

BARFORD NEWS

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Barfords' Summer Assortment Sunday 14th July And Notes From The Potting Shed

Plans for our new **Summer Assortment** day on July 14th are well under way. We will have 9 Open Gardens (several opening for the first time) plus the allotments.

Several people are preparing their **CONTAINERS**, and families (and Rainbows) are getting started on their **SCARECROWS!** . Once again we will be raising money for village organisations.

The Competitions are open to all villagers and friends from outside the village.

Details and forms for the Competitions are available from:

Linda Newbery 01869 337526, (Photographs)

Janet Payne 01869 336265, (Containers)

Mariann Young 01869 338 570 (Scarecrows)

Please think about submitting photoslots out now to spy on and try lying down to get a different view.

We have experienced judges for the competitions and prizes will be awarded.

The CLOSING DATE FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION is July 6th.



The CLOSING DATE FOR THE SCARECROWS ENTRIES is FRIDAY 12th July

PLANT YOUR CONTAINERS; TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS; THINK ABOUT SCARECROWS; SORT OUT SPARE

PLANTS you may have for the Plant Stall ; FIND ANY GARDENING BOOKS you no longer want and PREPARE YOUR GARDENS . This summer has started late but everything is catching up and hopefully be a blaze of colour.

The Village Hall will be a real centre throughout the day, with TEAS, PHOTOGRAPHS, BOOKS and some containers not shown elsewhere.

DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARIES

JULY 24th Ball Colegrave Summer Open Evening

AUGUST 22nd Visit to Sue Bedwell's garden in Bletchingdon. 2.0 pm. £5 entry for charity. This visit was postponed earlier in the year.

OCTOBER 5th (Saturday) A visit to Waterperry Gardens to look at apples and autumn plantings. Time to be confirmed.

FUTURE TALKS We have decided to have our 3 Autumn/Winter talks on the 1st Monday of the month. To date we have organised talks on Vegetable Growing and Garden Design for small gardens . Dates will be given as soon as they have been confirmed.

TIPS OF THE MONTH

Enjoy your gardens, marvel at the new flowers and vegetables. Decide which ones not to grow next year and which ones to grow more of. Try eating some of the flowers in a salad, they look very pretty. Think about winter vegetables that you may want to include in your garden. Keep watering and feeding then sit down and have a rest!

Love and Support

I believe that all our readers will join me in sending messages of sympathy and support, to all concerned in the devastating fire of Sunday 15th. In Particular we send love and prayers to Barbara Brown and , David & Lavinia Crowther and their family and wish them all well. Ed. .

Parish Council Notes

A MEETING TOOK PLACE at 7.30pm on 5th April 2013 at Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Best, Cllr Bullard, Cllr Eden, Cllr Styles and Cllr Turner, District Cllr O'Sullivan and Mrs R Watts (Clerk).
Copper Beech Tree: Openreach had managed to cut a small amount of the tree and connected the fibre optic internet to properties near the triangle and therefore the tree will need no further pruning at present.

Felling the pear tree in the Village Hall Garden: Cllrs agreed to the VHMC's request that this tree be felled, with the proviso that the VHMC plant a large tree of the non-fruiting variety elsewhere in the garden as this would be the second one to be removed.

First Aid Courses/Defibrillator: Cllr Hobbs is waiting for Jo Fearnley to come back to him with a package that can be presented to Cllrs for discussion.

Cherwell District Council Conservation Area Appraisal: The Parish Clerk had circulated details before the meeting. Cllr Turner had gone through the document and there were a number of inaccuracies which need to be reported to CDC. Cllr Hobbs will double-check the document for any further amendments before returning the document to the Clerk. CDC plan to hold an exhibition in the village hall on 27 June from 3.30 – 6.30pm. This will be followed by a public meeting from 7.00-8.30pm.

Planning Matters

Details of planning applications can be found on the Cherwell District Council website

http://cherweb.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx

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

Planning Applications Received:

13/00622/F Cox, Holly Cottage, Townsend, Barford St Michael – Erect a pvc conservatory at rear of property.

13/00646/F Wheeler, Weston House, Netherorton Rd, Barford St Michael – demolish single storey front hall and construct a two storey extension.

Councillors were asked to note the following:

a. Appeal by Mintondale Developments, land south of Milton Rd, Bloxham (85 houses) – decision awaited from Planning Inspectorate

b. Appeal by Gladman Developments, land off Barford Road, Bloxham (75 houses) - decision awaited from Planning Inspectorate

c. Miller Homes – application for a further development in Tadmarton Road, Bloxham (60 houses) - decision awaited from Cherwell District Council

d. Education Department to be asked to attend a meeting to discuss school placement issues

Notice of Intent TCA (Trees) Received:

Village Hall: Fell a Pear Tree. No objection but with proviso that the VHMC to plant a large tree of the non-fruiting variety elsewhere in the garden.

a. St Michael's PCC: Fell one lime tree.

Granted 3 May 2013

b. Mr Lord, Old Vicarage: Fell two trees.

Granted 31 May 2013.

Internal Audit: The Parish Clerk reported that the PC's accounts had been audited for 2012-2013. No issues had been raised.

Any Other Business:

a. A villager had offered the PC some tree seedlings for West Close. Cllrs thanked him for this offer but agreed that there were currently no plans to plant more trees on this site.

b. The handrail on the bridge in Mill Lane is loose. The Parish Clerk will contact OCC.

c. A resident had raised the question of property owners putting posts in the verges outside their properties to prevent vehicles damaging the grass. If the verge belongs to OCC Highways, owners must first seek approval from them.

d. Reports have been received that rocks are falling out of the face of The Rock onto the highway. (*The owners of the property are aware of the problem and works are in hand.*)

e. Cllr Hobbs had received a copy of a letter sent to OCC Highways by Bernard Lane regarding vehicular damage to The Green. Cllrs unanimously agreed that if OCC Highways refuse to act favourably to this letter, the PC will pay for top soil and grass seed to repair the damaged area. The Parish Clerk will write to Mr Lane to confirm this.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Inspired

My name is Will Preece, I am 16 years old and live in Barford St Michael. This year I am Junior Captain at Chipping Norton Golf Club. It is traditional that the Captains choose a "charity" to raise money for whilst they are Captain and I have chosen to raise money for Daisy.

Daisy Pashley was born July 2003 and lives in Chipping Norton with her brother James, Mum and Dad (Lorna and Lee).

Very sadly in December 2010, aged 7 years old, Daisy caught Meningitis and was in hospital fighting for her life over christmas of that year, this was a very stressful time.

Daisy survived although due to the nature of the disease she had to have both her arms and legs amputated below her knees and elbows and now has artificial limbs.

She is now 9 years old and has the opportunity to have "running blades" costing between £8,000 and £10,000 which, as she grows and develops, will need alterations and adjustments again costing a huge amount of money. Her family have set up a Trust where all money raised and donated will go towards the running blades which will give her every opportunity to achieve her goal of becoming a Paralympian.

I first met Daisy at the Chipping Norton Town Council's Sports Awards in February where she was awarded Gold from the Olympic Legacy Committee. Daisy is truly inspirational. I cannot believe how far she has progressed in such a short space of time. She is very shy but so courageous and brave.

One of the ways I am raising money is to ask you to sponsor me!! I aim to play golf from "Dawn 'til Dusk" on Wednesday 3rd July at Chipping Norton Golf Club, playing as many holes as possible in the day. I will be accompanied by Danny Philips, the Assistant Professional at the Golf Club who will be raising money for his chosen charity. If you would like to contribute, my contact details are below

Thank you.

Will Preece, 01869 337 036, 13 Robins Close.

Village Show – Cake Recipe For Men

Gingercake with Lemon Icing

For the cake

75g unsalted butter
60g dark brown sugar
100g golden syrup
100g black treacle
1 heaped teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
125ml milk
1 large egg, beaten to mix
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda, dissolved in 1
tablespoon warm water
150g plain flour

You will need a lined and greased average size loaf tin

For the icing

1 tablespoon lemon juice
175g icing sugar, sieved
1 tablespoon warm water

Preheat oven to 170C/gas mark 3

In a saucepan, melt the butter along with the sugar, golden syrup, treacle, ginger and cinnamon. Off the heat, add the milk, eggs and bicarbonate of soda in its water.

Measure the flour out into a bowl and pour in the liquid ingredients, beating until well mixed (it will be a very liquid batter). Pour it into the tin and bake for approximately ¾ hour until risen and firm. Be careful not to overcook it, as it is nicer a little stickier, and anyway will carry on cooking as it cools.

When the cake is cool, get on with the icing. Whisk the lemon juice into the icing sugar first, then gradually add the water. You want a good, thick icing, so go cautiously and be prepared not to add all the water. Spread over the cooled gingerbread with a palette knife, and leave to set.

Bike Racks And Cigarette Bins At The Village Hall

Just to let you all know that you can park your bikes at the Village Hall and have a quick fag before you go inside.

Two Bike racks are to the left of the front porch.

1 Cigarette bin by the dustbins and another by the fire door in the garden.

Please use these facilities and not leave cigarette ends on the path or in the garden.



Thank you
VHMC

Christian Aid Week

I WOULD LIKE TO take this opportunity to thank all those who donated to Christian Aid Week this year. As you may have seen on the posters, we raised just over £274, (plus €1.0 and a washer!) I would also like to thank those people who very kindly gave up their time and collected house to house. Your help was much appreciated.

Christian Aid Week unfortunately always follows on from Red Cross Week and it may be a nuisance to be asked to donate two weeks in a row, but your donations are important and go towards alleviating poverty in the developing countries.

Cubby Brett
Christian Aid Week Organiser



1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

THERE WERE ONLY a few Rainbows for the tour of the Warriner school farm because of the school holiday and the most atrocious weather, but those of us able to go had a really lovely time. Bev showed us around (mostly inside barns!) and we fed goats and pigs, picked up chicks and saw lots of other farm animals. The farm now offers birthday parties and quite a few of the girls were very enthusiastic about the idea!

We've made our scarecrows ready for the Barford Open Gardens on July 14th- you'll have to come and look for them!



We also made Chocolate Truffles for Father's Day, (see chocolatey Rainbow photo above). This has to be one of the most popular meetings ever and it was amazing how far a small amount of chocolate can be spread!! I hope the dads have as much fun eating them as the girls had making them...

Hazel Neal
01869 337822
hmkn@sky.com

Deddington CofE Primary School

AS WE ENTER our final term at school we are busy fitting in last minute trips, getting ready for the summer fete, sports day and also preparing ourselves to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 as well as two very well respected members of staff.



This term Year 5 are going on a couple of trips, they've had a lovely time at an activity day at Tudor Hall and are at the moment very excited about their trip to The British Museum as part of their Greeks topic. Year 3 enjoyed a delicious day out at Cadbury World (yum!), whilst the rain held off for F1's trip to the Cotswold Farm.

Children are busy practising for our Sports afternoon which we are hoping the sun shines for! Likewise the plans for the summer fete are coming together, this year the PTA have really tried to make it a village fete and new stalls and activities are being brought in, we hope it is a big success after all the hard work which has gone into it.

Our Tag Rugby team, made up of Year 6 boys and girls plus two Year 5 girls, have experienced yet another successful year. They went through to the Schools Mixed Games, having won the Warriner Partnership Tournament and then the North Oxfordshire Tournament; this qualified them for the School Mixed Games which they won alongside the Chairman's Cup.

At the end of term we say goodbye to our Year 6, our Leavers Assembly is in the Church is at 9.30am on the 19th July, this is always a happy and sad occasion, we are sad to see them leave but it is lovely to celebrate their success and share fond memories with them. We wish them all the best at their Secondary Schools and hope they keep in touch.

We shall also be saying goodbye to 2 members of staff, Mrs Karen Sargent and Mrs Faith Phethean, they have been at our school many years and are extremely well respected and loved by staff, children and parents. We are going to miss them so much and I know a few tears are going to be shed on the last day of term, in fact we have shed a few already!

Mrs Jane Cross, Deputyhead.



Babysitting!

Hi, I'm Tilly and I am available for babysitting,

I live in Broad Close Barford St Michael.

I am 1st Response First Aid trained.

You can call me on 01869 337822 or on my mobile at 07557 095681.

NEW BOOKING SECRETARY FOR VILLAGE HALL

Please note that Jess Romain of Pyemore, Lower Street, has taken over as the Booking Secretary for our Village Hall.

Many thanks to Sam Harding for the great support that she has given to VHMC in the past and thank you to Jess for taking on the role so willingly.

For Hall Bookings and Details of Rates
Please contact:

Jess Romain on 01869 338 772

Any day before 8.00 pm

Barford Challenge

Sunday 14 July 2013

Entrance fee £20.00

This year we plan a 25 mile ride out, a ten mile walk around, and a 25 mile ride back, with perhaps a celebration BBQ in the George in the evening. There will be a meeting in the **George on Wednesday 10 July at 8.30pm** to set the route and finalise numbers taking part



The whole point of the Challenge is to challenge yourself to do something a bit different with a great gang of Barfordians, so go on give it a go. You may want to do just the ride out and the walk, or the ride out and back or perhaps just the walk.



Entry forms available from: Glynnis Eastwood, 10 Broad Close, or by email

glynnis.eastwood@talk21.com

TRAINING SESSIONS

Wednesday Evenings 6.30pm - meet outside the village hall

Sunday mornings 6.30am - (Early Birds) 10.30 am (Late Risers) meet outside the village hall

We will gauge our rides to the ability of you. The fast fit boys can go one way and we unfit ones another.

Welcome!
To
Steve & Karen Coates
Who have just moved
From Beaconsfield
to their new home
at Rignell
with their sons
Greg & Rob

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Welcome also
To

Paul & Anne Lindsey
With their sons
Jonathan and Benn
Who have just moved
to their new home
in Robins Close

We wish them all a happy time here in
our lovely villages.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

INTRIGUING OXFORD

A talk by
Brian Lowe

An Experienced Walking Tour Guide,

7.30pm

Wednesday 10th July

In The Village Hall

Visitors welcome to join us £4.00
At our WI Meeting

Barford Village Market

In the Village Hall, 10-12noon

Saturday, 20th JULY

Artisan Breads, Cheeses & Olives
Home-made Scones, Preserves, and
all the usual food and craft stalls

Ridgway's Farmhouse Ice Cream from Tysoe,

Home grown Plants - Fairtrade items

Cards & gifts - New stalls and traders each month

Not forgetting Tea/Coffee & Bacon & Egg Butties!!

We hold markets on the 3rd Saturday every month (except August)

Come along and support YOUR local market
All profits for Village Hall Maintenance

DUCK RACE 7th JULY 2013

Field will open at 2.00pm

First race will start at 2.30pm

There will be 4 races and a grand finale

There will be a race for 'Run What U Brung'

There will also be a BBQ.



If you wish to sit down - please bring your own seats as we are no longer able to source small hay bales. Those great big round ones are a nightmare to get in and out and the people that really need a seat find them hard to climb up.

All proceeds go towards Barford Recreation Facilities.

See noticeboards for updates.
T'committee



1st Deddington Guides

WE ARE ENJOYING a busy outdoor term – it's good to be



outside as often as possible! We were unfortunately defeated by the weather on one occasion, it was too cold and wet for the bats and us, but we hope to try again next year!

Thanks to Brian and Janet Bond, we had a super 'Ready, steady, cook' evening. We are lucky to be able to use their grounds and the weather this time, was perfect. The guides cooked a range of options from food items provided, on an open fire. So well done to them!

We also had a nice evening when we went to Horley Scout camp site and made shelters in the woods. Some were very ingenious and could have done the job in an emergency!

Coming up! Backwoodsman cooking, no pots or pans or utensils! Patrol (Division) competition, which concludes with sleeping under the stars! And, a day camp to show new guides the ropes!!

Let's hope Tuesdays continue to be fine!

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marian Trinder 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008

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. Helen Honour

Clerk to the Shepherds and Bakehouse Trust
The Cottage, 5 Mead Lane, Barford St. John,
Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 0PW

Applications must be received by
30th September 2013, at the latest.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

OUR AMAZING SUMMER event 'Sizzle In 60's Style' takes place on



Saturday 13th July from 7.30pm to 1.00am. Tickets at £25 include bar, live music, hog roast and auction. Come and groove the night away at the Windmill Centre. It promises to be a fantastic night. Tickets are available from the Nursery, PFSU or Hamptons International. We will be running our popular holiday club for 3 weeks during the summer holidays. This is open to Nursery, PFSU and F1 children and will have lots of fun activities on pirate, under the sea and magical themes. Move-up day takes place on 16th July, when our older Nursery children spend the afternoon at the PFSU, and the PFSU children moving to the primary school get to visit their new class. We wish all our children and families a very happy summer holiday, and good luck in their new schools and pre-school settings in September.

Lucy Squires
337484

The Barfords Church Fete

THE BARFORDS CHURCH FETE this year will be on August Bank Holiday Monday 26th August and will be held in the Manor House Gardens. It's always an enjoyable afternoon and raises much-needed funds for the running of your churches. However, it tends to be the same stalls year in and year out and it would be good to ring the changes and introduce new stalls or games. Has anyone got any good ideas and are there people in the villages who would be willing to help out by manning stalls?

If you can give up an afternoon to help, please contact me on 01869 338300.

Cubby Brett
Churchwarden



Enjoy our Summer Tasting Morning

At Bloxham Country Market

Come along
and

Give your Tastebuds a TREAT!!

Try something new

FRIDAY 12th JULY

10.00 – 11.30am

Ex-Servicemen's Hall



From The Fire Station

LAST MONTH was a very busy time for us at the fire station. We have been out nearly every day with 27 shouts.

We have had 15 standbys to other Stations, 4 road traffic collisions, 2 alarms, 2 house fires, 1 set of garages in Banbury that were well alight, a lorry Fire on the M40, a set of trees that caught fire and finally a rubbish fire. We have had 106 call outs from the start of the year till the end of May.

Our numbers have now swelled to a very respectable 13 with Lewis Mahony and Colin Smith being our latest recruits to have successfully finished all their basic training and are now on the run.

Congratulations to Graham Harding and Sharon Wilson who have succeeded in their large goods training so can now drive the fire engine. Also, Adam Franklin has passed his breathing apparatus Team Leaders exam. Probably one of the toughest exams in the fire service.

A massive thank you to everyone who came down to support us on our impromptu car wash day which was to help raise funds for one of our fire fighters who can no longer be operational for health reasons. He was only training with us for a short while but was really well liked and he really contributed to the training and development of our new fire fighters. The day was a huge success raising over seven hundred and fifty pounds.

And finally, as I am writing this column, I have just received the news that I have completed and passed all my exams to become a Crew Manager at Deddington. This will mean being in charge of the fire engine and helping the training and development of the crew. So don't forget to check those smoke alarms and to always wear your seat belts. As we say in the Fire Service "Drive to arrive"

Tim Parker, Crew Manager Deddington Fire Station



QUIZ @ THE GEORGE

SUNDAY 21ST JULY - 3PM

1ST PRIZE £50!

2ND PRIZE £25!

FREE HOT DOGS FOR ALL PLAYERS

£5 ENTRY PER TEAM OF FOUR

BOUNCY CASTLE FOR THE KIDS

AN AFTERNOON OF FUN &

SOCIALISING WITH FAMILY AND

FRIENDS



MONDAY 12TH AUGUST

POST CROPREDY

CHILL OUT @ THE GEORGE

Ford Fiesta 1242cc
LX Zetec 5 dr Hatchback

Registered in 2000. W plate
98350 miles. 11 months MOT
Good tyres – runs well.

£660
Please Tel Jen on 01295 722600

No tears for the old pear tree!

The VHMC want to remove the old pear tree in the village hall garden.



The tree is now completely overtaken by ivy growing around the trunk and inside the tree from base to top. It is a non-productive tree and a home to many wasps in the summer, becoming unpleasant for those children and adults using the garden. It also reduces light to parts of the building. It is intended that the tree be completely removed and the stump treated with an environmentally friendly product to kill the stump and roots. Grinding of the stump is not a viable solution due to the proximity of the building and a garden storage hut. We propose to use the same arboriculturalist as before

Ed's Postbag

WITH REGARD TO the concern about damage occurring to the green caused by traffic, today, a Heyfordian coach drove past the Green and was able to continue in to Church Street because there were no cars parked alongside the Green to impede it, however at least one Church Street resident had to move their car to allow the coach to proceed to South Newington Road.

As for an accident waiting to happen, cars parked alongside the Green act as traffic calming, and are beneficial in that respect. Also, when approaching the Green from the Townsend direction it is quite apparent that there is a blind bend ahead.

I've had more near misses from motorists entering the Green from side roads with good visibility, cutting the bend from Townsend towards the Green, etc. etc.

Church Street is just as narrow as the road adjacent to the Green when cars are parked, but we live with the occasional traffic obstructions, that's village life, it gives everyone a chance to slow down and acknowledge others.

As for the Green, a margin comprising a concrete base with stone flags atop could be placed at the back of the kerbs, which could also serve as a pavement and could possibly be justified to OCC Highways on safety grounds. It would admittedly encourage drivers of some vehicles occasionally to mount the kerb, as now, but it would alleviate the maintenance problem which is understandably frustrating to those who work hard at it.

Double yellow lines won't contribute to the enhancement of the historic nature of the village, I would suggest exactly the opposite, but might encourage OCC Highways to do more than the proposal, for instance, if they should decide to carry out a traffic safety assessment throughout the village. This introduces the prospect of traffic cars with automatic cameras if there are fines to be had.

Kind regards, Geoff Clowes

From: BALDRY, Tony

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 5:47 PM

Subject: Let Britain Decide

It has been nearly 40 years since the British people last had their say on Europe and in that time, so much has changed. People feel that the EU is heading in a direction they never signed up to.

I fully recognise that we need to negotiate a fresh settlement in the EU that is better for Britain – and then put the result to the British people in a clear, simple, no-nonsense referendum before the end of 2017.

Either IN or OUT.

But currently, of the main three political parties only the Conservatives are supporting this.

That is why I am supporting a new campaign website www.LetBritainDecide.com, which makes it simple for people to back the Bill which will pave the way for a vote in 2017. www.LetBritainDecide.com will help to build public pressure, to give people a voice, and to urge MPs from all parties to listen to their constituents.

This is really important.

MPs will soon vote on a referendum but in addition to support from MPs such as myself it will need the support of Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs to pass. That's why we need to build a lot of public pressure quickly to get Parliamentary colleagues of other parties to unite behind a referendum.

Please do visit www.letbritaindecide.com.

You can also find everything I am doing with regards to the campaign on my website at www.tonybaldry.co.uk/campaigns/let-britain-decide.

This is a campaign for everyone who believes we need a say.

Best wishes,

Tony

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www.tonybaldry.co.uk

**200 CLUB
MAY DRAW**

£15.00, No. 121, Fred Lovell
£10.00, No. 79, Jill Bunce
£5.00, No. 138, Dave Ellis

JUNE DRAW

£50.00, No. 130, Tony Bastable
£25.00, No. 170, Mick Bullard
£15.00, No. 008, Val Rogers
£10.00, No. 90, Mick Honour
£5.00, No. 87, Brenda Twigg

Draws took place at a Fernhill Club meeting

Draft appraisal for Barford St John and Barford St Michael Conservation

From a CDC news release:

CDC has produced a draft appraisal for Barford St John and Barford St Michael Conservation Areas and will be seeking comments from Monday 24 June.

The draft document is the first appraisal of these areas since 1988. It examines character and appearance that is desirable to preserve or enhance, suggests a management plan for the villages and proposes buildings for inclusion on the Register of Local Heritage Assets.

CDC's lead member for planning, Cllr Michael Gibbard, said: "Conservation areas are an important tool in conserving what is special about our district. It's important that we reconsider the areas from time to time to ensure we are preserving those qualities. The views of residents are an important part of the process, so I urge them to get in contact with their comments."

Residents can comment on the appraisal by email to design.conservation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or by post to the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, OX15 4AA. **Responses must be received by 26 July 2013.**

For more information and to see the appraisal visit www.cherwell.gov.uk/conservation



*Sweden, Swedish and the Swedish Church
Language, Music, Culture*

*An Introduction by
Åse Aronsson, St Sigfrids Folkhögskola, Växjö*

**July 14th and 21st 1.00pm-5.00pm
(different programmes, so come to either
or both days)**

Swedish lunch and other Swedish refreshments

For further details contact
Hugh White (vicarhugo@gmail.com) 01869 349869

Fernhill Club

A TRIP TO YARNTON Garden Centre on 22nd May was very much enjoyed - I didn't see many plants purchased but the sunny day encouraged members to buy new outfits from Edinburgh Wollen Mill ready for summer days.

On 5th June Woodstock Museum ladies stirred up memories of our childhood with potions and lotions that our mothers used to say were good for us - we didn't always agree!

12th June we gambled (with pennies) in the village hall by playing Newmarket - I lost a packet!!

Plans for 19th June are made to go to Hill Top Nurseries nr. Charlbury,

In July we look forward to our annual visit to Banbury for a strawberry tea and quiz, thanks to Mary for her hospitality.

We would always welcome you to our meetings in the hall on Wednesdays 2.30pm - 4pm.

Avril Green
01869 338381

**Volunteer Connect
Community Transport Scheme**



Taking passengers of all ages, to medical appointments. Also social events, shopping trips and visits to day centres, clubs, relatives etc.

Call us on: 0845 815 0087 Or email
transport@volunteerconnect.org.uk

Down on the farm

THE LAST TIME I put pen to paper - or more correctly finger to keyboard - it was cold, wet and altogether uninteresting. I did mention, however, that a rise in temperature would work wonders and so it has. A bit late in the day but in time to provide some grass for ewes and lambs before we used the last bale of hay.

Even the pigs were getting fed up with the constant cold and lack of green stuff. Sows in particular are great grazers and will supplement their concentrate ration with large amounts of fresh grass. I say fresh because I once gave a sow an armful of grass clippings as a treat.



Mary asking "Where's my tea?!"

She looked at me as if I was utterly stupid before wandering off to continue grazing.

We don't use nose rings to prevent rooting, partly because it gives the animal a certain amount of pain when it is inserted but also because once they get the hang of it they use the ring as a tool to cause even more earth moving. They seldom dig the place up if the grass is young and fresh, but once it gets stale in the autumn they will start to turn it over to see if there is anything better underneath.

Haymaking this year looks like a non-event since we - or rather the sheep - have grazed the grass that was earmarked for conservation. We are therefore looking to rent some pasture to retrieve the situation.

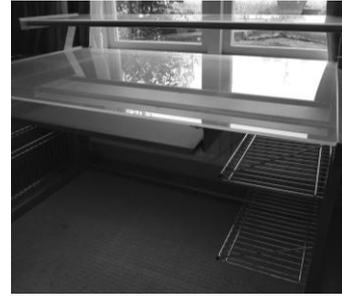
Our arable crops have improved but they are still some weeks behind where they should be at this time of year; testimony to the fact that they were smeared in in the wet. On land that was ploughed and cultivated and people perhaps had more patience there are some far better crops.

The choice is either to spend money on time and diesel oil to achieve a good seedbed, or scratch till the seed in in one pass and spend the savings on chemicals to counter grass and other weed problems. Personally I feel a return to the plough is on the cards, although I recognise that farmers with big acreages to plant necessarily seek ways to cover a lot of ground in a short space of time.

With our modest acreage we don't have that problem and I really should, as most of my school teachers used to comment, have tried harder!

Tony Collier
Irondown Farm

FROSTED GLASS DESK FOR SALE



Nearly new solid frosted glass desk for sale. Matt steel frame, large desk area with narrow shelf above and pull-out shelf below for keyboard. Two fold-out wire shelves on each side. Ideally suited for all sorts of work.

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Barford Big Lunch

Approximately 80 folks turned out with their picnics to enjoy a gloriously sunny day
Thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a happy and successful event.

Northern Light

Europhile and looking for consolation in these hard times? Europhobe and wanting to know the enemy better, the better to put the boot in? Just a fan of *Scandi-noir* on the TV?

Whatever, we have something to offer you in Deddington Parish Church in July.

Sweden, Swedish and the Swedish Church offers insights into a society and culture that's becoming ever more visible in the UK – and into the alarmingly progressive Swedish Church (take note, Justin!).

Do join us on Sunday July 14th, 1pm-5pm – and again a week later (21st, same times, different programme),. Swedish lunch and other Swedish refreshments provided. All free.

3rd Sundays

With Dan gone, we can't always have a clergyperson available for the morning service on the 3rd Sunday of the month. A problem. but also an opportunity. We'll be trying to find out what suits people best and if you have an idea about what might work, do let me know. Also, if anyone is interested in leading a service (lay people regularly do this in Duns Tew, for instance), please be in touch.

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Katharine House News
FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS

This month our annual Festival of Open Gardens rounds off with three gardens opening on 14 July. In Bledington visit The Old Vicarage whose 1½ acres are full of variety including small rockery, pond with bog plants, borders of perennials, shrubs and trees and a rose garden planted with about 250 David Austen roses. The same day also offers the chance to visit two delightful gardens in Lois Weedon at Home Close and The Old Barn. Further details are available at

<http://www.katharinehouse.co.uk/opengardens.pdf>

CHRISTMAS KNITTED

It may seem summer has only just arrived but we're already keen to get our supporters knitting for our Christmas fundraisers! We have a booklet of three patterns; miniature Christmas puddings, robins and tiny Santa hats! If you'd like a pattern, please call Alison on 01295 812161 or email alison.webber@khh.org.uk

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are still available for this year's fabulous prizes of £1,000 and £500 cash and £100 Hillier's Garden Centre vouchers. Each year this is one of our major fundraising campaigns so if anyone can take some extra tickets to sell at their workplace, local school or hostelry and help us achieve this once again please call Alison on 01295 812161 or email alison.webber@khh.org.uk. Closing date for returning counterfoils with payments is 31st July the draw takes place a week later on 7th August.

Katharine House Hospice Newsletter

If you'd like to be added to our mailing list to ensure you receive future issues, give the Fundraising Office a call on 01295 812161. We issue two newsletters a year, despatched now to over 18,000 addresses.

Are you following us on Facebook and Twitter?

Our Twitter and Facebook pages are gaining followers and are an excellent way to keep up to the minute with our news, events and lottery winners. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/katharinehouse and our Twitter you can follow us @khhosp. Come and visit and say hello!

Thank you,

Alison Webber
 Community Fundraiser



Sandford St. Martin Cricket Club Fixtures		
Date	Opponents	Venue
1st XI – Division 2		
July 6	Long Marston	Home
13	Shipton II	Home
20	Dinton II I	Away
27	Horspath II	Away
2nd XI – Division 6		
July 6	Brackley	Away
13	Aston Rowant III	Away
20	Wolverton II	Home
27	Horspath III	Home
Sunday Fixtures		
July 7	Coventry Ramblers	Home
14	Oxenford	Away
21	Archur Gillingham XI	Home
28	Strollers	Home
Midweek Fixtures		
July 23	Phillipics	Home



Deddington Festival Events

Hit the High at the 11th Annual Deddington Festival

This year's Deddington Festival, running until 13 July, is offering a feast of musical events for the July programme. From Choral to Classical, to a children's musical adventure, local musicians and bands will be performing at venues in the village:

The Warriner Choral Society Presents 'Broadway

Baby' - Saturday 6 July, Deddington Church 7.30pm - The Warriner Choral Society will be presenting a light-hearted musical evening by Stephen Sondheim, the American composer of renowned works from Sweeney Todd to West Side Story. *Tickets £10 with accompanied under 16s free.*

Mr Myles Music at CreativeKIDZ - Saturday 6 July, 10am-12pm - Mr Myles Music, one of a series of Saturday morning children's activities held at The Unicorn in Market Square, will take children aged 3-5 years and 6-9 years on a musical adventure, using rap, chants, song and movement. *Tickets are £2 per child, £5 for 3 children, £6 for 4 children and £7 for 6 children.*

Vivaldi's Gloria – A Come & Sing Event - Saturday 13 July, Deddington Church, 10.30am-5pm plus the evening performance until 10.30pm - For the 5th year running the popular 'come and sing' event will this year be Gloria by Vivaldi. Directed by local choral trainer and conductor, Martin Quinn, members of local choral societies are invited to spend the day learning and rehearsing the music to perform that evening. *Tickets £10 with accompanied under 16s free.*

To buy music event tickets and for further programme information please visit www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk. Follow on Facebook and twitter @DeddyFest.

The Story Museum team

**MOST UNCOMMON NONSENSE: ALICE'S DAY
GYRES AND GIMBLES ACROSS OXFORD ON
SATURDAY 6 JULY 2013 – ALL DAY EVENT**

*"If I had a world of my own," said Alice,
"everything would be nonsense!" – Alice's*

Adventures in

Wonderland by Lewis

Carroll

Delightfully scroobious, or
uffishly vorpal?

'Nonsense' is the theme
for this year's Alice's Day.

Join Alice, the Mad Hatter and friends for a
whirlwind of nonsensical free events in more than
20 of Oxford's historic locations and world-class
venues. Exhibitions, tea parties, street
performances, talks, activities and – new for 2013 –
a topsy-turvy trail will take you to some of
Oxford's most beautiful landmarks.

Dress up, bring a picnic!

Time: All day

Place: Venues across Oxford city centre

About Alice's Day:

One golden afternoon on 4 July 1862, Charles
Dodgson, an Oxford don, took Alice Liddell and
her sisters on a boating picnic up the River Thames
from Folly Bridge in Oxford. To amuse the
children he told them a story about a little girl,
sitting bored by a riverbank, who finds herself
tumbling down a rabbit hole into a topsy-turvy
world called Wonderland. The story so delighted
the 10-year-old Alice that she begged him to write
it down – the result was *Alice's Adventures in
Wonderland*, published in 1865 under the pen
name Lewis Carroll. It became one of the best-
loved children's books ever written.

To celebrate that first telling, Oxford turns into
Wonderland for one magical day every year.

Alice's Day is supported by Oxford City Council.

For more information on Alice's Day past and
present, visit: www.storymuseum.org.uk/alice



Broad Beans are Brilliant

(as long as they are podded!)

Broad beans taste how they look in their pod-less
state – sweet, fresh and delicious. That is the reason
they should be relished now, early in the season,
before their tough outer-skin becomes even
thicker..

As soon as those sweet little beans are released
from their unappetising skins, they should be
immediately popped into the pot. The versatility of
the British broad bean means that it can add a
splash of colour and flavour to any dish. If you are
looking for a fresh, seasonal canapé try crushed
broad beans with lemon on crostini. They are a
great injection of colour to risottos and pasta dishes
and add brilliant texture to a green salad. They can
be made into dips or puréed and served with a little
fried garlic, to be served alongside some British
pork.

Warm New Potato, Broad Bean And Chorizo

Salad, With Garlic Mayonnaise

Serves 4 as a main course or 8 as a starter

Preparation: 25 minutes, Cooking: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

800g new potatoes

300g podded broad beans (approx 600g unpodded)

1 Chorizo sausage ring or 200g cubed raw chorizo

2 little gem lettuces

Handful of black olives

1 tablespoon flat leaf parsley, chopped

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Garlic Mayonnaise:

4 generous tablespoons of good quality mayonnaise

1-2 cloves garlic, crushed

Method:

1. Cut the potatoes into 1cm cubes and bring to the
boil in a pan of salted water. Cook for 10-15 minutes
or until tender, drain and set aside.
2. **Cook the broad beans in a pan of boiling water**
until tender (approx 4-5 minutes). Unless your broad
beans are very young it's worth removing the outer
shell of each bean by squeezing gently.
3. Fry the chorizo in a dry pan (the sausage will
release enough of its own oil to fry it in) until golden
and crispy.
4. Add the cooked potatoes to the pan along with the
broad beans and toss to coat in the spicy sausage oil.
5. Line a big bowl with little gem leaves and pile the
potato mixture on top, finish off with the olives and a
scattering of parsley. Serve with the garlic
mayonnaise.
6. Alternatively for a starter, place 2 salad leaves on
a plate and add a generous spoonful to each leaf,
topped with olives and parsley and a dollop of the
mayo.

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GIVEN THAT ALL THINGS were three to four weeks late, then an almost exuberant rush of foliage and blossom did, in many cases, typify the last four weeks. However, it has not been so for everything. The harshness of the previous twelve months, of drought, then endless rain and finally the coldest Spring for fifty years, have revealed the severity of damage and loss to wildlife, garden and farm.

My final comment of last *Nature Notes*, stating that I couldn't see anything better before the first week of June, unfortunately proved correct. But we *did* have mainly good daytime weather for twelve days from the 30th of May, hence the leafy explosion. But let us return to mid-May and the procession of Low Pressure areas from NW bringing us chilly days and cold nights.

The 16th was a cold, gloomy day of 12°, with preceding and following nights at about 3°. A hunting Sparrowhawk that shot across the road at Bloxham Mill was the most notable 'bird' event, but for me the most exciting was to find two 'new-comer' continental bumblebees (*B. hypnorum*) foraging the white flowers of my English Comfrey – so they *have* survived our Winter, when so many of our indigenous species are struggling.

The 18th and 19th were amazingly hot days at 22° with nights at a mild 10°, as a High Pressure area over the Atlantic ousted the Lows out over the North Sea. But it was a false dawn! Ensuing days slid persistently down from 18° (20th) to 7° on the 24th, with nights at 3° as the HP funnelled arctic air down the country.

Only two items of note were encountered, both regarding birds. On the 22nd Peter and Audrey Turner heard the Cuckoo very briefly from the direction of Rignell. This was the last record of only three from the Barfords this year! And on the 23rd Bas Butler had a very good view of a female Hen Harrier crossing the Bloxham road near the airfield main gate.

On the 25th a ridge of HP was running N to S down the country and a chill, cloudy start gave way to hot sun (20°). The night crashed to 1.5° with a grass frost. The 26th was alike, but even more extreme, 22° by day and only 1° at night! This fine spell closed after the 27th (18.5°) with steady day-long rain, almost no wind and a drop to 11°(day) and rising to 9° at night on the 29th.

All Nature was keeping its head well down amid such vagaries. However, 'my' House Martins were stubbornly scouring the skies for insects to feed to their youngsters huddling in the nest. Otherwise my only notes were of a Buzzard soaring over Hempton when the rain ceased at about 6.30pm.

The weather started to warm on the 30th (15°) but showers and gusty N winds persisted. A Green

Woodpecker dropped onto newly seeded ground near Hill Farm cottages on the B4031, obviously searching for invertebrates. It strengthens my opinion that such food is presently very scarce.

A HP system generated by the Azores Anticyclone phenomenon was pushing a ridge across the U.K. from SW. On the 31st, cloud evaporation resulted in the hottest day that I have recorded so far this year, 23.5°! A Great-spotted Woodpecker 'kecked' over Townsend, a rare thing this year. An attack on one of these birds was new to my experience, It occurred at North Newington, and I must describe it:- A Collared Dove was sitting on an overhead wire, less than a metre from the top of an electricity pole. Suddenly, a very feather-worn and dishevelled female Great-spotted Woodpecker arrived on top of the pole and started to search the crevices for insects. The Dove turned its head, watching the Woodpecker in a puzzled sort of way. After a couple of minutes the Woodpecker had drawn a blank and, with a 'keck' hopped up onto the pole-top and flew off in the direction whence it came. A split-second later the Dove took off emitting something approaching a screech. It flew after the Woodpecker and attacked it! The Woodpecker screamed and swerved, chattering with terror. The chase continued, both birds screeching until they disappeared beyond sight and sound! Thus for me, May ended with intrigue as to cause and outcome of the fracas!

June arrived with High Pressure in charge and a cool, stiff NNW breeze. Bright sunshine, despite sky haze, produced a lovely warm day, windless in the evening. A Buzzard hovered Kestrel-like for many seconds at the top of Steepness, a manoeuvre they are quite capable of executing but are usually too lazy and grumpy to perform. A chilly night of only 4° followed, but another hot day on the 2nd (21.5°) suggested a new weather trend.

Bas Butler and I counted twelve House Martins flying about The Green, adults teaching five or six newly fledged youngsters to fly. These numbers indicate perhaps three small families, which in turn may point to the dearth of flying insects.

On the 3rd the Hempton Buzzard was performing another trick, this time almost stationery about 3m above the grass on Hempton Hills. The bird was sliding minutely forward into the light N breeze without even a tremor of wings. It was difficult to see, even though only metres away and obviously watching something on the ground. Unfortunately the bird sank below hedge height and was obscured from view. That night was cold, only 2°, with a suspicion of a slight frost!

Owing to the late bud-burst and foliation of trees and hedges, many small birds, most noticeably Tits,

that rely on huge numbers of tiny caterpillars, were still struggling to find food.

The pattern was now set for the next six days. Warm by day (17.5° to 22°) and cool by night (6° to 9°) with early cloud cover burning off through morning, the wind standing at NE. The 4th, an exception, was cloudless dawn to dusk, with a stiff blustery blow. The Jackdaws from my neighbours' chimneys flew on this day, the adults calling and cajoling, the youngsters teetering and stumbling and finally becoming airborne, with frantically flapping wings to a nearby Ash tree. From here the adults took them noisily through control exercises and practice flight circuits. Lasting several days, this was great fun to watch, with many antics and mishaps – just like human toddlers! By the 6th there were big family amalgamations, with noise and games.

My House Martins, despite their extremely early arrival were still feeding their first brood, the now well-feathered youngsters backing up to propel their droppings over the edge of the entrance hole. Great, Blue and Coal Tits were now fledging (many with below normal brood sizes) and Great-spotted Woodpeckers were nervous at the noise created by their broods.

During this warm spell, butterflies were appearing but by no means in any numbers. With Green-veined and Small Whites in equal numbers, Large Whites were scarce and Brimstones only slightly better. There were Orange Tip females (which don't have orange wing-tips) and very few males (which do!) I saw several Peacocks but few Small Tortoiseshells and Commas and only one Red Admiral. Similarly, there were few Speckled Woods. Unusually, I have seen two day-flying, scarlet and black Cinnabar moths – so scarce nowadays. Their caterpillars wear Wolverhampton Wanderers colours and feed on groundsel.

Around still or slow waters, the Damselflies and early Dragonflies seem to have got away to a good, if late, start. In particular the Blue-tailed Damsel (*Ischnura elegans*) and the Four-spotted Chaser (*Libellula quadrimaculata*) are in reasonable numbers, with a few Common Blue Damsels (*Enallagma cyathigerum*).

On the 8th and 9th the wind had veered to E as the High Pressure system became replaced by Low Pressure. The wind was a little stronger and had a cool edge to it, but day and night temperatures were maintained. I was delighted to find that Barfords only breeding Lapwing (to my knowledge) was still defending territory to the west of the parish, and was very upset by a cock Pheasant in its nesting area. The bird swooped and dived, calling passionately to divert the intruder. The Lapwing is my favourite bird, which was once so common in

meadow and plough over Oxfordshire. By the 10th a big loop was forming in the Jetstream, causing it to migrate south of the U.K. once more, allowing a new procession of Lows to cross the country from SW. Skies became cloudy and threatening with showers and downpours, but temperatures held up at 18° to 21° but still only 6° to 7° at night.

I have noted three more Bumblebee species on the wing locally, all very few in number – the small ginger *B. pascuorum*; the small red-tailed Bumblebee with yellow bands *B. pratorum*; and the robust white-tailed species *B. lucorum*. I have also put out of my conservatory one of the large parasitic 'Cuckoo' bees which lays its eggs in Bumblebee nests, the white tailed, yellow banded, *Psythirus vestalis*. Some experts think *Psythirus* species should be included in the *Bombus* family.

Having been silent for a long time, a Green Woodpecker laughed at the east end of Townsend. The Great-spotted Woodpeckers became very noisy and distressed below Steepness on the 11th which, I suspect, announced the flight of their young from the nest. Meanwhile, Blackbirds are feeding fledged young or starting new broods, as are Woodpigeons. A Songthrush throbs its song from the neighbouring Ash tree and a (too scarce) Chiffchaff whispers his name from the Hempton road hedgerows.

Now as I close these Nature Notes on the 15th, changeable weather with showers is forecast, but with a possible change to improved conditions toward the middle of next week. I wonder if that will be so; will the Jetstream migrate north again?

Let's hope next *Nature Notes* can report so!

Ron Knight



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