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BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY 19th MAY
10AM - 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

offering plants in season

PLUS a good range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes, bread, honey, preserves, greetings cards and wrapping paper

Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items
.....and for the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts

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

ALSO, as part of our market
CARE FOR A CUPPA? IT'S FOR KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE



Please join us for a cuppa, delicious cakes and plenty of bacon butties.
Donations for a raffle or the cake stall can be given to Mariann, Zalie,
Tomasin, Jo or Carole 01869 338570

All proceeds from the morning will go to
Katharine House Hospice

See page 4 for your BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW Schedule
which takes place on SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, more
details to follow.....

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 4th April in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Best, Charman, Cox, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th March were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Parish Matters:

Allotment Water – The outstanding bill for allotment water used in 2017 is £364.75. This is 2-3 times the normal annual water usage. There is a leak from the stop cock at the water meter. This has been reported and Thames Water are sending out an engineer to investigate. Thames Water/ Castle Water will be asked to revise their bill based on historical annual usage. The water meter will be read monthly by the clerk to monitor future water usage and identify any abnormal usage at the earliest opportunity.

Condition of Roads – Cllr Hobbs, received a complaint about the condition of Lower Street from a parishioner. District Cllr Williams received a complaint letter from another parishioner about the state of the road through The Rock. He has sent a request to County Cllr Fatemian, for Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Highways to rectify. Cllr Williams and the clerk will both raise this again with County Cllr Fatemian requesting urgent rectification of the road surface and cleaning of the gulleys.

General Data Protection Regulation – New Data Protection Regulations come into force on 25th May 2018. The National Association for Local Councils has produced a toolkit for local councils. The new regulations require a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to be appointed. The DPO duties include monitoring practices and policies of the council, carrying out data protection audits and data protection impact assessment and acting as a contact point on data protection matters. It was RESOLVED that the clerk will be the DPO. Proposed Cllr Eden, seconded Cllr Hobbs.

RAF Centenary Celebrations – Cllrs Hobbs and Cox and the clerk attended the celebration at Barford St John Airfield to mark the centenary of the formation of the RAF.

Elections – Nominations must be submitted by 4pm on Friday 6th April. A notice inviting

applications for Councillors was published in the March Barford News but the clerk has not received any requests for nomination forms. Cherwell District Council will provide a Statement of Persons Nominated next week which will be displayed in the noticeboards. On 25th April CDC will advise whether the election will be uncontested or whether there will be a poll.

Speed signs – OCC Highways has not responded to the request for speed signs. To date, the clerk has been unable to contact the department by phone. It was agreed that the clerk will raise the issue with County Cllr Fatemian.

Grants – Applications have been received from the Village Hall, Parochial Church Council, Barford News and Deddington Day Centre. The decision on awarding of grants will be taken at the next parish council meeting.

Damaged Manhole Cover - A manhole cover beside the road at the top of the hill at Barford St John at the junction of Bloody Bones Lane has been damaged. District Cllr Williams and the clerk will contact OCC Highways to ask them to rectify.

Dog Bins – The dog bins are overflowing. The clerk will contact Cherwell District Council to request that they are emptied as soon as possible.

Style at the end of Horn Hill – This is still damaged. The clerk will contact OCC again to request that this is mended.

Planning Applications

Application 18/00087/TCA, Staddlestones, Prune trees, returned to CDC.

Application 18/00423/LB, Sunnycote, fire damage rectification, returned to CDC.

Finance

The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totaling £260. This was proposed by Cllr Charman and seconded by Cllr Hobbs.

The Annual Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday 25th April**. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this and may ask questions.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th May** at 7.30pm in the village hall.



NEW VILLAGE MARKET Team Needed

Dear Barford(s)

After 10 years' of loyal service Mariann has decided to step down from arranging stallholder bookings, ordering the bread and manning the stall and also after over 6 years' of producing delicious bacon, sausage and/or egg butties, Angus and I have decided to hang up our aprons.

With regards to the butties, if anyone, a couple or maybe 2 or 3 couples (*you could take it in turns*) would like to take over then please contact me, Lucy Norman, on 📞 337678. All the equipment and on-job training will be given. Also, the market signs need to be put up on the Sunday before and taken down after the market.

The bacon butty and bread stall are great little earners and the market as a whole is an important addition to village hall funds – if Barford Market is to continue after the summer then a new team will be needed to take over from as soon as possible....let's not lose it.

Thank you, Lucy

Village Clean-Up Morning... A total of 33 adults and children turned out for the clean-up morning, Some very new faces, and some familiar ones from many previous years. The weather was kind and the sun came out for us. There was very little litter within the village but all of the roads out, Fernhill, Bloxham, South Newington and Hempton were really bad. Car tyres, beer cans and two piles of Vodka bottles!. Some of our volunteers escaped before the photos were taken, but hopefully, everyone is listed here. Huge and grateful thanks to everyone involved.



Top Left to Right: Leo & Bruce Clayton-Bennett, Bryn Williams, Linda Newbery, Cathy Peacock, Sue Lane, Maggie Rampley, Sandi Turner, Connie & Hazel Neal, Amy Cavell and Andy Neal. **Bottom left:** Ray Cox, Trevor Stevens, Mary Baker, Jennie Steenkamp with Flynn & Lottie, **Bottom right:** Harry & Jess Romain.

Escapes who left before the photo call: Simon, Sophie & George Hanmer, Sarah Best, Fay & Jacob Hingley, Tony & Jan Elvidge, Helen Honour, Jill Hopcraft, Melanie Doyle, Jim Booth, Mariann Young.



BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2018

Vegetable & Produce Classes

Cut Flower Classes

1	Three Beetroot, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	34	Three Gladioli
2	Three Carrots, long, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	35	A Sunflower in a vase
3	Three Courgettes	36	Three Dahlias
4	Three Onions	37	Three Roses
5	Five Shallots	38	Four Fuchsia heads in water
6	Three Potatoes of one variety	39	Four Salvia stems in water
7	Three Runner Beans with stalks	40	Four Marigolds
8	Five French Beans with stalks	41	Vase of mixed garden flowers, 5 varieties, (max.15 stems, no oasis)
9	Five Cherry Tomatoes		Crafts
10	Three Round Tomatoes		(NB Crafts must not have been entered previously)
11	Three Chillies (same variety)	42	A crafted item made of wood
12	A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes	43	A crafted item made of pottery
13	Five Single Assorted Vegetables	44	A hand knitted or crocheted article
14	A Pair of Sweetcorn cobs	45	A piece of needlecraft (embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch)
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking	46	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)
16	Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit	47	Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (mount/frame optional)
17	Longest Marrow		Photography (unmounted)
18	3 Eggs (same size and colour)		(13cmx 18cm or 5" x 7")
	Cookery Classes	48	My Sleeping Pet
19	A Lemon Drizzle Cake	49	A Bird
20	Six Shortbread biscuits	50	A Rose
21	Six Pieces of Flapjack	51	A Barford Pot-Hole
22	A Victoria Sponge, Raspberry jam, no Cream (Ladies only)		Children's Classes
23	A Victoria Sponge (Men only) Recipe in August Barford News		7 Years and Under (age to be marked on all entries)
24	A Fruit Cake	52	A Colouring Picture (available from the Post Office from July)
25	A Jar of Jam	53	Four Chocolate Crisps
26	A Jar of Marmalade	54	A Decorated Stone
27	A Jar of Chutney	55	A Junk model
28	A small pot of Lemon Curd	56	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)
29	A Homemade Alcoholic Beverage (small bottle)		8 - 15 Years (age to be marked on all entries)
	Flower Arranging Classes	57	A photograph (Any Subject, 13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")
30	An arrangement in a small watering can	58	A Painted Stone
31	A foliage arrangement	59	A Victoria Sponge (see classes 22 & 23)
32	A miniature arrangement (10cms/4" overall)	60	A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium)
33	An arrangement in two colours	61	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)



One of the many events happening in 2018 is the Centenary Baton Relay. The specially designed baton is visiting 100 sites associated with the RAF in 100 days. and Barford's very own Councillors Ray Cox, David Best and Rodney Hobbs braved the wind and rain on Tuesday

4th April to attend the RAF 100-year anniversary Baton Relay at the Barford St John base.



The above photo shows the chaps with the baton and the USAF Colonel in charge of USAF Croughton and Barford St John.

For those of you who don't know much about the site, here is a bit of its history.

RAF Station Barford St John was opened on 30 July 1941 as a training facility for RAF Flying Training Command. It had three grass runways, used primarily by Airspeed Oxfords of No 15 Service Flying Training School from RAF Kidlington. The airfield was closed in late 1941 and rebuilt as an RAF Bomber Command airfield with paved runways and equipped for night operations.

The airfield reopened in December 1942 as a satellite for RAF Upper Heyford. Bomber Command and No 16 Operational Training Unit was stationed there with Vickers Wellingtons until December 1944. No 1655 Mosquito Training Unit replaced the Wellingtons and the unit was renamed No 16 OTU in January 1945 when it moved to RAF Cottesmore. In 1943 the station served as flight test centre for its Gloster E.28/39 and Gloster Meteor jet aircraft[1] from RAF Brockworth.

After the war the airfield was closed in 1946 and placed into care and maintenance.

The site was used as the airfield in the 1949 film Twelve O'Clock High.

RAF Barford St. John was chosen as the development airfield for Sir Frank Whittle's invention of the jet engine in the 1940s. This little part of Oxfordshire played a very important role in the work done by Sir Frank and his team. Without it the Meteor jet would not have flown and been able to intercept and destroy the dreaded V1s that were falling on this country at the time of 1944.

APCM - The churches' AGM

We had our APCM on the 15th April and said a very big thank you to Cubby Brett who is stepping down as our Churchwarden after many years' service to the church. Before that Cubby was Secretary to the PCC and for many years organised the Church Fete along with Adrian. Her departure will leave a big gap in the churches' administration and we are all grateful for her hard work. Revd Annie also expressed her personal thanks for all the support Cubby has given her over the last three years.

**Tony Elvidge, Sue Addison
Churchwardens**



Mariann's Plant Sale

at
Stonehaven, Lower Street
Saturday 12th May
10.30am till 1pm

perennials, bedding, tomatoes,
courgettes, peppers...
AND MORE!!

**ALL PROCEEDS
FOR VILLAGE CHARITIES**

the **BIG BARFORD BREAKFAST**.....well, crickey, what a turn-out.....



(approximately) 112 slices of bacon (we ran out), 56 sausages, 61 eggs (good job, Tommy), 14 cans of beans, 60 hash browns and 10 loaves of bread later we raised an amazing **£222.02** for the Barford News.

We have an incredible team who worked so hard to ensure your breakfast was swift, hot and delicious. All are total novices at this 'food industry' malarkey but we are thoroughly enjoying it and hope those who have joined us so far have enjoyed it too.

Due to the popularity of this new, quarterly village event and, whilst we want you to feel free to come along any time you want between 9am and 12 noon, we have one plea. Wherever possible can you try and book ahead. This really helps us to plan how much food we need and avoids keeping anyone waiting. (last time we had hungry people waiting at the door at 9am, all 40 seats were full at 9:40 then, unfortunately, those who had booked but maybe came towards the end were left disappointed as we ran out of some of the stuff !!!)

So ideally it would be great if you could:

1. indicate which breakfast you would like
2. book your slot, **9am - 10am** or **10am - 11:30**

The next BBB will be either July or August, staff holidays permitting, so check your next Barford News for menu and contact details.

Thank you for your support from *the Big Barford Brunch Bunch*
PS note to all our previous customers, there will be fresh mushrooms next time!!



BARFORDS' SUPERSTARS..huge

congratulations to Lynne Andrews from Broad Close and Paul Evans from Townsend who, on the 14th

April, were crowned

Strictly Banbury

Champions. Lynne, who has been dancing for over 6 years and Paul, who has been dancing for only 8 weeks (yep, only 8 weeks!!) smashed their way to the top beating 19 other couples....all monies raised were donated to local charities.



**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB
15TH MAY 2018**

MENU

Main Course

Beef Lasagne

Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread

or

Pork Madras Curry

or

Butternut Squash, Mushroom, and Bean Curry

Both Curries served with Pilau Rice,

Poppadoms and Mango Chutney

Desserts

Date and Apple Pie and Custard

or

Lemon and Lime Meringue Roulade with

Raspberry Coulis

Finally

Coffee & Tea

Price £5.00

**As usual please bring your own drinks to
have with your meal**

**Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074
or email mickpearson1@outlook.com by**

Tuesday 8th May

**Please Note: if you do not receive a
reply to your e-mail, we haven't
received it so please call us**



**BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE
2017/18 Season**

We have now come to the end of our current season of 6 films.

We will be resuming our monthly visits to our local cinema in October. Another 6 films will be chosen and suggestions for these are most welcome.

We must thank AGE UK for providing the films and a big thank you to everyone who comes along.

The ticket money raised, £4 per film, or a season ticket for £20, goes towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. This year we are hoping to fund the installation of one extra speaker, above the screen in the middle, to improve the general dialogue parts of each film.

Most films were well attended and despite the cold weather at times we all enjoyed ourselves. The films we showed were LALA LAND, LION, THE BEATLES TOURING YEARS, A DOPG'S PURPOSE, DUNKIRK and THE LAST PICTURE SHOW.

Contact for Picture House is:
Gunilla, on 01295 720521 or
gt.designs@btinternet.com



**VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS
EVERY THURSDAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL
10.00 – 11.30**

**Just £1.00 per person pays for your cuppa and
as many refills as you can drink including
coffee, caffeine free, tea, fruit teas available -
biscuits included in the price**

**Come down to the hall and meet up with
friends and neighbours of all ages - Babies and
children welcome!!**



to a lovely, lovely lady from Lower Street who has donated £10 to Barford News. As always, donations are so gratefully received, thank you.

The Team

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY As with the best laid plans, the installation of SPARK, our new library management system, has been a little delayed, but by the time you read this, it should have been installed, so fingers crossed it all goes to plan now! So as before, please do remember to bring your library cards with you, although if forgotten, we will of course be pleased to help you at the counter, but it may take a little longer while I get used to the new system.



With your library card, our very capable volunteers can help you use the self-service machines to save you waiting for me; the machines do take credit/debit cards and cash, as well as give change, so even if you have a little fine, DVD hire fee or reservation to pay for, this can all be done on the RFID machines! Our volunteers can also help you order books on the library public PC's to, you just need your PIN number (which I can issue at the counter) and library card too!

However, while we still await the arrival of SPARK, Windows 10 was successfully installed as planned on the staff PC's at the counter, and a welcome upgrade it was too!

You will recall in April I informed you that OCC have decided to review the opening hours at the library to bring them more into line with other libraries of a similar size in the County. There is no change to the overall number of hours or days that the library is open, but we hope the proposed changes offer a more helpful, simplified timetable. For full details please go to <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/deddington-library> or call in at the library for more information and a consultation from. The consultation has been extended and will continue until 11th May 2018. In the meantime, it's business as usual!

Rhyme time for under 5's and families continue to be popular on Monday afternoons, 2.30 – 3pm, so do come along and join in the fun! We are also very pleased to welcome Mary and Meriel to the Bookworms reading group! I'm sure they will make a hugely positive contribution to the group moving forward. There is another place available, so if anyone else would like to join, do let me know! First Monday of the month, 6.30pm in the library. We look forward to seeing you in the library again very soon!

**Stella O'Neill | Library Manager | ☎338391
Deddington.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

Spring has finally arrived and we are looking forward to lots of fun outdoors. The PFSU children will be watching tadpoles change into frogs and caterpillars into butterflies, feeding the birds, and spending lots of time in the garden. Nursery has a brand-new kitchen! We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this project, including providing the new equipment, storage and fitting. Enormous thanks to Anthony at Howdens Kitchens, Richard Spencer, Nicholls, Haland Chloe Eriksen, Jo and Matt Belcher, Sophie McCarthy, Russell Andrews, Alistair Gill, Tom Harbottle, Toby the Electrician, James Stamp, Lauren and Gary Odell, and everyone else who was involved. The end result looks amazing! Coming up soon is the Four Farms

Challenge on Sunday 13th May. This a 5K and 10K and children's fun run around Deddington Parish organised in conjunction with the Primary School PTA and the Deddington Fire Service. To register or for more information visit

Lucy Squires | ☎ 337484



....A MESSAGE FROM A RESPONSIBLE BUT FED UP DOG OWNER.....

As you know, we walk our dogs around the village every day. Recently we and other responsible dog owners (Leon, Pete the Treat, etc.) have noticed a lot more dog poo not being picked up around the village – particularly on footpaths (Rock Close footpath, especially), grass verges, on people's paths/steps and even just under a dog waste bin!

No excuse - I believe poo bags are still available free of charge from the Manor House Shop.....if not then you can buy x100 for under £4 from Amazon.

DOWN ON THE FARM

The typically British conversations about the weather have gone into overdrive this spring. So, I will try not to add to it.

Needless to say the ground has been far too wet for spring drilling and we shall probably now forfeit our spring barley crop and leave the ground fallow. At this late stage the yield may well not cover growing costs. My Grandfather used to disparagingly call late sown barley 'Cuckoo corn' for much the same reason.

The linseed, which is later sown, still has a chance and we shall plant it as soon as we get a dry spell.

Turning out lambs has also been a problem and the pen of sickly lambs has been getting bigger as poor lambs have been brought back from the fields to the milk bar and somewhere dry to lie.

On the plus side our paperwork is up to date and the workshop has seen a long overdue (years) spring clean. Spare time in the spring is usually at a premium so we have tried to make the most of it by servicing our own equipment and carrying out repairs and maintenance.



Our Barn Owls have been active during the day all month. They were obviously short of food during the hard weather when their prey dug deeper underground and it is good to see them hunting for small rodents to catch up on their feeding.

They nest in a box I put in an oak tree and apparently, I should have put another owl box nearby because the male packs his bags and moves out when the brooding starts. A wise old owl indeed; no yelling, sleepless nights or 'can you let me have a fiver dad' where he's gone.

We recently joined a new ecology group that draws membership from farmers in the valley opposite us. It promises to be interesting since it will involve counting species, observing populations and getting advice on

the right habitats to increase numbers. The fact that most of us have already done some amateur conservation work will result in some shared knowledge and more 'joined up' thinking.

The area concerned runs to some 3500 hectares so a communal effort will be more rewarding than a bunch of individuals doing their own thing.

A couple of weeks ago I was standing in the barn doorway watching the owls quartering the paddock searching for food and wondering how wet I would get if I ran to the house for a coffee when I thought of Noah and his ark.

I wondered where he got all that wood from to build such a massive floating zoo; I travelled that region once and I didn't see any trees, not proper ones anyway. But then I suppose old Noah had them all, for his ark.

In much the same way our shipbuilders and Royal Navy chopped down most of our oak forests to build thousands of ships over the centuries. That is the trouble with being an island race; if you can't build something that floats you can't go anywhere else.

At least it gave our farming forebears some cleared land to cultivate and the opportunity to swap being hunter gatherers for a more sustainable life style. They would probably be amused at our efforts to re-build wildlife habitats they once took for granted.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

**A reminder that we will be
choosing our**

RESOLUTION

**to put forward to national
on Wednesday, 9th MAY**

followed by

A Game of Pictionary

in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Visitors most welcome £5

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB



NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED MAY 2018

TALKS AND VISITS

Priscilla Frost from the National Gardens Scheme came to talk to us on April 9th. She explained the origins of the scheme and told us of the tremendous work that all garden owners put into this event. A huge amount of money is raised for various charities through this scheme and at the same time allows people to visit beautiful gardens both big and small. Priscilla showed many slides. Following Heather's talk in March we are planning to visit **Fibrex Nurseries** for a group tour, with tea and cake. This will be on **Saturday 2nd June** when the pelargoniums will be at their best. Please let Trevor know whether you are coming so we have some idea of the numbers. They're also holding a 60th birthday celebration weekend on 16th and 17th June, with workshops and guest speakers – some of our members (or others) may like to go to that independently.

We have organised a visit to **Burmington Grange, Cherington** on **September 1st**. This is the Saturday before they are open under the NGS scheme. The owner will provide teas as well as a tour of this garden, planted 15 years ago. We need to be able to give approximate numbers nearer the time. There will be a charge for both. Please put this date in your diary and contact Gunilla nearer the time. We have **several more guest speakers** in mind for this year, it is our 25th Anniversary this year. On **Sunday October 7th** in the afternoon we are planning a tea party with a very special guest. More details will appear here in future issues. Put this date in your diary too. As far as general enthusiasm for the Garden Club events, including talks, is concerned it seems to be rather lacking! We had a very poor turnout for the last two talks, which is very disappointing and quite embarrassing. It does require a lot of organisation and funds to put these things together. We have also had very little response to our proposed trip to the Garden Museum. We are asking for more ideas for possible talks in the future.

If there is not more enthusiasm, then we may well have to re-think. Don't hesitate to contact either Gunilla, Linda, Janet or Trevor with your ideas. Thank you.

OTHER ACTIVITIES....THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY is WORLD NAKED GARDENERS DAY. Check with your neighbours to see if they object!

When you are sowing seeds or dividing plants, please think ahead to our annual **Plant Swap**. Sarah Best will be hosting this on **24th May** at Street Farm. Following the seed swap at the AGM, in which several members participated, we'll be including seeds again here – so if you have leftovers, please packet them or put them in a labelled envelope and bring them along. We're hoping to continue our tradition of **Nosy Gardens**, and already have volunteers. If you'd be welcome to open your garden to **members only** (i.e. in a low-key way – perfection is not expected or required!) please let **Trevor Stevens** know. We will look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events.

GARDEN JOBS FOR APRIL: Keep weeds under control; Protect fruit blossom from late frosts; Tie in climbing and rambling roses; Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors; Start to feed citrus plants; Increase the water given to houseplants; Feed hungry shrubs and roses; Sow new lawns or repair bare patches; Prune fig trees; Divide bamboos and waterlilies.



**HAPPY GARDENING
SPADE AND FORK**



Welcome to
Lynne & Russell Andrews
who have just moved into
Broad Close
(All the way from Deddington!!)

We wish them a happy time here
in our lovely villages

The WI discover exactly what happens to our rubbish...When the WI booked a visit to the Viridor Ardley ERF plant, some of us thought it was all about recycling. No! It's an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF).

Having first reduced what we buy, then reused things rather than throwing them away, then considering recycling them we reach the point at which they just have to be thrown away in the dustbin. At this point the contents of all the non-recycling bins throughout Oxfordshire end up at Ardley ERF. Here our rubbish is burned, generating enough electricity to power 53,000 homes. This means that 95% of Oxfordshire's waste has moved away from landfill. The ash which comes out of the incinerator is harvested for metals and can be used in road construction at sub-base level.



Of the small amount of waste which ends up in landfill, all is not lost. It isn't just dumped but is contained in highly engineered cells and the methane generated from this is sufficient to power nearly 8,000 houses.

We also learned more about the recycling from our blue bins. If non-recyclable materials are included it can contaminate your recycle bin. The message was 'clean, dry and loose' and 'if in doubt, leave it out'. Put it in the green dustbin instead where it will help to generate power. It certainly won't be wasted.

The council collects batteries and small electrical items, left in bags on top of the bins. However, one word of warning..... a recycling lorry caught fire last year due to a battery. So, it's extremely important that we take note of what goes where. More information about this can be found on the Cherwell District Council website under 'rubbish and recycling'.

It was a fascinating visit to a state of the art facility, which must comply with very strict environmental

permits. Suitably clad in our hi-vis jackets and hard hats some of us posed in front of 'Megawattasaurus', an anatomically correct dinosaur made entirely from recycled materials. Its' footprints are based on the dinosaur footprints found in Ardley Quarry in the mid-1800s. If other villagers are interested in visiting Ardley ERF, they have a few open days each year which are listed on their website (search 'visiting Ardley ERF').

**DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY
BOOK REVIEW -**



At our recent meeting we discussed the book **Missing, Presumed, by Susie Steiner** and also welcomed two new members to the group.

The book tells the story of Edith Hind, a Cambridge postgraduate student whose sudden disappearance starts a "high-risk missing person" investigation led by DS Manon Bradshaw a single, lonely 39-year-old detective. The chapters are written from the perspective of different characters in the story, although not all of them, taking the reader through the search, investigation and reasons behind Edith's disappearance. The characters, drawn from family, friends and police officers, are well written although some are slightly stereotypical. It was felt that some chapters held the reader more than others depending on the character.

Details, such as the Press intrusion, make the pressure faced by both the family and the police feel particularly real. The frustration of 'not knowing' makes this book quite a page turner. Some details of the plot are a bit far-fetched but, all in all, the story line is good with a clever twist at the end.

This is the author's second novel, although her first crime novel, and is billed as a 'Manon Bradshaw Thriller' which seems to suggest there may be more featuring the Detective.

The group enjoyed this book and would recommend it.

This month we are reading *Cider with Rosie* by Laurie Lee and will meet on the 30th of April at 6.30 pm in the Library.

**Deddington Library
01869 338391**

REPORT FOR BARFORD NEWS AFTER PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF 24TH FEBRUARY 2018

The Public Consultation for the intended playground in the West Close (Murreys Lane) field was held with great success in the village hall on Saturday 24th February. Quotes from three contractors had previously been obtained – Handmade Places (Option 1), Playdale (Option 2) and Sovereign (Option 3). Posters of the three design suggestions were displayed for view, together with a general information board, and people were able to ask questions and leave us their comments verbally and via a comments sheet. Many thanks to all who took the time to come down and give us their input!

37 people attended the session in total, of which 26 were adults and 11 were children. Most were from Barford St Michael, although we were thrilled to have 4 (2 adults, 2 children) from Barford St John also. 35 comments sheets were filled in on the day.

Further feedback came through the Facebook page after the event, where pictures of the boards were shown for those that couldn't make it on the day. This produced 15 responses (at the time of reporting).

A breakdown of the results is as follows:

- 29 people voted for Sovereign (Option 3).
- 9 people voted for Handmade (Option 1).
- 4 people voted to combine Handmade and Sovereign (Options 1 and 3).
- 1 person voted to combine Playdale and Sovereign (Options 2 and 3).
- 3 were not in favour of the playground being installed.

From more specific comments given:

- 9 people favoured the triangular climbing net in the Handmade design.
- 6 people requested a zip wire.
- 4 people favoured monkey bars.
- 3 people wanted fencing to keep the play area and field separate with regard to children and dogs.

- A range of swings were requested in most of the feedback, to include all three types (cradle for toddlers, standard flat, and the round nest swing).
- Some comments felt there should be more for toddlers, some felt there should be more for older children.

- Comments/queries were made regarding the suggested location within the field, noise levels and privacy for surrounding properties, safety with regards to dogs being in the field, concerns over increased footfall/traffic to the village, and concerns over potential vandalism.

In conjunction with the Parish Council, all comments and concerns raised have been discussed.

It is clear that the overwhelming preference is for the Sovereign design (Option 3). A comparison between the three quotes (as displayed at the Public Consultation) also showed it to offer the best value for money. Therefore, Sovereign will be the contractor with which we move forward. In response to the feedback, the Sovereign design has been amended to include a more challenging climbing net similar to that in the Handmade design, and a nest swing has been added to give all three swing types. The design already includes monkey bars. The cost of installing a zip wire has been investigated with Sovereign. This would add another c.£10k to the overall price, which is felt to be much too expensive for just this one piece of equipment. Concerns over the noise levels it may generate have also been considered. Unfortunately, therefore, there will be no zip wire in the design that is taken forward.

It is agreed that fencing will be necessary for the following reasons: to ensure dog waste is kept out of the play area, to ensure children can play safely without risk of injury from dogs, and to allow dog owners to continue to use the rest of the field freely. The quote from Sovereign for fencing was more expensive than expected, and so alternative quotes will be sought from local contractors. Chosen fencing will be appropriately in keeping with the environment.

With regards to suitability of the playground for different ages, the Committee has been careful from the start to be as inclusive of all age ranges as is reasonably possible, whilst taking into account the difficulty of the terrain (i.e. the slope of the field), respect for the surrounding properties and impact on the field in general.

The main climbing structure of the Sovereign design has both toddler access to slides and more challenging access for older children.

The swings encompass all age ranges, as do the climbing stumps, etc. The change to a more challenging climbing net adds interest for older children.

The exact location of the play area has been thoroughly discussed before and after the Public Consultation, including on site visits, and that presented at the Consultation is still thought to be the most sensible and least impacting of anywhere in the field. Privacy for surrounding properties will be addressed further by keeping taller climbing structures as low down the field as is reasonably possible within the design, thereby reducing their effective height.

Concerns regarding the potential for increased traffic/footfall to the village had already been considered and felt to be a minimal risk. There is no parking available and no facilities such as toilets. Other local playgrounds that do have such provisions are much more likely to be used in this way. The proposed site is also barely visible from the road, so interest from non-village traffic passing through is unlikely to arise in any great numbers. As such, the risk of anti-social behaviour and vandalism is also felt to be low. Unfortunately, such things can never be completely legislated against, but we hope to rely on the general good nature of our village to help to ensure the area stays nice for us all!

One area still in discussion is sensible buggy/disabled access. We hope to obtain advice/quotes from relevant contractors in the near future, including the company which laid the new church paths.



(Left to Right....Karen, Sophie, Jo, Carole & Jo)



1st Deddington Guides

It was great to be able to get outdoors for our last meeting – with the coming of the lighter evenings.

Together with school exchange friends from USA and France we played an energetic wide game and had an Easter Egg Hunt in the woods on the way home. Google translate was very helpful in explaining the rules of a tag game, but not required for an Easter Egg Hunt! Senior Guide Jess, back at the hall kept everyone active with a range of co-operative games.

During the last part of the term Jess presented a session all about Fairtrade and Hannah and Connie, through sensory awareness games, helped us understand the difficulties many others face every day. The senior Guides are all working towards their Baden Powell Award.

We are looking forward to this summer term as ever, with almost all our meetings out of doors! Providing a wide range of activities.

Maggie Rampley – 01295 810069
Marian Trinder – 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn – 01295 258008
and Tilly Neal

DEDDINGTON LADIES NETBALL is hoping to start up again this spring/summer. We are planning to play on Wednesdays at 7.15pm on the newly refurbished court at the Windmill Centre.



All abilities are very welcome, no long-term commitment is required, but we do need a minimum number of players to get started again. Please email me if you are interested in coming along.

Sophie Cameron
sophietcameron@googlemail.com

DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION.....March into April has been a steady month for the station. We have been on 32 shouts for this period consisting mainly of standbys, a handful of RTC's, alarms, a shed fire and a large scrap metal yard fire in Great Rollright. The scrap metal yard fire in Great Rollright was a long job for us, we got called to the incident around 22:30 in the evening and didn't return home until 07:30 the next day. The reasoning behind the duration of the job was down to the fact we were on a watching brief. A watching brief is where the fire is for all intensive purposes extinguished, requiring crews to watch over and damp down the remaining combusted materials, insuring re-ignition doesn't occur.

Station training over the past few weeks has been orientated towards George and Nicky's IC assessments coming up in the late spring early summer. Scenarios have been set up designed to make them think out of the box and put them both under a bit of pressure in a safe environment. This training is necessary not only for successfully completing the assessment but also applies to the real world when they will both be allowed to take the pump out in charge. So far they have both excelled, keep the good work up.



Congratulations are in order for our latest recruit Adam Perry who has passed his initial Breathing Apparatus course. This course in my opinion is the most enjoyable and rewarding course you partake in as a firefighter. It consists of you going into live fire situations, allowing you to extinguish the fire and rescue casualties from buildings. Well done Adam.

Although Sharon left around a month ago I just wanted to mention her fantastic achievement in completing the Paris Marathon last weekend. Sharon raised £1,122 pounds for Edie's Butterfly Appeal which is a charity close to Sharon's heart.

Don't forget that the Four Farms Challenge is taking place on Sunday 13th May, you can still register now. The run consists of a 10k, 5k over 16s and 5k under 16s, the course is set between the Castle Grounds in Deddington and Clifton offering beautiful sceneries and hopefully good weather. The money raised is split between three

charities including the Firefighters Charity so all your support is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, I have not had time to organise a car wash for this month so we are aiming to do one around September after the summer holidays.

Until next time, stay safe

FF Thomas Hall

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HEDGEHOG MATTERS

First hedgehog of the season spotted on 24th March in the hedge line behind Church St close to the hedgehog box where one was last seen heading in October. Great to see after such a cold winter and testimony to what tough and well adapted little creatures they are. A good sheltered hedgehog house is an added bonus. This hedgehog had a pale bottom, in the same place as the one that spent last winter in that box. Let's assume it's the same female and call her Pale bot.

New arrivals to Barford three days ago on Saturday 14th April were these two large healthy looking hedgehogs who were both overwintered at the Vale Wildlife Hospital, brought in at the end of October because they were very small, weighing less than 300g, too



small for them to safely hibernate. Both were treated for parasites during their stay and fed up over winter and now weigh over 900g. They are male and female but I had nothing to mark them with before release so there is no way of identifying them if we see them, apart from trying to recognise any different features that they have. Some hedgehogs aren't released back to their original sites because of things such as development, dog attacks or busy roads. Research has shown that they seem to adapt well to being released in other areas if there is good habitat, which in turn usually means a good food source too. My instructions from the hospital were to put them in a hedgehog house together a couple of hours before dusk, with the entrance partially blocked, to give them chance to acclimatise whilst they're sleeping then remove the partial obstruction at dusk and leave them to it.

Provide food and water close by for the first 7-10 days whilst they find their way around and get used to the area and good foraging spots.

After removing the obstruction I watched them from behind the box as they first came out so that they didn't know I was there. I was rewarded with some fantastic moments of watching one almost on its back having a good old scratch, wash and groom. The male tried it on a bit or else the two were just having a bit of a scuffle, then both went off in different directions exploring their new environment. One headed straight through a hole in the fence into a neighbour's garden, showing how important connectivity between gardens is. Hedgehogs are generally solitary but not territorial creatures, coming together only to mate or for a good food source. Normally I wouldn't check a hedgehog house if I thought it had occupants but on this occasion I checked it in the morning, thinking that one may have returned with the other finding a different spot, as happened last year. The box was empty so both had dispersed, I imagine not too far away. The food (covered over with something too small for most cats to get to) had gone. Hopefully they found the nice sheltered hedge line as a refuge and can explore other areas from there.

Our new arrivals don't know the terrain. Hedgehogs have poor eye sight too so please make it easier for them by shutting garage and shed doors before dusk and covering any hazards like deep holes or troughs that they can't get out of. Look out for them on the roads too.

So, we know of three hedgehogs in our midst again this year, with hopefully more that we haven't seen, and so begins another year of the prickly soap opera going on in our back gardens whilst we sleep...If you can add to the story and see any hedgehogs, dead or alive this year please tell on:

www.facebook.com/groups/1451099978269355/. This is the Barford hedgehogs site. If you don't want to use Facebook ring 01869 337850.

Helen Taylor



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope you all had a very happy Easter, despite the cold and wet weather!

Thankfully our first week back after the holiday turned out to be a lovely warm week when we could begin to use and enjoy our wonderful school grounds more fully. The first day of term saw the whole school taking part in an RE Day. Every class spent the entire day focusing on key RE Questions in order to deepen their understanding of religion and its importance to our C of E school. The day proved to be most enjoyable for all staff and pupils involved.

The School Council was asked to lead a competition to name the footpath which will run along the front of the David Wilson Homes development across the road from school and link up to the village. They wanted the name to reflect the local area, whether this was to be linked to Deddington village history or the nature in the area. After a competition amongst classes and many suggestions of names being made, as a school we voted for the winning name of 'Marshall Way' after the wonderful Canon Hugh Marshall. He was of huge importance to us all at Deddington, often leading church services and assemblies in school, and was our chair of governors for a period of time. We are sure you will all agree that this is a most fitting name for this pathway and David Wilson Homes have been informed of our choice.

At the end of April our Year 5/6 Netball team took part in the Oxfordshire County Finals in Abingdon. They took part brilliantly and as always proudly represented our school.

In early May we also took part in a Tennis Tournament for Year 3 and 4 pupils, and in The Warriner Family Quad Kids Athletics which was organised for pupils from Year 3 up to Year 6. A great time was had by all who participated.

May is of course the month when all the Year 6 and some Year 2 Government set SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) take place.

We are always immensely proud of our children and their educational achievements with us at Deddington Primary School and the SATs merely confirm how well our children learn and flourish within our school.

To end our news, let us now hope the weather continues to warm up so that we can all enjoy some much-deserved late Spring sunshine.

DENISE WELCH



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Cubs have been working towards their Skills Challenge by learning some camping essentials, washing up, shoe lace tying & sleeping bag packing & they will soon tackle the Chefs Badge. We also spent an evening in the company of Baden Powell, games, nature quiz & The Jungle Book.

Jonathan, Bailey, Dominic & Charlie represented the pack at the district Scrapheap Challenge, a story followed by a session of robot building – great fun.

JoChurchyarddeddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

The Scouts have spent the last few weeks working towards their Photographer Badge under the expert eye of Paul Brewerton, we look forward to the display of their pictures in the new term.

We finished last term with a session at The Spiceball, taking advantage of the free swimming sessions on a Wednesday evening. All those who attended gained their second swimmer badge.

Peter Churchyard

deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

We all joined together for a presentation evening attended by Tim Kidd, The UK Chief Commissioner & many leaders from the District during which William received his Silver Award, Philip his Diamond & several Explorers their Platinum but the star of the night was Janet Duxbury who received the Silver Acorn, next stop Windsor Castle!



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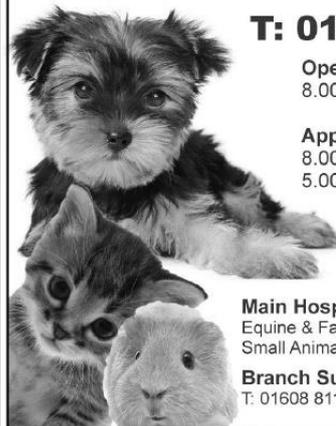
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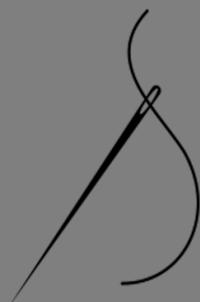
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Fridays	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (except January or August)
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

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May

5th Swalcliffe Church 'The Big Sing'
9th WI Resolution & Pictionary
10th May PC Meeting
12th Plant Sale at Stonehaven
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