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Angel yourself? Children
welcome to come dressed

Police Road Safety Visit

ON WEDNESDAY 18TH August, a small group of children took part in a road safety morning with our neighbourhood police officers, PC Richard Miller and PC Tom Bailey. I arranged the visit in response to growing concern amongst parents about the safety of young children whilst playing in our two villages. The feeling is that we should encourage our youngsters to go out and play but that they should learn, or brush up on, their basic road safety skills and choose safe places to play. I hope that the police visit, coupled with an initiative around speeding and the recent focus on signage and road markings, will help to ensure that we maintain a safe and happy environment for our children to grow up in.



The morning started with a short video and a discussion about traffic and pedestrians and then we took to the streets to run through 'stop, look and listen' and how to find the safest places to cross the road. We concentrated on key spots such as the roads around our school bus stops and key danger points, such as the entry and exit point at the bottom of the Rock Close footpath.



We finished by making posters to be displayed on the noticeboards, and writing letters to be included in the packs which are sent to drivers who are caught speeding through our villages. Richard and

Tom were very good with the children, whose road crossing skills improved dramatically during the morning.

After a quick play with the flashing blue lights, we all went safely on our way looking forward to seeing Richard and Tom again at the Church Fete and again on 11th September at the 'Have Your Say!' outside The George (3-4pm).

And what did the children think? Jonathan said that our neighbourhood police officers were 'really helpful and nice,' and James commented that the morning was 'really good' and he 'enjoyed learning to cross the road safely.'

If you missed this session and would be interested in getting involved in a future one, please contact me.

Also, you may have noticed that Speedwatch wheelie bin stickers have started appearing around the villages. I have a small supply of these, so contact me if you would like one.

Alison Duffy

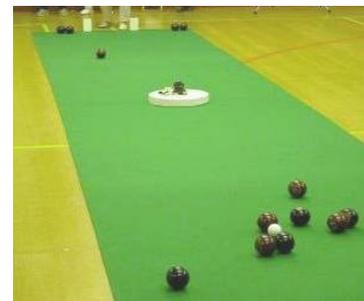
Tel: 337035 or email

alisonj.duffy@btinternet.com



At the village green Mondays from 10.20 till 10.35.
13th & 27th September

Carpet Bowls



Re-starts
21st September
7.00pm in the village hall

This is a light-hearted fun evening,
and new bowlers are welcomed,

Come along and give it a try!

**Barford Green Garden Club
Batsford through the ages
speaker Sue Burn
On the 16th September
7.30pm, village hall
Non-members Welcome**

Sue will be talking to us about Batsford Arboretum. Please come along to hear all about Batsford and to catch up with members. A follow up visit to Batsford has been arranged for Thursday 21st October at 2.30pm; more details at the talk and in October Barford News

Jill Bunce 01869 337577



The Oxford Historic Churches Trust cycle ride this year is on Saturday 11th September from 10am - 6pm, unfortunately on the same day as the proposed 'challenge' cycle to a cathedral and abbey. The idea is to be sponsored to visit as many churches as you can within that timespan. It's a very worthwhile cause and all the churches in Oxfordshire of all denominations are open on that particular day to welcome the cyclists or walkers. You work out your own itinerary and start and finish when it suits you. All the churches provide refreshments and Hempton is especially good!

St Michael's church received £20,000 from OHCT to help towards the cost of the repairs to the tower, and we have now asked for money towards the repair of the west window at St Johns. In order to receive these donations from OHCT we have to show that we have done our bit to help their funds.

I have taken part for the last 12 years and sometimes others have also, but I would appreciate much more support from others who could join in and have a very enjoyable day of cycling. If you would be willing to take part, I will have the forms with me at the church fete to hand out, or you can phone on the number below. If you don't feel you can walk or cycle I would be grateful if you could sponsor me instead.

Cubby Brett
Churchwarden

01869 338300

**Back
by popular
demand**

BARFORD ST MICHAEL
**Village
Market**

Sat 18th September
in Townsend
10am - noon

**NEW All the usual stalls plus:
Yoghurt, Mushrooms and Honey**

**SIT IN A STATE OF THE ART
GIANT TRACTOR**

Please support
the
Bakehouse or Shepherds charity
raffle table
at the
Village Market
on 18th September.

Donations of Raffle prizes are needed
To help swell the funds
Contact: Lucy Warner
01295 720 202

1st Deddington Scout Group

CUBS

WE SAID GOODBYE at the end of term to, Olly, Chris, William, Nick & Tom who will be moving into Scouts in September, their places will soon be filled by boys on the waiting list. Please remember to add your child to our list, we have no available spaces until April.

We've had a great camping summer, the weather being perfect, we joined Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers from Banbury & Bicester districts at Horley in July to celebrate our joint centenary celebrations. The excitement was limitless, climbing & abseiling, canoeing, quad bikes, football training with Oxford Utd., lots of bouncy things' laser tag, scouting skills & a waterslide. The latter providing the opportunity for Jake & Alfie to show the rest of the districts just how slippery they are, by coming first & second in the longest slide competition!

Thanks to all the parents who helped at the camp. Congratulations to, Chris, Ben, Jake, William, Toby & Josh for gaining their Silver Award.

Jo Churchyard C.S.L. 338071
jochurchyard@hotmail.com



SCOUTS

THE SCOUTS HAD their very first summer camp at Phasells Wood near Hemel Hempstead in July. Yet again perfect weather – a whole season without tents to dry, fantastic – we arrived on Friday evening, tents were erected, a fire lit and birthday cake eaten. The first activity on Saturday was potholing, in a series of manmade tunnels, the Scouts appearing like meerkats from entrances all over the place. Climbing was next, on a huge freestanding climbing wall, most of them made it to the top with a little guidance from the instructors. We finished the day on the zip-wire.

Although the Scouts cooked for themselves we took advantage of the on site café for dinner.

Sunday, up early, light the fire & cook breakfast then rifle shooting & best of all the cresta run, plastic trolleys down a wooden ramp, huge fun!

Sunday dinner of chilli & pork was prepared by the boys, then we broke camp at 7pm, tired but very contented.

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

**Are you interested in attending
a meeting
about a Beaver Colony?
(boys & girls aged 6 – 8 years)
if so, please contact Jo on her email
address.**

Deddington PTA News

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break. Coming up is our PTA AGM on Tuesday 21st September at 8pm in the school hall. It is so important that this meeting is well attended by parents and carers. Just to entice you along we are including a glass of wine in the proceedings!



During the last academic year we raised just under **£10,500** which is a fantastic sum in this harsh economic climate and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fantastic sum. We have purchased a trolley of laptops and each class has also had some money to spend on additional resources for the various topics which have been studied.

Once again, our children will greatly benefit from your wonderful generosity and will have much fun with all the new equipment! We are looking forward to another fun packed and successful fundraising year and, as always, thank you for your continued support.

A note for your diaries - our firework display this year will be bigger and better than ever and will be held on **Thursday 4th November** Unfortunately we can't afford the premium to hold it on Friday 5th. Nevertheless we do hope you will come along and support us!

Janet Watts
PTA Chair

Barford Recipes

I would like to compile a recipe book of Barford residents' favourite or special recipes, maybe ones that they have developed themselves, or had passed down to them, or come across and found to be a great success. Quick and easy ones for busy mums or exotic ones from foreign places.

Hopefully we could make a small book of these, with possibly a note of where they originated. This recipe book could then be sold before Christmas and any funds would go to support the youth of our community in Barford and The Helpless Children's Mother Centre in Nepal.

If you would be willing to share one, or more, of your favourite recipes please would you either drop them in at my home: Mill Corner, Lower Street (next to the Village Hall) or email them to me at:- maggie@edenfencing.plus.com

Please would you attach your name too and any notes that might be useful or of interest.

Thanks very much.

Maggie Eden.

First Aid in the Home With Vicky Russ



**Wednesday, 13th
September**

7.30pm Village Hall

At the W.I. Meeting

Visitors £3.00

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Tomasin, Mariann, Jo & Zalie
Invite you to come along to their
MacMillan Morning**

on

Saturday 25th September

10.30 – 12.30

In the Village Hall

**For a cuppa with biscuits
and Bacon Butties!!**

**Raising funds for our own Macmillan
Nurses at Katharine House**

Bakehouse or Shepherds Charity
Barford St John and St Michael
Charity Commission Registration No: 309173

Grants are made annually, at the Trustee's discretion, to young people attending College or University. In order to qualify, applicants should be under 25 years of age and they or their parents should be resident in the parish of Barford St Michael or Barford St John for at least three years.

Please give the following information on your application:-

- 1) Your full name, age and address in Barford and state how long you have lived here.
- 2) Name and address of the College or University where you are planning to study.
- 3) Exact description of the qualification you are studying for, including length of course and subjects to be studied.

Address your application to:

Mrs Lucy Warner
Clerk to the Shepherds & Bakehouse Trust
Mead Farm Bungalow, Barford St John,
Banbury
Oxfordshire. OX15 0PW

**Applications must be received by 30th
September at the latest.**

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W.I. News

WE HAVE BEEN doing things slightly differently over the past two months.



Our July meeting was on the theme of the recent 'Hairy Bikers' TV series where everyone was asked to bring along their favourite recipe to the village hall for others to try. The dishes and recipes ranged from 'WI Pie' (actually an extremely tasty meat and chutney pie), and Goulash, to Biscuit Torte and Apple Cake, followed by savoury cheesy biscuits and dips – all home-made and all delicious. The evening passed quickly as members enjoyed trying out the food and catching up with news.

Our July outing had a bit of a 'foodie' theme too, as we visited Wyatts Garden Centre at Great Rollright for a browse around their large display areas, tempting the gardeners among us with the hundreds of plants on offer from the traditional to the exotic, before sitting down to a lovely lunch in their cafe. After lunch we moved on to Whichford Pottery for more temptation, this time from their huge display of beautiful hand-made flowerpots, statues and ornaments and the goods for sale in the Octagon gallery. Several of us couldn't resist and went home with at least one purchase after sampling tea with home-made cakes in the teashop!

In August we hosted a carpet bowls evening for members and families in the village hall. Accompanied by wine and nibbles, the evening went with a swing and quite a bit of hilarity as novices quickly began to realise that some of the regulars were equally hopeless at reaching that evasive little jack!. The two boys, Ollie and Reese did a great job at catching stray bowls and tidying up after each game, and made a jolly good effort when it came to their turn to bowl, pity their football practice clashes with our regular carpet bowls evenings!

At our September meeting Vicky Russ of the St. John Ambulance will be talking to us about First Aid in the Home. Visitors always welcome to join us.
M.Y.

Deddington CE School News



IT IS THE START of a new school year and our new F1 children are busy settling in and learning class routines and finding their way about the school. We are also excited to welcome our new Year 3 teacher Mrs Townsend to our School, I have a feeling she's going to fit in extremely well! September tends to be a quiet term as children get to know their new teachers and get back in to the swing of working after the long summer break. As many of you will know our Headteacher, Mrs Tinsley, left at the end of last term, we are looking forward to our new Head, Mr Clive Evans, joining us in January in the meantime I have taken on the role of Acting Head, supported by a very strong and committed staff.

The Governors have asked me to alert parents to the Government's change of policy about dates for applications for admission to Primary Schools at Reception stage in September 2011 and thought a mention in the Deddington and Barford News may be helpful. Whereas for some years applications have had to be submitted by a date in November, the closing date this time will be January 17th 2011. Under the old arrangements parents would be notified of decisions about the applications during March, it will now be 3rd May 2011.

Hopefully in the next Deddington and Barford News I will have more information about plans for our Christmas productions and class news etc...

Mrs Jane Cross, Acting Head

Thanks
To the lady
from Twyford
Who recently Donated £5.00
For Barford News

Tried and Tested
Courgette Bread Recipe

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|--|------------------------|
| 3 Eggs | 600g Flour |
| 200ml Vegetable Oil | ¼ teaspoon Baking Soda |
| 400g Sugar | ½ teaspoon Salt |
| 400g Grated Courgettes (with skins) | ¾ teaspoon nutmeg |
| 1 teaspoon Vanilla essence | 1 tablespoon Cinnamon |

Pre heat oven to 175c/155c fan.
Mix together eggs, oil, sugar, courgettes & vanilla.
Then separately mix together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, nutmeg & cinnamon. Add this to the first mixture and blend.
Place in two greased and floured loaf tins and bake for 45/50 mins approx.

M.H.

New Village Copper

PC RICHARD MILLER has recently taken over as the Banbury Rural South Neighbourhood Officer covering 14 villages including Hempton, Barford St. John, Barford St. Michael, South



Newington and Deddington. He would like to invite you to make contact with him should you be facing any problems, concerns or require any advice and can be contacted at Deddington Police Office.

There will be a 'Have Your Say' meeting held outside the George Inn between 1500hrs – 1600hrs on Saturday 11th September 2010. Please come and meet the team.

There have been a number of thefts from vehicles and criminal damage to vehicles in Bodicote and Hook Norton. We urge people to be vigilant and report anything suspicious but also to remove any valuable items from their vehicles when not in use. If you see any vehicles acting suspiciously, make a note of the vehicle registration and report it as soon as possible.

If you would like advice on how best to protect your home, please call Jayne Taylor the crime reduction officer at Banbury at Banbury Police Station.

We are pleased to report that we have two new volunteers starting at Deddington Police Office. PC Miller is still looking for more local people to help run the office, so if you have a few hours a week to give to your community, please make contact. Volunteers will be trained to assist with crime reporting, intelligence submission, 'Neighbourhood Watch' and traffic advice, acting to build greater partnership between the village and police. Full training and support will be given resulting in a recognised volunteer's qualification.

The Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Action Group are looking for new members. We are particularly interested in getting representation from younger residents of the villages, as well as those living in the smaller villages such as Clifton and Hempton. If you are proactive, and willing to volunteer your time once every 6 or so weeks to really make a difference to the neighbourhood, please get in contact with Sergeant Bruce Riddell at Banbury Police Station.

Should you have any problems or concerns please phone the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 08458 505 505 or e – mail banburyruralneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. In an emergency please dial 999.

News from the Fernhill Club

Firstly, well done to 10 year old Ashleigh Reece from Townsend. Ashleigh recently raised £154.53, running three miles in the 'Race for Life' from Broughton Castle. A great effort. Ashleigh came to the Fernhill Club and our members were delighted to sponsor her.

We enjoyed a lovely coach trip to Bourton on the Water on 11th August, the sun shone all day too!

On September 8th Derek Parke will be with us to speak of his experiences of being a Santa for many years. Then on 22nd our local Police Dog Handler will talk about his work. On 29th we are visiting the Deddington group to hear a local doctor advising on keeping safe in the home. Then on October 6th we are having a Fish and Chips lunch in the hall starting at mid-day.

Please come along and join us at any of our Wednesday afternoon meetings at 2.15pm unless outings have been arranged, you will be most welcome.

For more information phone me on 337138 or Avril on 338381..

M.H.



Unsafe electric blankets can cause fires

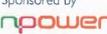
We're offering **free** safety checks at the following venues:

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| Bicester | Thursday 7 October 2010 |
| Banbury | Tuesday 19 October 2010 |

To book your appointment:
Call: 01865 815607
Email: trading.standards@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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Give "Touch" A Try

IF YOU LOVE the thrill of team sports like football, netball, hockey or rugby, you should try something a bit different - get into "touch".



Touch rugby is a fast moving sport played by mixed teams, so you can come and play with friends, partner or work colleagues. There is no kicking or tackling and you don't need to hit the deck unless you really want to make that heroic try.

Go Active has teamed up with In2touch and the Rugby Football Union to help show how great leisure rugby can be. There will be taster sessions open to everyone aged 16 or over, where you can learn the rules and start playing; you don't have to have played rugby before - and all ages can get hooked on this sport.

Cllr George Reynolds, Cherwell District Council's portfolio holder for environment, recreation and health, said: "There's something hugely rewarding in being part of a team and I'm sure that this new team sport will appeal to many people, from ex-rugby players to energetic sportswomen, as a fresh sporting challenge."

Taster sessions will take place every Monday in September from 7pm to 8.30pm at Banbury Rugby Club, starting on the 6 September. A 5-week league will follow, so teams can apply their skills and fitness in friendly games, not forgetting to have a well-earned drink afterwards in the club bar.

Go Active is also organising taster sessions in September in Wallingford and Oxford.

So turn up and get some top coaching for £4 a session, or book for all four sessions in advance and pay for only three.

For more information call Paul at In2touch on 07540 539123, or visit

www.getoxfordshireactive.org

FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS

We are delighted with the results of our first Festival of Open Gardens, which raised over £5,000, so if anyone in The Barfords would like to open their garden for Katharine House in 2011, please let me know. Thanks to all for your marvellous support.

THE CORY BAND IN CONCERT

We are delighted to announce that tickets are now on sale to see this prize winning band at St Mary's Church, Banbury on Saturday 2nd October. Tickets, at £18 Adults, £14 concessions, can be purchased from Fundraising in Adderbury (01295) 812161 or from One Man Band, 8 & 9 White Lion Walk, Banbury on (01295) 266788. There is a limited number available so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Proceeds will be shared between Katharine House Hospice and the Frank Wise School. Our thanks once again to David Bennett for organising this wonderful event.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2011 CALENDAR

We have received our stock of Christmas cards (15 eye-catching designs) and our 2011 calendar depicting photographs of Banbury in bygone days. These are now available from all our shops and via mail order (call Fundraising on (01295) 812161), and will be in our reception from October. Images of the cards can be viewed at www.khh.org.uk.

LOTTERY

The Katharine House weekly lottery is 10 years old this year. With nearly 4,300 members, we would love to boost our membership to 5,000. An extra 500 members could raise £26,000 per year for nursing care. Why not consider joining for a chance to win £1000 every week. If you are already a member, we thank you for your support and ask that you might consider letting your friends know about our lottery. For the person who has everything why not consider a lottery gift card for birthdays or Christmas. To join you can download a form from our website www.khh.org.uk or ring Wendy in Fundraising on 01295 812161.

Finally, please don't forget to come to our fabulous Summer Fete on Saturday 4 September in the hospice grounds in Adderbury.

Valerie Carter

Community Fundraiser

Jewellery by Rebecca

Beautiful jewellery handmade by Rebecca Greeves. Available monthly at Barford Village Market and online: <http://rebeccajewellery.wordpress.com>



**200 PLUS CLUB
AUGUST WINNERS**

£15.00, No. 176, Emily Cox

£10.00, No. 192, Rita Brain

£5.00, No. 108, Roger Lees

The Draw took place at a Whist evening

Another Great Village Show



Cup Winners
Left l to r: Basil Butler, Ray Cox, Cathy peacock, Amelia Best (with mum), Hazel Neal & Mariann Young.
Right :Adele Sullivan who was unable to attend the prize giving.
Below – just a sample of the entries



Show Results

| Class | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | Cup Winners |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Beetroot | Annie Radford | Pete Floyd | Basil Butler | |
| 2 Carrots | Jeff Elliott | Pete Floyd | Basil Butler | FRUIT & VEGETABLES |
| 3 Courgettes | Mariann Young | Basil Butler | Jeff Elliott | Basil Butler |
| 4 Onions | Basil Butler | Jeff Elliott | Pete Floyd | |
| 5 Shallots | Mariann Young | Pete Floyd | Maggie Eden | |
| 6 Potatoes | Basil Butler | Jeff Elliott | Pete Floyd | |
| 7 Runner Beans | Basil Butler | Pete Floyd | Maggie Eden | |
| 8 French Beans | Annie Radford | Jeff Elliott | Ann Beesley | RAY MARCHAM |
| 9 Cherry Toms | Carol Hopkins | Jan Elvidge | Mariann Young | ALLOTMENT CUP |
| 10 Round Toms | Bernard Lane | Mariann Young | Barbara Alt | Jeff Elliott |
| 11 Cucumber | Jan Elvidge | Basil Butler | Jeff Elliott | |
| 12 Pair of Veg | Jeff Elliott | Bernard Lane | Mariann Young | |
| 13 5 Assorted Veg | Mariann Young | Pete Floyd | Jeff Elliott | |
| 14 Largest Marrow | Basil Butler | Maggie Eden | | |
| 15 Apples | Sue Brown | Jill Bunce | Maggie Eden | |
| 16 Dish of Fruit | Basil Butler | Jill Bunce | Pete Floyd | |
| 17 Vegetable Animal | Kirsty Brand | Pam Powell | Sue Wharam | COOKERY |
| 18 Quiche | | No Entries | | Hazel Neal |
| 19 Flapjack | Tilly Neal | Hazel Neal | Kayt Griffin | |
| 20 Fruit Scones | Hazel Neal | | | |
| 21 Choc Brownies | Erika Smith | Sue Brown | | |
| 22 Four Meringues | Maggie Eden | | | |
| 23 Carrot Cake (men) | Basil Butler | Bernard Lane | Andy Neal | W.I. CUP |
| 24 Victoria Sponge | Jill Hopcraft | | | Mariann Young |
| 25 Individual Trifle | | No Entries | | |
| 26 Jar of Jam | Verna Lane | Erika Smith | Hazel Neal | |
| 27 Marmalade | Hazel Neal | Sarah Best | Mariann Young/Verna Lane | |
| 28 Lemon Curd | Verna Lane | Ann Beesley | | |
| 29 Chutney | Carol Hopkins | Verna Lane | Maggie Rampley | |
| 30 Sloe Gin | Basil Butler | Sue Brown | Hazel Neal | |
| 31 Six Eggs | Hazel Neal | Mariann Young | | |
| 32 Unusual container arrangement | Gunilla Treen | Cathy Peacock | | FLOWER ARRANGING |
| 33 Foliage | Sue Wharam | Cathy Peacock | Ann Beesley | Cathy Peacock |
| 34 Miniature | Annie Radford | Cathy Peacock | | |
| 35 Basket arrangement | Claire Cox | Cathy Peacock | Gunilla Treen | |
| 36 Single Gladiolus | Basil Butler | Barbara Alt | | |
| 37 Sunflower in a vase | Amelia Best | Jill Bunce | Basil Butler | CUT FLOWERS |
| 38 3 Dahlias | Pete Floyd | Ann Beesley | Jill Bunce | Basil Butler |
| 39 3 Roses | Pete Floyd | | | |
| 40 4 Marigolds | Mariann Young | Barbara Alt | Basil Butler | CRAFTS |
| 41 Four Fuchsia heads | Carol Hopkins | Mariann Young | Pete Floyd | Adele Sullivan |
| 42 Six Sweet Peas | Barbara Alt | Bernard Lane | Jill Bunce | |
| 43 Mixed Vase | Pete Floyd | Jill Bunce | | PHOTOGRAPHY |
| 44 Handmade Toy | Adele Sullivan | Amelia Best | | Ray Cox |
| 45 Piece of Jewellery | | No Entries | | |
| 46 Knitted/crochet item | Sylvia Butler | Hazel Neal | | |
| 47 Needlework | Adele Sullivan | Jill Hopcraft | Maggie Eden | VICTOR LUDORUM |
| 48 You Made it Let's see it | Mariann Young | Erika Smith | Adele Sullivan | Basil Butler |
| 49 Drawing/Painting | Claire Cox | Tom Eden | Kirsty Brand | |
| 50 Photo – A Portrait | Jill Bunce | Mariann Young | Ray Cox | |
| 51 Photo – A Barford Scene | Annie Radford | Ray Cox | Mariann Young | |
| 52 Photo – An Interesting Sky | Claire Cox | Ray Cox | Annie Radford | |
| 53 Photo – A Shed | Claire Cox | Ray Cox | Annie Radford | |
| CHILDREN'S CLASSES | | No Entries | | |
| 54 Colouring Picture | Poppy Brown | Connie Neal | Archie Brown | |
| 55 Saucer of fruit (modeled) | Connie Neal | Amelia Best | | MOST ENTRIES |
| 56 Choc crispy cakes | Izzy Kenny | Ellie Dodwell | Connie Neal | Amelia Best |
| 57 Vegetable Animal | Archie Brown | Connie Neal | Poppy Brown | |
| 58 You made it | Archie Brown | Amelia Best | Poppy Brown | |
| 59 Photograph | Samuel Best | Cicely Best | Evie Wilkinson | |
| 60 Design a Flat | Tilly Neal | Barney Neal | | |
| 61 Outdoor scene in seed tray | | No Entries | | MOST POINTS |
| 62 Drawing/Painting | Cicely Best | Barney Neal | | Amelia Best |
| 63 You made it, let's see it. | Abi Allen | Cicely Best | Tilly Neal | |

Magic Of Masks And Puppets

Visitors to Banbury Museum will come face to face with puppet characters from around the world. The museum's latest family-friendly exhibition, "the Magic of Masks and Puppets" captures the magic that has surrounded masks and puppets from deep in history to their role in modern theatre and TV.

The exhibition includes shadow puppets from India, Indonesia, Greece and Turkey, as well as Chinese marionettes, giant Russian dolls from the Rostov State Puppet Theatre and of course Punch and Judy.

Cherwell District Council's portfolio holder for environment, recreation and health, Cllr George Reynolds, said: "Everybody can relate to masks and puppets, whether they are traditional, historic, or maybe from childhood memories of a tv favourite. This exhibition provides a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with some of them."

Puppetry is the oldest form of theatre and this exhibition chronicles the history and traditions involved. Among the exhibits is a rare Japanese Bunraku figure of a Samurai dating back to 1727. From recent years the exhibition includes puppets from film and television including the infamous crawling Baby Dawn animatronic puppet from the hit film *Trainspotting*.

Visitors can try their skills in the glove puppet booth and shadow screen interactive display. The exhibition is accompanied by activities for families including a themed prize trail and opportunities to make masks, puppets and a mini puppet theatre.

Later in the summer holidays children aged 8 to 12 can take part in a workshop in which they will make masks and write and perform a masked play. No previous drama experience or art skill is required. For more details phone 01295 753752 or join the museum's mailing list - email banburymuseum@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

The exhibition is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm until 18 September (10.30am to 4.30pm on bank holidays). Entry is free.

News Release issued by
Chief Executive's Office, CDC, Bodicote House

Save our Planet – Tip

Turn off the tap: Not leaving the water running while brushing your teeth won't win you any prizes for innovation, but it *is* significant. If everyone in the UK managed this, we'd save 31,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools full of water every year!



British Food Fortnight 18 Sept – 3 October

Ten things you may not know about British food:

1. Britain produces 700 named cheese – that's more than France!
2. There are more than 2,000 varieties of apple grown in Britain. The Bramley is still produced from stock taken from the original tree where a pip was planted in the garden of a Mr. Bramley in the early 19th century.
3. Britain's seasonal climate produces one of the greatest range of vegetables in the world. Each season's crop gives us all the nutrients, minerals and trace elements that our bodies need at particular times of year. British Food Fortnight marks the busiest period of change in the seasonal food calendar.
4. Britain's meat is of such a high quality that breeding livestock and genetics from our native breeds are sought after by farmers around the world.
5. **No growth promoting hormones** are allowed in the production of British meat.
6. British pig farmers operate, by law, to standards of welfare higher than those of almost every other EU member state. **70% of imported pork, bacon and ham is produced from a farming system that would be illegal in Britain!**
7. British chicken meat is the safest in Europe, 30% of European chickens reputedly have salmonella.
8. There are 350 varieties of potato grown in Britain, each with its own unique taste, texture and flavor. Potatoes are the largest single source of vitamin C in the UK diet!
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10. Over 78,000 of Britain's farmers and growers are farm assured, meaning that the quality of their production is guaranteed. This accounts for 65-95% of production, depending on the specific sector.



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THERE WAS A GREAT DIFFERENCE between the first and second parts of June, with the first two thirds giving the merest hint of what was to come. I was away from 14th to 23rd and my diary reinforces my memory of the warm, moist weather I left and the torrid inferno that I came back to!

June 1st dawned cool, overcast and very still. Gentle, yet steady rain began to fall about 9.30 am, then turning showery, cleared by late afternoon, the max. daytime temperature struggling to 14°C on a NE wind.

A high pressure system overhead was moving very slowly north eastward. Very still air with heavy mist, clearing to produce clear heat, caused daytime temperatures to soar to 29°, whilst night temps. remained cold, between 4° and 8°. Green Woodpeckers continued to laugh, the occasional Buzzard flew over Steepness and the Cuckoo sang his song from about 4.30 am in the hedgerows below Hempton. Under the influence of the heat, previously very wet ground began to produce high humidity developing into heavy cloud cover.

A wind change to W on 6th introduced a new regime of cooler air with periods of misting drizzle and rain, which on the night of 7th becoming extended and steady, again heralding a wind change as it backed from W to SE, then E, settling once more in the NE. During this unstable period, the Green Woodpecker, anticipating ants moving their cocoons ("ants' eggs") to a higher level in the anthills prior to aerial swarming, began raiding the anthills in my wild garden, early in the mornings. Drilling prodigious holes in the outer layers with its beak, and then riving the very long, sticky tongue through and around the anthill passages, the bird drew out large quantities of fat, egg-laden, pre-swarm female ants for breakfast.

Did you know the Green Woodpecker's tongue is so long that it has a special canal which, when the tongue is not in use, carries the tongue back through the throat, then from its root behind the nostrils in the beak, up and over the top of its head, within the skull, until its point is resting at the very back of its head!?

A new pair of House Martins began building a new mud nest on the NE corner of my house, ignoring the artificial nest there. It looked a good confident start.

On the 10th I decided to get out of bed early and time some of the soloists in the dawn chorus. It commenced at 03.53 with a Song Thrush. This was followed at precisely 4 o'clock by a Robin and then by a Blackbird at 04.07. Now a whole choir joined in, and in very rapid succession produced the order of Rooks, Wrens, Dunnocks, Blue Tits and Carrion



Crows. After that it became impossible to extract a sequence as the entire bird world got going at full ding-dong and by 04.30 the whole rapture was beginning to fade and settle into normal levels of song. I was surprised not to

have had the pleasure of the Cuckoo's song in all this, but I was not to know that my record of his singing on the 5th would be my last such record for this year!

An overcast night with a cold blow from NE died away around dawn on the 11th. It slowly cleared to give a warm, sunny afternoon of 23° with yet another wind change, again backing, this time to NW. The House Martins appeared to have abandoned their new mud nest, and by evening it had all fallen to the ground. A chilly night down to 9° with showers, ensued. The 12th produced long warm spells (24°) and, to my delight, the House Martins on the SE corner (not to be daunted by their neighbours' mud-nest building failure on the NE corner) were busy at their own artificial nest!

Tree Sparrows were now being reported at bird feeders in St. Michael and Bullfinches were noted picking off Honeysuckle flower buds. After overnight showers the temperature rose to 25° on 13th. Buzzards mewed over Ilbury in the heat. It appeared that a lot of Red-spider Mite were making an appearance, and Horse Flies were biting badly – which made me think about Midges, as I was off to the Outer Hebrides on the morrow! Around midnight, a Tawny Owl started hooting on Steepness, but the onset of steady rain put a stop to his croonings and I awoke to a chilly breeze and a heavy overcast. after which I had breakfast and set off (as usual) with my old school pal for Scotland, Skye, the Little Minch and North Uist. (of which more another day, as promised!

I was now away for the next ten days, but keeping an ear to the weather forecasts, knew that a big Low over the Atlantic facing a large High over NW Europe were acting together to draw hot air up from the south across the UK. Despite this (or because of the clear air it induced) I was later told of heavy white frosts in the frost-hollow at the bottom of the allotments inflicting heavy damage to various crops. Upon my return, late on 23rd, I found the same Low/High system still active and producing cool nights (9°–10°) but very hot days, 33° on 24th, with 29° from 28th to 30th. The Green woodpecker continued to dig and scratch holes in the anthills and the Meadow Brown butterflies started to come on the wing. The odd shower overnight increased the humidity and helped the butterflies in their emergence and subsequent egg-laying. Two families of Swallows appeared over Townsend, one with two juveniles, the other with three. Both sets of youngsters were probably out of

the nest that morning and, perching on the electricity cables, were very unsteady as their parents, hovering in front, fed them.

I was surprised on the 29th to hear a Marsh Tit, which is not a common bird in the village, calling 'pitcheouw' amid the dawn chorus. On the morning of the 30th, I was delighted to see eight Small Tortoiseshell butterflies, all at the same time, together with two Meadow Browns and a newly emerged Ringlet on the Scabious flowers in my wild garden. Later, a Buzzard was soaring and calling over Fernhill. At the same time I noticed little piles of yellow debris under an old kitchen table in my conservatory. Intrigued, it didn't take long to spot the cause. Counterbored holes in the table frame were being used as nesting burrows by Leaf-cutter Bees. They line the nest holes with circular pieces of leaf, which they cut, amazingly quickly from growing leaves, often those of roses.

Each hole is then provendered with a store of nectar/pollen, upon which is laid an egg, and the whole is then closed off with another circular piece of leaf as a cell. The process is then repeated until the bee determines the hole is full. Cleverly, the first egg laid is the last to hatch and vice versa, so that adults emerging sequentially from later eggs, exit from the tube before those from earlier laid eggs³

However, these Leaf-cutters had decided that the flowers of Evening Primrose were much more attractive than leaves and were demolishing them to build nurseries. Unfortunately, the petals were hopelessly insubstantial compared to leaves. They shrivelled and fell out of the holes almost immediately, hence the debris on the floor! Final outcome awaited next year! About the same time Mrs Gill Maddison told me she was experiencing the same phenomenon of Leaf-cutter bees nesting in similar holes in the frame of her drawing-board!

But a sweltering June now seamlessly became July. The wind still SW, stayed there for the *whole* month, apart from veering to NW on the 5th for two days, and again after backing right round the compass over two days, when it veered to NW on the 25th remaining there until mid-August.

Morning sun on the 1st of July turned to full cloud cover, with spotting raindrops in the afternoon, and an uncomfortable 29° max. Some light rain in an equally uncomfortable and humid night (15°) produced a very good flight of moths, both micros and macros. At this time there was a close association between the Moon and Venus which produced a very beautiful combination on clear nights. For many mornings a Garden Warbler decided to sing incessantly just after dawn for many mornings, melodiously chortling away to its own

kind from the dense cover of a thick old hedge at the bottom of Hempton Hills.

On the 5th, Ian Hobday watched a pair-bonding ritual between Little Owls at the Warren. The two performed a courting display before finally mating on the roof of a barn. And Bas Butler reported seeing three Red Kites soaring above the allotments 'at an enormous height'.

By now the temperature had reduced a little to 25°, despite considerable cloud cover and occasional spotting rain which kept the humidity high. Large Skippers joined the other butterflies in my wild garden and a stroll up Fernhill revealed family parties of Yellow Hammers, Great Tits and Whitethroats. It also provided the opportunity to lean on a gate and have a pleasant chat with Mr. Mark Lovell and admire his beautiful mixed herd of cows with calves. There is something so satisfying about the sight of fine beasts grazing in a field – it is to me the very essence of rural England!

Imagine my surprise and pleasure on the 8th when a (the?) pair of House Martins appeared to be busily occupying the artificial nest on the fated NE corner of my house, so recently the site of abject failure!

At this time a Muntjac took to barking in the meadow behind Townsend for a couple of nights, at odd times between midnight and 2.30 am.

On the 9th the heavy cloud of recent days cleared away about 9.15 am to produce a very hot day (31°) with a SW breeze. A Buzzard attempted to soar over Steepness but was harried out of sight by two Carrion Crows. After a warm night, a dawn of fiery orange/pink under a band of leaden cloud, heralded a fine morning followed by a reducing breeze, to give an afternoon of furious heat although the thermometer did not exceed 31°. Then after a sticky night of 15°, a little rain at dawn caused some humidity, but it burned off to give clear heat in the afternoon, the sun being ferocious despite the air temperature registering an inexplicably mild 24°.

On the 12th, a fairly intense Low started to pass slowly over the UK from SW bringing slightly cooler, stormy weather. In particular the 13th produced intense but gently falling rain from dawn 'til dusk and a max. of 17°, which was a welcome relief! The 14th had similar rain, but interspersed with short spells of very hot, humid sunshine. Local heavy thunder storms followed in the evening. A cool, stormy blow with showers on the 15th preceded sun, and then a rising wind in the evening produced summer gales with driving rain through the night. Then conditions quietened and the next three days were fine summer weather.

The stress upon the land, trees and vegetation caused by rapid evaporation and pure heat was evidenced by great cracks in the soil, the depth to which one had to dig to find the merest trace of moisture, and the pale thatch of dead lawn grass and the dying foliage of trees and shrubs.

During the period of heat and rain all creatures seemed to seek rest and shelter. Many species of birds started hiding themselves away to moult and recover from the stress and fatigue of breeding. Aerial insectivores, such as Swallows, had been limited to quick feeding sorties between rains. The meadow butterflies had taken a beating and were much reduced. Sparrow Hawks were in need of food and I was concerned when a large specimen started stalking newly fledged House Martins in flight. The Green Woodpeckers seemed irrepressible, except when one started to shriek hysterically along Horn Hill, which I assumed indicated an attack by a Sparrow Hawk and young Swifts, newly fledged, looked unsteady as they negotiated the complexities of rooftops. The most notable point of unease concerned the absence of Kestrels, I haven't noted a single one since the species count on the 9th of May! Nevertheless, for the first time this year, the Rooks on Steepness sounded content, cawing softly from their tree tops.

But the temperature was soaring again, reaching 31° on 19 – 20th. More Meadow Brown, Ringlet and now Gatekeeper butterflies came on the wing. Common Blues appeared on the Birds-foot Trefoil in my wild garden, as did Six-spot Burnet moths which spent many hours mating amongst the flowers of wild Marjoram. At the same time, bumblebee numbers were building up nicely, with the workers of *B. lapidarius*, *terrestris*, *lucorum* and *pascuorum* pollinating all the flowers, especially Lavender.

Bas. Butler was somewhat disconcerted when a very large wasp with a 20mm long sting landed in front of him. However, he quickly realised that it was a female Great Horntail and the sting was her ovipositor! Being a wood boring sawfly, she had probably emerged from a nearby timber stack.

By the 21st, dozens of grasshoppers had appeared in my lawns and wild garden. I've loved these insects since I was a small boy, when I was given a book called 'Wumpus' who was a sort of small bear. He and his friends were enthralled on their ramblings as to the purpose of grasshoppers, which they thought were gadgets operated by their many levers! The friends called them 'Clicketies'. How apt! Generally, there are three sorts of clicketies in my garden, *Chorthippus parallelus*, the Meadow Grasshopper (by far the commonest) and *Chorthippus brunneus*, the Common Field

Grasshopper and *Omocestus viridulus*, the Common Green Grasshopper.

Daytime temperatures began to subside and they eventually settled at 22 – 25° until the end of the month. Nights were more variable ranging from a cool 8° to a warm 15°. The 22nd saw thunder storms congregating in the evening with gusty rain and wind backing to SE. The 23rd was a pleasant day of light airs, cloud and sun. The Lavender flowers became very popular and several workers of the pretty little bumblebee *B. pratorum*, with red tails and yellow collars were busy on it, along with the workers of other regular visitors. Also foraging on the Lavender were females of two cuckoo bumblebees – the large, rakish looking *Psithyrus vestalis* with a pointed, very turned-under white tail and yellow bands, and the similar but smaller *P. sylvestris*. Both species lay their eggs in the nests of similar *Bombus* bumblebees and their young are raised cuckoo-fashion by the *Bombus* workers. The bees were joined by a very freshly emerged female Brimstone butterfly, which will later hibernate to reappear next spring.

And so July moodily drew to a close, sometimes unpleasantly sticky, sometimes chilly. On clear nights the Moon and Venus, now far apart, still produced an aura of serenity, sometimes pierced by the squeals of deer. Crows (with a late brood?) chased the occasional Buzzard, Green Woodpeckers continued to be noisy, and Small Copper butterflies joined the Blues and Browns in my wild garden. And thus, after a warm and pleasant evening, July slid quietly into August.

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Banbury Museum Summer Events

Exhibitions

The Magic of Masks and Puppets, until 18th September
A family-friendly exhibition that captures the magic of masks and puppets from different times. The colourful collection includes shadow puppets from Europe and Asia, traditional *Punch and Judy* and the *Baby Dawn* animatronic puppet from the film *Trainspotting*. Enjoy creating your own performances in the interactive shadow theatre and the glove puppet theatre!

Banbury Asian Voices, until 18th September

This display is made up of a film and objects collected from local people. It came about from their reflections on their time in Banbury from the 1940s onwards. By thinking about their working lives, their time in a new culture and impressions of Banbury now and in the past, 'Banbury Asian Voices' is a new contribution to the history of the town.

Donations Box

Banbury Museum is managed by Cherwell District Council, and like all councils across the country we will have less money to manage our services over the coming years. One way we hope to address this is to increase our income. For example we are currently promoting our conference facilities, will offer the Museum as a venue for children's parties, and we also have a new interactive **Donations Box**. You can't miss it when you visit the museum, drop in a coin and see what happens. 100% of donations benefit the Museum's services.

Heritage Open Days

Coming up this autumn we have three special events to celebrate Cherwell's outstanding heritage.

Wroxton Abbey, guided tour at 2.30pm on Saturday 4th September. FULLY BOOKED

Hampton Gay, Heritage Open Day guided tour at 7pm on Thursday 9th September.

Historic Bicester, Heritage Open Day guided tour at 5pm on Sunday 12th September.

See attached sheet for further information, all events free of charge.

Events and Activities

Make a Clay Mask drop-in, Thursday 5th August, 1.30-3.30pm Design and make a mask in clay to take home. So why not take a break from shopping and let the children have a memorable afternoon.

For ages 5 plus, £2.50

Make Your Own Hobby Horse drop-in Wednesday 11th August & Thursday 12th August, 10.30 -12.30pm. Make your own wooden horse to ride about on. All materials, guidance and fun are provided. For ages 5 plus, £2.50

Funky Felting drop-in, Tuesday 17th August, 10.30-12.30am Using simple 'felting' techniques, create bright and colourful designs to take home. For ages 8 plus, £3.00

Take Shelter, family workshop, Saturday 21st August, 1 - 2.30pm Have a go as a family at making your own Second World War family shelter from newspaper to take cover in. You can model it on actual shelters or make one of your own. The only rule: the whole family needs to fit inside.

Family Workshop, £1.50 per person & £5 for every four people taking part, whether adult or child. Please book a place to avoid disappointment.

The Magic of Masks drama workshop, for ages 8 – 12. Monday 23rd August to Wednesday 25th August, 10-4pm each day. A three day adventure! Create your own mask and then see where the masks take us. We will create a short play, using our masked characters, which we'll perform at the end of the third day. No previous drama experience or art skill required.

£65.00 for three day drama workshop. Booking required as places limited.

Art Cart - 'Puppet Show', until 18th September, drop in 10am-12noon and 2-4pm on Saturdays and 10am-12noon everyday during the Oxfordshire school holidays. Drop in and make a puppet theatre in which to perform your own plays. Choose from a variety of different puppets to take to the stage.

Appropriate for ages 4 plus years, £1.00.

Masks and Puppets Prize Trails, until 18th September. Follow the clues around the museum, gathering the information that you need to claim a prize. Two versions available for different ages, £1.50.

Finally don't forget the new season of Banbury Historical Society, *Friends of Banbury Museum* lectures, which begin at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th September when Dr Helen Glew will talk on **Women Workers in war and peace: the General Post Office 1914 – 1939**.

If you would like to join the society, please contact Simon Townsend at Banbury Museum: simon.townsend@cherwell-dc.gov.uk
Annual membership £13.00.

Please note for general gallery visits and 'drop-in' sessions children under 11 years must be accompanied by an adult. For workshops children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Children aged 8 years and over may take part in workshops without an accompanying adult if the parent / guardian completes a 'Young Person's Information Record' before leaving.



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Cold-call warning



Cherwell District Council customer services has been contacted by a resident concerned about calls they received.

She and her husband had been called three times by someone claiming to be from a company called My Claim Helpline.

The caller insisted they were working with the council - which is absolutely not the case - and said the residents had been paying too much on their council tax as their property had been incorrectly banded.

They then asked for card details so a refund could be issued but when the residents refused to provide them, the caller became abusive.

Councillor Nicholas Turner, Cherwell's portfolio holder for customer services and ICT, said: "Anyone receiving this kind of call should be immediately suspicious. It is never advisable to give someone your financial details on request and I would go further and say that residents should always be wary of cold-callers, whether on the phone or at the front door.

If in doubt, ask the caller's name, ring off and then ring the council on 01295 227001 to ask for that name. If it's someone who works for us we'll be able to confirm that and put you through.

"Always be sure you know who you are dealing with and check their credentials carefully before you give them the time of day."

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Banbury Asian Voices Come To Museum

There's a new display at Banbury Museum that tells the story of the Asian community in Banbury.

Visitors to the museum will see "Banbury Asian Voices", artefacts and photographs that tell the story of the older members of the community coming to the town. It's an opportunity not only for the wider community in Cherwell to get a greater understanding of the positive role that the Asian community has played in Banbury, but also for the younger members of the Asian community take a look back at the experiences of their parents and grandparents.

The display includes a film of oral history of reminiscences and stories about coming to live in Banbury.

Cllr George Reynolds, Cherwell District Council's portfolio holder for environment, recreation and health, said: "Banbury Museum has a fine track record is putting on innovative, fascinating displays, and this one is no exception. It's aimed at fostering a wider understanding of the presence of the Asian community in Banbury and a greater understanding between the generations in the Asian community as well."

Entry to the museum is free. The exhibition is **on until 18 September**.

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