

Barton Stacey Church Fete 2017

Remembering the Great Fire of 1792

Lucky Programme No

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1.30 pm Gates open
2.00 pm Fete opened followed by
2.10 pm WI Competition Results

Arena 1:
2.15 pm Childrens Races
2.30 pm
2.45 pm Judo display
3.30 pm
4.15 pm Choir

Arena 2:

Dog Show

Tug of War

4.30 pm Draw
5.00 pm Close

Test Valley Brass will be playing at intervals throughout the day



We have been at Church Farm House for more than 10 years and have always been welcomed by Jean Talbot and her family.

So it was very sad to hear that Jean had died in January of this year and the family have asked us to hold one more Fete at Church Farm House in her memory which we are happy to do.

Jean was a great friend of the fete and always loved to wonder around and meet people who had come to enjoy themselves. Jean will be very much missed by all the fete team.

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Dogs on leads please

For the enjoyment of everyone at the Barton Stacey Fete, we kindly ask that all dog(s) must be kept on a lead and are the responsibility of the owner.

Footpath to rear of 'The Talbots' will
closed off for your safety - please do
not try and use it

Barton Stacey Fete Committee would like to thank Jeremy Bourne and the family for kindly allowing the Fete to once more take place in the grounds of their garden.

Of course, none of this would be made possible without the army of volunteers that have given their time, knowledge, goods, services and immense goodwill - without whom the Fete could not happen.

THANK YOU!!

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE SWIMMING POOL

the swimming pool is for the use of everyone BUT it is used on the strict understanding that it is at your own risk. Parents are to supervise their children at all times

Commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1792

The catastrophic fire that recently tore through Grenfell Tower in London is a powerful reminder of the impact that such tragedy has upon a community. The loss of life, the trauma inflicted upon witnesses, both family members and those who work for the emergency services, carries deep scars that at best take many, many months to heal. Those who are left in mourning will forever remember the date, 14th June 2017. Amidst this devastating event, the goodwill of neighbours and others has proved vital in reassuring those who have lost everything, that they have not been abandoned.

Similarly, the 8th May, 1792 will forever be a date that causes us as a community to pause and reflect. We do not celebrate this accident of history, rather we remember with gratitude that the loss of life was minimal, and that our forebears had the tenacity and determination, out of ashes, to raise up a new community and build a village that is much loved by those of us who live here today.

Our forefathers and foremothers were ably supported by the generosity of people from across the whole country who rallied to support 'the destitute of Barton Stacey'. Our Fete is the main source of income for the upkeep of our ancient Parish Church however the Parochial Church Council have agreed that £500 from money raised today will be sent 'with our love and prayers' to the people of the Grenfell Tower community.

As we commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Great Fire of 1792, we hold in heart and mind those whose lives have similarly been shattered by the Great Fire of 2017.

Revd. Mark Bailey, Rector

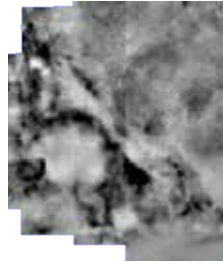
The fete team would like to raise sufficient funds to match the generous donation from the PCC. If you would like to help us achieve this please fill this pledge form or collect one from the History tent, the Grand Draw tent or at the Bar/BBQ and leave the completed form on any stall.

Time Team comes to Barton Stacey



We have been working with Winchester University to find the site of the medieval manor house we believe was in Barton Stacey for over 200 years. This was a very grand building and even hosted King John and his court in the village on the 27/28 July 1207.

So, with the University, we have started our own “time team” investigation starting with 3 days of GeoPhys. In parallel we sifted the soil in a large number of mole hills and bagged lots of finds and we dug deep on one lucky allotment holder’s patch and again bagged many finds.



Did we find anything – well yes! The GeoPhys shows things under the ground and the finds include lots of fragments of pottery much from the medieval period, some potentially earlier and later.



We even found a mascot for our research in the shape of this Barton Stacey man which the Archaeologists inform us is likely to be completely natural but we have still adopted him.





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SPENCER HOLTOM



Spencer was born in Lyndhurst, New Forest, to a farming and butcher family. During the war his school was evacuated to Cadnam where, surrounded by the US Army tanks and DUKWs (amphibious assault vehicles) before D Day, he had to attend school by taxi.

After entering Sandhurst as an officer cadet, Spencer began his forces career with a commission in the Royal Artillery where he served for 8 years and developed a passion for sailing which led to becoming a qualified Baltic Coastal Skipper. He subsequently trained as a helicopter pilot thus beginning his local association in 1962 with a posting to Middle Wallop.

Foreign postings followed to Kenya where his interest in wildlife led to helicopter support of Game Rangers with saving rhinos and counting elephants. Spencer then went to Aden where he met and married Wendy who was PA to the manager of the BP Oil Refinery.

In 1968, Spencer was posted to the Far East and served in Brunei, Malaya, Hong Kong and Singapore. This meant a lot of jungle flying and the award of the Air Force Cross in 1969 for his work in airlifting flooded villagers to safety in Malaya thus saving many lives. As a Senior Flying Instructor he returned to Germany where he began his passion for golf before moving on in 1975 back to the Far East to Singapore, Hong Kong and Brunei. He then went with the Army Air Corps to Alberta, Canada where, for over two years, he commanded the AAC Helicopter Flight and became involved in “safe” skiing and holidays in the USA. He returned to Middle Wallop supporting large scale air and music events in 1981, was posted to Cyprus in 1983 where he commanded the UN flight and, in 1986, worked training pilots in Air-Ground attacks in Wales, travelling all over the world on military exercises.

In 1991, Spencer and Wendy began their association with Barton Stacey when they came to live in Pheasant Close. Spencer's love affair with both Middle Wallop and golf resumed when, at the age of 57, he became a Civil Servant monitoring the flying training and maintenance contract with Bristol helicopters. At the same time, he became Secretary of the Army Air Corps Golf Society for 9 years and played regularly until recently. Throughout this period, Spencer and Wendy have been active in the local community. Both are regular churchgoers. Wendy is keen on Bridge with an enthusiastic involvement in church flowers and the Church Fete whilst Spencer is a tenor who has performed regularly both for the VIPs' Drama Group and the Barton Stacey Chamber Choir. With a son, David, in Oman, they are also proud grandparents.

Interview conducted by Maggie Wreglesworth

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The Great Fire of Barton Stacey

8th May 1792

Over two hundred years ago, at about mid-day on the 8th May, a spark flew out of Mr Moody's blacksmiths shop located between Chalk Dell and Bullington Lane, most probably in the "Rams Field" – and started a train of events that shapes Barton Stacey today.

Luckily for posterity and amateur historians, twenty years earlier, the Hampshire Chronicle had started in Winchester and its vivid report gives a story of the event which would be hard to improve on.

"....the most awful conflagration ever beheld by human eyes...."



The Great Fire of Barton Stacey continued....

In five brief paragraphs the unknown author not only chronicles the horror of the fire, but also gives a fascinating glimpse of village life at the time and adds a touch of (unintentional) humour with the moral story of Farmer Friend.

Unfortunately the village does not seem to have stood a chance. By the time a rider reached the fire services in Winchester or Whitchurch and the engines returned to Barton Stacey, it was all over taking around an hour to destroy almost all of The Street.

Whilst the homeless sheltered in the church, John Courtney (Yeoman Farmer) who had lost the most that day, appealed to the public through the columns of the Chronicle and other local papers not to respond to any requests to charity until the total loss had been calculated and certified by the minister and officers of the parish.

A week later a formal committee, under the chairmanship of William Powlett Powlett MP, was formed holding the first of many meetings at the Coach and Horses in Sutton Scotney. They resolved to forward thanks to those who had provided immediate help to the sufferers and to send five hundred circular letters to gentlemen in Winchester and other towns in the county “to beg them to apply for and promote the contributions desired on behalf of the sufferers”.

At a meeting two days later it was resolved that the total loss was in the region of £2000 (somewhere between £2 and £20million today) and recommended “the wretched state of the sufferers to the humanity and charitable aid of the public”. They also decided to print the names of all subscribers in the county papers. All bankers in Hampshire were asked to receive donations and forward a weekly statement to the committee chairman, furthermore Hampshire gentlemen resident in London were also to be solicited for contributions and a bank account set up for this.

By the end of the month a full account of the damage was printed.

The response was dramatic and from all of the county! In the first week a Mrs Wright of Fulham sent £100, the gentry of Wherwell six guineas and the rest of that parish four pounds and nine shillings, Mr Smith and Mr Roe one guinea each. And so on for column after column of the chronicle. For comparison, in 1792 a single fare to London by stage-coach from Winchester was half a guinea (52p) inside, seven shillings (35p) outside! Each week a new list of subscribers was published between columns describing the horse race meetings on Worthy Down and at Danebury, Stockbridge as well as long and horrifying advertisements for patent medicines for the most gruesome diseases and skin conditions!

Throughout June, July and August, the contributions kept coming, each individually acknowledged in print when it was





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The Great Fire of Barton Stacey continued....

possible to do so by the committee, now firmly based at the Coach and Horses. By August 22nd a total of £2098-6-6 had been collected of which £603-8-2½ had been distributed. The committee in what seems to have been a winding up meeting recommended the farmers, tradesmen and others insure their buildings in future Hence who some houses have insurance plaques). The treasurer, Mr Twyman, was also thanked for his punctuality and the accuracy of his accounts. This seems to have marked the end of the major fund-raising exercise, although further meetings of the committee were recorded on September 3rd and 17th and October 8th.

The rebuilding of the village would have taken place over several years, however as all the guidebooks point out, it has resulted in a collection of very attractive Georgian houses built to a similar pattern with a central staircase rising from the front door, originally two up-two down with a rear kitchen/dairy covered by a lean-to. Most houses would have a well near the back door given the level of the water table and easy chalk digging. Whether the famous detached privies were rebuilt at the ends of the gardens is not known. We certainly seem to have lost most of the walls that were covered in thatch although a portion of one survives in Gravel Lane.

Yew Tree Cottage we know was built soon after the fire as all its documents survive intact. It was built on the site of two “tenement buildings” destroyed in the fire.

Eight to ten houses survived the fire. In The Street (South of the church) we now believe that only around two houses survived. According to an account the parsonage was spared as was Mr Courtney's farmhouse as they each had a tiled roof whereas the thatched houses were lost.

The pub was destroyed by the fire as we can see in a document in the Hampshire Records Office for the sale of the site of the Swan Ale House which was lately destroyed by fire although we suspect the cellar may have survived.

However as in recent thatch fires it's likely that some of the walls of the houses survived and that these were incorporated into the Georgian buildings confirmed by evidence you can see today of cob in a number of brick built post fire buildings.

See more in the History tend or at www.bartonstaceyhistory.co.uk or www.bartonstaceyfete.co.uk

Thanks to John Steadman and other historians who researched this story



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Memories of Jean Talbot

“Every time that I was lucky enough to meet Jean she favoured me with a wonderful smile and an enquiry to ensure that my visit to her home was as hospitable as possible. One year during the run up to the Fete I was working in the grounds and she slowly walked a considerable distance using her walking stick to enquire if I would like a cup of tea.

Also – My favourite memory of Jean is her sitting on the patio, in the sunshine, watching the Fete, smiling and clearly

very content that everyone visiting her home was having a great time” (Ian Ashbolt)

“I shall always remember Jean sat in her armchair in front of a roaring fire, covered in dogs! A Labrador head on her lap, clutching a spaniel close to her middle and Jack Russell around her shoulders. A huge grin on her face. “I love them all.” Followed by, “Would you like a drink, Vicar? Jeremy – get the Vicar a drink...” (Mark Bailey)

“I remember popping in once when Jeremy was away and taking a lemon drizzle cake down as a little treat. Jean was absolutely delighted and proceeded to eat the most enormous piece of cake for someone so little!

My fondest memories though are of her standing nibbling half a biscuit in church, delighted at watching the children run around her feet!” (Sarah Hazard)

“Always very appreciative. Full of gratitude. An indomitable spirit. She epitomised, ‘Can’t keep a good woman down!’ Julia and I were very fond of Jean. One of life’s caring people.” (Chris Hebden)

“The first time I met Jean was when she had “parked” her Volvo in the middle of The Street outside the village shop, literally in the middle of the road, so that she could run her errands. The Volvo was dented and scratched, everyone knew it was Jean’s and she was well known for her “parking”, quite often the traffic quite literally had to stop until Jean had run her errands. She would appear from the shop, with a lovely big smile on her face, get back in her car, wave and drive off as if she hadn’t a care in the world.” (Paula Underwood)

“I remember taking over the Barbeque and Swim that Jean and James had run for years. They had been so generous running this event that we had no idea how much it would cost to put on. I spent some time with Jean and she was clear she wanted no hand in planning, organisation, purchasing or running it but was happy for the land and pool to be used. A small team was assembled to organise the event. But Jean, ever the hostess, still provided, unbeknown to us, food for the BBQ. Being unable to carry it across the grounds and refusing help

he loaded it into the back of the Volvo and drove around the cottage to the BBQ. Unfortunately, along the way Jean's driving skills were tested by boxes of plates, cutlery etc - despite our best efforts, not all survived but the sausages got to the BBQ ok.

Apart from the stories Jean was a wonderful lady who always welcomed me to her home. She was a huge supporter of the fete and Church and without her and her family the Fete would not be the success it is today." (Stuart Rippon)

"Many years ago, Mrs. Talbot's family lived at Church House, Chilbolton and it was a familiar sight to see Jean and Mum (Mrs. Scarrot) tripping through the village aboard their pony and Trap – and many years later, Jean, now an accomplished Horse Handler, would be seen at the reins of her own Horse and Trap trotting through the Parish. We will treasure her smile, and words of greeting, and her generosity – always wishing to be involved in Village events. A Lady indeed, we loved you." (Dennis & Joy Dewey)

"It took a lot to faze dear Jean!

One Sunday, not so long ago, having just received Communion, Jean was returning to her pew, and, as someone was helping her down the Chancel steps, the elastic on her skirt decided to give up the ghost. She looked down at the skirt circling her feet, said, "Oh dear", bent down and pulled the offending garment back into place. Clutching it tightly, Jean looked around smiling sweetly at everyone and continued on her way.

No drama, no histrionics, just charm - that was Jean." (Sally Merison)

"Whilst my children were at nursery each morning, Jean and I used to ride Olivia's and Sophia's ponies. They were called Cara and Bubbly, there was also a wonderful pet Shetland called Bruce. Many a youngster learned to ride on him. One spring morning, I tacked up as usual and left both ponies stabled (or so I thought) and joined Jean for a quick cuppa before starting our morning ride. The garden in those days was immaculately tended by Henry Ball, the full- time gardener. The lawn surrounding the swimming pool was actually a croquet lawn, flat, lush and very green.

Imagine my horror then, when we walked from the kitchen to discover Bubbly prancing around the lawn tearing out huge divots having the time of his life. I just made matters worse by trying to catch him. He was like a bucking bronco! Then her two lovely but very naughty Dalmatians, Hunka and Munka joined in the fun. It was carnage. Jean just stood there, saying nothing. Poor Henry took in the devastation with tears in his eyes I think. She calmly walked up to Bubbly, held out her hand with a treat and calmly led him away. "Make sure you bolt the stable door properly next time" was all she said. "He's a very clever pony". I often wonder what she was really thinking, but it was never mentioned again. I don't think Henry was too fond of me for a while though!" (Hazel Compton)

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