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Parish Council Notes

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE at 7.30pm on 5th October 2011 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Councillors Hobbs (Chairman), Best, Bullard, Eden, and Styles. Also attending were Mrs R Watts (Clerk), County Councillor R Jelf (part of the meeting), Mr S Hill (part of the meeting). Apologies for absence received from Councillors Turner, Woolgrove and District Councillor P O'Sullivan.

Public Participation: Mr Hill was invited to speak reference Woodworms Hilton at the agenda item point.

Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The Clerk has written to Oxfordshire County Council requesting two new salt bins, one each for Barford St John and Barford St Michael. A reply has been received stating that no new salt bins are being issued pending a review of salt bins across the County. The Parish Council's request is on a list.

The Clerk has written to Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council, Tony Baldry MP and Banbury Guardian regarding the potential reduction in service of the current Dial-a-Ride Service from 1 April 2012 when grant aid to the service is reduced. Oxfordshire County Council has acknowledged the letter. Tony Baldry has written back confirming that he is actively seeking to ensure that the current service in Cherwell is not reduced as a result of an Oxfordshire-wide service being offered by Oxfordshire County Council. Please see the web site below for further information.

https://myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation/Cherwell_dial_a_ride/consultationHome

At present the Chairman temporarily stores old Parish Council information. It was suggested that a number of files in the Parish Council cabinet located in the village hall (notably old planning applications) could be shredded. This information is in the public domain and available from Cherwell District Council. The free space could then be used to store the information currently kept by the Chairman. This would have the added benefit of past records being instantly available for reference at Council meetings.

Parish Matters

Barford St John's notice board needs repairing. The matter was deferred to the November meeting, as Councillor Woolgrove was not present to give a report.

The River Swere is becoming overgrown and nearby land is in danger of being flooded. Councillor Hobbs had looked on the Environment Agency's website and it is not on their schedule of works. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the Environment Agency.

Mr Colin Cohen had written to the Chairman raising concerns over which verges are cut by the Parish Council's contractor. Discussion of this was deferred as all grassed areas of the village will be considered when the tender exercise takes place at the end of the year.

Mr Colin Cohen had written to the Chairman raising concerns over brambles obscuring the South Newington Road sign at the Church Street/Lower Street junction. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs. Alt.

Woodworms Hilton – transfer of land for private use. Mr S Hill was invited to speak under Public Participation. To summarise Mr Hill's comments:- Mr Hill said that he had received confirmation from the Highways Agency that the land in question did not belong to them and that as there was no obvious land owner, they had suggested that he should apply for a stopping-up order to change the use of the land to that of 'garden'. He explained that he wanted clear up title to the land, not only for himself but also for any future owners of Woodworms Hilton. Mr Hill then left the meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had received six emails objecting to the transfer of land into private ownership. Villagers' comments were noted. Councillor Styles reported that two villagers supported Mr Hill in his attempt to obtain a stopping-up order. It was unanimously agreed that until the Department of Transport contact the Parish Council no further action could be taken.

Allotment water rates:- The Parish Council has been paying invoices for water supplying neighbouring properties or land since the 1990's. The Clerk has been in touch with Thames Water throughout the summer and has provided a series of readings for the meter that actually relates to the allotments. Thames Water is going back over its

records to ascertain what the Parish Council should have paid. The Parish Council await their findings.

Cherwell Parish Liaison meeting will take place at Bodicote House at 6.30pm on

9 November 2011. Planning will be the primary subject. Councillors Bullard, Hobbs and Styles will attend.

Planning Matters

Details of planning applications can be found on the CDC website http://cherweb.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/publicaccess/tcd/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx

This site does not include 'Notice of Intent' for tree works in a Conservation Area (TCA)

Approved:

11/01093/LB Purton, Manor House, Barford St John – removal of outdoor swimming pool.

11/01220/LB Coates, Rignell Farm, South Newington Rd – formation of new ground floor window

Reports from Meetings

The Chairman reported that on 15th September a number of Councillors and the Clerk had attended the unveiling ceremony of a plaque at Barford St John airfield commemorating the 70th year of its opening and, in particular, the development of Sir Frank Whittle's jet engine fighter, the Meteor. Particular thanks were given to the United States Air Force and Tony and Bill King from the Military Vehicle Trust.

Any Other Business

Councillor Woolgrove reported, via the Clerk, that he is concerned about the works that had been carried out by SEB to trees near the bridge to clear SEB's cables. Councillor Eden would look at them when next passing. The general feeling was that any further tree works would have to be carried out by the Parish Council as they were on Parish Council land.

Councillor Hobbs reported that the footpath from West Close to Lower Street has become overgrown. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. & Mrs Churchill.

Councillor Styles reported that a vehicle had hit the 'Rock Close' road sign, damaging both posts. The Clerk will report the matter to Cherwell District Council.

Councillor Bullard reported that the playground equipment is due its annual inspection. The Clerk will ask Playsafety Ltd to carry out the inspection.

The next meeting is on 2nd November 2011.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Another Great MacMillan Morning



Well Done to 'the team' pictured above for raising the wonderful total of £381.70

**For our MacMillan Nurses at Katharine House
Later donations have added another £10.00 to the total.**

~ ~ ~

Thanks to everyone who supported us with help, purchases and cash donations!

Where there's muck



The dynamic duo, Pete and Jeff, hard at work

£120 was raised by delivering muck to the allotments.

Thanks to Steve Pauling for donating an extra load and to Pete Eden and Jeff Elliot for delivering it to each allotment.

This will go to the children's home in Kathmandu.

Rounders Match Report 25th September 2011

Following an unofficial rounders match last year, the need to raise more funds for the village hall replacement windows and door and to promote the use of West Close field by the younger element of the village it was decided to arrange an official rounders day and invite the whole of the village and various guests and hangers on.

After a few days with uncertain weather prospects Sunday started with a clearing day – Rodney and Brian clearing dogs' mess off the field.

As a member of the organising committee Brian had been set the task of marking out the pitch with closely mown lines between the bases but this proved a mistake due to the invitation it provided to our village pooches to have a more comfortable environment to deliver their messages compared to the usual more tickly option when the grass is longer.

A merry band gathered to erect gazebos and tables. Nicola Harte had volunteered her BBQ equipment without full consultation with Will and one of the most difficult tasks was manoeuvring this from their patio through the jungle at the bottom of their garden. At the starting time of 2.00 p.m. there were only 8 people in attendance but as always in our village people soon appeared to support the event.

With no expense spared celebrity Simon Cowell look-a-like had travelled from Peterborough to start the proceedings with the first ball throw.

The first match was the boys versus the girls with ages varying from the toddlers to the young teenagers. The girls batted first and there was a lot



of near misses but Abi scored the only rounder setting the boys a simple target. They managed four rounders (William & Jamie among the scorers) and enjoyed

their victory with various degrees of celebrations. Next up was the Adults – Ladies versus Gents – and this was a very closely fought contest with only one rounder being scored. William Eagles was the scorer but there were so many near misses

including Derek who struck the ball gloriously into the outfield and set off at what proved to be a suicidal fast pace to Bases 1 & 2 but flagged badly on the uphill run to Base 4 and was run out with glory at his mercy.

The match was nearly marred by some very serious accidents including Rodney (who continually called for a risk assessment document before the day started) colliding with Marcus, rounders bats flying over the teams as they waited their turn and Tilly firing her shot at the umpire who by sheer incredible agility closely avoided a life changing injury.

There were a few fallers and some who tried underhand tactics who were shown yellow and red cards. The overall impression of the day seems positive and when you consider over 70 people turned up and players ranging from age 2 to 77, it shows what a great village spirit we have. The food was great – thanks to Barbara, Lorraine and the



Hartes for their contributions.

Thanks also to the VHM for lending us the tables, gazebo (also Rodney and Peter Leney for theirs) and providing cups and relishes. Thanks to Pam Eagles for supplying the rounders equipment and Abi Allen for the posters, flyers and certificates.

The day raised £100 for the village hall and we hope that West Close will be used more in the future but the dogs need to be controlled better in some cases!!

Thanks mostly to everyone who came either to play or spectate. As umpire it was fun to officiate but there were instances of tantrums and childish behaviour. Fortunately the children's match showed nothing of that type.

There was talk of an inter village tournament next



year and perhaps looking for Olympic Games status but if we could do it again and have as much fun and laughter that would surely suffice.

The Organising Committee

An update from your Entertainments Committee.....

Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE for your BARFORDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2011**
14:00 – 18:00
Barford St Michael Village Hall

Tickets will be available from the 1 November from any of the 4 Entertainments Committee Members, these being:

Lucy Norman	The Old Chapel, High Street, BSM
Peter Leney	The Potteries, High Street, BSM
Sam Harding	24 Broad Close, BSM
Ali Drummond	The Old Forge, High Street, BSM

We'll keep you updated and remember.....

‘YOUR VILLAGE HALL ISN'T JUST FOR CHRISTMAS, IT'S FOR LIFE’

EXPANDING SUPPERS

And I hope you've all been busy planning your Expanding Suppers? We threw a Mexican Themed evening with Peter Leney and his friend Sally, Rodney Hobbs and Ali & Steve Drummond. We had a great, albeit slightly 'jolly' night, and in the process raised £40 for Village Hall Funds!!! So come on, it's great fun and a fantastic way of getting to know your neighbours.

‘NEIGHBOURS, EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS, THAT WHEN GOOD NEIGHBOURS BECOME GOOD FRIENDS....’

Many thanks
 Lucy Norman
 Entertainments Committee

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary

BOYS AND OFFICERS from Companies in Bloxham, Kidlington, Kings Sutton and Wallingford joined together with 1st Deddington for a special service on October 2, in the Parish Church, Deddington to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the 1st Deddington Company



Guests at the service included the co-founders Brian Bushell and Nick Westbury, the Bishop of Dorchester, (one of the BB patrons for Oxfordshire) Steve Dickinson, the General Secretary of Boys' Brigade and Walter Mullis the Battalion President. Before the service the Companies paraded



through the streets of Deddington, led by the 1st Deddington BB band, and during the service 1 boy was presented with the Queens Badge, the highest award achievable within Boys' Brigade and 5 other boys the Presidents badge, the preliminary to the Queens award.

Boys' Brigade is a Christian Organisation catering for young people between 5 and 18 years of age. Currently the Deddington Company has 40 members.

Chris Mitchell 338010



Barford Service of Remembrance
Sunday 13th November
09.00am St. Michael's Church



1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs



WELCOME TO JAMES & JACK who have joined us recently. The Cubs have spent the last few weeks working towards their Communicator Badge, we looked at ancient forms of communication, drumming & picture writing, the Cubs sent each other postcards in hieroglyphics. We moved on to morse code, sign language & codes.

Next we'll be making guys for our annual display at the market to raise money for Shelterbox, & after that, shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Jo Churchyard C.S.L. 338071
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Scouts

12 of our Scouts (3 teams) attended the County Patrol Camping Competition at Horley, where they had to organise their camps, menus, cooking etc completely leader free. They all did very well in what was a complicated competition, one team emerging as the best newcomers. They now realise that they can do all these things for themselves, so next time we go away it's feet up & endless cups of tea for us leaders!

We held a conker evening, with prizes for the biggest, smallest & overall conker fight champion, Felix.

Coming up – a guide to Deddington for children.

Pete Churchyard S.L. 338071
pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

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Full size single mattress
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Volunteer Needed

To Manage the village 200+ club

After many years of running the club, Mariann has decided that it is time to hand over to a 'younger model'.

This is a once each year job which involves:

Advertising ticket availability in December issue of Barford News (just prod the editors to remind them)

Printing and numbering tickets, and distributing them to the sellers in December.

Checking in the Sales information and updating the list of holders.

Handing over the updated list of members to the VHMC in time for the first draw to take place mid-end January.

The monthly draws are arranged by the VHMC.

The lists are held as Excel Files, so computer knowledge essential.

The 200 club is a valuable fund-raiser for our Village Hall.

If you can spare 3 or 4 days once a year to take this on, please contact Peter Leney 338 992 or Mariann on 338570 asap.

At Long Last!

After some dedicated fund raising, our Playground Committee has finally gained approval to install much needed goalposts in West Close play area.



Within hours of the posts being fixed, families were out there enjoying the new facility. Well done to all concerned!

(What next I wonder? How about some skateboard equipment to get the youngsters a safe place to practice their skills? Ed.)

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

WE HAVE HAD a fun start to the term, beginning with a visit from two local Police Community Support Officers, who talked about Stranger Danger ('Run, Yell and Tell!') and showed us around the Police van. As usual, the girls all loved being locked in the cell at the back! We've also made bread rolls for harvest time, toasted marshmallows over a campfire with some of Deddington Guides (thank you to Maggie, Tilly, Sophie P and Jasmine G) and visited the fire station, which involved getting very, very wet using the hoses! Thanks to Fire Fighters Adam and Graham for a very entertaining meeting and apologies to parents who spent the weekend trying to dry out shoes!



There is a waiting list for Rainbows. If you think your daughter might be interested in joining, please contact me. It's never too early to put their name down!

Hazel Neal
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Barford Picture House

26th November

Harold and Maude,

is our COMEDY film of the Season.

It is a 1971 American dark comedy film directed by Hal Ashby and released by Paramount Pictures. It incorporates elements of dark humor and existentialist drama, with a plot that revolves around the exploits of a young man intrigued with death, Harold (played by Bud Cort). Harold drifts away from the life that his detached mother prescribes for him, and develops a relationship with an old woman named Maude (played by Ruth Gordon).

The film is ranked number 45 on the American Film Institute's list of 100 Funniest Movies of all Time, and was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress in 1997 for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

Starring Cyril Cusack, Bud Cort and Vivien Pickles.

- American Film Institute Awards.....
- 2000: AFI's 100 Years... 100 Laughs
- 2002: AFI's 100 Years... 100 Passions
- 2006: AFI's 100 Years... 100 Cheers
- 2008: AFI's 10 Top 10 #9 Romantic Comedy

At the 29th Golden Globe Awards, Bud Cort and Ruth Gordon received a nomination for Best Actor and Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy film, respectively.

**SHOWING 26th NOVEMBER,
at 7.15 for 7.45, Village Hall**

**Clothing and Textile Collection
for Deddington Primary School
Tuesday 15th November 2011**

Deddington Primary School PTA is collecting used clothing again, to raise funds for the school. Rag Bag collect the bags and sort the donations in the UK before selling good quality items abroad and recycling rags into insulation and so forth. This means clean textiles of any condition can be included.



Belts, shoes, clothing, bedding (not duvets), curtains, towels, soft toys and bags are all accepted. Please, no bric-a-brac or books.

I can collect bags before Tuesday 15th November, and can also supply branded sacks, although any bags can be used.

Please contact me on 337822 for collection.

Thank you
Hazel Neal

For Sale



George Foreman Grill
& 5 tier chrome pan stand
Any reasonable offer considered
Contact Avril – 338 381

Headteacher Newsletter Term The Warriner School, Bloxham

I AM HORRIFIED to be writing the newsletter for the end of Term One already. How can time pass so quickly? It is, however, always a pleasure to reflect on the term when I sit to write this and as usual there have been many wonderful things going on. Taking the results first, our Year 11 students achieved an excellent set of GCSE results. 73% of students gained 5 A*-C grades, whilst 67% achieved 5 A*-C including English and Mathematics. Whilst we are proud of the achievements of all of our students, those who did particularly well include: Sam Bradley 10A* & 1A, Joanna Thompson 8A* & 3A, Zoe Cox 7A* & 4A, Jocelyn Evans 7A* & 4A, Bethanie Simpson 7A* & 4A, Georgie McEwan 6A* & 5A, Hannah Westbury 6A* & 4A, Alice Hodkin 6A* & 3A. Amazing congratulations must go to Rebeka Hall who achieved A* in all her 11 subjects. Once again the dedication and hard work of our staff and students has paid off.

September saw not only the start of a new school year but also the arrival of our new Year 7 intake. Clearly starting at secondary school is daunting but they have settled in remarkably well and it feels like they have always been part of The Warriner family. September also saw the launch of our "Behaviour for Learning" and we have just completed a cycle of student voice feedback to seek their views on the process. I fully accept that students are never going to be happy about a system that involves detention but their feedback was overwhelmingly positive reflecting upon increased lesson productivity and focus because time is not being lost dealing with minor issues such as lateness and lack of essential equipment.

One of the things I was really keen to do when appointed was to share the really good things that we are doing with others. I am delighted to report that Mrs Hunter, Mr Conway and Mr Tustian have been accepted to join the National College's highly competitive Outstanding Facilitator Programme in recognition of their outstanding teaching. They will be working to share their great practice with other schools. We have also successfully bid to host a middle leadership hub with members of our partner primary schools, again in recognition of the outstanding Subject Leaders that we have. Mr Tustian has presented the systems we use to manage data at two conferences and has received superb feedback as well as numerous requests to copy our practice.

Things are also moving on the Sixth Form front. Informal consultation will begin next month so



please look out for the consultation document and register your comments. There will be the opportunity to attend a public meeting as part of the statutory process and dates for this will also be released next month. I am very optimistic that we will get the support we need for this to go ahead but need as many of you as possible to add your voice to ours. Whilst the statutory process, which can take up to a year, runs its course we will be offering our current Year 11 the opportunity to study a package of an applied A Level in Animal Management alongside A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Geography. This will be fully taught at The Warriner School in partnership with OCVC. This is aimed at students who wish to study Environmental Science, Vet Science or Vet Nursing at university.

We have also completed the formalities pertaining to our Trust status and I am delighted to report that we will be working in partnership with Prodrive, Franklin Covey, OCVC and RM. The primary aim of this collaboration is to work together to develop a curriculum that prepares our students for the world of work through embedding problem solving, resilience and leadership skills into the bread and butter of what we do.

Dr Annabel Kay

CHRISTMAS CEILIDH

Saturday

December 17th 2011

**CHRISTMAS CEILIDH DANCE
AND
SUPPER EVENING**

**Book early (with Tracey 337369)
to avoid disappointment
as it will sell out (just like last
year).**

Times/Prices/and Menu to be announced
nearer the date

PTA News

THE PTA AGM was held on 27th September and a new Committee was formed. Some members of the 2010/11 Committee have been re-elected (thank you for staying on), and we are pleased to welcome some new faces to the team. We also have a new Chair, Melissa Chadderton, and a new Treasurer, Ingrid Robey.



Huge thanks go to Janet Watts and the outgoing Committee for all their hard work. It will be a tough act to follow!

We are all keeping our fingers crossed for lovely clear skies (and no wind!) for our **Fireworks Night on Friday 4th November**. This will be held on the school field as usual. Yet again, we have invested in a fabulous firework display which we hope will delight both young and old! Our gates will open from 6pm when a tantalising aroma will be wafting from our sizzling BBQ to tempt your taste buds! There will be children's entertainment and lots of fun "glow in the dark" products. We have toffee apples (thanks to the Co-op), tea and coffee and a licensed bar selling mulled wine and beer. For a special treat we also have hot chocolate with whippy cream! This is an all weather event – we will not be rained off! We look forward to seeing you all there and hope you will support this annual village event. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Farmers Market Committee for lending us their market stalls for this event, as they do every year, it is much appreciated.

Once again, our children are designing a wonderful range of Christmas cards. Many thanks to Mike Homer and Multiflow Print Ltd for assisting with their production. Cards will be on sale at the November Farmer's Market or they can be ordered from Melissa Chadderton on 07889 360358 or email melissa@rhubarbcreative.demon.co.uk

The PTA is also supporting another fantastic live music gig at The Windmill on Friday 18th November. The fabulous George Michael Tribute is playing with support from Deddington's own Breakfast Men. Tickets can be purchased from Steve Miller at the hair salon in the market square or Annabelle Clitherow on 07977 513698.

Thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Chadderton
PTA Chair

Colin's Quote:

It's amazing what you can get done if you don't care who gets the credit. *Attributed to President Ronald Reagan*

SHIMMERING LIGHTS.....the answer

The previous story about "Ron Knight, Six women and a man" and suggestions offered in October's Barford News now deserves an explanation. Basically it is very simple.....

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AFTER A LONG FLIGHT, CAPTURE and RAPTURE.....

There was a Party somewhere not too far away. It may have been children's party or an adult's party.

Suddenly, a large silver, star-shaped BALLOON escaped from an excited hand and flew high into the sky. It drifted past fields, clouds, buildings and roads, up hill and down dale, either desperate to leave the party or panicking because it was free! Suddenly after a long FLIGHT this balloon was CAPTURED, high up, by a tall Scots Pine tree. However it tried it could not escape. It wriggled, twisted and pulled but it was well and truly fixed. The balloon's string wound around the branches to make it even more trapped. The wind was blowing and a darkness fell on the landscape. The stars came out to say hello.

A light was inadvertently switched on in a nearby house in order to make supper, and the BALLOON felt more panic. It could just not escape but continued to be trapped in a branch, bending in the wind. It wanted to be free again, it wanted to hide or go back to the Party, but the light caught the edges of the star and created a pattern of small lights, apparently moving along the branch. This attracted the attention of a girl, walking outside and she called others to verify what she had seen and more gathered; what RAPTURE was witnessed by all who were watching..... The "Naturalist" the six women and the man!

Finally, supper over, the light was switched off and then they saw no twinkling lights that were creating this amazing pattern, crawling up and down the branches. What had happened? Someone fetched a powerful torch and it was shone into the tree. Now we could see the BALLOON, the cause of all this magical experience. All the ideas of 'glow worms' fairies and mysterious beings disappeared.

We felt rather sad but after a pause we all laughed and came back down to earth.

We could never have imagined such a thing.

Gunilla

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be mentally lazy. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Balm in a crisis

AN EMERGENCY FOOD BANK HAS been launched in Banbury to help families in crisis make it through tough times.



A fifth of people in the UK are living below the poverty line and some struggle to put food on the table.

Every day parents skip meals to ensure their children eat and this can happen for a host of reasons such as redundancy, benefit delays or an unexpected bill.

The new twice-weekly service, run by The Peoples Church in Horse Fair, in partnership with the Trussell Trust and supported by Cherwell District Council, will provide ingredients to feed a family for up to three days.

Donations are limited to sixteen different items, with suggested menus and recipe cards to help households manage the food pack each day.

Cllr John Donaldson, said: "This new service will literally be a lifeline for some and particularly vital as we head into the winter months.

It works on a five-step system as follows:

- 1 – food is donated by the public
- 2 – volunteers sort the donations into food packs
- 3– frontline care professionals such as doctors and social workers issue food bank vouchers to families in crisis
- 4 – vouchers are exchanged for a food pack
- 5 – food bank staff take time to listen to and support clients further

Teams of volunteers will collect the food and store it and then help distribute it to people in need."

The food bank was launched in October. Donations can be dropped off at The Peoples Church in Horse Fair between 10am and noon on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Items which can be donated to the food bank are as follows:

- * UHT or powdered milk.
- * 500g bags of sugar
- * Cartons of fruit juice
- * Soup
- * Pasta sauces
- * Tinned sponge pudding
- * Tomatoes
- * Cereals
- * Tinned rice pudding
- * Teabags/instant coffee
- * Instant mashed potato
- * Rice/pasta
- * Tinned meat/fish
- * Tinned fruit
- * Jam
- * Biscuits or snack bars

Financial donations can also be made by cheque payable to The Peoples Church (Banbury Foodbank). For more information call 01295 661301; or email info@banbury.foodbank.org.uk.

Fernhill Club News

ON OCTOBER 5TH we watched The King's Speech along with our visitors from Deddington. Unfortunately, we hadn't realised how long the film was, and some of our members and visitors had to leave before the end because their transport could not wait any longer.



October 12th, Ann Sharman gave us a talk with slides to illustrate the history of Christmas through works of art.

Oct 26th we welcomed Mrs and Mrs Whittle from Tadmarton, who have made and sold items for many years which have raised thousands of pounds for Katharine House Hospice.

On November 2nd we will be visited by a Home Safety Officer.

On November 23rd a trip to Wyvale is on the cards, this has become an annual event which is much enjoyed.

November 30th we will have a Sing-Along with Mr. Lyford-Smith.

Visitors are welcome to join us at our meetings in the village hall. For details contact

Mary Ashridge 338844

EMERGENCY OIL

Run out or just running low?

Don't get caught out, with no minimum delivery I can keep your boiler going until your preferred supplier can get to you.

Snow and Ice no bother, call anytime.

Tony 07738 940323 (local)

Salt/Grit Bin

Due to cut-backs, Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department will only fill the salt/grit bin in Barford St Michael once at the beginning of the coming winter season.



A request by the Parish Council for additional bins has been refused pending a review of the current policy. Residents are reminded that the salt/grit provided by the County Council is for use on the highway only. It must not be used for personal use (i.e. driveways and pavements).

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Rosemary Watts, Parish Clerk
Barford St John & St Michael

Ed's Postbag - Email from Suzie

HELLO FROM sunny Ghana to all
you lovely Barfordians !



Remember us – those mad people who went off to build a hotel on the coast of Ghana – and then not content with just building it – oh no, we only went on to manage it as well. It has been an amazing challenge, as those of you who have visited can testify to. We built 9 lodges in a crescent with a pool in front of the crescent and a bar restaurant (and large meeting room above it) right next to the beach. The focal point is the Atlantic Ocean and the view along the stretch of beach is awe inspiring to our guests. We've seen giant turtles that come up to nest, and even whales have been seen in these waters. Guests love to sit in 'John's Bar' a sunhut on a concrete footing that is right next to the waters edge, and just marvel at the view; usually there is not a soul to be seen, but just the soft incline of sand meeting the green grass and the coconut palm trees standing tall and proud, lining the whole stretch of beach.

Unfortunately that is now no longer the case due to years of sand mining by locals, who take the sand away from the beach front at both ends of our stretch of coastline and sell it. This is completely illegal in Ghana as it ruins the environment, the beaches and tourism. All the local and regional institutions seem unable to control the situation; the law seems to count for nothing, and every day the erosion and becomes worse.

Where you could walk down to the beach, in places you now have to jump down a 2 metre cliff. The coastline between Brenu and Elmina was one of the most beautiful in Ghana, with miles of wide sandy beaches. As over 1000 cubic metres of sand is removed every day, the land has eroded, and the beach is almost non-existent. Hotel resorts which provide valuable employment to local people and help to build the tourism trade, benefiting Ghana, the pathways used by local people from villages like Ankwanda to walk with their market produce to Elmina, all are in serious jeopardy.

Guests who have been coming over the years are shocked at the change they have seen and encouraged us to start an ePetition. Please help us by signing it – anonymously if you don't want to put your name, or add a comment if you have something to say. Please we ask one thing, it is not necessary to mention Elmina Bay or Ben & Suzi, as this is not just about us, but about the devastation to the natural environment along the whole stretch of beach and the total inaction and inadequacy of the authorities to stop this illegal activity.

We will not be cowed by these troubles and will continue our efforts to make a difference to Ghana's tourism offer. We sincerely hope that

Elmina Bay will still be standing in order for us to be able to make that difference.

Thanks for reading this, and thanks for signing our ePetition:-

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/14/stop-people-ruining-the-ghanaiian-coastline-by-stealing-sand-from-the-beach/>

Suzie Idun

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£1,000 ono.

This is less than 10% of original purchase price.

Buyer to collect.

Contact: Alison Drummond 01869 338 133

1st Deddington Brownies

THIS TERM the Brownies have been working on their 'Number Fun' and



'Science Investigator' badges, looking at coins from different countries and then designing their own, and making rockets from balloons. They spent an evening at Deddington Fire Station and learnt about fire safety as well as getting very wet! Thank you to the Deddington Fire Crew for hosting our visit. By the time you read this the Brownies will also have spent an evening at Pets At Home in Banbury, finding out how to care for their pets. Six of the older Brownies are looking forward to attending a county 'Pack Holiday' in November. I will let you know how they get on.

Lucy Squires

Ride and Stride

On the second Saturday of September all the churches in the country are open for people to raise money for their churches and for the Historic Churches Trust by walking or cycling to other churches and being sponsored for their effort. This year we had five people cycling (Glynnis Eastwood, Veronique Semple, Sophie Lowe, Simon Hamner and Emma Williams) and two people walking (Chris Cox and Richard Cox), and between them they have raised £210, half of which comes to our churches for their upkeep and the other half going to the Oxfordshire Historical Churches Trust.

I would like to thank the seven people who took part and hope they enjoyed their day. Also I would like to thank those who kindly sponsored the riders and striders and those who sat in BSM church to welcome the visitors, and there was a record number of 84 visitors to BSM and BSJ churches.

Next year it would be even better if more people would take part, and there won't be the rugby world cup as an excuse for not joining in!



The other recent event was the **churchyard clear up** and we had a good turnout of people to help clear the ivy, the saplings and generally tidy up the churchyard to make it less gloomy. There was a reward of doughnuts kindly supplied by Dan half way through the morning and a great deal of work was achieved in a short time.

Many thanks to all those who helped and if anyone has a few moments to spare, they would be very welcome to clear more of the ivy off the gravestones and the walls. I would also like to thank Colin Cohen and the Alt family for their help in removing the large heap of churchyard prunings, for which we're very grateful.

Cubby Brett
Churchwarden

Armed Forces Family & Friends Support Group (Bloxham)

WE HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER visiting our group from 'The Armed Forces Christian Union' to tell us what they do in support of our serving members and their families.



We are an informal group who have relatives serving in the armed forces and enjoy sharing experiences and each others company whilst also being able to offer support to one another.

No costs involved just friendship and chatter together with refreshments. We would welcome anyone who would wish to join us.

We are next meeting on **Thursday 10th November** @ 7.45p.m. If you would like to join us then please contact Sue or Paul on (01295) 722097 for further details

THE MEAT JOINT

Open Day At Iron Down Farm

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Open Day by entering competitions, buying raffle tickets in aid of Katharine House or just coming along.

Visitors were able to view the sheep and fat lambs, Gloucester Old Spot sows and piglets and also a pen of young turkeys. As well as the usual tractor and trailer rides, competitions and birds of prey we had some new attractions including the Oxfordshire Bee Keepers Association, Ploughing through the Ages and a chance to lamb a life size model ewe!

The sausage making and butchery demonstrations and a 'guess the length of the sausage' competition also proved very popular.

Competition Winners (first correct entry drawn):

Age of the Tractor (April, 1954), Brian Dodwell, BSt M

Weight of the Pig (62.5kg) , Joan Todd, Deddington

No. of Spots on Piglets (29), Christopher Nelson, Bodicote

Length of the Sausage (719cm), Claire Shepherd, Brackley

Name New Arrivals (Archie & Alfie) Cubby Brett, BStM

Many thanks to all those who generously supported our raffle. The first three winners out the hat were: Mrs Baker-Pike, from Wootton, who won the top prize of a Peach Croft free range turkey; Mr Grenfell, a Woodstock Farmers' Market customer, who won the Hawk Walk from Fir Tree Falconry and Mr Purbrick, from Bicester, who won a bottle of whisky.

Timing Toast:

There's an art of knowing when.

Never try to guess.

Toast until it smokes

and then twenty seconds less.

Piet Hein

Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Monthly Update Team News

We would like to welcome PC Duncan Vale the new Neighbourhood Specialist Officer to the team. We would also like to wish PC Becky McLeod every success in her new role on the Child Abuse Investigation Unit and her career progression to the rank of Detective in due course. She will be sorely missed by all the team.



Following the recent survey process the new Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priorities will be: Reducing Rural Crime and in particular Theft from Vehicles. PC Miller is conducting some research into road deaths to see if reducing these could be a further NAG priority. This will be discussed at the next NAG on the 13th of October.

HAVE YOUR SAY – Meetings for October

We have so far conducted 3 Have Your Say meetings in Shutford, Epwell and Barford St Michael this month. Due to an increase in Burglaries further 'Have your say' meetings have taken place in Clifton/Barford St Michael and Bloxham. These meetings provide a good opportunity for you to meet the neighbourhood team and we can answer any questions or deal with issues that you may have.

Crime News

The area is currently seeing a slight increase in burglaries. These burglaries are potentially linked to 'Nottingham Knockers' who sell household items at the door charging inflated prices and sometimes intimidating those more vulnerable residents. PC Richard Miller organised a leaflet drop by the PCSO's in the Barfords/ Bloxham and Clifton where recent burglaries had taken place. The leaflet highlighted to the public the law relating to doorstep selling and the need to ring in any suspicious behaviour. As a result of the leaflet drop and extra patrols in these areas a number of arrests were made recently connected with Nottingham Knockers. They have been warned to keep out of the area unless they have a valid Peddlers Licence issued by the Police Force where they live. If they are seen again we will arrest them so please let us know if you see or hear anything suspicious. Please contact the police on 0845 8 505 505 or if an emergency or a crime is in progress dial 999. The team are working with other departments in investigating these crimes.

Fuel theft is still evident in the area but recently a number of arrests have been made following intelligence. As the winter is upon us and domestic fuel tanks are being filled for the cold weather, it

should be noted that both domestic fuel and red diesel provides an attractive proposition for theft. Please secure all tanks and take the opportunity to get some crime prevention advice which is available through the neighbourhood team.

Have Your Say online

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. For you to do this please follow the link: <https://reportonline.thamesvalley.police.uk> Please allow time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box at certain times of the day.

Contact Us

Should you have any problems or concerns please phone the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 0845 8 505 505 or email us at: BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk In an emergency please dial 999.

Community Messaging

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour. More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up by following this link: <http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>



Fund Raising Dinner

Banbury based charity
Dogs for the Disabled
is holding a fund raising dinner
on 12 November
at the Institute, Adderbury.

Doors open 7.30pm. Dinner served at 8pm.

Followed by live music from
the Paperback Writers.
Tickets from **Tastebuds** Adderbury.
For more details phone Tony on 01869 337 850..

Katharine House News

Macmillan Coffee Morning Thanks

Thanks to the Barford ladies for their donation of £381.70 raised at their Macmillan Coffee Morning. **Hospice Christmas Cards** Our 2011 Hospice Christmas cards and Our 2012 calendars are on sale from all our shops, and Hospice Reception,

Debenhams Cosmetic Gala Evening

Pamper yourself in aid of the hospice at this special beauty evening at Debenhams Banbury store! on Tuesday 15th November from 6pm- 8pm. For only £5 you get a mini-makeover, a goody-bag of products, 10% off cosmetics, and refreshments and nibbles, plus a fashion presentation. Tickets (£5 each) can be purchased at Debenhams, or by calling the Fundraising Office on (01295) 812161.

Brass Band of Central Florida Concert

This internationally acclaimed brass band will perform in aid of Frank Wise School and Katharine House, at St. Mary's Church, Banbury, on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 (con. £10) by calling Katharine House on (01295) 812161.

CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for our 2011 Christmas Quilt Raffle. We have three exquisite quilts to be won, each hand. To view the quilts, please see our website at www.khh.org.uk. Tickets £1 each from hospice shops and KHH reception.

Santa Fun Run, Sunday 4th December at 11am, at Spiceball Park

Another Santa Fun Run this Christmas! Everyone wears a Santa suit and runs or walks around a 4km (2.5 mile) or 1km (5/8 mile), to raise as much sponsorship as they can. Afterwards, enjoy the atmosphere and join us for hot drinks and mince pies. This is a great event for adults and children of all ages, so why not make it a family day out, or get a group of friends together to take part. You can even bring well behaved four-legged friends (on a lead)! Entry is £13 per adult and £7 per child (children under 6 free). Families £35. Please call Valerie Carter (01295) 812161 or email valerie.carter@khh.org.uk. Applications forms can be downloaded from www.khh.org.uk

Sarah Brennan
Community Fundraiser



New Challenges

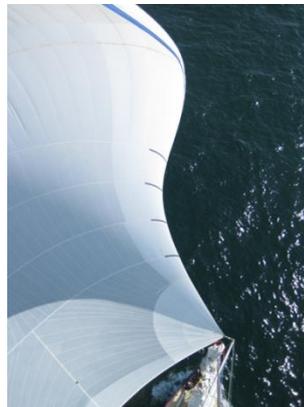
'IMAGINE DRIVING DOWN the motorway at full speed, at night, with no lights, in the pouring rain, in an open top car' is how Ellen MacArthur once described racing a yacht across the Southern Ocean. With this in mind in wonder why I signed up to join



one of the legs of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

Departing from Geraldton on 6th November, I expect to sail over 3,000nm crossing the Great Australian Bight and the unforgiving shores of the Nullarbor Plain, taking on the huge seas of Southern Ocean as we pass south of Tasmania into the Pacific Ocean. After a welcome stopover in Tauranga, New Zealand we take to the sea again for the 1,000nm crossing back to Gold Coast, Queensland.

I have no doubt that 28 days at sea will bring many challenges - imagine trying to cook dinner for 18 when your kitchen floor is not only tilted at 30 degrees but also moving with every wave. Sleeping no more than four hours at a time. Constantly wet and tired.



But the rewards are many - the new friendships made, the competition amongst 10 identical boats, the wildlife including whales and albatross, flying a kite the size of a tennis court and the opportunity to surf at up to 30mph on a 30 tonne surfboard!

To follow my progress onboard yacht *Singapore* or find out more about the race go to www.clipperroundtheworld.com

For a more personal angle I will be posting to my blog at www.jangada.co.uk

Richard Palmer
Horn Hill, B. St. M.

200+ CLUB WINNERS:

October draw

£15.00, No. 154, Thelma Moore,

£10.00, No. 36, The Hirons,

£5.00, No. 206, Helen O'Neal.

The draw was made at a Cuppa Morning.

Welcome

To the **Parish family**

Catherine (Cat) Parish,

(nee Addison)

who was born in B. St. M.
and now returns with her husband

Tony

and children

Bethany and Alfie

Who have come to live in Lower Street

We hope they will enjoy

Village life Barford Style!

1st Deddington Guides

EXCITING NEW
START to the term!
New patrols! New



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

activities and projects. New Patrol Leaders too,
after our elections!

Pets Galore! Was a popular evening – A chance for the guides to show off their pets and share their knowledge about their care, also a chance to “test drive” a pet you might be thinking of getting. Our visitors included rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, African snails and a duck called Clover!

We continued the animal theme with a super visit from “Dogs for the Disabled” puppy walker. Sue and Harvey the retriever. Harvey will soon start his training course to learn how to help people with a range of disabilities. Trained dogs make a huge difference to peoples lives – letting them know the phone or door bell are ringing, emptying washing machines, taking off socks, putting lights on, answering the phone, etc. They are also highly valued companions of course.

Patrol activities range from those involving our senses, glamour acting, party planning and exercises. All led and planned by the guides.

Lots of exciting activities to come – please come along – girls of 10 and over – you’ll be very welcome.

Our 40th Anniversary celebrations continue! We are on the way to making 40 cups of tea/coffee, reading 40 books, etc. We have already walked, cycled or canoed 40 miles.

Please remember if you are an ex-guide or have an ex-guide in your family, now living elsewhere do get in touch with me.

Maggie Rampley, Guider, 01295 810069

Marian Trinder, Guider, 01869 340806

Catherine Blackburn, Guider

Deddington CE Primary School

Term One has flown by, October being particularly busy, including a Year 5 visit to Blenheim Place to tie in with their World War Two Topic and Year 3 visited Sulgrave Manor. Year 5 have also had the opportunity to link with another school in Oxfordshire and this term the Year 5 class from Bayards Hill, Headington came to visit us for the day- they enjoyed looking around Deddington and finding out about the history of the community, they spent the afternoon playing team games with Year 5 up on our field. Just before the end of term our Year 5’s enjoyed a visit to Bayard’s School, the children have also exchanged letters and hopefully this link will strengthen and more visits will follow!



The whole school have also been working on our Woven Cross project, all children (and their families) have had the opportunity to work on a cross, made from recycled materials, which will become a focal point of our new hall.

As we enter November thoughts at school are turning towards Fireworks Night, organised by our highly efficient and enthusiastic P.T.A., whilst the teachers have been making plans for our Christmas Productions, all to be held in Deddington Church. Year 6 have also been invited to a very special Remembrance Service at Deddington Church, afterwards they are looking forward to talking to members of the British Legion and listening to their experiences. Year 1 are also very excited about their annual trip to Chipping Norton Pantomime- this year it is Ali Baba and the 40 thieves!

Term two is turning out to be just as full as last Term!

Jane Cross,
Deputy Headteacher

The Trustees for the
Bakehouse & Shepherds Trust
and the Hall and Fernhill Trust
would like to thank

everyone who supported our raffle table
and bought a ticket at the village market on
Saturday 17th September.

We are pleased to say we raised £83.00
which will be split between the two
charities.



Barford Green Garden Club

On 13th October Nicholas Watts gave a very interesting talk about farming and wildlife.

He drove all the way from Deeping Fen , South Lincs. but due to traffic was a half hour late but during this time our very own Ron Knight talked to the 23 members about recent activity in BSM , Thank you Ron for stepping in without any notice !

Mr Watts spoke about the changing in farming since the fifties and the impact these changes have had on wildlife with the decline of several bird species. , inc. Sky larks and corn buntings. Mr Watts who has been recording birds since 1982 was staggered when only 10 years later numbers had dropped dramatically. Changes were made and in 1993 he started growing crops for the birds . He now farms 250 acres organically

And numbers of birds have increased , skylarks , meadow pipits and yellow wagtails.

Numerous photos were shown recording the changes over the last 50 years. Vine House Farm is dedicated to conservation; in fact Mr Watts was awarded the MBE in 2006 in recognition of a lifetimes dedication to farming and conservation.



Jill Bunce

Tel 337577 / 337550

NOVEMBER TALK

Please note your diary for **Monday 28th November,**

7.30pm village hall

Winter Gardening

,a talk by Janet Cropley

Everyone welcome :

£2.00 members / £3.00 non members

Barford Village Market

Start your Christmas Shopping here ...

Sat 19th Nov.
10-12 noon in the
VILLAGE HALL

THE BARFORD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY RAFFLE

Christmas is fast approaching, and yes, once again we are looking for support from our fellow Villagers and Business Community.

Could we ask you to dig deep and make a donation to our Christmas Raffle? We would like to make this an EXTRA SPECIAL RAFFLE to continue to **boost** our Village Hall Funds - as we know those windows and doors are of great importance to us all when using the facilities of the Hall, especially in those chilly months!

Perhaps, some of our local Businesses would like to use this opportunity to donate some of their products? It would be greatly appreciated!

PLEASE help to keep up our community spirit and donate - WE NEED YOU!

Contact: Alison Drummond
The Old Forge, High Street – 338133

Ballroom & Latin Dance Classes.
Village Hall, Thursday evenings
Beginners classes 7pm to 7.50pm
And 8pm to 8.50pm
Cost £6 per person or £10 a couple

Glenda Harper (A.I.D.T.A) 01295 270818

A PRE-SCHOOL TEST FOR YOU
Which way is the bus below travelling?
To the left or to the right?

Not Sure?

Pre-schoolers all over the UK were shown this picture and asked the same question.
90% of them gave the answer
"The bus is travelling to the right."
See foot of page 17 to find out why!

Good Call

IT IS NOW EASIER for residents to contact Cherwell District Council



with the introduction of new phone lines. While encouraging people to use its online services rather than make a call, the council is trying to streamline all methods of contact.

Rather than the extensive range of numbers currently in use, all calls will soon go through just a handful. And they are much easier to remember, though they will be listed on a cut-out-and-keep panel in the Autumn edition of the council's magazine, Cherwell Link.

The phone numbers are:

- * 01295 227000 – Council tax and business rates
- * 01295 227001 – General enquiries and other services not listed
- * 01295 227002 – Housing and/or council tax benefit
- * 01295 227003 – Waste, recycling, & street cleansing
- * 01295 227004 – Housing services: housing needs, homelessness, housing standards and housing grants
- * 01295 227005 – Election services
- * 01295 227006 – Planning and building control
- * 01295 227007 – Environmental services: pest control, abandoned vehicles, dog warden services, anti-social behaviour, pollution including noise, food safety, workplace health & safety

Call waiting times have already been drastically reduced, from an average of three minutes last year to an average of just one minute, though the wait can be longer at peak times.

Many of the council's services can now be accessed online and emails generated through the website are always answered promptly.

Councillor Nicholas Turner, Cherwell's lead member for IT, said: "Our success in dealing with customer enquiries has come on in leaps and bounds in recent years.

"The more people who carry out their business online, the more effective we will be at answering the calls we do receive."

The first quarter of this year saw a 15 per cent increase in online payments compared with the same period last year.

Use of online services such as ordering new and replacement bins, setting up council tax direct debits, elections enquires and parking services rose by 86 per cent, much of this is due to an increase in the number of services which are now available online.

Many of the services the council provides can be requested and paid for online Why not visit www.cherwell.gov.uk and see what is on offer.

For further information please contact:

Craig Forsyth

Tel: 01295 221639

Email: craig.forsyth@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Autumn has arrived and with it the summer weather so we have been outside making the most of it. The Nursery have started a 'Gardening Club' and are busy transforming a neglected part of the outside area into a beautiful garden. The PFSU children have been planting Spring bulbs, hunting for colourful Autumn leaves and making leaf prints. We held a Parents' Evening at the PFSU on October 19th to let parents discuss how their children have settled in and to introduce our approaches to teaching phonics and numeracy. Thank you to everyone who came along. Thanks also to everyone who attended our AGM. We have elected a great new committee and they have already begun work to make this year the most successful yet. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to serve on the committee this year, and to all the 'retiring' committee members for your support during the last year (or several). Next term our topics will include 'celebrations' - Christmas can't be far away...!



Lucy Squires
337484

WI Bring and Share Supper and Quiz

THIRTY ONE MEMBERS and guests of the WI gathered in the village hall on a chilly Wednesday evening to enjoy each other's company, to share some refreshments and to simply have fun. Cheese and fine wine were provided by the members of the committee as an entree to the "Killer Quiz".



There were lots of puzzled expressions during the course of the evening, especially when it came to identifying a range of famous but disguised faces. Competition between the teams was fierce to say the least but eventually the winners were identified and the prize handed out.

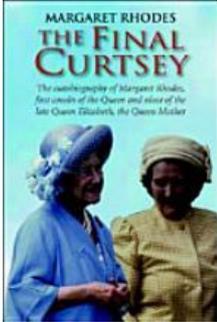
At the end of the night we all went home having achieved our objective of enjoying ourselves. So much so that five ladies signed up on the spot to become members!.

Our next meeting in the village hall will be on the 9th November when we will be hosts to the Bodicote Handbell Ringers and visitors will be warmly welcomed.

A skittles evening has been scheduled for Wednesday 16th November at Sandford St Martin Cricket Club, and once again visitors will be warmly welcomed (please contact Mariann on 338 570 if you would like to join us). See you there!.

PE

BOOK REVIEW



The Final Curtsey
*The Autobiography of
Margaret Rhodes,
First Cousin of the Queen and
Niece of the Late Queen
Elizabeth, the Queen Mother*

'The Final Curtsey' is as much an autobiography being condensed into only 150 pages, as a collection of anecdotes which occurred during the 85 years of the life of Margaret Rhodes.

She was born in 1925, into the Scottish aristocracy, into a now almost vanished world of privilege. Royalty often came to stay and her house was run in the style of Downton Abbey. Her aunt was Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Queen Elizabeth is her first cousin.

After a time at a finishing school in Oxford she went to a secretarial college to learn shorthand and typing, which was to stand her in good stead being recruited into M.I.6. having first volunteered for the W.R.N.S. She lodged at Buckingham Palace during the Second World War years and when peace was declared, being still at the Palace, she was asked to accompany the two Princesses when they went out anonymously touring the streets of London joining the crowds celebrating the end of the War; they finally ended up in front of the gates of the Palace and joined the enormous crowd shouting for the King and Queen to come out on to the balcony.

Post War Margaret's life involved marriage to Denys Rhodes and many years travelling abroad visiting India and Africa, at the same time raising a family. Her husband, who suffered indifferent health for a number of years, died in 1981 and now the family, never having been particularly wealthy, found life somewhat restrained until in 1990 she was asked to become a Lady in Waiting to the then Queen Mother, a job which she grew to enjoy and she remained in the post until the death of the Queen Mother when she retired. Being present at the passing she gave her 'final curtsey' before leaving. Her final job was to be asked to visit the Windsor-Registrar office to record the death and there was asked the question 'What was the husband's occupation' – she hesitated and then replied 'King' I supposed.

A.M.

Bus Test - Answer
Because you can't see the door to get on the bus!

Avian Pox Reaches The Barfords

WE HAVE SADLY got cases of Avian Pox in Barford which is wiping out large numbers of Great Tits and Blue Tits.



Avian pox is a viral skin infection that shows up as unsightly growths on the bird, mainly on the head and neck, and at the base of the wings.

I have reported to the RSPB as it is important that they get as much data as possible on the disease. In the mean time please would anyone who encounters this in the village contact the RSPB or pass it on to me and I will collate and send in a consolidated report.

The birds continue eating and flying as normal for a while, but eventually they get very slow and fall to predators or collapse.

Brian Dodwell, 338 190

Email: tessadodwell@btinternet.com

The information below is taken from the RSPB

Advice website:

How is it passed on?

Avian poxvirus is thought to be spread between birds in three main ways:

- by biting insects (e.g. mosquitoes, mites and flies)
- by direct bird-to-bird contact
- by indirect contact via contaminated surfaces such as perches or bird tables.

The virus is relatively resistant and can persist on contaminated surfaces, such as perches and bird tables, for long periods of time.

What Can We Do?

Where an avian poxvirus outbreak exists, general measures of disease control in wild bird populations should be adopted. Ensure optimal hygiene at garden bird feeding stations, paying particular attention to regular disinfection of surfaces that the affected birds have been in contact with, such as perches and feeder ports. Clean out bird baths on a daily basis, and refill with fresh water.

If a large number of sick birds congregate, consider reducing the amount you feed for up to a month to help reduce close contact between the sick and healthy birds.

Prevent contact between captive and wild birds as much as possible. Wash and disinfect your hands thoroughly after handling wild bird feeders or equipment, and reduce the exposure of your birds to biting insects where feasible.

The Barfords Christmas Party

come and enjoy an afternoon of festive fun with
friends and neighbours on

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER
2 TILL 6PM
BARFORD ST MICHAEL VILLAGE HALL

Adults : £5 | Children : £3 | Under 5's : FREE

Includes nibbles, a glass of mulled wine for the
grown ups and juice for the kids

quiz  party games for all  raffle  kids' Christmas cracker competition  Music 

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Christmas Craft Fayre

To be held at:

The Warriner School, Bloxham

Saturday 12th November 2011

2:00pm    **5:00pm**

Christmas Gifts and Present Ideas including:

Jewellery, Cards, Candles, Handbags, Aprons & Bags,
Patchwork, Hair Accessories, Textiles,
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Stall & Fayre Information: 01295 670716
Email jane.wain@talktalk.net
Entrance £1.00, Children Free



AXM



Adderbury Xmas Market
St Mary's Church
on 3rd December
11-4pm

Come to a traditional Xmas market with lots
of stalls for buying your Xmas presents.

There will be cards & crafts for sale,
perfumes and unusual gifts & jewellery. We
have homemade soup or rolls for lunch, tea
& cakes in the afternoon in Church House,
or mulled wine & mince pies in the Church.
Tim the Town Crier opens the market and
announces when Santa is in his grotto for
the children.

Money raised will go to local charities
For more details of the programme, look on
www.adderbury.org.

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Committee



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Activities to prepare for Christmas
for Primary School children aged 5-11
Deddington Parish Church,
10-12.30pm

Cooking, Making Presents and
Decorations, Chess and other games

Saturday 10th December 2011

Cost £1.50

Application forms and enquiries to;

Sarah Boss 338536

Liz Coppin 338721

Carly Prasher 337252

Additional forms at the Church

To guarantee a place, applications in by
Wednesday 7th December please