience and connect with families on Zoom. The children enjoyed singing and they were soon learning the Christmas songs, we listened to Portuguese and Czech Christmas songs. In December we had a zoom concert for our parents, the children sang some Christmas and favourite songs, “the sails on the ship” from their interest in the world and pirates! Grandparents from Brazil, Czech, Northern Ireland, Gloucester and Andover also joined us for our concert. Children made Christmas cards and we kept our traditions alive with decorating and undecorating the Christmas tree, we quarantined the art-work to keep our families safe and every child took home their Christmas creations and a present from Launchpad. On our final day of term we received the joyous news that our team member had safely delivered a baby girl.

January the third lockdown, pre-schools open to all children some returned and some stayed at home with their families. At circle time children shared their feelings and the staff supporting them, many children voiced feelings of sadness and worry about their parents. Our NHS parents were vaccinated, and this impacted their children as there was a sense of relief for them being safe. The government issued rapid lateral flow tests to Barton Stacey Primary and we were included in their numbers, we appreciated the tests as staff felt relieved being able to self-test twice a week. During March we received a delivery of lateral flow tests in purple boxes from the postman, the children were keen to understand what was in the purple boxes and our deputy manager performed a test whilst the children watched, many of them said they had seen their mummy or daddy take the test at home. Some staff are vaccinated and with twice weekly testing we now feel that our children are more protected.

We are now out of lockdown and the children are enjoying the Spring and have been keen to talk about frog spawn, tadpoles, frogs and tree blossom. The children have also start to talk about summer holidays, camping is a popular subject and we regularly hear, “my Daddy is making a camper van.”

Throughout this past year we have been supported by our parents, the Launchpad Operations Manager and the staff from Winchester Social Enterprise and Barton Stacey Primary we would like to thank them for their support.

8. Barton Stacey Primary School – Report from Lee Stangroom

The past year has necessitated many changes to the education landscape and as a Federation, school and community we have had to adapt to new ways of learning and teaching. We thank all our families for the support given to us as a school during this time and for the support they have given their children with their online learning. We know and appreciate the challenges that many parents will have faced this past year but their support has enabled the children to continue making progress and continue learning. We would also like to thank those of our parents who are key workers as well, for the work that they have done during this time; we are glad to have been able to support by having their children at school. The Barton Stacey Family has truly shone brightly.

Another big thank you and well done must go out to all of the children at Barton Stacey School. They have risen to the challenge of online and school learning and the quality of the videos, written work, drawings, models and everything else that they sent in during the lockdown periods was quite superb. One of my personal highlights was seeing all of them together during Collective and Celebration Worship, and the dancing and smiling faces was wonderful to behold.

Finally, I would like to say thank you again to our staff team for how they have adapted to often sudden news that a blend of school and home learning is necessary; their hard work and commitment to ensuring education continues as normally as possible, as well as their approach to suddenly becoming IT and video experts, has been outstanding.

Autumn Term

At the start of each term, our children eagerly anticipate their new learning project and enquiry question for that term, around which all their learning will be based. In the Autumn term, Snowy Owls and Barn Owls, our Infant children, went ‘Into the woods’ to find out why trees are important across the world and different characters we could meet, whilst our Junior children found out how World War II affected children and families both in this country and in Europe. The classes made full use of our wonderful grounds within their learning and children were inspired within their classrooms with the addition of trees, branches and logs, an Anderson shelter and Anne Frank’s secret annex. The children had so much to share with their parents at the end of the term within their class exhibitions, which this year were videoed for parents to view via our website. During the term, the school normally holds its

Harvest and Remembrance Services in the Parish Church. This year we were unable to do this but the children still managed to create two beautiful and thought provoking services which were shared with parents and the community via videos on our website.

Christmas is always an important part of school life, and last year was no exception. Our Infant children performed their Nativity play, Little Owl and the First Christmas, although this year rather than being on stage, they were all film stars! Our Junior children led our Christmas service, which again was uploaded to our website so that our parents could be part of it. Christmas lunch was held within our class bubbles, but we all linked via Microsoft Teams so that we could celebrate together; we even had a virtual visit from Santa himself.

Our Federation of schools has been on a wonderful journey these past three years under the leadership of Mrs Brewster, who we wished a fond farewell to at the end of the term as she embarked on new adventures in learning. Mr Stangroom (Head of School) was appointed as the Acting Headteacher for the Spring term, and this has continued in to the Summer term.

Spring Term

During the Spring term, all of our children, be they learning at school or remotely at home, were introduced to further wonderful learning projects. Our youngest children in Year R/1 considered 'What is a toy's story?', and investigated modern toys and those from the past; children in Year 1/2 considered, 'Does Chocolate change lives for better, for worse or a bit of both?'; and our Junior children reflected on, 'Do you have to be an adult to change the world?' (Year 3/4) and 'How can the choices I make effect life around me?' (Year 5/6). Highlights from the first half-term include learning with Disney's Toy Story characters, including Buzz Lightyear and Forky; 'working' for Willy Wonka and carrying out Wonka missions, including designing, making and advertising chocolate bars; weekly states of matter Science lessons with Professor Strange (aka Mr Singleton, our Year 3/4 teacher); and investigating dyeing techniques on fabric and the human faces behind t-shirt production. In the Spring term, it was lovely to observe so many children, from home and school, join us each week for our virtual Collective Worship. The focus for this term was teamwork and the children have had opportunities to reflect on what makes a team; why Jesus needed a team (The Apostles); how Jesus' team, our school team, and class teams fit together like cogs; and how wonderful it is to have a diverse range of skills and qualities in our teams, as this makes our school such an interesting place to be. We were keen to ensure there were additional streams of communication and interaction between school and those children learning at home, and conscious that some of our children were finding the absence from school challenging as the term progressed. All children at home received weekly phone calls from a member of staff, and we also introduced a Friday Fun afternoon, which gave all children another chance to catch-up with their friends and to discuss learning moments from across the term they were really proud of. Furthermore, we set up weekly virtual interaction groups for those children not attending school. Each week, our teachers also hosted Live Storytime sessions online, sharing some wonderful books with classes.

On Monday 8th March it was fantastic to welcome all children back to school. Many happy faces and beaming smiles were met at the school gate and the sound of laughter and friendship permeating through the school building since then has been a delight to hear. The four weeks before the Easter break gave us an opportunity to focus again on family and

friendship and to complete learning projects with all of our children together. Our oldest children in Eagle Owl Class wrote to fashion houses to investigate how ethically sourced and made their clothing is, and have received some responses personally. In year 3 and 4, the children found out about a young Australian girl called Molly Steer, who is urging all of us to stop using plastic straws, and were inspired to write to local supermarkets to encourage them to reduce their straw use. Children in Year 1 and 2 took a virtual visit to Cadbury World and even created their own Wonka machines! Our Year R/1 children in Snowy Owl Class wrote missions for the soldiers from Toy Story and even made marching rhythms in Music. Across the Federation and school, we are passionate about reading and could not pass up the opportunity to celebrate World Book Day on Monday 1st March. The day was based around a wonderful book called Journey, by the author Aaron Becker. Children were encouraged to safely explore their surroundings as the basis for their own journey story, and took part in a range of learning activities, including scavenger hunt story maps; magic carpet rides; creating story lanterns; and writing stories that take place behind magical doors. In one of our classes there was even a surprise visit from The Lorax and the Once-ler (also known as Mrs Hoyland and Mrs Griggs).

Our virtual Easter Service was hosted on the school website from Thursday 1st April. This year, we considered the themes of justice; worries; forgiveness; and hopes and dreams, with each of our classes producing a short video to explain their understanding of these concepts. Children in Year 3 and 4 explored the injustice of the trial of Jesus, and linked their project learning to this idea, discussing environmental injustices in our world and steps we can take to redress the imbalance. Our youngest children considered Jesus carrying the heavy wooden cross and that as well as carrying physical objects, we also carry things inside us too, and sometimes these can weigh us down and make us feel a little sad. Children in Year 5 and 6 focused on Jesus' forgiveness for those who had hurt him and showed, through the washing of muddy stones, that for our own wellbeing we must sometimes let go and wash away the hurt that someone may have caused us. Children in Year 1 and 2 explored the empty tomb and how, when things seem impossible, we must hold on to our hopes and dreams. These hopes and dreams were beautifully written by the children and stored in eggs, revealed by the children as part of the Easter Service video. The complete video can be found on the home page of our school website, www.bartonstacey.hants.sch.uk (please click on the link on the right-hand side which reads 'Easter Service 2021').

Summer Term

The Summer term has just begun and already the children have become immersed in their learning projects, seeing them unearth Egyptian artefacts; sculpt Greek busts; attend an Awards Ceremony; and visit the school pond. By the end of the term, children will be able to answer the following questions and, subject to the next steps of the Government's COVID roadmap being implemented as planned, will share their learning in an end-of-term class exhibition: What wonders do the waters hold?; What makes a great TV programme?; What drives us to uncover mysteries?; and How are ancient Greek values evident in our lives today?

SIAMS

On 12th March last year, the school received its SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The overall judgement was 'excellent', as was the judgement for the impact of Collective Worship. Some of the inspectors report findings

include: 'Barton Stacey is more than just a school; it is a family,' and 'Barton Stacey's reflective school environment helps all pupils to make good progress and flourish, academically, personally and spiritually.' The full report can be read by following the link on the home page of our website As a Federation we continue to grow, sharing expertise between our schools to support and encourage our children to be the very best they can be. The Federation Governing Body continues to grow in strength and expertise and we thank our dedicated team of individuals for their commitment in helping to ensure the best outcomes for our children and staff. We thank them and the rest of the school community for supporting us this academic year.

9. **Barton Stacey Tuesday Club & Library/Coffee morning** - Report from Peggy Carter

There have been no meetings of the Tuesday Club since the last Annual Parish Assembly.

The Committee met earlier this month and regretfully decided unless it is possible to find someone younger to take over the running of the Club there will be no alternative to dissolution. Our membership in the 2019-20 year was just 38 of whom only 12-14 came to meetings regularly. These numbers would make the hire of the hall and the organising of outings not viable. The Committee have worked hard to encourage more people to join but many are reluctant to do so as it is, apparently, perceived that the Club's membership is too old. The majority of the Club's members are in their 80s with some in their 90s. It is for this reason that the Committee feel it is time for someone younger to run the Club and bring in new ideas. Several of our members have died during the past year – thankfully not as a result of COVID, just old age – and, because of their age, many of our remaining members do not feel they can return to meetings and outings in the foreseeable future, if at all. Barton Stacey Tuesday Club started in 1966. It will be a pity if it is dissolved and I hope someone will take it over. A notice will be inserted in the June issue of the Dever News as follows:

It is with regret that the Committee of the Tuesday Club have decided that the current membership is insufficient for the Club to continue. The majority of members are over 80 with many over 90. The Committee have worked hard to encourage more people over the age of 60 to join the Club but without success. Two Committee members are now in their 80s and most of the others in their 70s. The Committee are of the opinion that if the Club is to continue it needs to be managed by a younger Committee with new ideas and are therefore looking for a person or persons to take over the running of the Club. Please contact Peggy Carter (760590) or Stella Longden (761360) before the end of July if you would like to discuss this further.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to hold any library sessions since the last Annual Parish meeting, the last session being held on the 26th February 2020. The sum of £121.95 was handed to the Parish Council last August, being the amount collected from the sale of tea and coffee. It is hoped the library will be able to open again soon but volunteers will be required to put up the tables and lift the heavy books. I am quite happy to help with the tea and coffee and provide biscuits.

10. **Barton Stacey Chamber Choir** – report by Kate Sarnicki

It has been a difficult year as singing was an early casualty of Covid-19. Choir sessions were held on Zoom however there was difficulty as the time lag meant that you couldn't all sing with microphones on. So we were all told to go on mute and sing by ourselves with the leader the only one singing. It was nice to continue singing and to allow for some catch up time with other members. Every session finished with Jerusalem. Christmas time allowed a little singing. 4 choir members and KS attended the South Wonston Carol Service. Choir sang at the Barton Stacey Carol service which was held outside on a clear, dry night. From now on choir can rehearse in the churchyard however a shorter session due to limited light and the cold weather. However socially distanced rehearsals can restart on Monday 17th May back in All Saints which everyone is very excited about. Choir means so much to all the members and this year we virtually celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary. We have a few new members keen to join. Wayne Wreglesworth has taken over as Chairman of the committee. The next public performance will be at the Church fete on Saturday 24th July.

11. **Swans Netball Club** – report by Janne Hansen

Janne Hansen - I am a Swan Netballer and I absolutely love it, not only have I learned new skills, I have also met many new people and formed great friendships. I am currently one of two team captains. We are proud of the fact that Barton Stacey has a female sports team but even more so that we have kept the team going all through lockdown.

As a netball team we train weekly and during "Normal" netball season we play matches bi-weekly in Andover League as well as participate in Tournaments and we hold lots of social events as well, we have two teams Silver and Black Swans.

Just before first lockdown Silver Swans were close to winning the Andover League for the 2019/2020 season (our first season with 2 teams and only our 2nd season). Unfortunately lockdown put a stopped to that and we missed our last game.

However, lockdown has not stopped us in our team efforts – we have just had to find new ways of doing things:

we have had fitness training sessions outdoors

we have had zoom fitness training online, even increased it to twice a week during lockdown to keep up spirit and fitness

we had our Christmas Social on Zoom

Team postcards

We have been to Winchester for an outdoor "game" of Cluedo

Why am I telling you this, well for one it has personally helped me get through lockdown and I can vouch for the fact that this is the case for many of our members, we have formed strong friendships and the club has a great spirit.

At the end of March we started training outdoors again and only last week started a recruitment drive to keep up the numbers. 20 members with the largest proportion from Barton Stacey and many from the surrounding villages and Andover.

Covid has obviously meant that we have had to introduce strict guidelines in order to minimise risk of contracting Covid. We have a dedicated Covid Officer and a fully developed risk plan as well as weekly questionnaire and members attendance overview for track and trace purposes.

We currently train at John Hanson, and look forward to hopefully being able to train again in the near future on the Muga. For this to happen obviously we need **netball posts** and are keen to know what the plans are for re-acquiring those.

Toilet access is also of high value with members from different villages....

Wish:

for **lights** to be able to extend our play time season at the Muga

Storage facilities for equipment when we will have a new village sports facility again.

We are keen to keep the fee for the Muga low as we try to keep membership fees as low as possible to avoid this being the barrier to join.

Netball as I mentioned earlier is a great opportunity for fitness, friendship, fun, laughter and also an opportunity to develop new skills.

As any club we have a team secretary, a social committee, a team accountant, but there are also opportunities for scoring, coaching, captaincy and umpiring.

We are seeking to fund some of our training to continue to develop above mentioned skills.

We are looking forward to hopefully a summer season of netball league as well as a tournament in Bournemouth in September and cannot wait to continue to develop the club and your help in achieving this. Thanks for your time.

12. **Village Hall Management Committee**– report by Sarah Oakley

Restrictions through the year have impacted our regular users including the Judo club, Jubilee Jazz Band, Tuesday Club, Logical Park, WI, children's phonics group, Pilates, parish council and the drop-in Library - not to mention the dozens of birthday parties and family celebrations. However, it was heartening to see that everyone took advantage of those brief times when normal service could be resumed.

We have been guided through the rapidly changing guidelines by ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and thank everyone who has respected the additional restrictions when they have been able to use the hall.

As a result of the Government grants available to community facilities - brilliantly facilitated by Test Valley Borough Council - the village hall bank account has received a welcome boost that will allow us to make some essential repairs. We have installed environmentally friendly hand-dryers in the cloakrooms and planned repairs to the solid wood floor will be manageable without the need for a strenuous fundraising effort

Thanks to the small and dedicated team of volunteers who have kept an eye on the hall throughout and we look forward to opening up to business as usual.

13. **Barton Stacey WI** – report by Vicki Seth

It's all been terribly confusing over the past year, as our delayed 19/20 Annual Meeting means that I've only just completed the report for the 19/20! Still, there is now at least definite light at the end of the tunnel and something to look forward to over the summer months....with our fingers very crossed.

Reflecting on my third year as president of the WI, despite everything that COVID has thrown at us it has turned out to be another busy year for us. The committee has again worked hard to keep everything on track. The 20-21 committee has remained unchanged from previous years....it was perhaps convenient that because we were unable to hold the 19/20 annual meeting until well this, no one was able to leave! The committee was;

Sue Atrill – Secretary, Wendy Harris – Treasurer, Lynn Milne, Rachel Cousins, Penny Horobin, Alison Cooper - Treasurer

Alison has decided to stand down from the committee for 2021 after giving 5 years as treasurer to the WI. I thank her for all her counsel, diligence and energy that she has given to all at the WI. As always, would like to formally take this opportunity to thank all the fabulous team publicly for all their hard work.

With our 27 members we have shared a wonderful array of ZOOM speakers this year. We started a little slowly, in this new virtual world, but we tried to keep in touch every month with a quiz or bingo over the summer months.

Once it was clear that there was no immediate return to face to face meetings any time soon, we decided to go with a more *professional* approach to ZOOM meetings, with some fabulous speakers. Timed with Remembrance in November, we had a very interesting talk on the art and memorials from WWI. We topped off the year with an amazing festive virtual gin tasting of the local River Test Distillery. The New Year continued with a number of fun history talks from Arsenic to the history of the cuppa.

Unfortunately, our has crafting has stalled a bit this year due to the cancellation of all the usual events. However, we did manage to end the top the year off with a return to crafting virtual style with some Easter card marking.

We're still very much looking forward to meeting in person as soon as we can, so we've opted for a flexible programme for the coming year. Many exciting ZOOM talks with the option to meeting in the hall or outside as soon as available.

Here's to all of you, our fabulous members. Stay safe, stay happy and take care.

14. Hampshire County Council – Written Report from Andrew Gibson

Introduction

This is my last report as I retire next week from my role as the County Councillor for Test Valley Central. Firstly, I would like to thank all the Parish Councillor's and Parish Clerk's who have supported me during the last 12 years. In that time I have allocated a total of £96,000 in Councillor Devolved Grants and I have been able to support many local community groups with grant contributions and to leverage significant sums towards Village Hall construction including Longparish, Over Wallop, Nether Wallop and Kings Somborne.

General

Facts and Figures Hampshire's population is **1,376,300** (2018) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains **5400** miles of roads, 4300 miles pavements, 133,000 streetlights, **481** schools, **45** libraries, **3 Discovery Centres and 1 e-library, 16 care homes with 960 beds for older people, 9 residential homes for children and young people, 24 Household Waste Centres and 5 Country Parks.** Every year 94% of all household waste is diverted from landfill (40% recycled) is burnt for energy and powers 50,000 homes. Every day 454,000 people travel to work by car or van, 86,000 bus journeys are made, and 4% journeys are by train. More than half of Hampshire's EU citizens have signed up to the Government's EU settlement scheme.

Public Health -Coronavirus (Covid-19) Hampshire County Council continues to play a significant role supporting vulnerable residents and providing local guidance and information. To date over **32 million people** in the UK have received their first dose of vaccine.

The **Hampshire County Council helpline is available** for frail or vulnerable residents who do not have support from families, friends or their local community, and who need urgent assistance with essential food or household supplies, collection of medication, or who are at risk of loneliness.

HCC approves £2.1 billion spending on local services in 2021/22

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work associated with the pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.

The annual council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,350.45 – an increase of £1.23 per week, equating to 4.99%, of which 3% is for adults' social care – a Government request. The budget includes £13 million for the maintenance of 5,500 miles of roads and an extra £1.2 million in carbon reduction measures across the County Council. HCC's four-year capital programme of £744 million is one of the largest in the country.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/25022021HCCbudgetdecisionFeb2021>

The proposed capital programme includes: • **£68 million** in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire • **£118 million** for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years • **£91 million** for integrated transport schemes including over **£18 million** specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements • **£141 million** for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years • **£33 million** for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls.

County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050. The **2050 Hampshire Commission of Enquiry** placed climate change and the environment as its top priority. In the budget HCC pledged £2m towards climate change measures in addition to the capital schemes outlined above. HCC is aware its greatest leadership and influence will be achieved by working in partnership with the District, City and Parish Councils, businesses and communities via the Expert Forum. At a household level HCC is supporting the county-wide Greening Campaign (aims to find simple solutions around reducing and measuring power consumption, insulating housing stock, reducing water usage, sourcing local food, community travel and renewable energy schemes), the Help line, Solar Buy-in scheme and community energy projects.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>

Countryside and Country Parks

As I step down as a County Councillor after 12 eventful years I can reflect that my greatest success was the Country Parks Transformation strategy as the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Recreation & Countryside, which included Overseeing a significant investment in the Country

Parks which will now make them self sufficient for many years to come. Please visit the newly constructed Lepe Country Park pavilion to experience one of the many projects undertaken. Another of my responsibilities was for the HCC Farming estate which includes the following:

Hampshire County Council Farms Policy 2021-2050 Hampshire County Council has a 1,900-hectare farm estate. Holdings range from 1.8 hectares (4.45 acres) to 114 hectares (282 acres). These provide an affordable first step on the farming ladder for aspiring farmers and makes a significant contribution to the rural economy. The new policy for county farms in Hampshire sets out a clear direction for the management of these public assets in the coming decades.

The council's farm estate features a range of units that support dairy, arable, horticultural and livestock businesses. The new framework is published as the agricultural industry faces significant change following the exit from the EU, the Agriculture Act 2020 and Defra's publication of its Path to Sustainable Farming.

Key features of the new policy include:

- Continuing to support new entrants into farming to build sustainable businesses and offer progression opportunities for existing tenants where possible
- Delivering sustainable, high standard, land management and farming systems, to promote animal welfare and soil health, better air and water quality, a network of thriving wildlife habitats and contribute towards the county council's climate change targets. The authority declared a climate emergency in June 2019 and has pledged to bring carbon emissions in Hampshire down to net zero by 2050.
- Maintaining the scale and diversity of the County Farms estate - encouraging innovation and farm diversification where this brings benefits to the tenants and the surrounding rural communities.

Ticks and Lyme Disease

As spring approaches and more people are outdoors Hampshire residents are urged to be 'tick aware' especially when walking in wooded areas or long grass where ticks attach themselves to people or animals as they pass by. Further information is available here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210401ticks>

HWRC - Book your Spring Recycling Slot

The HWRC booking system offers more than 50,000 booking slots each week and, from 1 April, sites will be open for longer: 9am – 6pm every day during the summer months.

A wide range of household items can be taken to one of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs for recycling or disposal and information about what can and cannot be deposited can be found online <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres>

Bookings can be made online at www.hants.gov.uk or by telephone **0300 555 1389**.

Cancellations - Anyone who is unable to make their booking for whatever reason is asked to please use the link in the confirmation e-mail to cancel it, so it may be made available to another resident. Bookings can also be amended, in this way, to another time if needed.

Highways

Over the next 3 weeks I will attempt to resolve the outstanding drainage and pothole issues.

15. Test Valley Borough Council –report by David Drew

It's been a very busy year! With the pandemic, it didn't really start out that way, as early in lockdown it seemed like everything had slowed right down. But that was the calm before the proverbial storm. Local authorities were called upon very quickly to help. In the first instance for Test Valley this was to administer the distribution of lockdown grants to support local businesses. In addition, Test Valley took the decision to make available, through a simple application process, grants for community groups to help with their basic costs of supporting individuals directly. In addition a 'Shop Local' business directly was established to help residents know where local produce and help could be sourced. Free car parking across the Borough was introduced and has been maintained throughout the lockdown periods. The clear intention was to help those helping others park for free, while getting either shopping or prescriptions for those in need. Grants distribution has been vital for local businesses. The initial tranche was for some £27million. This was distributed quickly and efficiently across the business community and also to community halls. Test Valley had a further £1.4million in discretionary grants and the criteria were drawn by us as widely as possible to help those firms not registered in the rates system. Not everyone was covered, sadly, and I've been involved with discussions through our MP, Caroline Nokes to help support those still in need. Despite these best efforts, some firms have still missed out. Further grant support over the last few months has been made available. Facilities, including The Lights theatre in Andover and the Crossfield Hall in Romsey have been made available for Covid-19 vaccinations. No sooner had the Barton Stacey Wheelabrator proposal for an Incinerator been withdrawn than the Home Office stepped in with a proposal for a camp at an adjacent A303 site for asylum seekers. Few local people thought it was a very good idea to house 500 young men so close to a very busy trunk route with so few facilities and so very little for them to do. The Home Office have been made abundantly aware of these concerns at every available opportunity. Here in Barton Stacey, I've been delighted to assist with Test Valley officers helping with some

build back ideas for the burnt down sports pavilion. This fire was disconcerting, but not as potentially bad as the fire at the Barracks in Bransbury. We were all relieved to hear there were no serious injuries. As for grants, a community lap-top for village hub was awarded £280.42 in December 2019. On the planning front, new planning applications have been thwarted due to something called nutrient neutrality. Or in simple terms, nitrates from people flush down the waterways into the Solent causing an algal bloom, removing oxygen from the water, technically known as eutrophication. Mitigation for this has to be obtained – we have a potential solution, but as ever it's taking a little time to implement. I've also reported throughout the year on much success with the prosecution of fly-tippers, who are caught and taken to court. Almost all have been fined and have then received a criminal record. My plea to everyone is that if you do engage someone to take away your junk, make sure they have the correct licence to do it. After much deliberation, Test Valley has now approved a masterplan for the redevelopment of the Andover Town Centre. It's a comprehensive proposal that will be done in stages, but it will take some years to implement in full. Lastly, I'm rather hoping, as I suspect many other are, that next year will be somewhat quieter than the one just gone!

16. Barton Stacey Football Club – Written report by Robin Hoare

We are currently running a mens team in the Andover Sunday league, after covid restrictions the season will begin in the 1st week of April and conclude 1st week of June. We are running under 18 & under 16 teams in the Testway youth league . The mens side are currently in the top 4 of their division. The 2 youth teams are both running mid table in their respective league divisions.

17. VIP Drama Club – written report from Kate Connor

VIPs were unable to operate during the pandemic due to the nature of the activities we undertake. Continued monitoring of national guidelines is taking place and we hope to be back up and running as soon as guidance allows.

Annual Scarecrow festival was also cancelled last year but there are hopes to re-ignite it again this year, particularly with the easing of restrictions in the late spring/early summer.

18. Barton Stacey Zero Waste – report by Donna Oliver

Like everyone, our ambitions for the growth of the zero waste campaign over 2020 were curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of our main collection points, the Village Library Coffee morning was cancelled in March and has yet to return. With social restrictions in place, it was also difficult to collect items that would normally be taken to collection points at opticians and dental practices.

However, communication through our social media pages has continued and lots of useful information and ideas have been shared.

New collections have been set up, primarily tablet blister packs and pet food pouches, which the collectors then send on to Terracycle. We are also looking at ways to offer informal Tetrapak recycling points in the village.

Consideration was given to a community compost heap at the allotment site but after research and taking advice, this has been shelved, at least for the time being. As an alternative, the parish are being encouraged to make use of the green bin collection offered by TVBC.

The first lockdown was a difficult time for most of us, but it also had its benefits. More people became aware of the natural environment and its importance on our health and well-being. Many took to gardening and growing their own produce, with lots of swaps of seeds, young plants and harvests. This encouraged us to offer a seed and plant swap via the zero waste Facebook group, which has been used well, and will hopefully come into its own as the growing season progresses.

As well as encouraging everyone to reduce waste wherever possible, the Zero Waste group are aiming to focus on biodiversity within the parish, how we can promote an increase in tree population and use of spare green spaces, such as verges for growing food and plants.

We are looking forward to getting back together as a group very soon and re-focussing our efforts to make Barton Stacey a green, clean and sustainable environment, somewhere that our children can grow up having an awareness of the environment and how to protect it, knowing that the generations before them did everything possible to achieve this.

19. Judo Club – written report from Keith Cox

Barton Stacey Judo Club will reopen as soon as Boris allows

20. Barton Stacey Church Fete – written report by George Cobb

The 2020 Church Fete took place on a beautiful Saturday in September, far later than usual but it felt important to do something rather than cancel due to a need for our community to safely be together. The date was not to be the only difference, in order to jump enough hoops to run safely, we also took away the limits of a boundary wall and used Roberts Road and surrounding roads to allow enough space for distancing. The people of Roberts Road, The Green and East Road (and many other village areas) were truly wonderful and offered up their driveways, front gardens and spaces to our stall holders. The Parish Council added to our space by allowing us the use of The Green, the committee are very grateful for the combined effort of council members and villagers to get this event safely up and running.

The day was a great success and appeared to be enjoyed by all those that came along. It was well supported considering the times we have been living through and raised just under £4,000- a fantastic result and one for the whole village can feel proud of.

This year the committee also produced a second village calendar after the success of the first. We had over 50 entries this year and even managed to exhibit some of these in the church between January and early March. This year the calendars raised just under £400 with any leftovers being donated to people around the village, in particular those living at Drayton.

As I write this, plans are being made for this year's fete! We are trying to keep these as fluid as possible so that we can adapt to restriction changes and bring the best fete we can under whatever restrictions we may or may not have at the time, so details are a little thin on the ground! We intend at present to push the fete back to the end of July to give us maximum chance of a more normal fete as we celebrate 780 years!

Thank you for supporting the 2020 fete- we look forward to you joining us again this year.

21. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – written report by Ian Ashbolt

The parish of Barton Stacey continues to enjoy a very low level of crime, with its crime numbers well below the County and National average.

Sadly though, we have not escaped completely unscathed with a small number of crimes that have been reported to the local police.

Two houses near to the church have continued to be targeted by, it would seem, the same criminals who have accessed the property during the daylight hours to remove garden machinery from outhouses. This is despite the owners employing tactics to try and deter them following their property being targeted on previous occasions.

The church has yet again suffered theft of lead from the roof. I understand that there are plans to replace the lead roof with a material that looks the same but is of very low value and hopefully unattractive to thieves.

The garage on the A303 continues to account for most of the reported crime in the parish, with stealing of property from the shop and driving off without paying for fuel.

There are a small number of crimes relating to incidents within homes in the Parish, but the details of these are not available.

Very recently two men were arrested at the recycling premises (formerly known as Raymond Browns) in connection with a break in to one of their buildings. Unfortunately, at this time I do not have information about whether they have been charged.

There continues to be a low-level use of illegal substances in the Parish, but this does not appear to be having an impact on the community as a whole, just the people involved.

Whilst littering is not a recordable crime, it is still an offence, and it is noticeable by direct observation and through the posts on social media that it continues to be a problem.

Barton Stacey Neighbourhood watch distributes information (via e-mail) to 66 homes in the Parish. Should anyone not on the mailing list wish to join, please email me at ashbolt237@googlemail.com

22. **Any other business** – A resident wanted more clarification as to why the Village Hall couldn't be sold and then combined with a large hall/pavilion on the recreation ground. The pavilion working party will be looking at the questionnaire results and will communicate the results to the parish along with reason with the chosen type of replacement.

Closing remarks from Nicholas Prideaux – despite the pandemic the village has done so well. A fond farewell to Cllr Andrew Gibson who has served the village for 12 years and on behalf of the parish also a very sad farewell to Reverend Bailey whose service on the 25th July will be his last.

2130 - Meeting Closed