

# **BARFORD NEWS**

**MARCH 2016**

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## **Barford Village Market Saturday 19 March**

**10am to 12noon in the Village Hall.**

Offering a good range of local producers selling  
meat, eggs, savouries, cakes, bread, honey,  
dairy produce, preserves, greetings cards,  
Fairtrade items.

. Also hand knitted woollies and  
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Plus Angus & Lucy's memorable

Bacon butties / bacon & egg butties / breakfast  
butties!

Tea and coffee served all morning. Come along  
and have a cuppa with friends and support  
YOUR local market

All profits for Village Hall funds

## **Village Clean Up Morning**

**Saturday 5th March  
10.00 am at Village Hall**

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This is part of the national



**CLEAN FOR  
THE QUEEN**

weekend. So please mark the date  
in your diary and join us for this  
special litter-pick around the  
village.

We supply bags, pickers etc., please bring  
your own old gloves.

W.I. will be serving refreshments for all  
volunteers at 11.15am



## **Mothering Sunday Service**

**10.30, 6th March**

**Will be a Benefice Service**

**Held in Deddington Parish Church**

**All Welcome**

**There will be no service in either of the Barford churches**



## Parish Council Notes

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Turner, Hanmer, Best, County Cllr Fatemian, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### Report from County Councillor Fatemian:

The poor quality of the road patching on Lower Street has been reported to Highways.

Due to a change in the funding formula, the expected savings required to the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) budget are 69m. Savings recommendations will be debated by Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> February. These include a proposal to raise council tax by 3.99%. There have been misleading reports in the media that OCC will sell property, cut back staffing and draw on reserves to meet its financial challenges but OCC has already made savings in these areas. Up to 50 MPs are understood to have signed a letter demanding changes to the Government's proposed settlement with local government which also asks for more money to be given to shire councils.

The number of apprentices taken on in 2014/15 academic year rose by 2.4% in Oxfordshire compared to a fall in the South East of 2.5%. This is believed to have boosted the thriving Oxfordshire economy.

A partial review of the Cherwell Local Plan (Part1) regarding Oxford's unmet housing need has started. The consultation period ends on 11<sup>th</sup> March. See Cherwell website for details. The West Oxfordshire plan has been put on hold to identify more sites.

### Report from District Councillor Williams:

The continued slow broadband speed in Barford St John has been reported to Cherwell District Council and BT are investigating.

CDC is debating whether to contribute to the parishes who wish to run an event to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy:** A notice will be placed in Barford News and the notice boards inviting interested parties to apply for the current vacancy. If more than one application is received the applicants will be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain why they believe they are the most suitable candidate and the Parish Council will then elect a candidate.

### Condition of Lower Street and other highways:

Two letters have been received complaining at the poor condition of road in the parish. Complaints have been logged on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com). County Cllr Fatemian will arrange for an inspection to be carried out.

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration:** The Parish Council agreed to support the party being organised to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Other Parish Matters:** Requests have been received from the Barford News and Church for grants. Formal applications will be reviewed next month. It is anticipated that an application will also be received for a Remembrance Day Wreath.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## Vacancy for Parish Councillor

The Parish Council can now exercise its powers and co-opt a new Parish Councillor to fill the current vacancy. The co-opted Councillor will stay in office until the next Parish Council elections in May 2018.

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday in the month. There is no meeting in August.

Anyone interested is invited to submit a CV saying why they consider that they would make a good Councillor. Applications should be sent to the Chairman or Parish Clerk by 26 March 2016.

Applicants will be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting and present their case to the council. If only one person applies they will be invited to the Parish Council meeting on 6 April. If two or more applications are received the applicants will be invited to the meeting on 4 May. A vote will then be taken to choose the successful applicant.

The successful candidate must be present at the meeting in order to be co-opted.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and presentations and any vote will also be in public.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Rodney Hobbs, Chairman 01869 338078



**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 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:susanheathfowler@redcross.org.uk)

Text or 'phone: 07977567570

## Deddlington Library News



Opened by J.R.R. Tolkien 1956

The 'Love Your Library' day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February was very well attended and enjoyed by many. The tea and coffee flowed thanks to our lovely volunteers and the Friends of Deddlington Library launched the fabulous 'Peachy Raffle!' The prize being a meal for four in any Peach Pub up to £160.00, very generously donated by Peach Pubs!

Our very distinguished readers entertained us with excerpts from Markus Zusak's 'The Book Thief', Boris Johnson's 'Friends Voters and Countrymen' and Roald Dahl's 'Going Solo' amongst others; The Lorax was adroitly read especially for the children and we finished with three short poetry readings which rounded up the morning beautifully.

We are starting a Monday afternoon Rhyme-time session for babies and toddlers from 2.30 to 3pm. We urgently need a volunteer to help run these sessions. If you're interested, please contact me at the library. The only criteria are that (for health & safety reasons) you must not have a child in the group. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact me at the library.

We will commence the Monday evening Reading Group on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 in the library. All those interested please do come along and help us get your Reading Group up and running. **All** welcome! Contact me for more details.

The Wednesday morning reading group will not be pursued at this time due to lack of demand, the offer is still there of course, but without more initial interest/uptake it's not viable at this time, so if you want this one to start too, please get in touch!

We had a very good response to our request for help with the Home Library Service, thank you to those who got in touch. It's now hoped that we can expand the service to Hempton, Clifton and the Barfords so if you are housebound please do get in touch and see what we can offer you in terms of delivering books, audio books etc. Likewise, if you are temporarily housebound while recovering from an operation or 'laid up' for a length of time for whatever reason, we can extend the service to you too! Please get in touch with me at the library for details.

Stella O'Neill  
Library Manager  
01869 338391

Deddlington.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year the APCM will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, immediately after the Evensong service at BSM, at about 5pm in BSM Church.

We hope to see a good turnout for this meeting as it's important that the PCC are given some indication as to whether the way your churches are run is the best for the villages, and that any questions about the running of the churches, the financial position and the future of the churches may be answered.

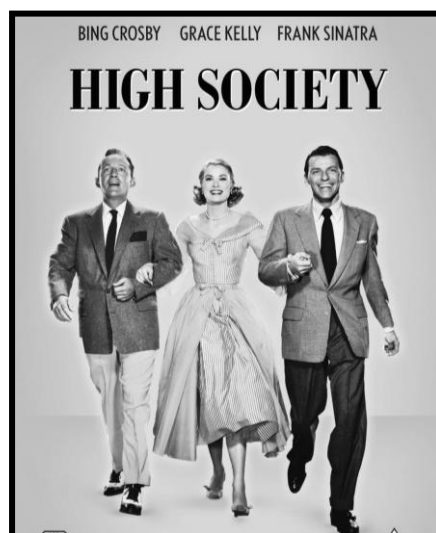
There is also the opportunity to join the PCC and to cast your vote in the election of the churchwardens for the year 2016/17. And if anyone is interested in being put forward as a nominee for churchwarden please let Cubby know so that she can give you the form to fill in. Tel: 01869 338300.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The Barfords PCC

## BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

Our last film of 2015/16 Season will be on  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>**



### A ROMANTIC, COMEDY, MUSICAL made in 1956.

Wonderful music and some of the stars are Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Louis Armstrong and his Band.

C.K. Dexter-Haven, a successful popular jazz musician, lives in a mansion near his ex-wife's Tracy Lord's family estate. She is on the verge of marrying a man blander and safer than Dex, who tries to win Tracy's heart again. Mike Connor, an undercover tabloid reporter, also falls for Tracy while covering the nuptials for Spy magazine. Tracy must choose between the three men as she discovers that "safe" can mean "deadly dull" when it comes to husbands and life.

An old film but with a great heart and a wonderful way to end our season.

**DOORS OPEN 7.15 and films start at 7.45**



Sainsbury's  
**Active Kids**  
Eat well • Move well • Live well

### **Sainsbury's shoppers – Active Kids Vouchers**

A very special request from the Deddington Nursery team to all of those who shop or who know someone that shops at Sainsbury's, if they would be so kind as to please collect the Active Kids vouchers on their behalf. Last year the village donated in the region of 800-1000 vouchers which enabled them to purchase some wonderful toys and games for the children. A huge thanks for this wonderful support.

So let's see how we can do this year! Many thanks to you all.

Veronique Semple

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

### **Members' Annual Meeting & Bring and Share Supper**

**7.30pm**

**Wednesday 9th March**

Please come along to enjoy shared food  
and make your choice of our next  
president

### **A CUPPA FOR KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE**



**£2.00 for a Cuppa  
Donations for Cakes etc.**

**10.00 - Noon  
Thursday 10th March**  
in aid of

**Katharine House Hospice**  
**Please join us In the Village Hall for**  
**Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and Cake**  
**To help to raise funds for KHH**  
**and support local patients**  
**and their families**

**Also Fund-raising Raffle**  
**So please bring extra cash**



### **1st Deddington Guides.**

It has been great to welcome so many new girls to the unit, from villages far and wide

We are continuing this term with our themed patrol activities. Each patrol has been working very well together on planning and organising activities.

They had a lot of fun making "Arm Pit" fudge. It proved a great success. We put all the ingredients into a medium poly bag, and literally "squeezed and churned" it under their armpit. This made something very messy and runny, but sweet and tasty. It had made a nice fudge sauce on ice cream or pancakes.

In order to see us through the dark, wet and windy nights, we turned our attention to camping and hiking. We began some early preparations. First we had a go at preparing our bedding rolls and trying out our sleeping bags and trying out our outdoor wear.

We cooked sausages on mini barbecues and mini pineapple upside down puddings on some home made stoves on a very chilly evening.

Lastly we continued to practise for our campfire evening, when we plan to entertain you, all to raise money for charity

Maggie Rampley. 01295 810069  
Marion Trinder. 01869340806  
Catherine Blackburn Banbury



### Tribute to Adrian Greeves

Since Adrian's death, tributes to his life have been pouring in, in the form of letters and cards, phone calls, flowers and offers of help. These all in their different ways express the effect he had on those his life touched, their sorrow at his passing, and their gratitude for having known him – either for a lifetime, or a brief moment. He touched and inspired countless people throughout his long life.



He taught English, but he had also learnt Latin, Classical Greek and French. At the age of 17, he won an Exhibition to Cambridge, to read Medieval History, before switching to English in his final year. At The Dragon School, Kingswood School and Cambridge, he was taught by clever and humane people who helped shape a highly intelligent, liberal and free-thinking mind. He loved the English language in all its richness; the language of the King James Bible, of Shakespeare, Donne and Herbert. He used that language with astonishing facility. In the words of one of his admirers, he remained "a wordsmith to the end".

How then, can we, his family, sum up in a few words a life so long, rich and fulfilled? A mind so deep, subtle and complex, a heart so loving, wide, wise and generous? We have weighed up words and phrases in the way he taught us to, attempted to express feelings with precision, and to give words their full value. It was impossible. Nothing that we wished to say seemed adequate.

All we can do is describe, however haltingly, something of what we feel about a beloved husband, father, brother and brother-in-law, uncle and friend. It is the briefest of glimpses.

Adrian loved beauty in all its forms. He was fortunate enough to spend his whole life in beautiful places. Oxford, Bath, Aix-en-Provence, Cambridge, and the village of Barford. He was moved and inspired by their architecture, and the landscape in which they were set. One Christmas Day remained fixed in his memory. He and his gifted, gentle mother, with whom he had a deep affinity, ventured out into the snow - and stepped into a lost past. The King's Speech was on the wireless, there was no traffic, no sounds other than that of bells and birdsong. No other people. For that brief, never-to-be-returned-to moment, they walked the streets of medieval Oxford.

He brought gravitas to the part of Henry the Fourth (Part Two) in a school play, but no gravitas whatsoever to the role of a lamb in his kindergarten days, when he tickled the shepherdesses' legs.

He had the gift of friendship, and his friends ranged from distinguished academics to tiny, wordless children.

He had a highly sophisticated mind, and he relished intellectual argument, subtle thought, and complex ideas. But he valued simplicity: to him, it was the essence of things.

He had wise judgement, but he was endlessly forgiving. He was extremely tolerant, but not of

cruelty, sneering or disdain, particularly when directed at anyone vulnerable.

He was tall – indeed gave an impression of being taller than he really was. One small boy once said of him, "He's so tall, when I look up all I can see are the soles of his feet!" He had great physical presence, but he had a rare ability to make himself invisible when other people needed to take centre stage, or where his presence might be a disruption.

He looked at the career ladders he might have climbed so easily – he had all the skills and contacts – and decided to climb *down* them, if it meant more time to spend on family life.

He wrote brilliant, perceptive articles, stories, poems, but these were to entertain and inspire people, not to make money, or a name for himself. He had all the scholarly gifts – he studied Philosophy, the History of Art, literature – but he took more pleasure in his students' successes than in his own.

He saw clearly that his place was not to sit on committees, but to be available in his study – not just to teach, but to listen endlessly to problems, help where he could, and if necessary, speak up in defence of others, even if it came at a personal cost. Uncommonly, he was equipped to teach a huge range and variety of people, from adults to very young children. Each learnt from his well-stocked mind, and benefited from his patience and kindness. Above all, he knew that he was learning from each of them and that they, in turn, had enriched him.

He had a long, loping stride: going for a walk with him was a pleasure. He could manoeuvre a punt through the waters of his beloved river Cherwell with masterly skill, indeed artistry – beautiful to watch, and thrilling to experience.

The graceful stride eventually slowed to a shuffling gait, the strong hands lost their dexterity, the lucid mind became clouded, and sometimes distressed. The smiling, responsive face he had always turned towards others gradually assumed the stern mask-like features of Lewy Body Disease. The beloved voice faltered and almost entirely ceased.

What can we say about these last years, and the sadness and difficulty of them? We can say that Adrian never once actually complained, even in distress, that he bore his losses bravely, and that his frailty in many ways only deepened his humanity. The loving community in which he was so lucky to live – reached out to meet and help him in his weakness and need, to comfort and sustain us all. Movingly, so too did many strangers who briefly crossed his path on this last stage of his life's journey. They stopped to talk to him – and admire his hat.

We can say, too, that love never failed, and it never will.

### 1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs



The Cubs successfully constructed Morse Code keys using a simple electrical circuit made mainly from a bulb, a battery & a paperclip, they then used them to send simple messages as part of a game. Following the theme of 'The Dark' we played glow in the dark skittles, worked out how a cat's eyes reflect light & decided on the best colours to wear in order to be seen at night. Armed with this information, we went out for a (very muddy) hike. The bubble bottles made with water, oil, a glow stick & alka seltzer were a lot of fun!  
[jochurchyard@hotmail.com](mailto:jochurchyard@hotmail.com)

### Scouts

Scouts also started the term with a topic based on the dark, they were challenged to write a short story using a limited number of 'spooky' words & played quarter ball with a glow in the dark ball. As part of their skills challenge, they have been circuit training & learning a number of useful life skills. Parents should now be aware they have learned to mop, iron & clean toilets & are keen to practise at home! Problem solving & model building are ongoing.  
[pete.churchyard@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.churchyard@btinternet.com)

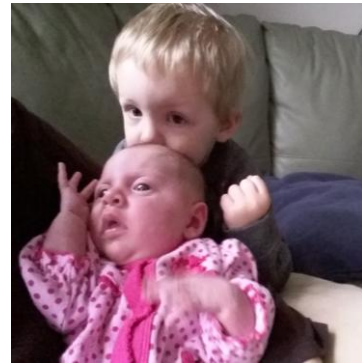
### Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

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 done a variety of activities mostly aimed at promoting a charity called RE-CYCLE. The charity sends second hand and fully repaired bikes to African countries in need, so that people can use them for agricultural, market and transport purposes with the object of helping to strengthen their economies. This is what we have done over the past month to help the charity: Bloxham Primary School sent us bikes that needed fixing. We repaired flat tires, broken chains and a twisted wheel. We went Geo Cashing with a view to learning how to Orienteer and work effectively as a team. Over one meeting we devised two seminars for the Scouts on the countries, like Kenya and Ghana, who will benefit from the RE-CYCLE scheme. Scouts isn't all hard work! Two weeks ago we went Ten Pin Bowling for fun and relaxation. Oli Betteridge S.E.U.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.

### Congratulations to David & Christina Cox

On the birth of  
**Arabella Patricia Sharon**  
12 jan 2016, weighing 5lb12oz  
A baby sister for Sebastian



We wish little Arabella a long and happy life

### PTA News

We enjoyed a great quiz night at the Legion at the end of January. We had a full house (over 60 people) competing for the prestigious prize of a bottle of bubbly, all in aid of the PTA and PFSU. We raised £422, which will be divided equally between the two charities. Thank you to our quizmasters Julia Jackson and Sally Barber, to Cat Onions for stepping in with a quick fire round of heads and tails and to the rest of the organising team!



Last term the PTA was delighted to contribute to the travel costs for Year 3's trip to the Space Centre and we will also be contributing to Yr 3 and 4 Viking workshop.

We would like to thank everyone who completed the PTA survey, which will enable us to prioritise donating our funds towards the school causes that you feel are most important.

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  
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## Deddington Library 2.30 – 3pm

On Mondays 21st March, 18th April

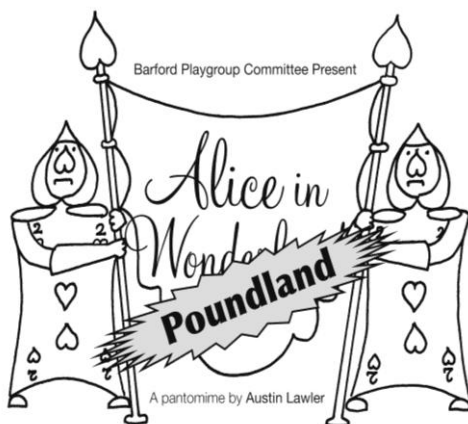
16th May and 13th June

### Rhyme time sessions,

Free, Interactive sessions for under 5's and families

Rhymes, singing and playing instruments.

**We're delighted to announce  
the screening of  
Alice in Poundland - The Film.**



Please join the Director, cast, crew and the production team for the screen premier of the 2015 Barford pantomime on

**5th March 2016,  
7.00 for 7.30pm at the George Inn.**

#### Dress Code:

**This will be a red carpet event so please dress accordingly (Black Tie, Smart Frocks, Sparkly Tops).**

The screening will be followed by some programme signing and a bit of a do;  
We hope you can join us

## EASTER EGGS WANTED



**For Our Grand  
EASTER EGG RAFFLE  
Raising funds to support our work  
with children at Deddington  
Primary School**



**Mick & Anne Pearson  
Mariann Young**

Donations for the raffle by 15th March  
please to Mariann at Stonehaven, Lower  
Street. 01869 338570



**Sunday 13th March  
3 – 5pm  
BSM Village Hall**

**PAINT  
&  
GLITTER!**

**FUN**

**FOOD**

**CREATIVITY**

**A time for both Adults and  
Children  
To have fun !!**

## BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED

We plan to have another members only event this year in early April. The second of a few 'private' Nosey Gardens visits. There are now 2 gardens to visit. Anyone else who might offer to open their garden to 'nosey members' please contact Linda on [L.newbery@btinternet.com](mailto:L.newbery@btinternet.com)



**GARDEN CLUB AGM** will be on Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your money and collect your membership cards.

**A REMINDER** ....We are visiting Steane Park Garden in Northamptonshire this year. The date for our visit has changed. The date for this visit is Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. More details will follow.

**ACTIVITIES in MARCH**....At this time of year, it is great to imagine one's garden in the summer, with all the colour and sunlight. There is a wonderful exhibition at the Royal Academy in London if you want a day out. It is entitled "Painting the Modern Garden, Monet to Matisse" Monet was a great gardener and a great painter, remember his many paintings of Waterlilies. This exhibition follows the design of gardens from 1870's until after the First World War. There are many lovely gardening books and catalogues also on view and the colours will brighten your day. Monet created his garden at Giverny, near Paris, and instructions to his gardener say "Around 300 pots Poppies-60 Sweet Peas - around 60 pots white Agremony - 30 yellow Agremony - Blue sage - Blue water lilies in beds - Dahlias - Iris Kaempferi" This was written in September 1900. The exhibition is on until April 20<sup>th</sup>, timed entry is recommended. Some people may already be planting some seeds but for the rest of us and for anyone else, John Hiron will be giving a talk on SEED SOWING after our short AGM on Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>. I understand from John that it will be a great 'Question and Answer' session.

Probably, like us you are getting seed catalogues and emails from all the companies...Unwins, Suttons, Marshalls and Thomson and Morgan! Sometime I must have ordered something from them and they are now trying to entice me with plenty of offers. I must however mention here an Italian company called FRANCHI. They have wonderful, more unusual seeds, not just for the Italian climate! Seven generations of this family have been seedsmen. You can find their catalogue online and if you want to grow vegetables other than runner beans and the usual carrots then this is the company for you. It will liven up your gardening. These seeds are also sold at Applegarth in Chipping Norton, where we can use our Garden Club cards and get 10% off!

Now we come to DRUGS.....now is also a great time to take hardwood cuttings. If you are keen to increase your chances an easy home remedy follows.... One teaspoon cinnamon in 1 litre of warm water. Drop in ½ a 300mg soluble aspirin, stir well and cool. Soak seeds and cuttings in this solution for an hour or two potentially giving you higher germination rates. You could also water newly sown seeds with this mixture. (courtesy of James Wong) I wonder if John Hiron does this?

So as you can see there is no time to 'stand and stare'...just get on with it if you can! We hope you will soon be able to tread on your lawns and soil without being covered in mud!!!



'Bye for now'  
Spade and Fork



### Welcome

To new residents

**Ian & Linda Powditch**

Just moved to their new home  
in Hempton Road

Also to

**Emily Gale & Sam Lloyd**

Newly arrived in St. John

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

### Deddington PFSU & Village Nursery



This term the PFSU children have had great fun finding out about animals. We entertained a number of pet visitors including dogs and cats, guinea pigs, a hen and even a duck! Thank you to everyone who brought their pets in to meet us. We also wrote to the vet inviting her to visit us and were delighted when Juliet from Hook Norton Vets came in to tell us all about her job and to answer our many questions. Thank you Juliet.

During the last week of term we celebrated Chinese New Year, making lanterns and money envelopes, doing lion dances and listening to Chinese music, and enjoying a visit to the May Fu II restaurant to see their New Year decorations and to sample some Chinese food. Thank you to the May Fu II for welcoming us once again - we all really enjoyed our Chinese lunch.

Lucy Squires  
337484



**Hospice captures the imagination and harnesses support of local community.**

Katharine House Hospice marked its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last Thursday evening (4<sup>th</sup> February) with an event for local businesses who have supported Katharine House Hospice over the last quarter of a century.

Speaking at the event, former Banbury MP and current Katharine House patron Sir Tony Baldry highlighted the increasing number of people living terminal illnesses for a much longer period of time, and praised the Hospice for developing its services to support the physical and psychological challenges faced by patients and families as a result. Thanks to this evolution of services, today the Hospice cares for over 250 people at any one time, both in the Hospice building and in the local community.

Sir Tony spoke of the close relationship between the Hospice and the area it serves, saying 'over the last 25 years, Katharine House has caught the imagination of the local community and has harnessed the support of that community'.

He also thanked founder and Chairman of 25 years, Neil Gadsby, acknowledging him as the inspiration for All-Party Hospice Support Group in Westminster. Sir Tony said; 'It wouldn't have been there as a parliamentary group if it wasn't for Neil and Katharine House Hospice'.

As well as an acknowledgement of the Hospice's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the evening was an opportunity to reaffirm the philosophy of Katharine House, and look to the charity's quarter of a century and beyond. Bernadette Ross, Director of Nursing at the Hospice, outlined the desire to offer more support to patients in *the home environment*;

The event concluded with new Chairman Richard Greaves thanking outgoing Chairman (now Founder President) Neil Gadsby for his service, and echoed the desire for Katharine House to expand its services, reiterating the financial requirements of such a move;

'It costs us well over £3 million a year to provide our services, and we get only a third of that from the government. It has always been our philosophy that we do not charge patients or their families for the services that we provide, and that means that we have to raise over £2 million each year to keep going'.

Thanks to the continued support of the businesses in attendance, and many more organisations and individuals throughout the local community, the Hospice is confident it will be able to meet that financial need. Bernadette Ross thanked those in attendance on behalf of KHH;



**Katharine House Hospice Oxford Artweeks: KHH 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Why not come along to see the wonderful creations – and the stories behind the artwork?

**Festival of Open Gardens**

We're celebrating the Hospice's 25th anniversary by organising our biggest Festival of Open Gardens to date. If you're proud of your garden, why not open it as part of this Silver Anniversary? Or get together with a group of friends from your street and all open on the same day? We will support you throughout and will feature every garden in our 2016 Festival of Open Gardens booklet. Please contact Sarah Brennan on 01295 816484 or email [sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk](mailto:sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk) to open your garden and raise valuable funds for Hospice care. Closing date to register gardens - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**Katharine House Hospice on Social Media**

You can follow us on your favourite social media channels to keep up to date with news from KHH.. Join the conversation – we'd love to hear from you! Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/katharinehouse/> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/khhosp>

**Katharine House Hospice Stall Sale: Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – 11am – 2pm**

Pat and Dot are having their annual Katharine House Hospice stall sale at The Institute in Adderbury. Browse for a bargain at this wonderful annual event, bric-a-brac, donated items, books, cakes and toys.



**Dogs in the Churchyard**

We have had a number of complaints about dog mess around some of the graves.

We welcome everyone walking their dogs through the churchyard, but if your dog gets 'caught short' can you clear up after them please? There is a very convenient dog bin on the corner of Church Street & Lower Street.

Many thanks  
Tony Elvidge, Church Warden

## TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Menu

#### Main Course

##### Honey Baked Gammon

with a Parsley & Dijon Sauce

Served with New Potatoes, Curly Kale & Carrots

Or

##### Beef or Vegetable Lasagne

Served with Garlic Bread & a Mixed Leaf Salad

#### Desserts

##### Pear & Ginger Upside down Pudding

with Custard

Or

##### Lemon & Lime Meringue Roulade

**Price £5.00**

To book and notify us of your choices please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074 and let us know by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## Happy Anniversary

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Congratulations and Thanks  
To our marvellous Cuppa Girls, Jo, Tomasin and Zalie, who have been hosting the increasingly popular Thursday Cuppa mornings for Six Years!



### A Year of Victory at Upton House and Gardens!

Last year we launched our 'Banking For Victory' exhibition, showing visitors what happened during WWII when the family owned bank and the staff moved to Upton House to live and work for the duration of the war. This year, in the final year of the exhibition, we will be telling the story of the end of the war and celebrating victory! There will be new displays in the house and lots of brilliant events in the summer celebrating VE day.

We would love the local community to get involved again this year by helping us to knit for our exciting new 'make do and mend' project which will be announced

### Mother's Day Beauty Studio 6 March

Experience a 1940s hair and beauty demonstration from an expert! £8 per ticket, booking essential.

### 1940s Cinema: Dumbo 21 March - 3 April

Film was often used to lift the spirits of the nation during WWII, enjoy this family favourite screened in our Squash Court Gallery. £2 per seat, booking advisable.

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### **Parable of Talents support**

The original plan for sharing the money raised by the Parable of Talents project was to give equal shares to the church, the Nepalese Orphanage and Barford News. However with the great success of the envelope appeal and the generous donation from the pantomime Barford News agreed that their portion of the money could be given to the Shepherd and Bakehouse Trust which gives grants to students going on to further education.

### **50:50 eBay selling**

Do you have anything that you always wanted to get rid of but never got round to selling on eBay? Let me help you!

If you give me the item, I'll put it on eBay for you and then give you back half of the proceeds, the other half going to the Parable of Talents. What could be easier!

Contact Tony Elvidge  
01869 338214  
elvidgetony@gmail.com

### **Calling All Budding Photographers!**

As part of the parable of talents fund raising project we're organising a parish wide photography competition.

The 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;

Barford Photography Competition,  
3 Church Street,  
Barford St Michael

Please include your name and address along with your £1 per photo entry fee.

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## From The Fire Station

It has been a very busy month for us at the fire station. There was a van fire on farm land just outside Duns Tew. The fire had fully engulfed the van which concerned me because as I looked into the flames I could see metal pipe inside. This made us think that there could be gas cylinders involved. I briefed the BA (Breathing Apparatus) crew to stand back and try to put water on it from a distance. Although they did this it was a very windy day so it was difficult to get the water on the van. As they edged forward to try to position themselves



to manage the water onto the van there was a small explosion in the rear of the van which

confirmed our worries. They retreated quite rapidly I might add to a safe distance. This was arson which always raises our concerns at these type of incidents because in our experience the type of people that would do this sort of thing have little regard for people or property. I would like to credit the BA crew George Williamson and Barney Alton for their bravery at this incident. They take incidents like this in their stride and for me, being the officer in charge, I know that I can charge them with any task and they will do it without question. They are in their early twenty's and when I hear people say the kids of today aren't the same as they used to be I feel that these people do not know the same young people that I am proud to work with.

Another fire this month was in Banbury. This resulted in one man being rescued from his home and could have easily cost him his life. The man is a hoarder, which is always a very large hazard for fire crews as the fire can quickly develop and spread to neighbouring properties. Smoke alarms are an essential piece of equipment that every home should have and should be tested on a weekly basis. They enable people to be able to get out of their properties and get us there before the fire can get out of control. This incident could have been a lot worse if fire crews hadn't arrived as quick as they did.

The crew have been on the M40 to road traffic crashes three times this month. Two of these were serious incidents. One of them, someone sadly lost their life and the other a man in a Mitsubishi truck had to be cut out when he lost control of his vehicle. It was a straight forward operation for us as it was what we call a roof off extrication and is the one crash incident we mostly train for.

The training has been full on as well. The brigade has invested in new radio coms for the BA teams which means that they can communicate with the support team's outside more effectively. Everyone at Deddington has now had their yearly BA refresher and have all passed with flying colours. This is a first for us as it is a very difficult thing to achieve because the criteria at training school is very stringent so a huge well done to all



## Deddington is holding a charity car wash on 5<sup>th</sup> of March at the station between 10.00am and 1:00pm

to help raise money for the fire fighter's charity and we ask for your support in

this event. Without your support for fund raisers like this, the charity would not survive. All the proceeds help fire fighter's and their families who have either lost their lives or been injured helping to make our lives safer.

**Tim Parker**  
**Crew Manager, Deddington Fire Station**

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## TAGS AND BAGS SCHEME A MUST FOR DOG OWNERS

Dog owners are being urged to support Cherwell District Council's Tag and Bag initiative to avoid the risk of disappearing dogs or pricey penalties.

It is a legal requirement for all dogs to wear an identity tag when out in public and for owners to - clear up after their pets - both of which are punishable by separate fines.

Neil Greenway, Cherwell's senior dog warden, said: *"The Government sets the rules on dog responsibility but we are responsible for enforcing it. As part of our proactive approach to reducing the risk of getting fined we are encouraging people to register their dog with us."*

*"We will send them a free identity tag to put on their dog's collar and also some free bags. Once they run out of bags, they can then top up for free at any of our collection points."*

*"It is a common misconception that if a dog has a microchip it doesn't need a tag, but this is wrong - every dog must wear one so they can be returned quickly and without the need to be scanned."*

For the past two years Cherwell has received a Gold RSPCA Community Animal Welfare Footprint Award for its stray dog service and in 2013 won the RSPCA Innovator Award for its dog tag scheme.

Register for a free dog tag by visiting:  
[www.tiny.cc/dogregistration](http://www.tiny.cc/dogregistration).



### Down on the farm

The brighter weather saw most of the ploughing work completed during February and the occasional frosts should see the soil break down nicely to make a good seedbed. The plan is to crop the area with spring beans, spring barley (hopefully for malting) and linseed.

If the wheat market looks like recovering for 2017 we will put the fields growing linseed and beans into winter wheat this autumn and, depending on available contracts, linseed after the spring barley.

The benefit of beans is that, being a legume, they leave some soil Nitrogen behind for a following crop while linseed takes little in terms of soil nutrients and therefore effectively 'rests' the ground to the benefit of whatever follows. The problem with linseed is that it has a variable yield and a late harvest so it is fingers crossed for both profitability and decent late summer weather.



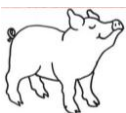
The last of the fattening lambs plus the breeding ewes are munching their way through the stubble turnips and that ground will need to be ploughed fairly quickly after they have finished for spring barley. The ewes will then come in to the lambing shed for March/April lambing.

The pig enterprise is going well and the fattening pigs that were afflicted with a mild arthritic problem in the winter months are now fully recovered. Also Clarissa is due to farrow again shortly and already looks as if she may produce a sizeable litter. We shall see. There is also a new gilt (first year female) due to give birth at much the same time.

After a slight downturn in production the hens are back to laying well, and the egg trade has steadily built up to the extent that we shall buy some more hens this spring to satisfy the demand. Unfortunately they have begun to take their 'free range' existence rather too literally and I shall have to clip their wings again to stop them flying into the garden where their enthusiasm for gardening betrays any knowledge of the subject.



The recent frosts, while welcome in many ways, have caused problems with the pig drinkers which freeze up too readily. It means carrying countless buckets of water twice a day which doesn't do the hernia a lot of good.



Also the tiny rubber washers in the drinker nozzles tend to curl up when frosted so that a thaw sees plenty of leaks to repair. This involves unscrewing the nozzle and separating the spring, barrel and plunger to replace the washer; a fiddly enough job with numbed fingers while being jostled by an inquisitive crowd of thirsty pigs! I now find that turning the water off after I have fed the pigs in the afternoon enables them to drain the system which prevents the worst of the frost damage.

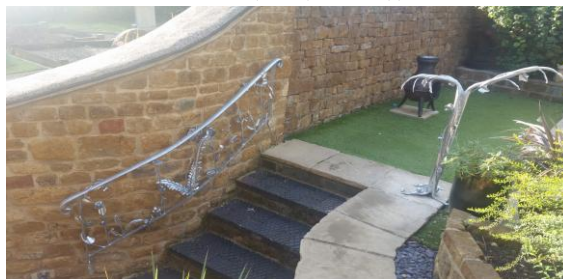
Anyway spring is almost here and the longer, warmer (hopefully) days will soon banish such problems and enable us to get on with more productive work.

Tony Collier  
Irondown Farm

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### **Crime News:**

On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 a burglary occurred to a property in Robins Close, Barford St Michael. This burglary occurred overnight and a car was stolen from the driveway of the address. That same night another vehicle in the street was broken into and a handbag stolen. Local CID are leading the investigation and they are currently working on a number of investigative enquiries to try to identify those responsible. If you believe you have any information that may assist us in bringing those responsible to justice then please contact Thames Valley Police on 101 or the Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team on

[BanburyruralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyruralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or alternatively via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Between Saturday evening the 24<sup>th</sup> January and Sunday morning the 25<sup>th</sup> January we had a spate of vehicles damaged in a number of our villages. These vehicles were all damaged in the same manner and we believe by the same individual/s. Vehicles were damaged in South Newington, North Newington, Barford St Michael and Hook Norton. These incidents are being investigated by the Rural Neighbourhood Team, if you have any information in relation to these incidents please contact the Local Neighbourhood Team on 101 or via our email [BanburyruralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyruralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

### **Parking:**

On the Neighbourhood Team we receive lots of complaints about parking issues and the team always strive to resolve these issues.

One particular parking issue that repeats itself on a daily basis in most of our Rural Villages is that of inconsiderate and illegal parking around the schools in our area.

Children and adults are being put at risk due to the lack of consideration when parking and dropping off pupils at the beginning and end of the school day.

The zig-zag lines are put in place to keep the area around the school clear of traffic. This gives the children a clear view of the traffic and means children can be seen by other motorists. Parking on these lines is an offence for which you can receive a fine.

Parking within 10 metres of a junction is an offence under the Road Traffic Act an offence for which you can also receive a fine. This follows the same principles as above, if you park within that distance or on a corner you obstruct the views of the children and other motorists trying to move around the area.

We all have a responsibility to keep the children safe and request that any persons dropping off or collecting children from their school take more time to consider where they park and to park responsibly and considerately.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Please consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch. Neighbourhood Watch is all about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to cut crime.

How does Neighbourhood Watch work?

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are community initiatives owned and run by their members. They work by developing close liaison between neighbourhood households and the local police. It is an active partnership.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime.
- Help and reassure those who live in the area.
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.

For more information on how these schemes work, in your local area, contact Watch Administrator Deb Hextall at Banbury Police Station, [deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

### **Thames Valley Alert**

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### **Crime Reduction**

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**Thank you**



To the public spirited person who cleared the mud and leaves from the steps up into West Close. Also to the gentleman who cleared away the mud and put a paving stone in front of the Dog Bin at church corner. Both 'good deeds' greatly appreciated!

### **Easter Experience.**

Children from Deddington Primary School will be creating a visual and tactile display to reflect upon the events and meaning of Easter, which you can experience during Holy Week at Deddington Church.

**Please come in on March  
23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> for a preview.**



## NATURE NOTES 146

**A**FTER THAT SNOW FALL of 8mm, a sunny day succeeded the dawn on the 15th of January. The 16th dawned likewise but with a hard frost of -2.5° and no snow; also a sunny day, but its temperature never rose above 2°. This near windless weather was caused by the arrival of a High Pressure system from the SW.

Another, but lighter, fall of snow greeted the 17th, as the dry cold of the HP pushed the moist Low Pressure eastward, freezing its water vapour. It produced another day of only 2°, but this was brightened by the sight of a flock of about 70 Lapwings flying SW over Steepness.

On a wildlife note, it appeared that Rabbit numbers were recovering a little after the recent bout of myxomatosis.

Then in another direction, on still, cold nights, I never fail to be fascinated by the tiny, grey moths flying so slowly and feebly along the hedgerows of our country lanes. At this time of year they are Winter Moths, and what we see are all males! The females have only minute vestiges of wings and are therefore flightless. They will probably mate and lay their eggs on the same bunch of twigs where they themselves hatched – all little miracles in the hard frost. Occasionally, larger, more robust pale moths dash overhead on slightly more mild nights. These could be the Pale Brindled Beauty, or perhaps a pale variety of the Mottled Umber, or even an early specimen of the Oak Beauty or the Engrailed.

But, returning to the weather; the ridge of HP was now holding the areas of LP at bay to the west and producing very low temperatures:– -5° on the 18th and 20th, dropping to -6° on the 19th. Day temperatures hovered around 2° whether cloudy or cloudless.

Kestrels were evident around our lanes, and the regular treat of seeing the 'Bloxham Buzzard' in his habitual bush just Barford-side of Bloxham brought pleasure to quite a few people!

This regime of very cold weather with highly visible birds of prey continued until the 22nd, when a large area of LP arrived from the Atlantic, bringing a grey, chilly, wet morning on a SW breeze. A weather hiccup occurred as the front passed over, giving a flawless afternoon and sunset. A brilliantly moonlit night was enlivened by the courtship calls of a male and female Tawny Owl, as they slowly approached each other along the hedgerow trees below Steepness.

Mild overnight rain brought a mild, grey day at 13.5° on the 24th, and 7° at night. From the 25th to the 29th a stiff SW wind prevailed. The weather was mild (10° to 12° by day) and often stormy with gusty winds. During this period almost all wildlife appeared to be keeping its head down. Apart from garden birds, I saw nothing other than Rabbits and a few Kestrels and the occasional Buzzard – and – I noticed the 'Bloxham Buzzard' was no longer on station! I mentioned it to others and they agreed – I

do hope he has moved because the green arable growth he was watching is now so dense as to hide prey, rather than to some more sinister cause!

On the 30th, our own Mariann arrived at my door, regrettably with a dead male Bullfinch. I'm certain it was from a last year's brood as its colours were not fully developed. We found an injury to a joint and sinews in the left wing, concluding that it must have been attacked, got free and then died of cold and starvation. Oh dear!

A cold night of only 2.5° struggled into a cold, grey morning of drizzle on the 31st. Windless, milky sunshine appeared about 11am. A gusty W wind developed bringing overcast and drizzle. but a temperature of 12° was achieved. The skies cleared after sunset, as a generally mild, erratic January gave way to February, on a night that did not drop below 8°.

And so 'Welcome February'. Will it be 'Filldyke'? I wondered. The month started mild, with glimpses of sun through gale force gusts of SW wind at 11°, on the 1st. It became showery overnight with a grey dawn which, hopefully, will safeguard us from the threat of Candlemas – the 2nd of February.

If Candlemas Day dawns bright and clear,  
We will get two winters in one year!

Early in the morning, Buz Murrey saw a small Barn Owl hunting near the B4031 crossroads below Steepness, which was nice confirmation of its continued presence. After 10am the cloud broke to give much sun through fairweather cloud.

The 3rd and 4th continued with very changeable weather in all aspects, but generally quite mild (9° day, 6° night). Bas Butler watched a Brimstone butterfly fluttering around Murreys Lane. Several people were commenting that, here and there, a few hedgerow Blackthorn bushes were beginning to break into flower.

The 5th was similar, but by evening the rising wind was blowing drizzle that turned into overnight rain.

The 6th dawned on a roaring SW wind with rain, which continued all day and into the night. It didn't, however, stop a Green Woodpecker calling from Fernhill around mid-day. The wind eased at sunset, the temperature dropped in the night to 2°.

A cold SW wind and bright sunshine on the 7th revealed all local streams and rivers flooding heavily, including the R. Swere, deep across the road and through the fields above and below Barford bridge. Small flocks of Fieldfares, with a few Redwings, gathered on drier land between the floods, and Carrion Crows, Jackdaws and Black-headed Gulls scavenged along the water's edges. The afternoon stood at 4.5° when showers began again, leading into a wild night of gales and rain. This was the *ninth* Atlantic storm to strike the U.K. since the start of the year!



The 8th dawned grey on a galeforce sou'wester. This gradually eased, but remained high with showers and glimpses of sun. Through the next three days the weather remained very changeable, but with lighter winds that wandered to and fro in the west.

Now the weather was becoming colder and the 11th dawned on a deep white frost at 3.5° below zero, followed by day-long heatless sun. The 12th arose on a less harsh frost and, during a milder day, the wind backed to SE. After the frost had lifted, the first countryside birds I had seen for nearly a week, emerged from their shelters; a Green Woodpecker called below Steepness; Kestrels hovered around several favoured spots; Blackbirds and Tits flickered along hedgerows. What a relief! Even Moles were pushing up mounds – amazing, considering the frosts.

With the wind now backing to due east on the 13th, the breeze was cold and carrying prolonged drizzly showers. These became heavier in the afternoon and the temperatures were dropping – 2.5° (day) with a cold night at -1°. The 14th dawned on a white frost, an orange sunrise and high level, streaky ice clouds. The sun, again heatless, persisted all day and the wind now stood at NE. The night dropped to -2°. The 15th produced a flawless sunrise on a white frost. As the day progressed the NE wind brought in moderate cloud and a temperature of 4.5°. A forlorn Kestrel hovered beside the road at Hempton, watching for heaven-knows-what scraps of prey. The night approached and, as I finish these notes on the 16th, I read that the temperature dropped to -6.5°! My coldest reading so far this year!

Thank you to everyone for their observations.

*Ron Knight*

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Sat. 19 March, Drop In 11:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 16:00

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## Canal Adventures

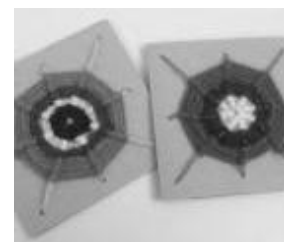
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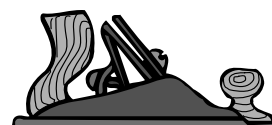
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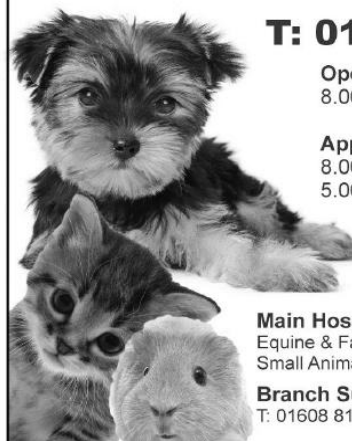


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20th 4.00 Evening Prayer BSM

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**Regular weekly/monthly events**

**Mondays** Mobile library (alt. weeks)  
Brownies (Deddington)  
Boys Brigade band practice

**Tuesdays** Guides (Deddington)  
Pool night (George)  
Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar

**Wednesdays** Fernhill Club  
Pub quiz night (George)  
1<sup>st</sup> week parish council (not August)  
2<sup>nd</sup> week W.I. meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> week – Deddington History Soc.  
Boys Brigade (Deddington)

**Thursdays** Aunt Sally (George)  
Open cuppa mornings  
Cubs (Deddington)  
Scouts (Deddington)

**Fridays** Rainbows  
Whist alternate weeks

**Saturdays** Village Market 3<sup>rd</sup> week (not Jan or Aug)

**3rd Wednesday** Village Hall Management Committee

**Diary dates**

**March**

2nd Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm VH  
5th Village Clean Up morning 10.00, VH  
5th Alice In Poundland, The Film, The George  
6th Mothering Sunday service 10.30  
9th W.I. Annual Meeting and Supper, 7.30pm VH  
10th Katharine House Coffee Morning 10.00 VH  
13th Messy Church, 3-5pm VH  
14th Garden Club AGM, VH  
15th Tuesday Lunch Club, VH  
19th Village Market, VH  
19th Picture House, High Society, 7.15pm VH

**April**

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