

BARFORD NEWS

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Clean For The Queen Morning, Saturday 5th March 2016

A total of 50 adults and children turned out for the clean up morning, the greatest number ever!. Some very new faces, and some familiar ones from many previous years. A few escaped before the photos were taken, but hopefully, everyone is listed here. Huge and grateful thanks to everyone involved.



L to r: Cllr Bryn Williams, Tina Hirons, Carole Coppin, Jill Hopcraft, Fay Hingley, Paul Gruber, Rachel Gruber, Nick Hingley, Richard Day, Lorraine Simons, Tony Elvidge.

Front row: Imogen & Grace Tiller, Jacob Hingley, Matthew & Jonathan Day Simons, Georgia Rooney, Charlie & Findlay Gruber, Tom Hingley.



Pictured Left: L to r: Chris, Oliver & Dominic Barber, Gemma & Amber Phillips, Sarah Best, Ann Beesley, Barb Greenwood, Jess Romain, Rodney Hobbs, Sue Broughton, Pat Evans, John & Janet Morris
Sitting: Kathryn Wheeler, Paul Wilson, Petrina Cassell.

Pictured Right: The W.I. ladies who organised the morning and provided refreshments.

Not Shown: Jo, Finn & Dyllon Blackhall, David Crowther, Glynnis & Jeremy Eastwood, Bernard Lane, Alan Maddison, Mick Pearson, Maggie Rampley, Tony Shrimpton, Trevor Stevens, Julia Winter, Mariann Young.



Parish Council Notes

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 2nd March 2016 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Turner, Best, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3rd February 2016 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Public Participation:

Four S137 Grants have been received for financial support from the Parish Council:

1. Parochial Church Council for re-establishing the path from the gate to the entrance of the church, materials and storage facilities for Messy Church and help towards repairing the roof of Barford St Michael Church.
2. Village Hall Management Committee for replacement of the external door and/or ongoing maintenance.
3. The Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations
4. Barford News

A decision will be made at the next Parish Council meeting on the allocation of grant monies.

Damage to the village green by car parking and lorries was raised as an issue. Various methods of protection to the grass were discussed as an alternative to filling the ruts with new topsoil.

Report from District Councillor Williams:

Cherwell District Council is going to decide if financial support will be given to Parish Councils for the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations at the next Executive Committee meeting.

There is a possibility that funding may be available to upgrade the broadband network in Barford St John. Speed tests will be carried out. The parish Clerk is going to co-ordinate this.

Parish Councillor Vacancy: Applications have been invited via the Barford News and the Facebook page but none have been received yet. Applications will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Play Equipment, West Close: A working group is being formed to agree the equipment & design.

Condition of the roads in the Parish: Some repairs have been completed but others are still outstanding. Further chasing will be carried out.

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration: A decision on support for this will be taken at the next meeting.

Christmas Tree Lights: Initial investigations are that a 12 volt supply could power 200 lights. Quotes are being obtained.

Planning:

1. No new applications have been received
2. Application 15/02297/F, The Old Stables, Church Lane, Barford St John, OX15 0PS, Minor alterations to outbuildings was granted on 25th February 2016.
3. Application 15/0336/F, Dove House, Lower Street, Barford St Michael, OX15 ORH, Part demolition of existing accommodation and proposed two storey and single storey extensions was withdrawn on 5th February 2016

Other Parish Matters: The road sign for Mead Road in Barford St John incorrectly states Mead Lane. The Parish Clerk will ask Cherwell District Council to replace it with the correct name for the road.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

200 Club Winners February Draw

£15, No. 17, Christie family

£10, No. 164, Cubby Brett

£5, No. 43, Les Hall

March Draw

£25, No. 146, Streeter Family

£15, No. 183, Mitchell Family

£10, No. 211, Jaimie Archer

£5, No. 10, Mariann Young

Both draws took place at a
Cuppa morning



BritishRedCross

HELP is what the Red Cross does
HELP is what the Red Cross needs

Could you spare some time collecting during Red Cross Week 8th-14th May 2016?

Could you help with a Street collection in Banbury on 14 May 2016? to collect much needed funds to support our work?

I would dearly like to hear from you.

Please contact Susan Heath-Fowler.

Email: susanheathfowler@redcross.org.uk

Text or 'phone: 07977567570

Two 'Not To Be Missed' Barford Celebrations



SING FOR THE QUEEN

Songs of Praise Celebration on 12th June

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday there will be 'Songs of Praise' in Barford St Michael Church at 10:30 on 12th June lasting about an hour.

We plan to have a lot of singing and this is where we would like your help. Do you have a favourite hymn or worship song that you would like to include? It might be one that means a lot to you or you think is very suitable for the occasion. Let me know what you would choose and why you have chosen it by 12th April to elvidgetony@gmail.com or delivered to The Old Post Office, High Street,

B St M. We will do our best to include as many of your suggestions as possible.

Ed Newell has been invited to come and talk to us. Many of us will remember him from his time here as a curate, living in Barford with his wife Susan. Since leaving here Ed has held posts in both Oxford and as Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and since 2013 as Principal of Cumberland Lodge, Windsor. Holding such positions Ed has met the Queen on a number of occasions. Ed also contributes to Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2.

The working title for Ed's talk will be 'From Barford to Windsor Castle'.



BIG BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY

On Sunday June 12th we will be celebrating the Big Birthday by holding a **TEA PARTY** in the Village Hall and Garden. This is to take the place of the annual Big Lunch.

The tea will start at **2.30** and continue all afternoon. With music from **3.0** until **4.0**

Please bring your own tea, sandwiches, biscuits and anything else you may want to eat such as sausage rolls, crisps etc. It is entirely up to you.

TEA and COFFEE will be served free of charge. If you want to bring 'bubbly' or cold drinks then please do. Plates, napkins and glasses will be provided.

If anyone wants to dress up in anything related to the celebration then please do. There is no obligation to do so.

If anyone would like to help decorate the Hall and Garden, please contact one of us.

This has been designed to be a fun get-together for villagers.

Put this date in your diary...we look forward to seeing you there.

Gunilla, Lucy and Jess.





Oxford Ochres & Renaissance Art

**With Paul Sargent of
Oxford Geology Group**

7.30pm

Wednesday 13th April

Visitors (£4) most welcome to join us

Deddington PTA News

Earlier this year we launched an online survey about Deddington PTA to understand parents' opinions about us and what we should be focusing on in our fundraising efforts.



We had a terrific response rate of 96 responses. Thank you to all of you who participated.

It has been extremely informative and the core message coming out from it was that parents would most value our fundraising efforts to focus on supporting school trips and investing in technology. We will keep you informed of where the money is going as we progress through the year. Please continue to keep us informed of your views on how we can best distribute our funds to benefit our children and the school.

Another exciting piece of news is that we are launching our very own website where you will find news on events, tickets, newsletters and much more. You will be able to access it through the school website soon, so keep your eyes open.

The PTA team are all working hard towards the next big fundraising events in the year ahead including Four farms Challenge, School Fete, Harvest Ceilidh and Fireworks. They promise to be great fun and so please keep your eyes open for further communications and we hope to see you there.

We are always on the look out for help to organise and run these big events, so please do contact me or your class representative if you can spare some time and get involved.

As always, I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the committee and the school to thank you all for your continued support.

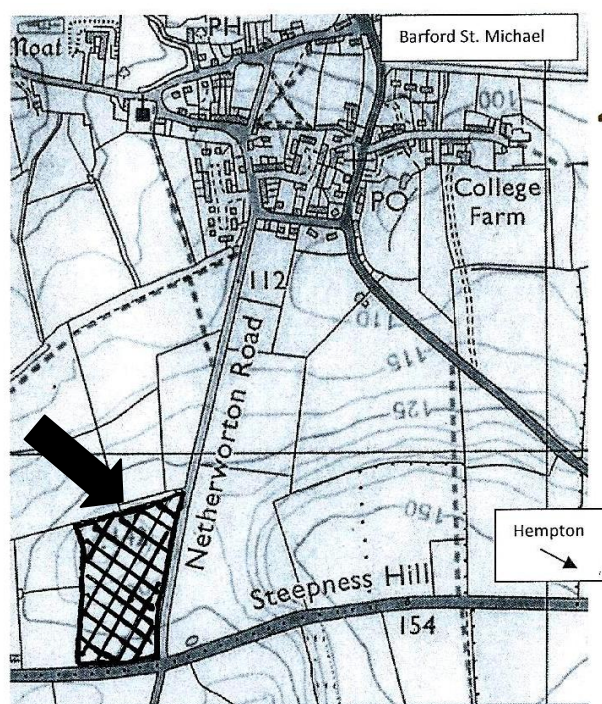
Alex Elvin
Chair, Deddington PTA
deddingtonpta@gmail.com

10.8 acres Arable Land Available For Tender

**Hall and Fernhill Trust
Barford St John and St Michael**
Charity Commission Registration No: 203024

The Hall and Fernhill Trust gives grants to people in the Barfords each year.

The Trust derives much of its income from renting out land that was bequeathed to the Trust in 1892. The land in question is the last field on the right at the top of the Nether Worton Road by the junction with the B4031. The field is 10.8 acres of arable land.



The current tenancy is coming to an end so we are now looking for a new tenant to take over the land from September 2016. We will be inviting tenders for a 5 year Farm Business Tenancy.

The clerk to the Trustees (Carole Coppin) can be contacted on 01869 338 937 for any queries, and any persons considering tendering for the land should send an expression of interest to carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk by 30th April 2016

Tuesday Lunch Club

**Please note that there will not be a
Lunch Club in April.**

**The next lunch will be on 24th May and
a menu will appear in the May Barford
News**

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

The Cubs spent a couple of evenings putting together some bird boxes supplied to us for location in Daedas Wood, they did a very good job, none fell apart & none were screwed to the table! They then painted them al la Lawrence Llewelyn Bowen, but we are assured that the birds will love them.



Harry, Jack, Dylan & Olly took part in the District Scrapheap Challenge held at Banbury Academy, they had to listen to a story & make a model from household recycling. It was a blur of cardboard & tape but everyone had a great time.

As this is the 100 anniversary of Cub Scouting (originally Wolf Cubs) we are looking at significant events in each decade & looking forward to the county camp in June.

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

Models have been made & problems solved culminating in the 'can an egg survive an eight foot drop wrapped only in straws'. No it can't, but it was fun trying.

A diverse group of amateur electronics experts came to run the Electronics Badge with the boys, we had a week of theory then an evening making some kits, thermometers, steady hand & random number generators. Who knows one of them could end up working for NASA or maybe installing your satellite dish!

Plans are well ahead for the upcoming camps in May & June.

pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

Report on working towards a Platinum Award for the Deddington Explorer Scout Unit (ESU).

The Platinum Award is one of the highest Explorer Scout awards. Its aim is to develop community skills as well as to test physical endurance, and developing new practical and academic skills in young people.

Over the last month the Deddington ESU has planned two international evenings to tie in with the charity RE-CYCLE, as part of their Platinum Award.

They have created three fifteen-minute presentations, focusing on one of the countries that RE-CYCLE supports. On the first of the evenings, parents were invited along to listen to the work that the group had produced. At the second evening, which will take place on the 17th March, the group will present their work to the Deputy Head of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This has been a really exciting project for the ESU.

Oli Betteridge Spartans E.S.U.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.

**Watch out for St George & the Dragon
visiting April's Farmers Market.**

THANK YOU!



**To everyone who supported our
Cuppa for KHH morning on Thursday
10th March**

**Especial thanks to our lovely cuppa
morning girls (Tom, Jo and Zalie for
keeping the kettle boiling) and to those
who made cakes and provided prizes.**

You helped us raise a wonderful

£300.00

for hospice funds.

Deddington Tennis Club

Our summer season begins on April 6th with the first club night. Start time 6.00pm. We welcome new members to this friendly club. Many activities planned including Junior and Adult coaching, match play, inter club competitions for all levels. Check details on our website www.deddingtontennis.com.



**Deddington Tennis Club
Windmill Centre
Hempton Road
Deddington OX15 0QH**

**This friendly club is open to all, regardless of
standard.**

**The club offers: club nights, league tennis,
coaching and social events for young and old.**

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

Notes From Our Potting Shed



GARDEN CLUB AGM was on Monday March 14th and 28 members were present.

- Members were welcomed by Gunilla Treen in the Chair.
- Minutes of 2015 were accepted unanimously as an accurate record.
- Gunilla's Chairman's Report summarised the year's activities.
- Steven Bunce presented the Treasurer's Report. The subscription remains at £5, with 44 households having paid. For talks, we will continue to charge £3 for members and £4 for non-members.
- Election of Committee members. With the exception of Tricia Field, everyone was prepared to stand again. Helen Taylor, Stephen Bunce, Linda Newbery and Gunilla Treen were re-elected en bloc: proposed by Chris Murray and seconded by Diana Muirhead. No one else was prepared to join.
- Gunilla outlined plans for the months ahead, including Nosy Gardens on 3rd April and a visit to Steane Park Gardens on 28th May.
- Plant Swap: Sarah Best kindly agreed to host this as usual, on Thursday 19th May at Street Farm, Barford St John.
- Open Gardens: It was agreed that Open Gardens 2015 had not been well attended and that we will not repeat the event this year.

There was no other business. The meeting concluded at 7.59.

John Hiron's talk on seed-sowing: Followed the AGM, John gave us a timely talk and practical demonstration of seed-sowing. Among many useful tips he advised us not to rush to sow while the weather is still cold; our heavy soil doesn't favour early germination. He uses a thin layer of vermiculite to cover seeds and protect them from drying; for tiny seeds he recommends watering from below so that seeds are not washed away. Reminding us that there are as many growing days after midsummer as before, he talked of successive sowing to ensure repeat crops of vegetables and salads.

Dates to Remember

3rd April Nosy Gardens for **members only**. 3.0 pm. Two gardens to view.

Les and Christine Hall at 8 Broad Close and Christopher and Gunilla Murray at Buttermilk Cottage. Contact numbers are 338659 and 01295 720521. Bring suitable footwear!

28th May Visit to Steane Park Gardens, afternoon. For details of this enchanting garden, which is between Farthinghoe and Brackley, see www.steanepark.co.uk. The cost is only £4.50, and we'll be shown round by a gardener before having free time for wandering or refreshments – cream teas will be available. To confirm our group visit we need a minimum of 10 people, so please contact

Linda – L.newbery@btinternet.com – if you'd like to come.

Alys Fowler at Chipping Norton Literary Festival: the popular garden writer and presenter is among the festival speakers. THE THRIFTY GARDENER AND FORAGER, Chipping Norton Town Hall, Sunday 24th April at 1 pm. For tickets and more details visit www.chiplitfest.com

Capability Brown is 300 this year. Exhibitions and walks in one of his landscapes at **Compton Verney**, from March 16th. We could make an informal trip?

TO DO IN APRIL Keep weeds under control; protect fruit blossom from late frosts; tie in climbing and rambling roses; sow hardy annuals and herb seeds; start to feed citrus plants; increase the water given to houseplants; feed hungry shrubs and roses; sow new lawns or repair bare patches; prune fig trees; divide bamboos and waterlilies
, Happy Gardening



'Bye for now'
Spade and Fork



Congratulations

Michael and Isabella

of Church Street on
the birth of

Aria.

31st January, 9lb 5oz

Also to

Ben & Emma Bradley

(nee Williams)

On the safe arrival of

Baby Solomon

Born 24th February, 9lb 3oz

Another grandchild for George &

Sally Williams

We wish both young families long
and happy lives

News Of Forthcoming WI Meetings

Why not come along to one of these interesting WI meetings?

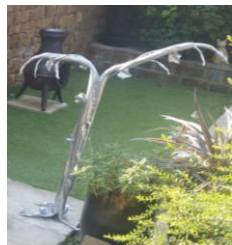
In April we will be welcoming back Paul Sargent of the Oxford Geology Group, who fascinated us with his talk about the dinosaurs of Oxfordshire and lead us around Oxford on a geological tour. This time his talk is entitled 'Oxford Ochres and Renaissance Art'.

In June we have talk about colour analysis by Annie Broe. Then in July we're looking forward to our wonderful local cook, Anne Pearson with a demonstration 'Just Desserts', which promises to be a mouth-watering experience if her monthly lunches are anything to go by.

Visitors (£4) are always very welcome on the second Wednesday of each month in the village hall. Come along at 7.30pm, we would love to see you.

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VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS



EVERY THURSDAY

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10.00 – 11.45

Just £1.00 per person

**pays for your cuppa and as many
refills as you can drink.**

**Coffee, Caffeine free, Tea, Fruit teas
available.**

**Biscuits, Cakes etc., included in the
price**

**Come on Down to the hall and meet up
with friends and neighbours of all ages.
Babies and children welcome!!**



Fund Raising Lunch

Saturday 9th April

Call in

From Noon – 2.30pm



Glynnis Eastwood and Sarah Best

Invite you to join them for lunch

(soup and a pudding)

£5.00 per head

In The Barn,

Street Farm. B.S.J.

USE YOUR TALENTS TO HELP US RAISE MONEY



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THE CHURCH

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SHEPHERDS & BAKEHOUSE



Girlguiding UK

girls in the lead

1st Deddington Guides

Who would have believed we could have learned about water safety in the hall in the middle of winter?.

Under the instruction of our water safety instructor, the guides learned a lot and had great fun demonstrating mock rescues (Water an optional extra) Some very useful tips to bear in mind were learned. These will be very useful when, hopefully better weather and outdoor activities come along in Summer.

Thinking Day, (the birthday of Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting and Olive Baden- Powell, his wife, the first Chief Guide) was celebrated by our learning about international issues, and being aware of our sister guides all over the world.

We enjoyed trying many types of fruit from other countries all around the world.

We've also been busy rehearsing for our annual charity entertainment. By the time you read this, it would have been held, and those who came enjoyed it and to raise the money for our chosen charities.

Maggie Rampley. 01295 810069
Marian Trinder. 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn Banbury



Katharine House News
Sign up today for the 10th
Midnight Walk – Saturday 25 June

Since the first Midnight Walk in 2007, the event has seen over 5,000 entrants who have raised over £700,000 between them. To celebrate Katharine House Hospice's 25th Anniversary year, we are asking people to wear silver and as many sparkles as possible. Everyone taking part will receive a t-shirt to wear on the night, as well as a medal, drink and a bacon roll after the walk. Early bird entry fee this year is £15 for those who sign up before 30 April, and we ask for a **minimum** of £25 sponsorship from each walker (£50 per family). You can sign up now at www.khh.org.uk, or phone 01295 816 484.

Oxford Artweeks: Katharine House Day Hospice Art Exhibition – 23-27 & 30 May 2016

The Katharine House philosophy has always been to take a holistic approach to patient care, which means more providing more than just medical care to patients and bereavement support to families. A large part of this is the use of art and music therapies to provide physical and psychological support to patients. This May, the Hospice has been chosen to take part in the Oxfordshire Artweeks programme, and artwork created by KHH patients will be on display in the Hospice during the week commencing 23rd May. Why not come along to see the wonderful creations – and the stories behind the artwork?

Did You Know?

It costs over £10,000 to run the Hospice every day, only a third of which comes from the Government. The rest – about £2.5 million every year - must be raised through trust income and fundraising efforts. The Hospice is very grateful to everyone in the local community who very generously give donations of their time and money to ensure we can continue to provide care to patients in local villages and towns.

Win £1,000 every week with the Katharine House Hospice Lottery

By joining the KHH lottery you can make a huge difference in your local community, and you'll be in with a chance of winning one of 20 prizes each week, with a top prize of £1,000! For more information call 01295 816484 or email lottery@khh.org.uk.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting



**Sunday 17th April,
at about 7pm.**

In BSM Church immediately after the
Evensong service ,

This is when any questions about the running of
the churches, the financial position and the future
of the churches may be answered.

There is also the opportunity to join the PCC and to
cast your vote in the election of the churchwardens

for the year 2016/17. More details from
churchwarden Cubby Brett . Tel: 01869 338300.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The Barfords PCC



Banking for Victory at Upton House and Gardens

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the WWII victory celebrations across the country.

As part of our 'Banking for Victory' exhibition we are launching a campaign to commemorate these celebrations - to break the Guinness World record for the longest line of knitted bunting!

The current record stands at 3,212.41m (10,539ft 4.58in); so we need to get knitting and we'd love as many people to get involved as possible!

For the pattern and more information please visit our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house <<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house>>

Events coming soon...

1940s Cinema Dumbo,

8 dates between 21 March & 3 April 2pm

Visit during the Easter holidays to see Disney's Dumbo, a 1940s family favourite, screened in our squash court gallery. £2 per seat, normal admission prices apply.

VE Weekend, 7 & 8 May 11am-4pm

Celebrate victory with us and enjoy a weekend of WWII displays, re-enactments, food and even a themed pub! Book in advance for a special tea dance or victory tea.



Skydive

Mick Bullard and Lucy Norman will be jumping out of a plane in aid of The Katharine House Hospice, Parkinson's UK and The Kathmandu Childrens' Home on SATURDAY 9TH APRIL at Hinton Skydiving Centre

can you sponsor us?..

Sponsorship forms are available at The George and at The Old Chapel, High St. or, if it's easier, Lucy can pop around to you.

Mick and Lucy will also be having drinks at The George on the Saturday night (God willing) and would love you to join us. Lucy is trying to organise a raffle for the night so any raffle prize donations would be fantastic!!

Thank you and happy flying!!

Mick & Lucy
(lulu.norman@btinternet.com) | Tel 337678)

Welcome

To new families in The Potteries
Nick and Fay Hingley
With sons Jacob and Tom

~

Simon Williams, Anita Lakawska
And daughter Olivia

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

HOUSE TO LET



Quiet close in Bloxham.

2 double bedrooms.

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Non smoking

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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

It has been a short but busy term. We have enjoyed some better weather, getting out in to the garden to plant summer flowers, and taking walks around the village and to the castle grounds. We made cards and presents for Mother's Day, and the Nursery children invited their Mums to join them for a special Mother's Day breakfast.

Our term will finish on something of a chocolately note! Holiday club runs during the first week of the Easter holidays. Our major fund-raising event this term was the jumble sale on 12th March. Thankyou to everyone who supported us. We raised £700.

Lucy Squires
01869 337484



Deddington Library News

Rhyme time was great fun for the many mums and little ones who attended. However, we urgently need some volunteers to support this; ideally three or four people who could work a one in three/four rota on Monday afternoons so we can run this session weekly. If you are free between 2-30 and 3pm on Monday afternoons (and don't have children attending the Rhyme-time) to help support this session, we'd love to hear from you! Come along to our next session on Monday 18th April and see what we do and how we do it; training will be given!

Due to a successful funding bid by OCC we now have public Wi-Fi installed in the library, so making using your own tablets, iPads etc. in the library possible!

In March we also had new Public Network PC's installed; larger screens and quicker processors make working, home work of hobby research a much improved experience! They are still free to use too!

The library service has also been able to secure a subscription to the 1939 Register from Find My Past. The 1939 register, dubbed 'The Wartime Domesday Book', was a comprehensive census taken on 29th September 1939 and provides an unprecedented insight into of civilian life at the outbreak of WW2. 65,000 enumerators were employed to visit every house in England and Wales to take stock of the civil population.

The information they recorded was used to issue identity cards, plan mass evacuations, establish rationing and co-ordinate other war-time provisions. In the longer term the 1939 Register would go on to play a central role in the establishment on post-war services like the NHS.

The 1939 Register is hugely significant and the only surviving record of the population between 1921 and 1951 as the 1931 census was destroyed during the war and the 1941 census was never taken. Each record includes the names of inhabitants at each address, date of birth, marital status and occupation. So if you're interested in Ancestry and Find My Past, the 1939 Register is for you! Access to all of these and much more is free in the library, no need to be a member (although we'd love you to join of course!), just come along and log-on!

Our Reading Group members been gearing up for their first meeting on Monday 4th April at 6.30; this group is nearly full, please contact me for more details.

Stella O'Neill

Library Manager

01869 338391

Deddington.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk



Opened by J.R.R. Tolkien 1956

Down on the farm

Messing about with blocked drains is not my favourite occupation, but satisfying if all goes well, which on this occasion, it did.

The problem stemmed from my putting pigs into a barn a couple of years ago from which a drain carries roof water across two fields to a ditch. Despite taking care, enough pig slurry managed to get into the drain to cause a blockage so that wet weather saw water backing up and flooding a couple of acres of one of the fields.

A few dry days at the end of February dried out the field enough to get a mini digger in to cut a trench across part of the field to find the offending pipe. It was clogged solid with black sticky stuff the colour of ink and the consistency of porridge.

Rodding it out had little effect and we packed it in for the day and arranged for a drain jetter to arrive next morning.

However, heavy rain overnight, which would have made further work difficult if not impossible, did the trick. To my joy and amazement the rain from the barn roof had produced enough clean water to jet the pipe on its own and it was running clear water at full flow. Job done! I cancelled the costly drain jetter and the field will soon dry out so that I can plant beans across the whole area.

Things drainage-wise rarely go so smoothly!

The sheep are now in lambing quarters and the first new born lambs appeared in early March – so far so good – so I can cultivate the residue of the stubble turnips ready for spring barley. This will benefit from the lavatorial habits of a few hundred sheep that spent most of January and February in the field.

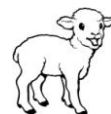
It always amazes me how quickly soggy soils will dry out as spring approaches. The few frosts we had have shattered the furrows enough so that a pass with a cultivator will produce a good tilth for the drill. A hard frost on ploughed land is worth at least one pass with a cultivator saving time, diesel fuel and wear and tear on machinery.

Clarissa farrowed one evening towards the end of February and produced 13 piglets. Two unfortunately died but she still has a sizeable litter. According to my records she has now reared 35 piglets from three litters, so she is a bit of a star performer – our usual litter average of reared piglets is 8.5.

More chickens arrive next month to help us keep up with the demand for eggs. We shall stick to the same hybrid variety which lay well and they will join the flock that is running free in the orchard. I need to put coloured bands on their legs so that I know the different ages.

Hopefully they will not need replacing for two years and I may keep some separately for the third year to see how well they continue to perform. Replacement costs are such that even a drop of 20% in egg laying capability may still pay if it postpones replacement.

Tony Collier, Iron Down Farm



Barford Man (Ed Preece) on 1,100 Mile Bike Ride Raising Funds for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Cycling from 27th March till 4th April

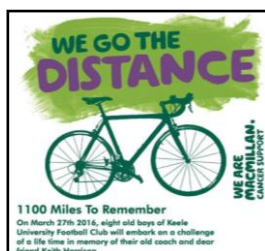
Dear Ed

On 27th March I start a bike ride from Keele, where I went to university, through England and France to Barcelona. I am part of a group of ex students who all played for the university football 1st team under coach and friend Keith Harrison.

Keith unfortunately passed away in August after a long battle against cancer so we are doing the cycle in his memory and to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Details of the ride are below

Ed Preece, Robins Close



A Long Farewell: Keele University football club to cycle to Barcelona in memory of old coach

Eight students from Keele University are set to attempt the challenge of a lifetime by cycling from Keele to Barcelona, covering distance of more than 1100 miles in the process, in memory of their former football coach, Keith Harrison who passed away in August 2015.

The lengthy journey, will see the group embark from Keele University campus, and conclude their endeavour on arrival at the famous 'sagrada familia'. Covering an average of 140-miles per day, the group will be raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support

Coach Keith Harrison, WHO also spent time coaching at Manchester United and the Royal Air Force, died following a two-year battle with ocular melanoma. The most common form of eye cancer. Around 500-600 people are diagnosed with eye melanoma in the UK each year.

Daniel Brundrett, former captain of the University men's football club, said that undertaking such an arduous challenge was a great way of simultaneously paying homage to their former coach, and to raising money for a worthwhile cause.

"Keith's two great passions were sport and fundraising. He had a strong belief in giving back to the wider community and regularly undertook charitable endeavours for a host of different groups and causes

This challenging ride from Keele to Barcelona was one of his last wishes. It not only allows us to pay homage to his memory but also will raise money for a charity which does great work in supporting cancer patients across the UK".

The University is currently in the final stages of constructing a new 4G sports pitch, which will be appropriately name the 'Keith L. Harrison Sports Park'. During the journey, the group will be using the hashtag **#1100milestoremember** to raise awareness of the event and to provide a rolling commentary on its progress.

To make a donation to this worthy fund raiser please go to the web '**just giving page**' :-: <https://www.justgiving.com/1100MilesToRemember/>

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Reminder To All Budding Photographers!



Our parish wide photography competition. will run from now until the end of August and is open to all ages and abilities.

There are no limits to the number of photo's you can submit or the subject matter that you choose, the only rule is that they must be taken in or around the Barford's and be no bigger than 10"x8".

It will cost £1 to enter each photo and the photos will be judged by public vote in an exhibition at the start of September with the final 12 winners going forward to create a calendar which will be sold in aid of the parable of talents fundraising project.

We're looking to create a unique and delightful record of the parish which can be enjoyed by all, so get out and about and get snapping!

To submit photos, please either email entries to paulsurtees@hotmail.co.uk or by submitting electronic or paper copies to;

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Sunday 24th April 2016

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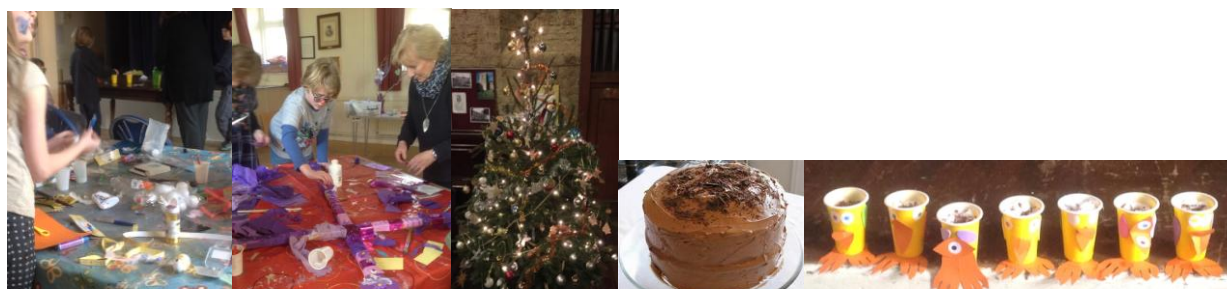
Made fishes to feed the 5000

Made a purple cross for Rev Annie to use in the Easter Service.

Got messy with paint – glitter – glue – face paint

Shared and Ate Cake ..Cake .. and more Cake!!!

Its free to come tooGo on, Give it a go!!





Our bridge and fields in St. John on the morning of Wednesday 9th March. Born and bred Barfordians say that it's the highest level they have seen. At one point the abandoned vehicle was floating!. Luckily the floods went down as quickly as they came up! Thanks to the ditch cleaning done last autumn.

BARFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2016
AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

All residents are invited to come along to the meeting to meet
 our parish councillors and hear what the Parish Council
 has been doing during the past year.

Have a say, ask questions, make suggestions!

After a short break, this meeting will be followed by:-

THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE A.G.M.

The Agenda is:

- Item 1 Report by the Chairman
- Item 2: Report by the Treasurer
- Item 3: Election of the Committee
- Item 4: Open Forum

All Barfordians are urged to attend this meeting. You can have your say in the Open Forum. The committee is keen to hear the views of everyone on the management of the Hall, the facilities provided and the activities available.

The current chairman will no longer serve after the AGM so there is an ideal opportunity for a Barfordian to contribute to the fabric of the Barfords by volunteering to lead a strong and active committee. More members of the Committee are also required which again provides an ideal chance to contribute and serve. Don't miss the opportunity

COME ALONG AND CONTRIBUTE

From The Fire Station

For the first time that I can remember Deddington has been called out on average every day in the past month. They have also been a real mixed bag. The biggest incident was the collapse at Didcot power station, spending many long days organising and implementing the control of people in and out of the risk area. I had seen the structure on the news prior to our first shift but was still amazed at the size of this structure.



It has been reported that other counties have been unusually busy too. One such day was when Deddington was called to standby at Banbury fire station. With a large warehouse fire being attended in Buckinghamshire it left Banbury with just us to cover this area. The announcement came over the speaker "warning station turning out, zero eight papa one proceed to a thatch fire" this not what you want with limited resources. On arrival the thatch was already ablaze and watch manager Chris Fenemore who was the officer in charge quickly knew that trying to save the building was futile. He had already been informed that the nearest fire engine was twenty minutes away. With only one tank of water and the fire hydrant too far away and with the building lost there was only one thing to do! Salvage. George Williamson and Barney Alton were briefed to go into the building and save as many of the owner's belongings as possible. This is a very difficult and arduous task as you have to fight the fire and remove the belongings. The cause of the fire was from a shaving mirror positioned next to a window which reflected the sun causing the fire. I have reported on this many times in the past and it is always at this time of year. The low sun is the cause so this should be considered when positioning anything that can reflect light.

There was also the flooding that stretched our resources to the limit with our crew being sent to rescue a person trapped in a van in Lower Tadmarton. The whole village was under water and needed the inflatable rescue sledge to rescue people.

Deddington has also attended more lorry accidents. One in particular was on the A43 where a lorry had careered into a large roundabout and the driver needed to be cut out and taken to hospital. Another was our own fire engine on the A361 from Chipping Norton to Banbury. Luckily none of the crew were injured. What was really appreciated was all the texts and emails that we received asking if we were OK.

I would like to congratulate Michal Kolinski who has now completed his basic training and has joined the

crew. His first day was the day of the flooding. He proved a valuable asset helping inflate the rescue sled at Lower Tadmarton and he cleared a blocked culvert at another flooding we attended.

The car wash was a huge success raising three hundred and fifty pounds. A big well done to Tom Hall who organised the event and a very big thank you to everyone who had their car washed.

Crew Manager Tim Parker Deddington Fire Station

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NATURE NOTES 147

TOWARDS THE END of last *Nature Notes* we were experiencing heavy showers, cold easterly winds under a heatless sun and, as I closed on the 16th of Feb., we had just been through the coldest night of the year at -6.5°! But let us get to happier things ,

Despite the cold frosts there were several sightings of Barn Owls around the Barfords, Five owls were seen in all, of which there were two pairs, each pair being in separate parts of the parish, plus an individual bird.

Over 100 Lapwings were also reported from around Mar Pool, but unfortunately modern agriculture is almost certain to deny them land use. On the 17th the northern element went out of the wind, but it remained very cold (3.5°) with showers turning to continuous rain later, and on into the small hours. Toward evening, as I drove along Barley Lane, I spotted a female Kestrel, puffed-up and rain soaked, huddled on a low fence, watching for something to eat. I do hope she survives!

After alight frost (-0.5°) on the 18th, the cloud cleared eastward and was followed by sun against a flawless blue sky. There was only a very light SW breeze, but it remained cold. For the next three days, the wind dithered around the south, tending west. After a milder night of 5.5° continuous drizzle and showers dominated the 19th.

A bright sunrise on the 20th quickly clouded over and spots of rain on a much milder day of 9° with a high wind, was followed by a similarly mild night, also of 9°.

The 21st dawned cloudy with a few sunny breaks and a high, mild W wind. From late morning the sky turned overcast, continuing thus into night. The 22nd was dry and overcast, but a temperature of 7.5° belied the wind which had become a bone-chilling breeze. Even so, a Buzzard was visibly messing-about on Hempton Hills. Despite such things, all Nature, even during milder spells generally seemed to be confined under cover. However, an exception was made by at least three little groups of Redpoll feeding at bird tables in both Barfords, in addition to the wind-blasted usual residents. There was also noticeable activity among Greenfinches, which appear to be recovering from the decimation they suffered a few years ago, due to disease.

The 23rd was a day of some sun through cloud, with very local showers, at about 7°. A Green Woodpecker called strongly below Steepness at about 8am, and Bas Butler had a good view of a Barn Owl flying north across the Swere valley toward St. John.

A heavy white frost of -5.5° greeted a flawless sunrise on the 24th. This was followed by a clear day of brilliant sun with a few white puffs of fairweather cloud right into sunset. The breeze had veered to N but remained mild (7°).

Bas Butler noted over 100 Lapwings flying toward S. Newington, *again* over Mar pool. A pair of Buzzards soared over the trees, also at Mar Pool, and another pair soared over Bloxham road near the airfield main gate. I saw a female Kestrel settle at the S end of Barley Lane (was this the bedraggled specimen of the 17th?) and a male hovered at the top of Steepness. Later, a night of clear moonlight produced a frost of -1.5° by midnight. Through the morning of the 25th this was reflected by the intense cold of the light NW breeze, which skinned a day of heatless sun through drifting cloud.

The next two days were similar with light overnight frosts (0°) and a NE breeze, bringing sunny breaks on days of 6° to 7°.

I spotted a Buzzard at the entrance to Rignell Park on the 26th and another gliding along the Swere valley at 7.45 am on the 28th. I watched it for at least half a mile in which it made not a single wing flap! On the 27th I had watched a familiar (but not universally loved) figure – a Heron flying toward the Manor across Barford Bridge.

On the 29th – Leap Day – (or Leap Year Day as we used to say) started with a white frost of -2.5°. The day was windless with soft sunlight through the sky haze, but becoming overcast by mid-afternoon. A Warm Front was now approaching from the west. Rooks and Jackdaws were soon excitedly active around their nest sites, and the hedgerows and gardens were quite busy with small birds. From high look-outs, Kestrels and Buzzards were watching for opportunities of food.

And so the new month arrived – rather gently for March!

On a mild (7°) SW breeze, it was raining. By mid-morning patches of sun broke through and continued thus until sunset. The 2nd was a contrasting day of raging, blustery gales with much rain between cloud – (that's more March-like!).

Periods of pleasant sun between cloud characterised the 3rd. I watched two Herons late in the afternoon, croaking and flying into Barford House lake at St. Michael.

Overnight the temperature dropped to 0° as a large Low Pressure area started to draw down bitter winds from the north. Strong sun belied a max. temperature of 5° on the 4th, yet still a green Woodpecker called below Steepness. Showers

A dry night at -2° followed, the 12th dawning on a white frost. Heavy fog developed at sunrise, another windless day of sun (9°) building from late morning onward, after the fog had lifted.

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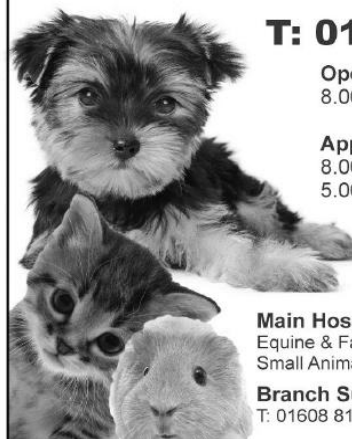


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Thursday - Heyfordian No.90

Revised service times

Dep. B St M 10.10am - Dep. Banbury 13.15pm

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Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall. 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm.
There is a ten minute space for public participation.

CDC website: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk – Parish Council minutes at www.cherwell-local.com