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BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY

29TH AUGUST

6pm till late

In the village hall gardens



BARFORDS CHURCH FETE

2 pm Bank Holiday Monday

30th AUGUST 2010

MANOR HOUSE

BARFORD ST MICHAEL

Dog Show



Games and competitions

**Bottle stall, plants, cakes, white elephant,
books, toys, Raffle**

Ice creams - Delicious teas



Parish Council Notes

The meeting took place on 7th June and was attended by 6 councillors. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Best. One member of the public was in attendance.

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor Hobbs – Planning Application Atherton, 10/00843/F; Councillor Woolgrove- Warriner School Farm S137 Grant; Councillor Styles – Barford Village Hall S137 Grant.

Minutes of the meetings of 19th May and 2nd June were approved and signed off by the Chairman.

In matters arising from the minutes County Councillor Jelf had reported the slip hazard (moss) on the pavement outside 1 Broad Close to OCC highways and is awaiting a response. Steve Wood has set up speed checks on 7 July between Summer Leys and the bridge and in Barford St John. They will remain there for 7 days. Councillor Woolgrove reported that the hedge opposite the Council houses going towards Bloody Bones Lane, Barford St John was encroaching onto the highway. Larger vehicles have to use the middle of the road. Mr & Mrs Purton at Manor House are to be contacted.

During Public Participation Councillor Jelf reported that OCC was holding an emergency meeting on 27 July to approve an amended budget for 2010-2011.

The Clerk reported that the potholes on Lower Street had been repaired. Peter Ronald at OCC highways had been contacted on 10 June requesting road marking safety improvements as per Bernard Lane's report dated 27.04.10. Cherwell District Council had been out to put the 'Lower Street' road sign back on the uprights but the sign had been stolen. Consequently CDC has been asked to arrange for a new sign to be ordered. OCC highways had been contacted on 17 June to chase concerns that had been reported over access to West Close via Murrey's Lane steps and footpath to Lower Street. Highways had no record of the original complaint. The Clerk asked for urgent action, plus provision of handrails.

Councillor Turner reported that a request had been made by a parishioner(s) at the APM for a dog bin to be installed at Mill Lane. The cost of an additional bin would be £210, plus £90 fitting + VAT. A weekly cost of £1.27 plus VAT would be incurred for emptying it. A general discussion followed and it was unanimously agreed not to pursue the matter.

Following a site visit to West Close on 2 June, Councillors had expressed an interest in providing some play equipment in the field. Councillor Turner said that the Close was being used much more by families since the increase in grass cuts this summer. After some discussion it was agreed

to look at the cost of providing one or two goal posts. The Clerk was asked to establish costs, planning needs and any restrictions on the use of the land.

Councillor Hobbs had received an email from L Watling, Clerk to Deddington Parish Council, expressing concern over the unofficial re-routing of a right of way within the parish. The Clerk had spoken to CDC Rural Development & Countryside Manager (Kevin Lerner) and had been assured that he, CDC Planning (Jane Dunkin) and OCC Rights of Way Officer (Sarah Aldous) were appreciative of Deddington PC's concerns and that the problem was actively being dealt with.

Details of planning applications can be found on the CDC website

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

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

Applications

10/00150/TCA - Moore, The Mill, Lower Street. Pollard T1 – T27 willows

10/00843/F - Atherton, 15 Robins Close, - single storey front extension

10/00862/F - Wilson, 7 Summer Ley, Horn Hill, Barford St Michael – works to front wall and access

There were no objections to all three applications.

Approved

10/00109/TCA - Hindle, 'The Old Turnstile'. Crown thin 3 x apple trees by 10%. Fell sycamore T4

10/00622/F & 10/00623/LB - Purton, Manor House, Church Lane, Barford St John – construction of outdoor swimming pool, garage alterations

Objections

10/00109/TCA – Hindle, 'The Old Turnstile'. Fell sycamore T5. Cherwell District Council considered the proposed works to be detrimental to the character of the local conservation area. The sycamore to be made the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. No work may be undertaken to a tree which is subject to a TPO without obtaining prior consent from Cherwell District Council

Reports from meetings:-

Councillor Hobbs reported that he and Councillor Styles had attended the Parish Liaison Meeting at Bodicote House on 9 June. Areas covered included:-

The New Parish Portal – there was a demonstration of the new website which, in its embryonic state, featured Barford St John & St Michael. The clerk reported that Rebecca Dyson from Robins Close had offered to run the website for the PC if they decided to go ahead with it.

Councillor Eden expressed concerns about websites cutting villages in half, with some people having access and some not or not wanting to have access to them. Councillor Hobbs assured the meeting the website would be in addition to any other publications, newsletters etc already in circulation. It was not meant to replace them. There was no cost involved.

'Notice of Intent' - tree works in a conservation area. CDC notifies Parish Council's of any intended tree works in a conservation area. PCs are able to make comments about tree works but have no legal right to object. PC comments are always welcome and wherever possible, will be taken into consideration.

During any other business it was noted that:-

The trees at the edge of the village to Great Marsh gate on Nether Worton Road were overhanging the road and being hit by vehicles. The Clerk was asked to contact OCC.

The fir trees in 'Cornerways' in Lower Street were blocking the view up The Rock. The Clerk was asked to contact owner and asked for them to be trimmed back.

Vegetation either side of The Rock was becoming overgrown. The Clerk was asked to contact OCC and asked for it to be cut back.

The laminate in the Parish Council notice board has become frosted making it difficult to read notices. This to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting was set for 1st September.

T.A.B.

1st Deddington Guides

THIS MONTH has been busy at Guides, we have done several things. We had a sausage sizzle in a field, and the Brownies came to cook their own dinner with us. We had sausages, spaghetti, baked beans and stuff like that. We went backwoods cooking which means that you don't use utensils, so we had to wrap up our food, that we prepared at home, in foil or cook it on a stick. I experimented with popcorn in foil, but it caught alight while I was getting some more wood, so my popcorn was a bit charcoaled when I got round to eating it! My baked banana with chocolate was delicious though. The term will finish with stream walking, in some parts the water is up to your chest!

Tilly

Thank you Tilly, look forward to the next update. Ed.

1st Deddington Brownies

THE END OF THE YEAR finished in spectacular fashion. As part of the centenary celebrations we were expected to do something wacky! Bring on the eccentric hairdos, stripy leggings, large goggles, interesting make-up, long gloves and leg-warmers (you get the picture). Make a large number of custard pies and arrange them into a 100 shape. Then what do you do with them? Needless to say the towels and flannels came in very useful! Amidst all the excitement Grace made her promise. I'm not quite sure what she's got herself in to.

Lucy Squires

A Reminder

**That there will be no
Barford Village Market**

in August

We re-open for business

On 18th September

At Ayot Croft, Townsend

Fernhill Club News

THE CLUB HAVE had a very enjoyable month, our new programme is going well.



Our outings for July were to Banbury Club for a lovely cream tea and quiz, travelling with dial-a-ride. Then we had a very entertaining afternoon at the home of Myrtle Young in Clifton. A wonderful demonstration of her guide dogs, followed by a lovely tea and cakes, but the dogs were the star attraction – quite amazing.

On July 28th we are going to Sturdy's Castle for lunch and a game of skittles, leaving Barford at noon.

A trip to Bourton on the Water is to be arranged for August 11th, anyone interested in joining us, the coach trip will be £5.00 per person, non-members most welcome to help fill the coach. Contact Avril Green on 338381 or Maureen Holden on 337138.

Then on August 25th, 'Country Customs', when Dusty Rhodes is coming to entertain us.

Hope you will try to join us on one or all Wednesday afternoons. We look forward to welcoming you.

For further information about the club contact Avril or Maureen (numbers above) or Mary on 01295 252298. Hope to hear from you soon.

M.H.



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Warriner School News Summer 2010



AT THE END of the school year I always find it a good point from which to reflect on what has gone on and how this sets us up for the coming year.

I would like to make a brief comment about the recent news of the cancellation of BSF (Building Schools for the Future) by the new Secretary of State for Education. As we understand it this development does not signal an end to school capital building programmes. It actually means a delay while the processes and budgets are re-examined before further £billions are committed to the significant and necessary remodelling and refurbishment we need here at The Warriner, and more generally, across the County. We must keep up pressure on the powers that be and keep restating our argument and above all we must retain Hope!

As always one key achievement of the school will be the GCSE results when they are published in August and clearly I cannot comment on these until the autumn. However, as I have said to Year 6 and Year 5 parents at recent parents' evenings, there is so much more to education than examination outcomes.

In no way is this a sop to potentially poor results, indeed we anticipate the best ever results this summer. In fact it is a fundamental statement of educational philosophy, one we subscribe to here at The Warriner. In order for young people to become successful, independent adults they need a clear awareness of their place in the community, they need to belong to that community and be engaged in activities that bring mutual benefit to themselves and those with whom they share the community.

Students here are encouraged to take up a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom; Music, Sport, Drama, Duke of Edinburgh, international exchanges and fund raising to name but a few. In addition leadership roles are developed through Sports Leaders programmes, the Prefect system, Student Listeners and the School and House Councils.

Throughout my career, regardless of their ability, I have always believed, and found, that the students who make the most of their education are those who fully engage with the wider life of the school. As the old saying goes – if you want a job doing give it to a busy person.

While we all need the break after yet another busy year we all know how rewarding it is to work with young people and I would like to thank all of you who have supported us in whatever way during 2009-10.

Nick Hindmarsh
Headteacher

From the Vicar

ANGELS FOR ST MICHAEL'S, PLEASE

WE ARE NOT FAR OFF the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, our Patronal Festival at Barford St Michael Church.



The Festival will be celebrated at 4.00pm on Sunday September 26th in St Michael's (the actual Feast Day is 29th). I'd like to fill the Church with Angels for that Festival and so would



like to invite all Barfordians to make one or more angels of any size and material - Angel Scarecrows very welcome! - and bring it to Church for that occasion.

Or what about bringing an angel back from your summer holiday travels - they are usually easy enough to find! If you can't get to Church on the day, we can collect your angel(s). Clubs and Societies might like to contribute a communal angel as well, and it needn't stop at Barford,



so ask your friends. I've already invited Deddington Primary School to join in.

It was very good to have so many people come and meet Dan Inman, our new Curate, on June 10th at the Manor.

Thanks to you all and a very big thank you to the Alts and Bob and the team for their hospitality and excellent BBQing.



Dan and I are intending to bring round a questionnaire about Barford Church matters during August.

Happy hols,
Hugh
(01869349869;
vicarhugo@hotmail.com)

Another Award For The Meat Join

Runner Up

Oxfordshire Business Awards 2010

There was great excitement at The Meat Joint when it was announced that we were among the finalists in the New Business Category of the 2010 Oxfordshire Business Awards organised by Business Link South East. Unfortunately we were 'pipped at the post' and had to be content with a 'Runner Up' plaque. The award was presented at the ceremony at the Oxford Thames Four Pillars Hotel on Friday 18th June.

Christian Aid Week May 2010

I WOULD LIKE to thank everyone who kindly donated to Christian Aid Week and the total collected was £216.16. A great effort and your generosity is much appreciated.



Christian Aid week unfortunately always follows the popular Red Cross week and sometimes people are reluctant to be 'pestered' for donations two weeks in a row. I'm afraid it's the same every year and the dates can't be changed.

Christian Aid week raises money for projects worldwide, helping people to build a better life for themselves and their families in countries where people live in abject poverty.

Thank you again on behalf of Christian Aid for your kind donations and also a very big thank you to all the people who helped with the collecting.

Cubby Brett
Churchwarden



Some readers may not know that Christian Aid began by helping refugees in Europe after the Second World War and now works in about 60 countries where the need is greatest, helping

people regardless of race or religion.

Our world isn't getting any fairer, Children in Gaza are going to schools pockmarked with bullet holes. Parents are selling their daughters in marriage to earn the money so the family can survive a drought in Afghanistan. Life expectancy for women in Zimbabwe is now 34 years old – it was 65 just a decade ago. The income of some multinational companies exceeds that of entire countries.

Ed.

Bakehouse or Shepherds Charity

Grants are made annually, at the Trustee's discretion, to young people attending College or University. In order to qualify, applicants should be under 25 years of age and they or their parents should be resident in the parish of Barford St Michael or Barford St John for at least three years.

Please give the following information on your application:-

- 1) Your full name, age and address in Barford and state how long you have lived here.
- 2) Name and address of the College or University where you are planning to study.
- 3) Exact description of the qualification you are studying for, including length of course and subjects to be studied.

Address your application to:

Mrs Lucy Warner
Clerk to the Shepherds & Bakehouse Trust
Mead Farm Bungalow, Barford St John, Banbury,
Oxfordshire. OX15 0PW

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



1st Barford & Deddington Rainbows

We made a big paper aeroplane and did a competition to see who's went the furthest and Lilli and Phoebe won.

We made mosaic pictures and went to the Castle Grounds in Deddington. We had a nature walk and played all sorts of games. It was fun!

Chloe, Eleanor and Amy U moved onto Brownies so we said Good Bye and we were sad that they were leaving. 3 new Rainbows will start in September.



Connie Neal aged 6
Phone mum if you'd like to go
on the waiting list-
Hazel Neal
01869 337822

Well done Connie and thank you for your first article for Barford News! Ed.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

IT HAS BEEN a very busy end to the term. The PFSU children spent a day at the Warriner School Farm, meeting goats, pigs, chickens and geese and getting stuck into some pond dipping. Thank you to everyone who made this fantastic visit possible especially Bev at the farm and Keiran's parents who provided (and drove) the coach. We have also visited the Deddington allotments where we saw a variety of fruit and vegetables growing and met some chickens. Our Sports Day was postponed by the only rain in weeks, but at the time of writing we are still hoping to re-arrange this. We have been preparing for some of the children to move up from Nursery to the PFSU, and from the PFSU to school, in September. The PFSU are holding two open afternoons for the new families and the last week of term will see 'move-up' day when the children will spend the afternoon in their new classes. We wish all our children well in their new settings and hope they will keep in touch! We will miss them. Have a happy summer holiday.



Lucy Squires
Deddington PFSU 01869 337484
Deddington Village Nursery 01869 337383

Barford Green Garden Club Fiveways Cottage Garden

17 members attended this lovely cottage garden on the evening of 16th July



Garden owners Michael and Jenny Aldous made us very welcome and showed us round the garden which they started creating when they moved there back in 1987. They grow more than 100 clematis at Fiveways and many of us purchased some of the favourites such as Prince Charles, Mikelite and Etoile Violette.

Weather stayed dry for us and we all had a most enjoyable evening.



Open Gardens 20th June

As advised in July BN we made £746.92 for our village organisations and once again many thanks to all those involved who made this possible. The funds were distributed immediately after the event as follows:

- Barford News £103.75
- Church £217.87
- Hall and Fernhill £51.84
- Rainbows £31.15
- Shepherds and Bakehouse £228.18
- Village Hall £114.13

I have received letters of thanks from BN, Church, Hall and Fernhill, and Shepherds and Bakehouse, and all have asked me to pass on grateful thanks to all those involved for the generous donation.

Open Village Show Saturday 14th August

Full details on page 12 & 13

September/October Events

Talk about Batsford Arboretum 16th September 7.30pm village hall to be followed up by a visit there on Thursday 21st October 2.30pm. More details in September Barford News

Jill Bunce

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Fun Dog Show At the Church Fete



Back again by popular request!

Does your dog have the most appealing eyes?

Do you and your dog have the best 6 legs?

Can your dog perform a trick or follow a command?

Enter this years Novelty Dog Show.

It will be held in the field next to the Church Fete on Bank Holiday Monday, but will start an hour after the fete opens.

Enter classes on the day, just £1 per entry.

Shetland Round Britain & Ireland Race

ON 28TH JUNE Richard Palmer & Trevor Drew arrived in Plymouth to celebrate the completion of the double handed Round Britain & Ireland Yacht Race. Finishing 5th overall was a great achievement which far exceeded expectations.

Described by some as one of the best races ever, it had everything to offer, from gales in the Shetland Islands to becalmed seas along the South Coast. It was in the light winds of the final leg that we really started to surprise our competitors (and followers ashore) as we clawed our way up from 10th place.



I will remember the event for the tremendous camaraderie amongst competitors, the schools of dolphins that escorted us for mile upon mile, anchoring against foul tide in 60m of water and the spectacular coastline that surrounds much of our islands.

Photos and blogs from the race can be found at www.jangada.co.uk

Richard Palmer
Horn Hill

JULY 200+ CLUB WINNERS

£15.00, No. 95, Mrs. J. Spring

£10.00, No. 212, Streeter family

£5.00, No. 149, Austin Lawler

The draw took place at the Duck Race

Use It, Or Lose It!!



At the village green Mondays from 10.20 till 10.35.
2nd & 16th August, 13th & 27th September

The Barford Challenge 2010

LAST YEAR a few of the challengers thought that we could manage a slightly harder jaunt through the countryside this year, just a bit more testing. We had found a really good route for the Malvern challenge two years ago so I thought that with a bit of tweaking we could make it quite interesting. The idea was to start on the Malverns and work our way home. If we started at midnight we could walk the Malverns at night getting on the bikes as it gets light. The whole trip would take about 16 hours which is hard enough but to do it without a night's sleep would be a real test. Strangely most people agreed it would be different and worth a go (although I think there was a good deal of cursing about the start time and my parentage).

So training got underway and Glynnis and myself started plotting, with a few changes it looked doable.

The biggest problem was that all 30 or so folks would need to get into the canoes at the same time. Glynnis trawled the net and found a company that would bring out canoes to the drop of point and pick them up at the get out point. With this sorted it could all be done.

Wednesday evening and Sunday morning rides came and went, a few canoe expeditions happened, reconnaissance trips were undertaken and meetings were organised at The George. Everyone was kept up to date by Glynnis with that email thingy, this worked well but I don't think it will ever catch on.

The weekend of the challenge.

Bikes and canoes were loaded on the Friday and Saturday, bags with changes of clothes were loaded into trucks and everyone gathered at the pub. At 9.30 the two mini buses that George had organised were loaded up and off to darkest Worcestershire we trundled. We aimed to start at the north car park of the Malverns at midnight but we were milling around ready to go at 11.30 so we set off early. Yes, even Mickey was ready early.

The night was clear with half a moon and a starlit sky, a refreshing breeze from the west hit us as we reached the top of the Malverns. This was what I had been hoping for as a westerly would help the bike ride and more importantly the canoeing would be loads easier. It was a funny feeling walking along the tops of the hills. Somebody said they felt like naughty children being somewhere they weren't allowed. After 3 hours we were at the south car park, I had planned for a three and a half hour walk so we were now about an hour in front of schedule.

At the car park the two support trucks were ready for us, Paul with the bikes and canoes and Tom with spare bikes and tools. We all changed into cycle gear, sorted out our lights and got ready for the first 30 mile bike ride. While we did this George fell off his bike while still in the car park.

The road from the car park down the Malverns is a 1 in 4 and goes on for about 2 miles so we all rode slowly and carefully in the dark. Everyone but Jeff, that is, who hit a cats eye and did a full over the handle bars flip. Bruised and very upset as he had trashed his new forty pound light within 100 yards of the start he carried on. No one knows how the cat is.

About half way through the first cycle ride just as it was getting light we reached the river Avon. This is where we had to take to a footpath, walk in single file through someone's garden, across a weir, through another garden, carry the bikes over a lock and back onto a small lane. It must have looked strange 30 cyclist with head torches filing through your garden at 4 in the morning.

The rest of the ride went off without a hitch, well other than Graham falling off and spreading carnage all around him and everyone but two of us taking a detour and getting lost. It was a good twenty minutes after they had found their way back and when we were all getting stuck into the food that Tracy and Jill had brought along that someone missed Simon. Stuck with no phone, map or clue where he was he did the smart thing and stood by the road until we found him.

The transition between bikes and canoes is always a messy affair but this time it was made easier by Paul getting our canoes in the water ready and the firm we hired the other canoes from sorting theirs out. We had reached the river about 6.30 so it seemed like it was half way through the day to us, unfortunately it probably didn't to the owners of the two narrow boats that were moored next to us.

The wind was behind us and the sun was above, what could possibly go wrong ? Well nothing for a while other than the usual "domestics" in the boats. For some reason everyone thinks they are doing all the work and their crew mates are taking it easy. Things only started to get interesting at the second lock, the lock paddles that maybe should have been shut were open and the river Avon came in the top of the lock and out the bottom via Andy Neal's canoe. We all had life jackets on so at least Andy was bobbing around and holding on to his now submarine like boat. After a little while he realised he could stand on the bottom so he walked to a ladder and climbed out of the lock while we towed the sub to the river bank and emptied it out.

It would be another good 10 minutes till John fell in. An angry fisherman was complaining that we were too near his gear so a gaggle of canoes took evasive action and a pile up ensued. John was at the tail end of the melee and as he hit the canoe in front of him he gracefully disappeared upside down under the water. He didn't get out of the canoe immediately and just as I was making up my mind who to throw in to help him (as a non swimmer there was no point me going in) he emerged from his rather tippy kayak. He seemed happy to join an open canoe team and Jeff and myself towed his kayak on upstream.

Even with a quite helpful breeze the canoeing section was harder going than I thought it would be and I think everyone was relieved to see the bridge at Welford come into sight after about five and a half hours paddling. The landing crew had everything in hand making it easy for us all to get onto the bank in a bit of an awkward landing. Only Tom Elliot got it wrong and ended up in the river. He must have inherited his father's lack of co-ordination.

The pub, whose garden we rapidly filled, is called 'The Four Alls' and even though we didn't give them much custom as our catering team of Jill, Tracy, Sylvia and Basil were on hand to keep feeding and watering us, the pub let us use its facilities. Some people had been looking forward to them for quite some time. So if you are out that way the pub is in a lovely spot and worth calling in at.

At this last stop we had to make sure we had drunk enough and that our bottles on our bikes were full as we were all starting to feel the effects of the day so far. The last ride was 30 miles with some pretty nasty hills around Whichford way so Glynnis gave out the route maps so the faster cyclists could get on home and leave those of us who wanted a leisurely ride to toddle on behind. The strange thing was every now and again the faster boys would overtake us as they obviously couldn't read a map at speed. This ride was a bit of a slog but everyone just got on with it, not too much happened, just the usual George getting lost, Glynnis falling off while trying to get on her bike and of course George getting lost yet again.

The last of us arrived back at 'The George' just after 4, by which time the quick ones had been home for a shower and had a few pints. James had organised the barbeque and we all settled down to a drink with that smug feeling you get when you have achieved something so challenging. Strangely in all the conversation that followed I never heard anyone say that they would like something a bit more testing next year.

Big thanks must go to :

Glynnis for sorting it all out, especially those canoes.

George for sorting out the buses.

Tracy, Jill, Sylvia and Basil for the sandwiches, cake, and everything that kept us going.

Our regular logistics star Paul.

Tom Pearson who followed with spare bikes.

James for the barbeque.

A very well done to everyone who took part.

Pete.

NB, Glynnis is very keen to do another Cathedral ride later in the summer and we think we have found a really good one, about a hundred miles with two cathedrals and an abbey. You know the score, all down hill and the wind should be behind us, so don't hang up that lycra just yet - keep in training.

Update from Glynnis: The Cathedral Ride is planned for **Saturday, 11th September**



Straightshooter Back With A Bang

YOU MAY KNOW Tony Ecclestone as one of the Blue Coyotes who recently provided the music for the Barford Market on the Green. Or as the bass player in last year's pantomime. Tony also plays in the Old Mettle ceilidh band and rock combo Chameleon. He's always had a passion for music, with influences including the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Motown and Led Zeppelin leading him to pick up his first bass guitar back in 1974.



But a musical project he was involved in over 30 years ago has recently made an unexpected reappearance. In 1979 Tony played in a band called Straightshooter. Fellow members were brothers Dom O'Riley on guitar and Mike O'Riley on drums with Pete Luck on vocals.

The group released a 7-inch vinyl single, also called Straightshooter and written by Dom and Pete which sold all of 900 copies. The B-side was entitled She's So Fine, written by all four together.

The band split up shortly after this, but in recent years they have built up a cult following on the internet and the single is now a collector's item selling on eBay for up to £200.

As a result, New York record company Sing Sing tracked down Tony to Barford St Michael and asked to re-release the record to a global audience. Tony managed to contact Pete and Mike and they gave their consent. The move paid off with Straightshooter becoming the fastest-selling single the company has on its books.

But singer Pete remains off the radar and the other band members continue their search for him, eyeing a series of London gigs later this year and perhaps some festivals next year. It would be the first time in 31 years the band has played live, but if Pete can't be found, Tony and Dom plan to pick up the vocals.

Tony said: "I couldn't believe it when I got the email from Sing Sing Records asking if I was Straightshooter's bass player! They found me through the Blue Coyote's website and I managed to track down Dom and Mike. They're both still active in music so we're looking forward to working together again. If only we can find Pete...

Of course, if by an amazing coincidence anyone knows someone by the name of Pete Luck, Tony would love to hear from them.

For more on Straightshooter or to hear the record visit www.myspace.com/strollingbonerecords

Visit the Sing Sing website at www.singsingrecords.com/home.php

Email: bluecoyotes@msn.com

Article written by Fiona Snow

Photo by Craig Forsyth

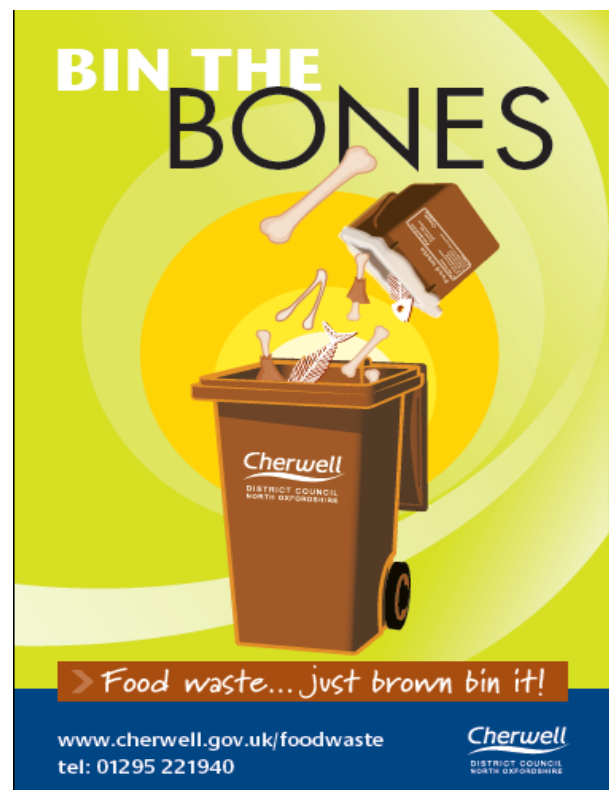
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Katharine House News Midnight Walk Update



OVER 700 PEOPLE gathered at Banbury Rugby Club for the fourth hospice Midnight Walk on 19 June. 70 eager helpers, 80 marshals and 560 walkers came together in a marvellous show of community support. There was a carnival atmosphere with supporters in fancy dress including a number in pyjamas! After an aerobic workout provided by local fitness instructor Karen Dixon and her team, the walkers set off to a rousing rendition of the Proclaimers song "(I would walk) 500 miles". The first walkers made it back in just 3 hours 15 minutes which is a fantastic achievement. All the walkers received medals from our chairman Neil Gadsby, before receiving a well-deserved cup of tea and bacon bap.

Sue Lane, Fundraising Manager said:

"It was once again a very special night and we are so glad that everyone enjoyed it. We couldn't have held the Walk without help from so many people who gave up their entire night and we would like to thank all our business sponsors too. Our catering team worked flat out all evening to prepare 150 goody bags for helpers as well as cooking over 700 bacon baps!"

Many of the walkers were walking in memory of loved ones and it was humbling to see hundreds of balloons released over the rugby pitch.

Our three previous Walks raised £280,000 towards nursing care and this year walkers have pledged £67,835 in sponsorship so we are thrilled by this sum. With generous sponsorship from local businesses and Gift Aid on many donations, the final total should be around £80,000 this year and we are so grateful to everyone who has contributed to this special unique event in the Banbury calendar."

Katharine House Hospice Summer Fete, Saturday 4 September 2pm - 5pm in the Hospice grounds, East End, Adderbury

Don't miss our Summer Fete, set in our beautiful hospice grounds. Attractions include: Jazz Band, Morris and Highland dancing, children's rides, traditional stalls and teas. We would now welcome donations of bottles and good quality tombola items. We would also welcome donations of jams, chutneys, fresh produce and cakes in the run up to the Fete.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help out, so if you would like to run a stall or be part of the setting up/clearing up team, please phone **Sheila on 01295 812161**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Valerie Carter
Community Fundraiser

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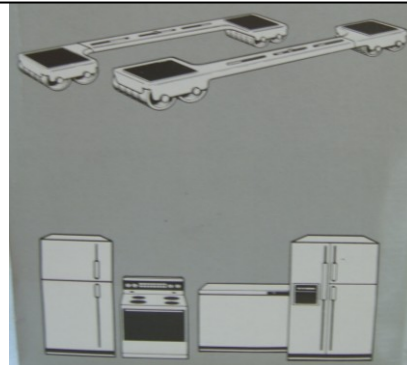
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Sandford St. Martin Cricket Club Fixtures



Date	Opponents	Venue	Start
1st XI – Division 2			
Aug 7	Long Marston	Away	1.00
14	Twyford	Home	1.00
21	Tiddington	Away	1.00
28	Leighton Buzzard	Home	1.00
Sept 4	Oxford & Bletch Nondescripts	Away	1.00
2nd XI – Division 6			
Aug 7	Wolverton II	Home	1.00
14	Horspath II	Away	1.00
21	Cropledy II	Home	1.00
28	Spare		
Sept 4	Cumnor III	Home	1.00
Sunday Fixtures			
Aug 1	Swinbrook	Home	2.00
8	Headington Quarry	Home	2.30
15	Broughton & N. Newington	Home	2.00
22	Stockton	Home	2.00
29	Twycross	Home	2.00
Sept 5	Hook Norton	Home	1.00
12	Shipston-u-Wychwood	Home	1.00
19	Presidents XI	Home	1.00

Carrot Cake Recipe (Men Only)

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(For Class 12 in Village Show Schedule)

CAKE

150g raw carrot, grated
200ml groundnut oil
250g golden caster sugar
3 medium eggs, separated
3 tablespoons milk
100g hazelnuts, roasted and chopped
200g plain flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon each ground ginger, cinnamon
and nutmeg

FROSTING

90g unsalted butter, softened
75g icing sugar, sifted
300g low-fat cream cheese
½ teaspoon vanilla essence.

Preheat the oven to 170°C fan/190°C and butter two 20cm cake tins 9cm deep with a removable base. Line the base with baking paper and butter this too.

Whisk the oil and caster sugar in a large bowl, then whisk in the egg yolks and milk, and fold in the remaining carrot and nuts. Sift the flour and baking powder together and stir this into the mixture, and then the spices. Whisk the egg whites in another bowl until they are soft, and fold them in three goes into the cake mixture. Divide this between the tins, smoothing the surface and bake for 30-35 minutes or until shrinking from the sides and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Run a knife around the edge of the cakes and leave them to cool.

To make the frosting, cream the butter and icing sugar together then blend with the cream cheese until smooth, work in the vanilla extract.

Turn the cakes onto a board and remove the baking paper. Spread half of the frosting over the top of one of the cakes, sandwich with the other and use the remaining frosting to cover the top. Cover with clingfilm and chill until ready to eat.



Village Show – Conditions of Entry



1. All entries to have been made or grown by the entrant, except for flower arranging classes
2. Children should be at the age for their class on Show Day
3. Staging of entries will take place in the hall starting at 9.15. Last entries accepted at 10.15
4. One entry per person per class
5. Entry fees: Adult 30p, Children 20p Per class
6. Prizes will be awarded in children's classes only:
1st £2.00; 2nd £1.50; 3rd £1.00
7. Viewing from 2.30pm, Presentation of Cups, Prizes and Raffle draw at 3.00pm



Please note:
Entries in classes 1 – 31 inc. Which are not removed by 3.15pm
will be auctioned after the prize-giving

Barford Village Show Schedule Saturday 14 August 2010

Vegetable & Fruit Classes

- 1 Three Beetroot, with tops cut to **10cms (4ins)** approx.
- 2 Three Carrots, long, with tops cut to **10cms (4ins)** approx.
- 3 Three Courgettes
- 4 Three Onions
- 5 Five Shallots
- 6 Three Potatoes of one variety
- 7 Three Runner Beans with stalks
- 8 Five French Beans with stalks
- 9 Five Cherry Tomatoes
- 10 Three Round Tomatoes
- 11 A Cucumber, house or frame
- 12 A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes
- 13 Five Single Assorted Vegetables
- 14 Largest Marrow
- 15 Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking
- 16 Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit
- 17 Adult Fun Class: A Vegetable Animal

Cookery Classes

- 18 A Quiche (labelled)
- 19 Six Flapjack pieces
- 20 Four Fruit Scones
- 21 Six Chocolate Brownies
- 22 Four Meringues
- 23 A Carrot Cake (**men only**) Suggested Recipe in Barford News
- 24 A Victoria Sponge Sandwich, **Raspberry jam, no Cream**
- 25 An Individual Trifle
- 26 A Jar of Jam
- 27 A Jar of Marmalade
- 28 A small pot of Lemon Curd
- 29 A Jar of Chutney
- 30 Sloe Gin (decanted into small bottle)
- 31 Half a dozen eggs

Flower Arranging Classes

- 32 An arrangement in an unusual container
- 33 A foliage arrangement **50cms (20ins) width**
- 34 A miniature arrangement 10cms (4ins) overall
- 35 An arrangement in a basket **36cms (14ins) max width**

Cut Flower Classes

- 36 A single Gladiolus
- 37 A Sunflower in a vase
- 38 Three Dahlias
- 39 Three Roses
- 40 Four Marigolds (one variety)
- 41 Four Fuchsia heads in a saucer of water
- 42 Six stems of Sweet Peas
- 43 Vase of mixed garden flowers, 6 varieties, (max.18 stems, **no oasis**)

Crafts

(NB Crafts must not have been entered previously in the Show)

- 44 A Handmade Toy
- 45 A piece of Jewellery
- 46 A hand knitted or crocheted article
- 47 A piece of needlecraft (embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch)
- 48 Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (mount or frame)
- 49 You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered elsewhere)

Photography

(13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")

- 50 A Portrait
- 51 A Barford Scene
- 52 An interesting Sky
- 53 A Shed

Children's Classes

7 and Under Years (age to be stated on all entries)

- 54 A Colouring Picture (available from the Post Office)
- 55 A saucer of fruit (any modelling material)
- 56 Four Chocolate Crispy Cakes
- 57 A vegetable animal
- 58 You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered elsewhere)

8 - 15 Years (age to be stated on all entries)

- 59 A photograph (Any Subject, **13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7"**)
- 60 A design for a Flag (A4 size: landscape)
- 61 An outdoor scene in a seed tray
- 62 A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium)
- 63 You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered elsewhere)

Entry Fees: Adults 30p per class Children: 20p per class

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MY LAST NATURE NOTES, produced on 17 April seem a world away – for which I apologise – due to my needing to catch up with work due to gradually improving weather conditions, plus taking a spell of very interesting holiday in June – which I'm trying to commit to paper for future publication (if our editor thinks it suitable to print – only joking Mariann).



On 19 April the wind dragged itself from NE to wandering around westerly quarters. However, despite day temperatures improving slightly to around 19°, nights were cold, most hovering around freezing. Indeed, the 21st reverted to a cold 14° day, with a night of white frost at -4°. Mornings generally produced a flawless sunrise with cloud increasing through the day.

At 7.50 on 21st, the vapour trail of an airliner appeared in the cloudless sky. Usually on late Spring early mornings, it is common to see at least eight active vapour trails simultaneously, often more, around Barford. But this particular trail was the first I had seen for six days owing to the lifting of the No-Fly ban due to the Icelandic volcanic dust-cloud!

At this time I realised I had not seen a Buzzard around Steepness since 26 March. This was most extraordinary because, breeding or not, Buzzards find the area good for soaring and prey. Likewise, though present, the Rooks on Steepness were reduced and subdued with the small satellite nest groups unoccupied. I can't escape an uneasy feeling that shooting probably figured in these changes, a question raised independently by other monitors from outside the parish.

The Kestrels had also disappeared, but they do at this time of year and become very secretive when breeding starts – a stark contrast to a fortnight ago when they seemed everywhere in the parish! Sadly, observations from sources around the north of the county suggest that kestrels did suffer unusual losses and breeding failures due to weather conditions.

On the 22nd, a brighter note! Blackcaps were singing melodiously, Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers were noisy and busy, Swallows were playing in Barford skies and the Cuckoo was singing just up the road near Deddington.

I was delighted to see next day, my first Orange-tip butterfly of the year. They were to be followed in due course by the Green-veined Whites, both species looking for Jack-by-the-Hedge and Lady's Smock (Cuckoo Flowers) in the meadows on which to lay their eggs.

In the following days, daytime temperatures started to lift a little, reaching 22° before month

end. Blue Tits in holes and nestboxes everywhere; Bullfinches and Chiffchaffs calling in fine style; and for me, a real highlight on 25th, a visit to my artificial nest by the first House Martin this year! By the 30th, a second bird had arrived and both were busy cleaning and re-lining the nest with all the enthusiasm of newlyweds.

At this point the wind settled in the SW until the end of the month. It had not rained for three weeks and the ground was surprisingly dry considering the frequency of Spring rains, but with a big Low to the W and a high pressure ridge over eastern UK, things would change!

Meanwhile on 26th, a mild night of brilliant moonlight and immense silence, I heard an Owlsh encounter which I have known only very rarely. It was between a male and female Tawny Owl, a little way from my house about 1am, in a huge, tall hedge. The two owls started to call and answer each other from some distance apart, 'kewick' from her and 'oo-oo'hoo'ooo' from him. After a short while the male, hooting, moved a little closer to the female. He began to approach more quickly, in short stages, hooting each time, with the female remaining in the same place answering, until the sounds came from the same point. The calls were now low volume, much more nervously quavering, eventually blending into a warbling tremble of exquisite intimacy. Then total silence. A nice example of pair bonding.

The last three days of the month were showery. The Cuckoo started a ré gime of singing for about four hours commencing just after dawn on the east hill slope of Hempton and moving westward below Steepness and on to Fernhill. This he did on many mornings until my last record of his singing on 5 June. By this time his voice had started to 'crack' and by 8am he was only rasping 'cuc!'s with no 'oo's. Then, he simply disappeared . . .

Shirley Cederland told me that Yellow Hammers and Reed Buntings were still visiting her bird tables. The first report of Swifts (three of them) in the parish came in for Little Barford Mill – early birds! And Spring was rushing on, so April smiled her whimsical little smile and skipped off toward Next Year.

May entered with a decided change, the wind veering from SW to NE on the 1st and generally turning cold. Here it stayed until the 13th.

The 1st was cloudy and the Cuckoo sang long from Fernhill. About 3pm a Raven, flying high over the villages, disappeared southward over Steepness and I realised that I had not seen this, recently so frequent, bird since *13 February!*. What had happened to them?

It was evening when the wind completed its change to NE. A night of continuous heavy rain followed with a min. temp. down to 5°.

The 2nd dawned on a driving overcast with rain commencing late morning. The temperature struggled to reach a max. of 10°, but a clearer spell in the afternoon produced nothing less than a pair of Ravens flying E below Steepness and croaking loudly. (These birds appeared again on 5th and a single bird made a quick foraging sortie into Townsend on 6th but was hastily driven back over Steepness by the nesting 'domestic' Jackdaws!). Late in the afternoon a Buzzard was standing impressively motionless on the gale at Hempton. The relative position of slow moving high and low pressure areas funnelled arctic air between them across the British Isles with very cold factors of windchill even though day temps. rose a little to the lower teens. Night temps. stayed very low with frosts on 2nd, 9th, 11th and 12th, the last bringing a white frost of -4°! By now garden crops were being damaged and, despite burgeoning green hedgerows, everything was falling behind. Nevertheless, Woodpeckers 'laughed' or 'kecked' around the villages, Tawny Owls hooted and the Cuckoo managed to sing on several mornings

The 9th was the day of our 12 hour bird count so Bas Butler, Ian Hobday and myself set off at 6am to start the day around the Barfords as usual. We observed 63 species in our 10km square, of which 49 (our best ever figure) were present in Barfords parish! We also noted a Roebuck noting us, at Combe Hill!

At the start of this cold period I noted that 'my' House Martins appeared to have abandoned their artificial nest (which they did under similar conditions last year). They were not to reappear until the 15th! Of their whereabouts, I have no idea! But they soon got very busy.

Also very busy at this time during the short sunny spells were the Pardosid spiders. Little darkling characters that scuttle, seemingly in formations across bare earth or over bare stones in their search for prey and mates. I could happily watch these small spiders for hours as the males wave their little pedipalps (feelers) at their intendeds, who watch from behind pebbles and other oddments, trying to decide whether to accept this little suitor as a paramour – or a meal!

By now it was mid-May. The wind backed to NW where it stayed with short vagaries until the end of the month. Temperature stayed around 21° until the 20th when it suddenly leaped to 28° on 20th – 22nd, then a staggering 32° on 23rd and 29° on 24th. Thereafter it dropped to 20° for the rest of the month. These temperatures probably did as much damage as the earlier low night temps. But during the period in question the night temps. were

no less erratic than the days. The night of the 18th was just 2°, that of the 19th 14°! Thereafter they dropped to around 8° average for the rest of the month.

In this period, the usual crew continued to be noisy and busy – the Tawnies (some annoyance at an out of territory male) the Woodpeckers; odd Buzzards here and there; the nesting Jackdaws (sometimes chasing the occasional Raven and even a Heron!) and the Cuckoo – who sang and sang below Steepness until, just as I was getting so fed-up with him as to open the door and knock seven bells out of an old biscuit tin at him, he decided to clear-off until 4.30 the next morning!

Unfortunately, this pleasant period was not reflected among the Rooks on Steepness who were low in numbers and breeding seemed a very desultory operation. Of the four little colonies I could only observe activity in one of them. What a shameful situation if this is the result of ill-informed and thoughtless shooting.

As the month came to a close I was pleased to see a late, but strong emergence of Red-tailed Bumblebee queens (*B. lapidarius*) busily looking for nest sites and foraging flowers for nectar and pollen. By the 31st there were magnificent displays of Hawthorn (May) and Cow Parsley along the verges and hedgerows giving our countryside the profligacy of sights and perfumes that is Springtime in Britain.

However, the extreme temperatures had caused so much evaporation that the earth was already beginning to crack and dessicate and it was time for a wind change and a new month. Thus, on the last day of a freezing, boiling, howling, serene May the wind veered to NE and left us to ponder what fortune June would bring.

Ron Knight

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THE GEORGE INN,
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SUNDAY 12.00 NOON - 11.00PM

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