

# Fundraising UPDATE

Since our last newsletter in January, we've received yet more great news – the project has been allocated a further £15,000 of funding in this year's JPC budget which now takes our current total available funding to **£101,000**.

Thank you to the JPC for their continued support. This is tremendous news and means that we are much nearer to our first goal of funding the new children's play area by this summer.

The Working Group continues to work on further funding applications and it is awaiting responses on other bids submitted. But don't forget how important it is that villagers from across Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton raise at least £12,500 by this summer in order to enable additional funding options to be progressed. Delivering the new play area by this summer is a genuine prospect if we can raise these funds. More information is provided in this newsletter as to how you can help to raise funds on Saturday 7 March.

## Meet our sponsors

In the last month, local businesses started to sign up as sponsors, committing financial support to the King George's Playing Field improvement scheme. We are very grateful to all of these companies who are really supportive of our scheme and have been extremely generous. Those already signed up are:

**Taylor Wimpey**



We have also received a number of personal donations from local people and businesses, including Tulip which has provided all of the sausages and bacon for our breakfast on 7 March.

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous. And we are also hugely grateful to Barford Village Shop which continues to sell tickets for our events.

This newsletter has been produced at no cost to villagers by the King George's Playing Field JPC Working Group. For more information, or to provide support, please contact the Working Group via John Murphy ([jpc@jvmurphy.co.uk](mailto:jpc@jvmurphy.co.uk)) or Mark Griffin ([mark.griffin1@outlook.com](mailto:mark.griffin1@outlook.com)).

## Win a share of £500 in our treasure hunt

Don't forget to buy squares on our King George's Playing Field treasure hunt – squares cost £5 each and you could win £50, £100 or even £200! The grid will be available in Barford Memorial Hall on Saturday 7 March. Prizes will be awarded as soon as all squares are sold and we'll be making a donation to FABS at Barford St Peter's C.E. Primary School.



## King George's Playing Field Newsletter

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### Welcome

Welcome to the third King George's Playing Field newsletter. In this edition:

- We remind you about events to be held on Saturday 7 March and how you can join in. Plus we share all of the promises available in the Promises Auction
- Hear how children from Barford St Peter's C.E. Primary School reacted to the news of the new children's play area
- We update you on funding successes this month
- Meet our sponsors – local businesses who share in our desire to improve our playing fields

### A visit to Barford St Peter's C.E. Primary School

In January, members of the Working Group visited Barford St Peter's C.E. Primary School. They presented to all of the pupils about progress with the new facilities planned for King George's Playing Field. The children were able to see plans of the brand new play area which included many of their requests – the ability to have 'imaginative play' went down particularly well as did the zip wire which generated a huge cheer! They asked lots of questions and were all very excited that this new facility could be available as soon as this summer. The school is encouraging all children and families to take part in the activity day on Saturday 7 March and to have lots of fun.

## Saturday 7 March 2015 – how are you joining in?

You will no doubt be aware by now that the Working Group is arranging a number of events on Saturday 7 March. Our local MP, Chris White, is a huge supporter of our plans and will be joining us to get the activities underway. Plus we are delighted to announce that **Taylor Wimpey** will be our main sponsor for this activity day and we would like to thank them for supporting our fundraising campaign. So which of these events are you supporting?

**Breakfast:** join us in Barford Memorial Hall for either a continental or full English breakfast. Buy your tickets from Barford Village Shop to sit down at 9.00am, 10.15am or 11.30am. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £2.50 for children (under 13 years of age). When buying your ticket you'll need to select what time you will arrive and whether you want a continental or full English breakfast.

**Sponsored walk:** take part in our sponsored walk around King George's Playing Field and other parts of Barford between 10.00am and 3.30pm – you can turn up at any point between these times. Starting and finishing at Barford Memorial Hall, you'll follow a safe, one-mile long marshalled route and you can complete as many circuits as you like.

**Sponsored cycle ride:** for those who prefer two wheels to two feet, we are also arranging a sponsored cycle ride. The ride will commence at 10am from Barford Memorial Hall and will follow a 10 mile circuit, although cyclists can choose to do as many circuits as they wish. Simply bring your bike and helmet along (all at your own risk of course) and join Sarah Falkland and the village cycling club and see how many laps you can complete on the day.

**Registration and sponsorship forms for the sponsored walk and cycle ride were provided in January's newsletter – please remember to hand in your completed registration forms at Barford Village Shop!**

**Promises Auction:** in the evening, we will be holding a Promises Auction in Barford Memorial Hall. The event will commence at 7.30pm and tickets, which are available from Barford Village Shop, cost £5 and include entry into a prize draw, a welcome drink and nibbles – further drinks will be available for you to buy. Full details of the promises available can be found on the inside pages of this newsletter – this is also the order that they will be offered on the night. If you can't attend the auction in person, you can still submit an advance bid. To do this, you'll need to complete the advance bid form which is enclosed within this newsletter. Simply choose any of the items which you would like to bid for, insert the highest amount you are willing to pay for each item (you could secure the promise for less than this amount as it will depend where other people's bids stop) and place the completed bid sheet in the envelope. Then drop the sealed envelope in the secure box in Barford Village Shop before **3pm on Saturday 7 March**. All advance bids will be entered into the auction on the night which means that everyone, irrespective of whether you can attend the auction, will have a chance to bid for any of promises, the list of which is growing daily. Winning bids on the night can be paid for on the night by cheque or by arrangement afterwards.



# Promises Auction - the current list so far!

Here you can find full details of each of the promises which have been committed for our Promises Auction. And what an impressive list it is. Thank you so much to all who have very generously submitted a promise into the auction – the Working Group is incredibly grateful. And if you still wish to submit a promise then you're in luck – the Working Group is accepting promises, as well as prizes for the draw, right up to the day if you still wish to offer support.

The auction will take place from 7.30pm on Saturday 7 March in Barford Memorial Hall. Hosted by auctioneers Sandy Peirson and James Hawkesford, it is bound to be a really fun evening. Tickets cost £5 per person and can be bought from Barford Village Shop – they include entry into a prize draw, a welcome drink and nibbles. But with a maximum of just 70 tickets available, don't delay in buying yours!

If you can't attend but would still like to submit a bid, information is included on the front of this newsletter as to how you can submit an advance bid – this enables you to make clear the maximum you'd be willing to pay for one or more items and submit this in advance of the auction.

- 1 Home baked family cake once a month for a year (delivered to your home)  
**Evie Griffin**



- 2 Boarding dog for up to 14 days  
**John Murphy**

- 3 Meals on wheels with a difference – a three course meal with wine for six people prepared and delivered to your door (within three miles of Barford)  
**Sheard and Griffin Households**

- 4 Three hours of work in your garden  
**Martin Hatton**

- 5 One return taxi trip for four people to Birmingham Airport (by arrangement from within three miles of Barford)  
**Mark Griffin**

- 6 Meal for four people at The Joseph Arch every month for a year (excluding drinks)  
**The Joseph Arch**

- 7 Porsche Boxter S ride to the Cotswolds for fish and chips (one passenger and to be taken by September 2015)  
**Martin Hatton**

- 8 Room for two people with two nights B&B at the Glebe Hotel  
**The Glebe Hotel**

- 9 Two tickets for the Barford Drama Club Christmas production  
**Drama Group**

- 10 Half a locally reared lamb for the freezer (to be collected by the end of March)  
**Di Hadley**

- 11 Two tickets at the home of Northampton Saints in 2015 (best seats!)  
**Mark Griffin**



- 12 Two tickets for entry to Gardeners World Live NEC  
**NEC**

- 13 A behind the scenes tour for four people at the BBC Midlands Studio including viewing the filming of a live broadcast  
**Sarah Falkland**

- 14 One month of free ironing for a family of four  
**PROMISE AVAILABLE**

- 15 Electrical installation of an outside socket at your home  
**Paul Hunt Electrical**

- 16 A children or adult magic show, or Punch & Judy party, by The Great Barloni (worth over £50)  
**The Great Barloni**

- 17 Round of golf for four people at The Warwickshire  
**The Warwickshire Golf Club**



- 18 Child minding for ten hours over three occasions  
**Wendy Barlow**

- 19 A painting by Sue Smith  
**Barford Art Group**

- 20 Meal for eight people 'chalet style' hosted by John and Chris Murphy  
**John and Chris Murphy**

- 21 £150 voucher of tree surgery in your garden  
**Steve Haynes Professional Tree Surgery and Forestry Services**

- 22 One signed framed photo of Coventry City 1987 FA Cup Winners signed by the team  
**Diversified Communications**

- 23 Three hours of gardening  
**Mark Hatton**

- 24 Free driving lesson  
**Celeste Lees**

- 25 Free shared ski accommodation for two people in the USA for ten days (24/12/15 to 02/01/16 – accommodation is one double bedroom with en suite in a private 10 bedroom shared ski chalet style home. Facilities include bar and a spa jacuzzi and sauna for après-ski entertainment! Located 15 minutes from Mt Batchelor in Bend, Oregon. Promise includes lodging only and transfers to and from a local airport. Value is approximately \$400 per night)  
**Martin Hatton**



- 26 Haircuts for three children  
**Kate Robinson**

- 27 A quarter of locally reared beef for the freezer  
**Malcolm Eykyn**

- 28 Use of a classic car for the day (a choice of vehicles is available)  
**Open Road**

- 29 Car wash and interior vacuum on three occasions (done in Sheard Valet Services on High Street in Barford)  
**Mike Sheard**

- 30 40 minute flying lesson at Wellesbourne Airfield (one person plus one passenger, worth £160)  
**Take Flight**

- 31 One bag of Echo Barn seasoned hardwood logs delivered / stacked (worth £110)  
**warwickshire-logs.co.uk**

- 32 A meal for four people at the Baraset Barn or Orange Tree (food only)  
**Baraset Barn**

- 33 Paintballing for 10 people at the IPG venue in Banbury  
**The Joseph Arch**

- 34 Half a day of landscape gardening  
**PROMISE AVAILABLE**

- 35 Filipino meal for up to six people cooked in your own home  
**Martin Hatton**

- 36 The Flower School - a place on a flower arranging class on one of four dates in 2015. (A 2.5 hour session including tea, coffee and delicious cake served in lovely vintage china. Includes all flowers, sundries and tools for this fun and interactive class. Suitable for all ages and abilities)  
**Sarah Horne Flowers**



- 37 A signed shirt by Northampton Saints 2015 team  
**Northampton Saints**

- 38 Handmade shopping bag and purse from JSR (the new range from Joanne Smith Ryland)  
**Joanne Smith Ryland**

- 39 A course of five Acrol Bridge lessons for four absolute beginners (in Barford)  
**Susan Dunnett**

- 40 A day fishing for four people with breakfast and lunch included  
**The Dennis family**

- 41 A one minute trolley dash (take all you can collect!)  
**Poundland**

- 42 An afternoon of tea and croquet for 12 people at Sherbourne House  
**Sherbourne Estate**

- 43 Half a day watching lambing on the farm for two people  
**Di Hadley**



- 44 Seven nights in a holiday cottage in Muker, Swaledale, North Yorkshire (seven nights commencing on a Saturday for up to five people and one dog. Please note that this cottage has a steep spiral staircase. There is a reserve of £150 on this promise)  
**Richard and Gill Jones**

- 45 Pershore navigation day boat trip and breakfast for four people  
**Roger Clay**

- 46 Four tickets for Wasps vs Leicester Tigers on Saturday 9 May at the Ricoh Stadium  
**The Joseph Arch**

- 47 Three babysitting sessions up to four hours each  
**Chris Murphy**

- 48 Four tickets to see 'Wicked' in London (Monday to Thursday nights)  
**MADE**

- 49 A one hour ride as a passenger in a Ferrari 458 Spider  
**Driving Memories Ltd**



- 50 Use of a holiday home in Hope Cove, Devon for one week (Greystone – sleeps eight and is five minutes from the beach and coastal footpath. For more details and photos please see the Coast & Country Cottages website – www.coastandcountry.co.uk. Not available in July or August)  
**Alan and Hilary Rhead**