

BARFORD NEWS

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Christmas Carol Service with a
Brass Band!

Sunday 18th December
4:00pm

Barford St Michael Church



Stay for mince pies
&



mulled wine!



*Merry Christmas To All
From The News Team
Mariann, Caroline and Lucy*

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 2nd November in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Eden, Turner, Styles, Hanmer, 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 5th October 2016 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

District Councillor's Report from Cllr Bryn Williams:

Cherwell Local Plan – The CDC Executive on 7th November is set to endorse the publication of an 'Options' Consultation Paper in respect of the Partial Review of Local Plan Part 1 to address Oxford's unmet housing need. This is to identify possible locations for development within CDC, six have been put forward in Deddington, one in Hempton and one in South Newington, none within the parish of Barford. CDC have been asked to accept an additional 4,400 dwellings in addition to the already agreed 22,840 within the adopted Local Plan. The locations put forward are as follows:

- Land to the north of Clifton Road, Deddington, 3.32 ha. (8.2 acres), Promoter: J. A. Calcutt
- Land to the west of Banbury Road, Deddington, 7.37 ha. (18.2 acres), Promoter: J. A. Calcutt
- Oxford Road/Chapman's Lane, Deddington, 3.33 ha. (8.2 acres), Promoter: C. Middleditch
- Land east of A4260 Banbury Road, near Fire Station, Deddington, 2.06 ha. (5.1 acres), Promoter: S. Fuller
- Land north of Earls Lane (portion of 'Gas House'), Deddington, 3.13 ha. (7.7 acres), Promoter: S. Fuller
- Western end of Pond Field, north of Earls Lane, Deddington, 2.12 ha. (5.2 acres), Promoter: S. Fuller
- Land west of Hempton, 2.24 ha. (5.5 acres), Promoter: Hunter Page Planning (Prudential Group)
- Land east of Sands Lane, South Newington, 2.31 ha. (5.7 acres), Promoter: Fisher German

The Local Plan Part 2 Options paper is now scheduled for the Council's Executive meeting on January 9th 2017. This is where the number of houses per parish is discussed ahead of approval by full council.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - The Draft Charging Schedule and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning. Document (SPD) are also

to be discussed at the November 7th Executive meeting, the proposed CIL levies within our area are:

- Less than 500 units: £230 per Sq M
- 500+ units: £70 per Sq M.

Parish Matters:

Clearing River Swere – Richard Dale from the Environment Agency has confirmed that we can carry out vegetation maintenance as before without consent however, if excavators are used to de-silt or re-profile the banks then consent would be required

Speeding in the villages – District Cllr Fatemian is progressing the hiring of the "black boxes" to monitor the speed of traffic in the Barfords.

Allotments - The Clerk contacted the three tenants who have not cultivated their allotments this year. One wishes to continue and two are going to give up their allotments. All three have advised that they will clear their allotments. This information was passed to Jeff Elliott who is going to contact the two people on the waiting list for allotments.

Our Bus Bartons - The Clerk has spoken to Richard Brown, Chairman of Our Bus Bartons who advised that:

- the timetable will be amended in the new year and it may be possible to incorporate Barford routes
- The bus is available for private hire at very reasonable rates in the evening at weekends
- They would like someone in the Barfords to be a contact point and would like volunteer drivers
- A survey of people in the Barfords would determine demand

Planning

Applications 16/01650/F & 16/01652/LB, George Inn – Applications withdrawn.

Application 16/00223/TCA, Barford House – Application for tree felling granted in part & Tree Preservation Order issued

Application 16/0182/LB, The Old Stables – Awaiting decision from CDC

Application 16/000258/TCA, Dove House – Application to fell trees returned to CDC without objection.

Application 160934/LB, George Inn – Returned to CDC stating actively support this application.

Finance

The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £839 (detailed in Annex 1). This was approved unanimously.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th November** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

BARFORD NEWS UPDATE.....After over 18 years and more than 210 editions of Barford News, Mariann is hanging up her editorial pen and, the bad news is folks, I'll be taking up the challenge of being the new Editor.

Mariann will be a very hard act to follow but I (pre-inauguration) promise that I will retain the charm and value of the Barford News that St John & St Michael enjoy (on the subject of The Barfords I am kicking around some ideas about building a wall at the bottom of the High Street – please see January's edition). I've been 'in-training' for a few months and will hopefully be taking over in January 2017, with Mariann still very much by my side. Lucy Norman

Please see my contact details on the back page.



URGENT NOTICE

British Telecommunications PLC (BT) has advised Cherwell District Council that it intends to remove the public phone box at Summer Ley, Barford St. Michael, OX15 0RG as there has only been one call made from the box in the last 12 months.

BT informs us that a notice to this effect has been displayed on the phone box since 03/10/16.

Objections to the removal would need to be backed up with robust evidence that the phone box is still necessary. If you wish to object to the removal please advise David Best, Clerk to the Parish Council of Barford St John and St Michael, before Friday 2nd December 2016 by email to davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com.



NEW YEARS DAY WALK

Each year we get more people for this outing. We will have get a bigger pan for the soup.

As usual, we will meet outside the village hall at 10am and aim to be back at around noon for soup and crusty bread at the village hall.

The soup will be (surprise surprise) "Game Soup" with tomato for the non-adventurous.

Donations of £5 are invited to cover the cost of the hall and the food.

Any profits will go towards the Kathmandu Kids Home.

(soup may contain lead shot!)

LSD

Welcome

To
**Jono, George and Jessica
Mullard**

Who recently moved into their
new home in Summer Ley.....we wish
them all a happy time here in our lovely
village



**DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS
MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW**

**A Place Called Winter by
Patrick Gale** tells the story of
Harry Cane, an Edwardian gentleman, who
finds himself in the newly colonised Canadian
prairies leading a completely different life to
the one he leaves behind in England.

The author wrote this book after finding family
papers relating to his mysterious Great
Grandfather. Gale used what he found as a
loose base for the novel. He obviously finds
affection for this unknown relative as Harry,
who at the beginning of the book is a slightly
frustrating character, emerges as a respected
and likeable man.

After a slow and slightly disturbing start, the
book draws the reader in. The story is multi-
layered with good characters. They are all
key to the story and include Edwardian ladies
and gentleman with too much time and
money on their hands; to displaced native
Indians struggling to survive as their
homelands are taken from them. The mix of
historical fiction, great love and drama
enables the reader to learn, weep and page
turn as Harry takes you along on his journey.
The group thoroughly enjoyed this book and
scored it 9 out of 10. It is highly
recommended.

Deddington Library | 01869 338391

200 PLUS CLUB



RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR VILLAGE HALL

Tickets for 2017 will be on sale shortly

**£6 covers your annual subscription
and enters you in 12 monthly draws offering
guaranteed prizes of £5, £10, £15 every month**

£25 once each quarter

£50 twice a year

Christmas bonus of £100

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**So please – have a go and help raise funds to
maintain YOUR village hall**

For 50p a month you can really make a difference

Existing members will be contacted soon

**New members - to reserve a ticket (or two!)
please contact**

Les on 338659 or Mariann on 338570

**VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS
EVERY THURSDAY**



IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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!!**

50p off your
bacon butty.....only redeemable at
December's market and if you
utter the **PASSWORD....**
“your butties are well lush”



Carols Round the Village

Join us on

Monday 19th December,

meet at junction

of Robins Close at 6.30

Raising funds for local charities

24th December
Christmas Eve
Barford St Michael Church



2.00pm
Crib Service

11.30pm
Midnight
Mass



Sunday 4th December
Barford St Michael Church



4.00pm Christingle Service

Deddington Primary School

It seems we are singing our way towards Christmas. During November our wonderful choir represented the school at 'Children Singing for Children' at St. Mary's Church in Banbury. Lots of local schools take part annually and as usual we sang and performed beautifully. Everyone was very proud of their performance, especially Mrs Rumsby and Mrs Welch, who organised all the rehearsals and accompanied the children.



All the children are now well into rehearsals for our Christmas productions; F1 are going to give us a very 'Noisy Nativity'. KS1 have a super performance called 'Lights, Camel, Action' that they are working hard on and KS2 will get us in the Christmas mood with a wonderful carol service. All the productions will take place in church (dates and times are available on our school website.)

The choir will make their annual visit to Featherton House to entertain the residents with festive carols before we finish for the holidays and everyone is welcome to attend the Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 14th December in church at 2.15pm when the whole school will be singing.

Christmas is an important time to think of others so we have been collecting gift 'shoe boxes' for 'Operation Christmas Child'. We are so grateful to all the people who volunteer and help our school. They give us their time and work hard to enrich the lives of all the children. So we are holding a tea party to say a huge thank you at this special time of year. We were really surprised how many people were on the invitation list! Finally we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Anne Hunsley
338430



**'Future dates for Messy Church
to be rescheduled, therefore for
the moment no messy
church in December'**

**Contact – Sophie Holmes
01869 338184**

SPECIAL VISIT TO HEMPTON CHURCH We are very excited that Father Christmas and his Elves will be making a special trip to our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 3rd December, 11am in Hempton Church. He has his very own festive Grotto so do bring along all those Barford children to meet him and join in the fun.



There's lots of new activities including making reindeer food and bauble decorating. We have a fantastic raffle with a first prize of £300 for a garden spruce up. Also cakes, tombola and the ever popular bric-a-brac. Delicious home-made soup and bacon rolls. Our human fruit machine game is back by popular demand, so too is the chance to win £50 on 'Select a Diary Date!' Lovely Katharine House Christmas cards on sale.

All funds raised benefit our Old School Room and Church, the only public building in Hempton. Please come and support us. **You will be assured of a warm welcome!**

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

Christmas is coming and the month ahead promises to be full of Christmas decorations, performances and parties. At the PFSU we will be holding two 'decorations' afternoons on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December from 1.30 to 3.00pm, when parents and carers are welcome to join us to make our classroom look amazing. We present our Christmas production, Noisy Nativity, with the F1 class on Monday 12th December at 2pm at Deddington Church. The Nursery interactive Christmas celebration, 'Journey to Bethlehem' will take place on Wednesday 14th December from 10am to 12.00. The PFSU Christmas party will be held on the morning of Thursday 15th December, and the Nursery Christmas party on Friday 16th December, at 11.30am. Our major fund-raising event this month is the Christmas Fayre in Deddington Church on Tuesday 6th December. From 7.30 to 9.30pm the beautiful building will be brimming with festivity, filled with the smell of mulled wine and the sounds of carols. Stallholders will be selling unique and special Christmas gifts and there will be the opportunity to relax over a drink and a mince pie with friends. Everyone is very welcome. Thank you to Deddington Farmer's Market for their generous donations to both the Nursery and PFSU. Happy Christmas everyone.



Lucy Squires | 337484

**BARFORD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET
SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER
10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

(a week early to avoid a clash with Deddington market)



Andy Gill and his fantastic pots

Joan with her beautifully gift wrapped chocolates, perfect for Christmas

**Paddocks Farm, with their lovely selection of sausages, burgers,
bacon etc.**

**Plus a good range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes,
bread, honey, dairy produce, preserves, greetings cards and
wrapping paper**

Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items

**Not forgetting the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower
hearts**

+ Angus & Lucy's bacon butties/bacon & egg butties/breakfast butties

(don't forget your voucher!!)

Tea and coffee served all morning in the kitchen

come and join us for a complimentary mulled wine & mince pie

FROM THE FIRE STATION....Deddington has attended thirty incidents in the past month. There was a call to a thatch cottage in Chilson near Charlbury. This incident started as a chimney fire but quickly escalated when embers got into the thatch. Unfortunately, the property was completely lost to the fire, but being a row of terraces our main concern was to keep the fire contained to just the one property. Crews quickly gained access to the roof at either end of the cottage and started the arduous task of cutting through the thatch to form a fire break between the properties. Another main concern was a one thousand litre oil tank that was unusually situated inside the property in an internal garage. With the fire raging above, a team was committed to keep a covering water jet on the tank to try and stop the fire breaking through. Thankfully the properties each side were saved and the oil tank was kept cool and was never involved in the fire. At its height, there were over thirty firefighters tackling the blaze and crews were there for several days. I know that I mention chimney fires every month, but when you see the devastation of a beautiful 16th century property, which could have been so easily avoided by something as simple as getting your chimney swept! Next time you procrastinate about getting your flue cleaned, just think about the owners of that property who lost all their possessions and will not be back in their home for well over a year.

Other incidents that the Deddington crew have attended were road traffic collisions on the M40, a car fire and most recently, a fire that had started in an extractor fan. Extractor fans can be very flammable especially in a kitchen. The electric motor can get clogged up with grease and dust and can easily catch fire. Deddington was first in attendance at a fire in Banbury where somebody had put a firework through a letterbox. Luckily the fire was extinguished before it could take hold and the police are investigating.

Training this month has been focused on breathing apparatus procedure. Every year the whole crew have to do a training day at Morton in the Marsh where they practise new techniques and refresh on existing ones. We have just received some metal fencing for the drill yard, which means that we can now have cars delivered to the station to practise our car cutting skills.

Fire Fighter Nikki Istead will be doing her driving this month, which will mean she can drive the fire engine.

However, she will have to wait for another six months before she can do her emergency response driving and drive on blue lights. Watch Manager Chris Fenemore is doing his emergency response driving refresher this week. This is a one day refresher and is undertaken every three years. Good luck to both of them.

We saw another fantastic turn out for Remembrance Sunday. Apologies to the Vicar for the interruption to her sermon, when our pagers activated and some of the crew had to disappear from the Church. It is the first time that I can remember the crew has had to leave the church on Remembrance Sunday. The incident was a road traffic collision on the M40.

A sad farewell to Topper Davis who died earlier this month. He was a Fire Fighter at Deddington many years ago. It was a lovely service and it is always sad when we lose one of our own.

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



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

Our Christmas film will be on December 17th...not to be missed!!

It's a Wonderful Life.....Released in 1946 this is a Fantasy/Drama film lasting 2h 15m.

After George Bailey (James Stewart) wishes he had never been born, an angel (Henry Travers) is sent to earth to make George's wish come true. George starts to realize how many lives he has changed and impacted, and how they would be different if he was never there.

I've always thought that the reason It's A Wonderful Life has had such enduring popularity is that more than in any other film it shows what can be the value of a single individual and the contribution to the greater good they can make.'

Doors open 7.15, film starts at 7.45.

Bring your own chairs if you wish and any drink other than tea or coffee which is provided free of charge. Mulled wine will also be served.

**Contact for Picture House is Gunilla on 01295
720521
Tickets £4**

Join us for a Social Evening
With Mulled Wine,
Mince Pies
and entertainment
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On Wednesday, 14th December
Visitors (£4) welcome
In the Village Hall
At 7.30pm



**ADDERBURY COMMUNITY FOOD MARKET -
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL !**

Thursday 15th December
6pm - 8pm at the Institute,
The Green, Adderbury

www.market.adderbury.org
www.facebook.com/adderburyfoodmarket

Come along for a great Christmas selection of
locally sourced food, drinks, and a sumptuous
supper to eat in or take away

**BRING THIS LOGO TO THE
DECEMBER MARKET - AND CLAIM
£1 OFF A BOTTLE OF FOX
DENTON'S AWARD-WINNING
GINS**
(while stocks last)



**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED
DECEMBER 2016**

Our talk, **DESIGNING A GARDEN:** talk by
Caroline Tait, took place on Monday 14th November,
7.30 pm at the Village Hall and approx 12 people
attended.

In her 20-year career in horticulture, Caroline has
worked as a florist, as nursery manager at Coton
Manor, and as a designer, winning a silver-gilt medal
at Hampton Court Flower Show. She is a popular
speaker and regularly runs workshops on garden
design. This illustrated talk showed a range of ideas
for projects large and small, and Caroline was happy
to answer our questions. We saw many examples of
her work, gardens 'before and after' and both large
and small spaces made into gardens. It was very
informative and left us with ideas for developing our
own spaces, choosing focal points and incorporating
our feelings and preferences for colour and pattern.



TO DO IN DECEMBER. As it has been
very mild there are still a lot of leaves on
the trees. Continue to [clear up fallen leaves](#)
[- especially from lawns, ponds and beds;](#)
raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging;
can still just about plant tulip bulbs for a spring display
next year; [Check your winter protection structures are](#)
[still securely in place;](#) Check that greenhouse heaters
are working; [Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds](#)
[from freezing;](#) [Prune open-grown apples and pears](#)
[\(but not those trained against walls\);](#) Prune acers,
birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding;
[Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and](#)
[remaining root crops;](#) [Deciduous trees and shrubs can](#)
[still be planted and transplanted;](#) [Take hardwood](#)
[cuttings;](#) [Keep mice away from stored produce;](#)
[Reduce watering of houseplants;](#) Plant shallots and
garlic in mild areas with well-drained soil; Thin out
congested spurs of restricted fruit trees; Tie in new
tiers of espaliers; Prune apples, pears, quinces and
medlars; Prune autumn raspberries; Prune red and
white currants and gooseberries. Think about next
year.....what you might like to change or plants you
might want to get rid of!
If you need a special garden tool...ask Father
Christmas.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY GARDENING



'Bye for now'
Spade and Fork



Deddington Library News

December is upon us! Perhaps time to reflect a little on just a couple of the highlights of our incredibly busy year and say a huge 'Thank You' for your continued support!



Deddington Bookworms started in April and have gone from strength to strength; a lively bunch of happy bookworms, enjoying meeting and reading every month.

We also now support 5 other local reading groups, although they don't meet in the library as The Bookworms, we do support their reading materials on a very regular basis.

Regular Rhyme-times for Under 5's and families started this year too! This is particularly exciting for me as I've tried 2 or 3 times before over the last 10 years to get a group going regularly without success....so I'm very pleased to say, that with a huge amount of volunteer support, we now have weekly Rhyme-times, every Monday at 2.30!

This year we've recruited, processed & trained 8 Home Library Service volunteers, with 2 more currently being processed. This is fabulous news for the housebound in our community and surrounding villages as we can ensure they still receive books and audios regularly since the demise of the Mobile Library service. It's also fabulous news for the library as we are credited with all the extra issues! In Bruce's day, 'points made prizes'; in library speak, issues make for keeping the library viable! The more books we lend, the more valuable we are!

We have an amazing team of Community Volunteers who turn up week in, week out and help support me running the library. They do an incredibly valuable job! I really do value each of you – without you, my job would be all the more difficult!

The Friends committee work very hard to fundraise and support our community library, and indeed, are incredibly supportive of me, and perhaps, more than a little indulgent! I'm incredibly grateful to you all, thank you!

Thanks also to all who have supported the Friends fundraising over the last year, without their vital work and your continued support our fabulous community resource that is Deddington Library, would be much the poorer.

So, it seems I've Managed the library for 10 years on January 8th... well, hasn't that just flown by! I've loved every minute!

Thanks to all in our fabulous community who visit the library and make my job so very enjoyable! ...and if you don't visit the library, why not pop in and see what we have to offer?

An opportune moment to remind you that apart from obviously lending books; Deddington Library has DVD's and Audio books for hire. Our stock is regularly refreshed with some of the latest titles. Anything we don't have we can order from any other library in the County for a small fee! We also have free WiFi & free computer use, free access to Ancestry online, Find my Past and wealth of other

research websites! I look forward to welcoming you into the library soon!

On behalf of myself and the library's fabulous group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers, we wish you all very Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year!

Stella O'Neill



SHEPHERDS & BAKEHOUSE CHARITY

We were delighted to receive a substantial sum from the **Parable of Talents** project. This has been a wonderful effort by many of our villagers who have devised such interesting and varied ways to raise money from the modest 'seed money' each person was allocated. THANK YOU!

We have also been fortunate to receive donations directly from villagers. Several people are kind enough to donate every year, others as and when they can, and we also have payments by standing order. The donations received have enabled us to increase the amounts awarded to young people this year and we hope that this will help them as they study towards their future careers.

We will, of course, need more donations next year if we are to continue offering this higher amount. We often spend a great deal at Christmas, and by January all we have to show for it is an increased waistline and a pile of seldom used gifts! Every pound given to S&B charity will directly help our local young people and have a genuine long term benefit.

Please contact the clerk to the charity if you are interested in supporting us. Carole Coppin - Barn Elms, The Green, BSM 01869 338937 carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

Anyone who meets the eligibility criteria can apply for a grant in September each year (16 - 25 years and they or their parents should have been resident in the Barfords for at least 3 years). Grants are not just for people going to university but to help any young person make their way in life.

Down on the farm

What a lovely, long and colourful autumn; dry and pleasant providing enough time to get all the outside jobs completed in advance of inevitable rain.

As a result the winter wheat is poking through, hedges are cut, cultivations on land scheduled for spring planting completed and we even managed a few chores such as creosoting the chicken house and doing a bit of general building maintenance.

Also the apple store we built many years ago is now full so the three gilts in the orchard can now 'scrum' to their hearts content for the remainder. The gilts are growing well largely due to their ability to range over a couple of acres of grass, munch fallen apples and soak up a bit of late autumn sun.

They co-habit with the 80 laying hens extremely well although when it comes to the daily feeding of scraps things become a bit of a bunfight at the Iron Down coral. Clearly the pigs are firmly in charge of mopping up while the hens flap about hysterically seeking odd morsels which they usually lose to a rival in the careless act of putting it down to give it a peck.

We have still to choose names for the gilts and having named 40 or 50



sows and boars over the years ideas don't flow as easily as they used to. We are considering flowers – Rose, Poppy, etc – at present but if anyone has any thoughts let us know (irondownfarm@gmail.com)! For the record one has three distinct spots, another has black eyebrows and the third black ringed eyes; Mascara springs to mind for the latter – admittedly not a particularly attractive name, even for a pig.

The sheep flock has also benefitted from a long, slow autumn in which the ground has stayed dry and grass continued to grow. It is often a time of the year when fodder is in short supply but this year has been an exception.

We shall need to get the buildings ready for lambing; ostensibly there is no rush to do this before next February but I have known years in which horrendous weather has forced us to get them in early to avoid poaching the land and give ourselves an easier time of feeding and inspection.

This winter will need to see some 'forestry' work done. We planted a lot of trees when we came here and several are showing signs of fatigue. Others are now too close to their neighbours and need thinning out, while the poplars have grown big enough to be of concern since they have a nasty habit of shedding unwanted branches.

Unfortunately some of the work is neither easy nor safe to do without professional guidance. However the cost could be minor compared to damage caused by falling timber – one branch, for example, hangs perilously close to our Poly tunnel.

Tony Collier,
Iron Down Farm

POST



Your local Christmas cards
For delivery in,
Deddington, Hempton,
Clifton & The Barfords
By The Scouts & Guides

Collection boxes in
Eagles, Butchers &
Barford Post Office
From December 3rd

20p per item

Last collection Saturday Dec 17th



FREEWAY~JAM

Pre Christmas
Rock n Roll Night (with Bar)
Saturday 10th December,
8pm in the village hall

Tickets £10 each in advance
(£12 on the door)

We have already sold 25% of the tickets
for this evening. We are hoping
for a special guest appearance, fingers
crossed, from ????????

You will have to wait for the next issue
of Barford News, when hopefully we can confirm
the name of the special guest

Booking number 01869 338061

This a fund raiser for the
Kathmandu Kids Home

DEDDINGTON FARMERS MARKET
SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER
09:00am – 12:30pm

The Christmas Market is always a big and busy one. Stalls groaning with Christmas pre-orders (log onto the market website below for the contacts list for all stallholders if you want to place an order ahead of the market). Schoolchildren singing Christmas Carols. And nowhere to park. Unless you know about the extra parking at the school and the health centre. This is the month to take advantage of them.



For more up to date information about the Market (and contact details for all the stallholders) you **IAN WILLOX / 337940 / ian@deddingtononair.org**

Deddington Guide Report.

We are continuing to spend a lot of our meeting time enjoying our Patrol activities, planned and organised completely by the guides themselves.



As part of our commitment to prepare the guides for being responsible, reliable members of the community. They are working towards their Active Response Badge. We still have some work to do before the badge can be awarded, but then we'll be ready for any emergency.

We did a little nod to Halloween with fancy dress and some seasonal activities, such as Apple bobbing and a feast, all organised by the Elephant Patrol, a big thank you to them.

The second part of the evening was learning about Diwali and taking part in some activities to understand about the festival.

The Dragon Patrol entertained us with a "light and fashion" show complete with music and commentary, thank you Dragons.

Our film night was enjoyed by many, all comfortable and cosy in their onesies with the guides at leaders houses, the girls had a lot of fun, with the bonus of crisps, popcorn and other goodies (husbands were banished to the back room, out of the way)

Well done to all the guides who presented such a smart turnout on Remembrance Day, you all did us proud. A special well done to the flag bearers, Jess M and Bella W, the escorts, Jenni, Jess H, Lilli, and Annie-Rose. Also to Hannah and Connie who laid wreaths on our behalf.

All of these duties were carried out very smartly in the public eye, without rehearsal, congratulations to all the youngsters taking part, Deddington should be very proud.

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



Barford History Project

It is now sometime since we last wrote in the Barford News but we have been working hard gathering information. Our ultimate aim is to publish a book on the history of Barford St Michael & St John to preserve old memories of the village for future generations.

We hope to start with a map of the villages as they were in the early 1900's and then to write a brief history of the houses and buildings to include pictures of the old Barford families who lived in the properties through the years along with their family trees.

Although we have many old photos and information about our Barford families we would appreciate your help in locating further information.

- Do you have copies of the deeds we would love to see them - eg. Properties in Hornhill including The Glebe, Apple Tree House, The Cottages next to the Bakehouse, Mead Road, Street Farm and Thimble Hall etc. as they help us to confirm the earlier inhabitants of the property and explore its history.
- Have you any old photos of the many old Barford people, eg William Buckingham, Tommy Wilks, Ivy Nelson, Miss Brookhouse, Ray and Dora Neal, Mr and Mrs Ayris, Mr and Mrs Harris, Mrs Scott, Frank and Stella Haynes, to name but a few. Can you put us in touch with their relatives?
- Have you one of the old aerial photos taken in the 1950's or photos of the old properties?
- Do you have pictures of the grocer, Mr Connell, the Draper, Harry Wells etc who used to deliver to the village in the 1950's/60's?

Would you like to help us with our research? We would love to hear from you.

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Cubs

Our two newest recruits are Tommy & Dominic who is the first to transfer from our New Beaver Colony. We have finished our Disability Awareness topic, the boys having written their names in braille & spelt them using sign language. We have now moved on to the environment looking firstly at recycling (scrap modelling), renewable energy & saving energy at home – more walking, less driving!

As my helper & son returns from his honeymoon in New Zealand, we will take this chance for an international evening, all things Kiwi. We are also looking forward to our Centenary promise party in December.
jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

We finished the health aspect of the Skills Challenge with an evening stressing the importance of sleep, although this seems to come naturally to most of the Scouts! They hunted & counted sheep & stuffed sleeping bags. We have now moved on to the next stage, Home Skills or 'what to do when the lights go out' covering useful stuff like tying a tie, using timetables, ironing & wiring a plug. For Christmas we are making voodoo dolls (not traditional, I know) & challenging the Explorers in an evening of cunning problems. pete.churchyard@gmail.com

Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

Well we told you we were going to try and knit blanket squares for an International charity last newsletter. This is going to take longer than hoped for we will update you on our progress.

Together with the Scouts Horley campsite saw us having sausages and buns on strings for Bonfire Night plus a wide game, in the dark obviously.

Some of us attended Remembrance Day in Deddington whilst others were at Bloxham and Banbury and one even rang the bells. As the Cubs and Scouts were a leader missing in Deddington we assisted to make sure they were all ok. In the next few weeks we are going to start our Air Activities badge. This means we can make paper airplanes and compete with one another to see who has understood the physics about lift etc.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959. spartansexplorers@gmail.com

Thanks to all the boys who turned out for Remembrance Day Parade & to those (above) who helped at the Castle Grounds during Scout Community Week.



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Some Notes on the history of the George Inn Barford St Michael

The George is very much in our thoughts as we watch it being refurbished and wait longingly for it to be re-opened. We have romantic thoughts of tasty meals, morning coffee, and offloading our visiting relations into the B and B.



Have you thought how noticeably big it is in its present rather stark state? The Victoria County History (VCH) considers that for

this reason it is an important house in the village, together with its stone mullioned windows with stone hoods and labels above, and the lozenge-ornamented doorway. The datestone above the doorway shows the date 1679 and the initials TO. The Listing Description confirms this, and the TG referred to in the VCH appears to be a mistake.

The 16th century saw what is termed the Great Rebuilding—due to increasing prosperity, in the countryside, of yeomen farmers (usually freeholders). Wooden structures were replaced with stone where this was available locally, and upper floors and chimneys were part of the new buildings. 1679 is a bit late for the great rebuilding—but in this part of Oxfordshire, there was little building for some time during and after the Civil War. 1640–1690 were peak years for building in this area.

Who built the George?

Who was TO? I am hazarding a guess that this was Thomas Owen a yeoman of Barford St Michael who was a landowner of yardlands in the open fields of Barford St Michael (ie before Enclosure) and was part of a farming dynasty in the area. VCH has a helpful section about the Owens of Barford St. Michael from 1548 to 1873 which you can read online.

(<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/oxon/vol11/pp45-58>.)

The Owens intermarried with the Tims who were large landowners—Mrs Susannah Tims nee Owen was described in Kelly's Directory for 1869 as one of the principal landowners in the Barfords.

It is difficult to pinpoint exactly which Thomas Owen built the farmhouse that became the George. A number of that name are in the parish records. It would seem likely that he built such a large and well-ornamented house for himself to live in. A Thomas Owen Yeoman of Barford St Michael died in 1617 but according to his will he did not seem to have any offspring. There is a later Thomas Owen who was buried in Barford St Michael in 1705 who might be the one. Also the wealthier Owens moved first to Clifton and then to Shenington in the early 1600s, with several Thomases among them.

Was it always one big house?

The architecture of the building is puzzling. A painting of the building for Alfred Beesley's *History of Banbury* (1841) shows the current form—but with

traces of a blocked up doorway to the west side of the building. You can still see traces of it now. The architect of the current works, Tom Elliott, suspects that there are two stages to the building, which would account for the angled nature of the front elevation. A cursory inspection of the western end of the interior shows a room, beamed and inglenooked (with oven at side), which none of us has seen since the days of Spencer Richards, as the bar has latterly been in the room to the other side of the building. The rear elevation shows a distinct ridge between the two sides. Does all this, together with the siting of one of the chimney and the different edgings of the roof at either end, show that a small stone cottage was built first, perhaps during the 16th century great rebuilding, and enlarged later after the civil war? The stone mullions and other ornaments, associated with the great houses of the Tudor rebuilding, are in this end of the building and could have been matched later in an enlarged building. By analogy, Raymond Wood-Jones' "Vernacular Architecture of the Banbury Region" (1967) refers to a small (single cell) house in Barford with this type and degree of detailing which I presume to be Buckingham's Cottage. Tudor detailing remained popular in village houses long after the aristocracy had turned to classical designs.

Later Ownership

The next record I found was of ownership of the building as describes in the Enclosure Award of 1808. This ended the open field system of agriculture where the farmers of the village held strips of land in different parts of 2 huge fields stretching from Iron Down to Tomwell Hill on the other side of Hempton down to the River. Cropping was decided on by all the farmers together and a rotation system was followed. Some land was left as permanent pasture for cows or sheep and it was agreed how many could be grazed. (eg Summer Leys) This was a feature of North Oxfordshire. Farmhouses (or homesteads where the farmers lived) were in the village. On enclosure the open fields were parcelled off to individual owners in proportion to the strips they had held, and were surrounded by hedges. Roads and footpaths were agreed on. There was no more common grazing so the poorest villagers could no longer graze a cow or some sheep.

The George building and the field behind it is described as "Homestead and Close" (meaning farmhouse and outbuildings and an enclosed field) in the Enclosure Award and Map of 1808 and are stated to be the property of Rev Edward Venner. At first I thought he must have been a purchaser of the land from the Owens, but more research revealed that Venner's grandmother was an Owen, a granddaughter of the Thomas Owen who had moved to Shenington in about 1670. Venner was a dissenting clergyman from Ware in Hertfordshire whose ancestor had been a baker in Warwick. I am guessing that the land must have been willed to him through the generations. He himself died in 1817 and left land in Barford St Michael (I am

guessing this was the George site) described in his will as "farmhouse and land then in the occupation of Susanna (?) Coleman and sub tenants", was left to his daughter. This is slightly problematical in that the branch of the Owens which intermarried with the Venners moved to Clifton by 1617 and thence to Sherington. Perhaps the Thomas Owen of Barford St Michael who built the George building in 1679 was one of the Owens who stayed in Barford, but rented the land from his Sherington cousins. However the Venner connection does appear good evidence for the Owen ownership of the George site from the 17th century.

More History

Ann Hook and Sue Addison are researching extensively into the history of our village and its buildings for a book which will be fascinating to read. Their interests include the Owen family and so we may learn much more of this in the future.

More to follow-including the rise of the Murrey dynasty! I hope to collaborate with Sue and Ann on the later history of the George which my research has indicated extensively involves the Murrey family.

Ann, Sue and I will be very interested to hear any information anyone has on this topic.

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SUNDAY THE 16TH OF OCTOBER arose wet, but the sun broke through on a warm, quiet afternoon of 15°, finally sinking into a night of full moon. A clear sunrise on the 16th produced a mild, pleasant day of 16° – which a Kite enjoyed sailing in the air beyond Irondown.

I haven't any records for the 18th – 19th as I was birdwatching in Kent. However, Bas Butler was surprised on his allotment when a Weasel ran over his foot! This was good news from Bas, it is now several years since I spotted – or even heard mention – of a Weasel! Not only that, but when Bas told his story to another Barfordian, he was told that that person had also seen a Weasel near the Airfield main-gate! [I've seen them crossing the road by the Airfield too! Ed.]



Also good was a record of a Tawny Owl hooting on Hempton Hills by Pete and Audrey Turner on the night of the 19th.

The 20th was a pleasant autumn day at 15° despite showers in the afternoon. A Kite spent some time, whilst it was dry, hunting low over Townsend. Pleasant morning sun through cloud, was spoilt by a cold NNE breeze on the 21st, but then heavy cloud (without rain) arrived from NW in the afternoon. A chilly night at 4.5° followed.

The 22nd was a raw day, very still, with thick fog, and was still misty at 10am. Nevertheless, there were reasonable numbers of Goldfinches and Goldcrests (our smallest bird) in the trees and hedges around the Barfords. Earlier however (9.45am) a Tawny Owl had hooted twice below Hempton and was then silent. I think he was disturbed by Magpies and Jackdaws and forced to move his perch. Later on there was a Buzzard at both the Rignell and B4031 ends of Barley Lane, with a third calling from a naked tree near Mar Pool. Finally, on the same day, I saw a Kite hunting near the Airfield Main-gate.

At 10° by day and 5° by night, the 23rd was a near repeat of the 22nd, but without the fog – or such visible wildlife!

On the 24th, a Buzzard was, very surprisingly, soaring in circles at a height of about 30m (90ft), in a cold, stiffish NE breeze over Hempton Hills. I watched for several minutes until it flew off due north at about 12.30pm.

For the next two days I was birdwatching in Norfolk, returning for the 27th. A strong, red sunrise gave way to variable sun on a chilly SW breeze throughout daylight. The 28th was similar and all nature was very quiet.

High Pressure was dominant and from the 29th to the 31st the sky was overcast, almost windless (S) and mild (13° – 14°) with heavy fog on the 31st. There was little increase in activity:– a Tawny Owl hooting briefly on Hempton Hills on the 29th; a Kestrel, so small I thought it was a Merlin until its long tail gave it away, perched on top of an

electricity pole near Austens Barns in Barley Lane; one Kite above and another below Irondown on the 30th; and a female Raven croaking from Horn Hill on the 31st.

And so, with various trees now showing differing leaf fall, October slipped autumnally into November.

Mist on the 1st, heavy on high ground, lasted all day under a showery overcast. Very light NW airs chilled the afternoon, bringing a night of 2° – enough to produce a patchy ground frost.

A near flawless sunrise and day on the 2nd was spoiled by the cold NW breeze (9.5°). And now Bas Butler spotted the tiny Kestrel near the Airfield main-gate, nearly 1.5 straight miles from my sighting – that bird gets around! A clear night of white frost at –1° followed.

An approaching Low Pressure area from SW, brought a day of very hazy sun on the 3rd. It was very still – a real Autumn day – the first this year!

Four Buzzards and two Kites, all flying closely together, circled low over a field opposite the end of Barley Lane at about noon. They were waiting to scavenge. I think some poor creature was hit on the B4031, but managed to crawl into the field, where it lay dying. If dead the raptors would have been savaging the corpse on the ground. The cold afternoon was followed by a showery night at 6°.

The next three days were cold, on a northerly wind with variable periods of sun, the night of the 5th falling to –1.5°; and Nature kept very much under cover!

On the 7th, a sky, flawless at sunrise, prevailed the whole day, albeit on a biting NNE wind (max. 4.5°). The wind veered through E to SW before cloud covered the sunset. That night the temperature fell to its coldest so far: – 4.5°.

Early in the morning, I set off with my old schoolmate, for another two days bird watching, this time in S. Wales . . .

So now seems an appropriate point to finish this edition of Nature Notes, albeit a week earlier than usual. We will catch up in the NewYear.

Meanwhile.....Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas!

Ron Knight

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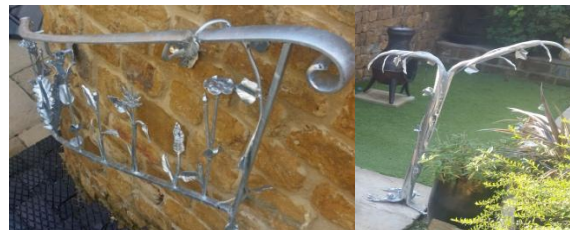
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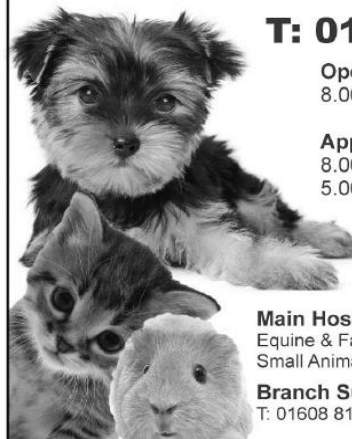


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Monday - Friday, 8.00am to 6.45pm

Consultations by Appointment



T: 01869 337732

Opening Times

8.00am - 6.45pm (Mon - Fri)

Appointments

8.00am - 9.30am (Mon - Fri)

5.00pm - 6.30pm (Mon - Fri)



Main Hospital - Hook Norton

Equine & Farm T: 01608 730085 (option 1)

Small Animal T: 01608 730501 (option 2)

Branch Surgery, Charlbury

T: 01608 811250

In the event of an emergency all telephone numbers will
transfer to the 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

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**Volunteer Connect
Community Transport Scheme**

Taking passengers of all ages, to medical appointments, social events, shopping trips and visits to day centres, clubs, relatives etc.
The price is 45p per mile to cover the cost of petrol.
Call us on 0300 3030 125 or email transport@volunteerconnect.org.uk

**Deddington Library (338391)
Opening hours**

Monday:& Thursday 2pm – 5pm, 5.30pm – 7pm
Wednesday 9.30am – 1pm
Tuesday and Friday – CLOSED
Saturday 9.30am – 1pm

Buses:

Dial-a-Ride, door-to-door service – operates Monday to Friday. Telephone requests at least 7 days in advance please to arrange pick-up 0845 310 1111.

**Deddington Farmers' Market
Fourth Saturday of each month
(Third Saturday in December)
9am to 12.30pm**

Fresh meat, game, vegetables, eggs
Mushrooms, fish, ,honey,
cakes, pies and more
Craft stalls in the church

BLOXHAM COUNTRY MARKET

Home-made cakes, preserves,
vegetables, fruit, flowers
and plants and crafts
Every Friday 10am - 11.30am

Ex-Servicemen's Hall, High Street, Bloxham.
Celebration cakes and other special order taken



Barfords Village Hall

Offers the ideal venue for your events.
A large room for up to 100 people
audio/projection equipment and loop system
Well equipped kitchen with cookers, freezer and fridge. crockery and cutlery for 80
Bar area
baby-changing equipment and disabled facilities.
Secure garden with toddlers play equipment and space for a marquee and gazebos
Suitable for parties, meetings, clubs, film shows, cuppa mornings, dances, demos, etc.

**Details of rates from the booking secretary –
Maggie Blackhall on 01869 338 938
maggieblackhall@btinternet.com**

Any day before 8pm

Barford St. John and St. Michael Parish Council

Clerk: - David Best

Street Farm
Barford St. John
OX15 0PR

01295 720566
davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com

Chairman:

Councillors:

Dr R. Hobbs, 01869 338 078
Mrs. S. Best, 01295 720 566
Mr. P. Eden 01869 338 835
Mrs. L. Styles, 01869 336 245
Mrs. S. Turner, 01869 337 228
Mr S Hanmer, 01869 337208

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

Village and local events diary

Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

Church services

Church of England December

- 4th 4.00 Christingle Service, BSM
- 11th 9.00 Holy Communion, BSM
- 18th **4.00** Carol Service, BSM
- 24th 2.00 Crib Service BSM
11.30pm – Midnight Mass

For details of Deddington and Hempton services phone
Revd Annie Goldthorp, Vicar, Deddington with Barford,
Clifton and Hempton on 01869 336880, email
anngoldthorp@yahoo.co.uk

Regular weekly/monthly events

- Mondays** Brownies (Deddington)
Boys Brigade band practice
- Tuesdays** Guides (Deddington)
Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
- Wednesdays** Fernhill Club
1st week parish council (not August)
2nd week W.I. meeting
Boys Brigade (Deddington)
- Thursdays** Open cuppa mornings
Cubs (Deddington)
Scouts (Deddington)
- Fridays** Rainbows
Whist alternate weeks
- Saturdays** Village Market 3rd week (not Jan or Aug)
- 3rd Wednesday** Village Hall Management Committee

Methodist Chapel

For details of services contact:
Mr Robbie Pilkington
01295 811367

Roman Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Church,
26 London Road, Chipping Norton, OX5 5AX
Phone: 01608 642703
Parish Priest: Father Tony Joyce
Email: holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com

Masses:

Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday - 10.30am Mass
Weekdays Normally 9.15am, can be subject to change

Diary dates

December

- 3rd - Village Christmas Lunch
3rd - Hempton Christmas Bazaar
6th - Christmas Tuesday Lunch Club
10th - Barford Village Mark
14th - WI, Adderbury Ukes
10th - Freeway Jam
17th - Picture House 'It's a Wonderful Life'
17th - Deddington Farmers' Market

January

- 1st - New Years Day Walk, 10.00 VH

Police contact numbers

In an emergency call 999

Non-emergencies call 101

Textphone 18000

Banbury office 01295 754 541

Thames Valley Crimestoppers 0800 555 111



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