

BARFORD NEWS

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Parish Council Notes

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE on 5th January at Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs (Chairman), Best, Bullard and Eden. Also attending was Mrs R Watts (Clerk).

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Woolgrove; Styles and Turner. Lisa and Derek Styles were congratulated on the birth of their son, Adam on 31st December.

Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda:

Cllr Hobbs had written to John Hoad at Cherwell District Council to voice the Parish Council's concerns about the proposed e-consultation process for future planning applications.

A large pothole has appeared on the main road in Barford St John. The Clerk will report this.

Footpath re-surfacing works in Broad Close are complete.

Clerks Report and Correspondence:

The trees along the highway at The Manor House, Barford St John still need cutting back. The Clerk wrote to Mr & Mrs Purton on 9th December regarding this issue. There has been no reply to date. It was observed that any works must be carried out before the birds start nesting.

The Clerk ordered further salt supplies for the salt bin on 14th December. Oxfordshire County Council's Snow Guide can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk – N.B. salt provided by Oxfordshire County Council in salt bins is for highway use only and not for use on private property or land.

Atkins Contractors now carry out highway works for Oxfordshire County Council.

The stile south of St Michael's churchyard is to be replaced with a wooden pedestrian gate. The stone wall and slab will remain. The gate will be slightly offset into the boundary field at an angle.

Mr Bunce raised concerns about the boundary wall, which had collapsed at Mill Corner. Cllr Eden said that the wall, on private land, would be repaired in due course.

Parish Matters

Works to the steps giving access to West Close via Murrey's Lane have been started.

A quotation of £480 plus VAT from Fairmitre Windows and Joinery for a replacement Parish Council Notice board was accepted unanimously.

Planning Matters

Details of planning applications can be found on the CDC website

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

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

Approved: 10/01607/LB Woodworm Recording Studios – Conversion and alterations to recording studio to form dwelling and alteration of vehicular access.

Refused: 10/01508/F Coombe Cottage, 1 Rock Close – erection of stone wall and wooden closeboard fencing.

Budget/Precept 2011 – 2012.

The Precept 2011/2012 will remain at £7,000.00. Budget papers as amended and agreed at the meeting on 1st December 2010 will be presented to the Parish Council meeting on 2nd February for final approval.

Any Other Business

Cllr Bullard reported that a parishioner had raised concerns that Deddington Library may be closing. The Clerk was asked to write to County Cllr R Jelf in support of the library remaining open.

Cllr Hobbs reported that he had had requests for more salt bins in the village. The Clerk reported that Oxfordshire County Council has the final say as to if and where salt bins are situated. The cost of each to the Parish Council is in excess of £150 plus VAT. Oxfordshire County Council would keep salt bins stocked as far as resources and supplies allow. They emphasise that salt in these bins is for use on the highway only. The Parish Council will discuss the matter again before next winter.

The Barford Village Hall Trustee Meeting will be held on 2nd March 2011 at 8.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 20th April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.27pm.

The next meeting is on 2nd February 2011.

WI Report

PRESIDENT BETTY welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year, with the encouraging news that Adderbury WI had reformed and would be part of our group in the future. The only item for action in the Red Book was to put names down for the Annual Dinner on Thursday 27 Jan, which was to be held at the Miller's Arms.

We were then entertained by Anne Borrowdale, with a most diverting talk on 'The Invigilator who set fire to his Trousers' – an uncomfortable tale of fidgeting and cigarette lighters! Anne told us of her decision to answer an advertisement for invigilators because she thought it would be a little job where she didn't have to do very much – she was proved wrong there – and all the many things that invigilators have to do and to watch for.

There were tales of mobile phones going off during exams – which means instant disqualification for the examinee, water bottle label removal, French posters on ceilings, hand signal communication and an invigilator who knocked himself out during the exam. As Anne has only been doing this for seven years, it seems that invigilating is quite an exciting job after all! Highly entertaining and we all enjoyed it immensely.

Please note the date for the Annual Dinner above, and join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 9th February, when thatcher and bread-maker John Letts will be our speaker.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Welcome

To
Trevor and Linda Arrowsmith
New arrivals to Horn Hill

Also to
Angus and Lucy Norman
Now resident in the former
Methodist Chapel

We wish you all a happy time
here in the Barfords

Notice to Barfords Allotment Holders

Allotment holders are reminded that rents for 2011 are now due.

We have a waiting list of people who are very keen to have an allotment and would like to remind all existing allotment holders that they are responsible for maintaining their plot and keeping it in good condition throughout the year.



C.C.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, BLOXHAM
PRESENT:

CONCERT

Michael Huntriss (clarinet)
Jane Oakland (soprano)
Lauretta Bloomer (piano)

A rare opportunity to hear leading clarinettist Michael Huntriss (Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra), international operatic soprano Jane Oakland, and prize-winning pianist Lauretta Bloomer, performing works by Schumann, Debussy, MacMillan, McCabe and others

In aid of the Friends of St Mary's, Bloxham

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BLOXHAM
SUNDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2011, 7.30PM

All most welcome

Tickets: £8, including interval drink (£4 for under 16s) from
Bloxham Post Office or tel. 01295 720951 or 720432

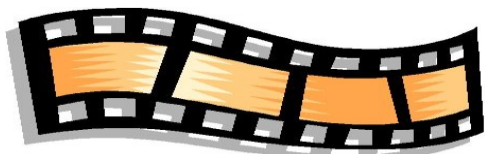
Barford Recipes

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this project or bought one of these recipe books.

We have raised nearly £400 so far to be divided between the children's home in Kathmandu and Barford 'youth'. Has anyone got any suggestions or requests for anything that Barford children would appreciate? Maggie will be at the February Barford Market to sell recipe books (£3.50 each) or if you would like to order a copy you can contact Maggie on 01869 338835 or email: maggie@edenfencing.plus.com and I will deliver it to you.

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Pete Eden and Jeff Elliott raised £120 by distributing muck up at the allotments. Proceeds to go to the children's home in Kathmandu. Thank you to Steve Pauling for the donation of the muck.



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

Our next film will be on **26th February**, which was chosen by our audience is:

Casablanca

released in 1942 is an American, romantic drama, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Featuring the songs "It Had To Be You" and "As Time Goes By", it is a classic film to be enjoyed by everyone.

The March film will be on **26th March** and will be announced shortly. We are hoping to extend our season by another 2 films, in April and May. Entry to the films is £4 to cover the Hall costs. Bring your own favourite tippie! Doors open 7.15pm and films start at 7.45 pm.

Contact: Gunilla on 01295 720521

Deddington Festival Writing Competition

DEDDINGTON WRITERS' GROUP will again be running its writing competition for the annual Deddington Festival in Oxfordshire. Deadlines for the two categories (short story up to 2000 words and poem up to 36 lines) is May 6th. Entry fee is £5 per entry in either category, plus £3 for each of two additional entries. The theme is open. Entry form and rules will be available from www.deddingtonfestival.org.UK and email dwgcomp@yahoo.com from the end of January.



Fernhill Club News

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB would like to wish you a peaceful and prosperous year.

Our New Year was to have begun with a film about Beatrix Potter on January 19th, unfortunately the film presenter failed to turn up so we will have to reschedule this event. Sincere apologies to the visitors who joined us at the meeting.

On February 2nd we will be playing curling in the village hall.

February 9th we will be having musical entertainers Maddy and Mo. Dr. Maisey is visiting on February 23rd to give us his talk 'spare parts', a humorous look at transplants. Please drop in any Wednesday and make yourselves known.

Mary Ashbridge 01295 252298



EDDIE HOLDEN

6 Dec 1920 – 3 Jan 2011



Eddie died peacefully on January 3rd, aged 90 years.

The beloved husband of the late Hilda, much loved dad of Anne and the late Jane and a dear grandpa of Jemma and Amy.

Funeral Service in St Michael's Church at 11.00 am on Saturday 5th February

Family flowers only.

Donations if desired for Cancer Research UK c/o Co-operative Funeralcare, 122, Middleton Road, Banbury, Oxon. OX16 4QU. 01295 272207

Deddington Guide News



Quick News!: Christmas Party – pyjamas and slippers! Great fun!! Snow and flu kept most guides away from the Wardington House Nursing Home Christmas party - - - but Well Done! To Yolanda and Natalie and cub Phillip for helping with tea and ensuring that the games and carols went with a swing!

Thank you to all the helpers and supporters for the Christmas Post. Especial thanks to cub leader Jo Churchyard for all her work.

New Term – Welcome to Olivia and Alice... 31 guides and waiting list growing .. great news!

We got our patrol activities underway, good turn challenge, annual entertainment, first ideas – all happening!!

Guiders: Maggie Rampley 01295 810 069
Marion Trinder 01869 340 806

girls in the lead

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB



17TH Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place in the village hall on Monday 7th February commencing at 7.30pm. Minutes of the 16th AGM are currently being displayed on the village hall and Post Office notice boards. The agenda has been circulated to all members with copies of the accounts to 31st October 2010 and minutes of the last AGM. If you have not received your copy and would like sight of the above before the AGM please let me know.

Please come along and join us for our first meeting of 2011.

We will welcome you with mulled wine and a mincepie or two !

Subs were due for renewal by 31st January in the sum of £2.00 per household, If you have not yet renewed I look forward to hearing from you asap. Membership cards will be handed out at the AGM to paid up members. We also welcome new members so please do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested in joining our garden club.

Membership entitles you to discount at some local nurseries and garden centres, during the year we visit some lovely gardens and also have some excellent speakers

March Speaker – Thursday 31st March – Timothy Walker

Timothy Walker is the Director of the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens and will join us on 31st March and his talk is called “ Bordering on Insanity- creating an all-year –round border “

Timothy is a very well known speaker so please note your diary and come along. The committee decided at their last meeting to reduce the admission cost to £2 members and £3 non members and this includes refreshments too !

Where else can you listen to a speaker such as Timothy and have tea and biscuits all for the sum of £2.00 ??? !!..... We hope to see you on Thursday 31st March

Jill Bunce
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THATCHING A ROOF TOP BREADBIN

A talk by John Letts



A FORMER thatcher who has used his loaf to create bread from traditional forms of grain grown in Oxfordshire.

John, an archaeological botanist, developed the grain in frustration at the modern types of wheat grown in the UK, which produce straw too short for use as roofing thatch. He believed using older varieties where you could get two products from the land was better for the environment.

**7.30 p.m.
On
Wednesday, 9th February
At the W.I. Meeting**

Visitors always welcome £3.00



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Carol Singing Proceeds

UNFORTUNATELY THE singing around the village was cancelled due to the icy conditions. However, a wonderful total of £131.40 was raised at the Carol Singing in The George, all of which will go to Sycamore House, Banbury, a respite care home for children with learning difficulties and complex physical problems.



Thank you to all who turned out to sing and. Especially to those who donated so generously.



**Free
Entry**

RE-BOOKED

Children's Christmas Disco

Nick Butler Kitchens is sponsoring a Children's Christmas Disco.
Please come and have some fun with your Kids!

Date: Saturday 12th February 2011

Time: 5.00 pm—7.00 pm

At: Village Hall, Barford St Michael

Disco by Bumble-B-Roadshow—Mr Mayhem and his crew

ALL Children MUST be accompanied by an adult and remain the responsibility of their carer throughout the event.

Nick Butler Kitchens

9 Bishops Close, Barford St Michael, Oxon. OX15 0RU

Very Kindly Sponsored by Nick and Zalie Butler.



Katharine House News

Happy New Year from everyone at Katharine House Hospice to all our friends in the community.

Santa Fun Run Update

Our first ever Santa Fun Run on 5th December, had over 450 taking part in the beautiful Spiceball Country Park. We were delighted to welcome Oscar winning actor, Sir Ben Kingsley to start the event and announce the pledged sponsorship of nearly £25,000! Thank you to all who took part, and to our fantastic team of 50 helpers.

Christmas Quilt Raffle, Quiz and knitted Puddings and Stockings!

Almost £900 was raised from the sale of tickets for our Quilt Raffle and both quilts have now gone to their delighted owners. Over £450 was raised from the sale of quiz sheets - the "Chocolate" theme seemed to be a popular one! Our knitted puddings and stockings raised over £1,750!

Easter Chicks

Calling all knitters! Once again, we are holding our Easter Chick campaign and would like to hear from anyone who would like to contribute to our stocks of these fluffy little friends! Volunteers knit these miniature yellow chicks and we then fill them with a Cadbury Crème Egg and sell them for £1.50 in the run-up to Easter. This is the 5th year we have had this fundraiser- last year raised a fantastic £3,300! Call Sarah in Fundraising on (01295) 812161 to receive a pattern.

Morrison Orpheus Choir Concert

The Morrison Orpheus Male Voice Choir will perform a varied evening of song at **St. Mary's Church, Horsefair, Banbury on Saturday 5th March** to raise funds for the Hospice. The Choir is internationally-acclaimed as a leading exponent of male choral singing and celebrated its 75th anniversary last year. Further information about the choir is available at <http://www.morrisonorpheus.com> Tickets are on sale at £18 each (no concessions) and can be obtained by calling the Fundraising Office on (01295) 812161 or by downloading a form from our website at www.khh.org.uk. Doors open at 6.15pm and the concert will begin at 7pm.

Festival of Open Gardens, April – June 2011

Following the wonderful success of last year's event, where over £5,000 was raised, we will be repeating the event this year. If you would like to open your garden to the public to raise funds for the hospice, we'd love to hear from you! We'll promote it in the local press and our Newsletter to help make it a really successful event. For more information please telephone The Fundraising Team (by the end of February, if possible) on 01295 812161 and let's make this a *blooming* good hospice fundraiser!

A date for your diary! 2011 Midnight Walk Saturday 9th July.

Sarah Brennan, Community Fundraiser

Danielle and Izzy Brave the Cold for Charity

THE INTREPID DUET have done it again for 'Rosy', the Oxfordshire based charity supporting families with terminally ill children.



January 9th saw Izzy Rees and Danielle Semple (pictured above) running one of their charity fund raising stalls. Armed with a great poster, and a table full of items for sale the girls set up at about 11 am, closing at 4.30pm with only a short lunch time break, even then they were keeping a watchful eye on their stall as William Brodey came back to buy one of the bracelet kits with his father.

Customers flowed throughout the day buying the friendship bracelets and kits, books, videos, candles and even the sofa the girls had been using as their seat..... !!!

We would like to thank all those who stopped by helping them to raise just over £65.00, but a very special thank you for the single biggest contribution



of a £20.00, coming from one gentleman who was just walking by. Thank you. Our running total is now over £186.00!!!

The girls commented: 'We will be doing future stalls for Rosy and so would welcome your continued support as we would like to reach £250 and then go and present the money to the charity. So watch this space for future updates.'

Well done Danielle and Izzy!

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Owls Galore! (Family/Show)

Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 February

11am or 2pm, £5/SO Live Friends Free

Come along to discover the fascinating world of owls. Owl expert, Rod Smallman, will be on hand to answer all of your questions, and will be bringing some of his own owls along with him. Don't miss this chance to get up close and personal with some real owls!

Suitable for 5+

Wallace and Gromit's World of Invention (Family/Workshop)

Thursday 17 and Friday 18 February

10am, 11.30am, 2pm, 3.30pm

Free with entry to the discovery zone, but booking is required.

Come and join us for Wallace and Gromit's 'World of Invention' workshop. Be inspired by Wallace's love of inventing, and try to build a real invention of your own! Not to be missed! Suitable for 7+

Trees in the Community (Talk)

Wednesday 23 February, 7.30pm

£5/SO Live Friends and OUWG Members Free

Join John Thompson as he introduces the work of the "Forest of Oxford". He will discuss the tree projects which the group are developing throughout the city, and the impact that trees have on our local wildlife and the beauty of our urban areas.

What the Cat Brought In (Talk)

Thursday 24 February

7.30pm, £5/SO Live Friends Free

In 2008, Becky Thomas from the University of Reading, came to tell us about a new project looking into whether domestic cats are contributing to the decline of wild bird populations. Two years later, the results are in, and Becky is back to update us on her findings.

BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL EVENTS

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200 PLUS CLUB JANUARY WINNERS

£15.00, No. 155, Arthur Murrey

£10.00, No. 49, Peter Leney

£5.00, No. 61, Gina Mumford

The Draw took place at the VPMC Meeting

PTA February 2011 editorial

CHIRSTMAS SEEMS so long ago now but before moving on to the New Year, we must stop and thank all those who supported and helped out at our events in December. Despite the economic doom and gloom you all dug deeply and I am delighted to tell you that Santa's Float raised the fantastic sum of **£1,200!!** Thank you so much to everyone who gave generously to Santa and his elves!

The Christmas cards designed by the children earlier in the term were fabulous. Our thanks to all who helped us produce (Mike Homer at Multiflow) and sell the cards.

Santa took time out from his very hectic schedule to visit our children who had eagerly queued to meet him in his Magical Grotto during the December Farmer's Market. The air of excitement and anticipation added a fantastic atmosphere to the morning – along with the snow!! The PTA added to the spirit of the occasion by singing popular carols whilst Edward and Lewis did a wonderful job of keeping us in tune by accompanying us on the trumpet! Our grateful thanks go to Santa and his helpers, the Farmer's Market Committee, Father Hugh and to all those who gave so generously. We'd also like to thank Pete Boss and Kelly Scott for the loan of their twinkly lights which made our new grotto in the Living Room look very special!

We have a full calendar lined up for 2011. Our ever popular **Quiz Night** will be held on **12th March** at the Windmill Centre. So, it's time to dust off those books and start brushing up on your general knowledge! This is always very popular and tickets usually sell fast. For further details or to pre-book your place, please phone 01869 338468 or email deddington@cherwell.co.uk

Other dates for your diary:

- The 7th Deddington Walk, Sunday 15th May
- School Fete - Saturday 18th June

Finally, on behalf of the PTA, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and wish you all a (slightly belated!) happy and peaceful New Year.

Janet Watts

PTA Chair

Singing For Pleasure



We are back to meeting on Monday evenings again.

Our February sessions will be at 7pm on Mondays, 14th & 28th in the Village Hall.

Hope to see you then!

Running the London Marathon 2011

I can't really believe it but my challenge for 2011 is to run 26.2 miles in the Virgin London Marathon!

For those of you that don't know me, I live in Robins Close with my husband, Mick and our two children, Joshua and Elliot. My first run was the Race for Life at Heythrop Park a number of years ago. I have since run 10km, 10 mile and half marathon distances, but have never attempted a marathon!



When I found out I had been allocated a place in the ballot to run in the London Marathon I was ecstatic – for about 30 seconds – then the reality hit me – 26.2 miles is an awfully long way and would require dedication and commitment to achieve! So the training began and the ice and snow arrived! The weather has improved and my training plan is now on target so keep your fingers crossed that this will continue!

Which charity to raise money for? That was a question I asked the rest of the family – we have had many discussions at the tea table. We finally agreed that **Katharine House Hospice** was the charity that should benefit from my marathon run. A number of our friends and their families have received care and support from Katharine House and we wanted to be able to help the hospice continue its good work. Hopefully you will agree with us that this is a very worthwhile cause. If I would like to make a donation; this would be very much appreciated. You can do this at www.justgiving.com/RebeccaDyson or I have a sponsor form at home – you can contact me at 16 Robins Close, Barford St Michael or telephone 01869 338365. Thank you so much for your support – and don't forget next time you hear those trainers thumping along the road a cheery 'Good Morning' and a wave will help me on my way.

Rebecca Dyson

Upton House & Gardens

A Servant's Life for Me!

THIS WINTER we're exploring what it was like to be a servant at Upton House and Gardens in the 1930s when Upton was the weekend country home of Lord and Lady Bearsted. Lord Bearsted was the Chairman of Shell from 1927-1943 and was the son of the founder of that company. He and his wife hosted house parties at Upton for their wealthy friends. "A Servant's Life for Me!" offers a fascinating insight into 1930s country house life.

Upton House was very much part of the local community and was a large employer in the area – as well as the house and gardens, the Upton estate also consisted of stables and a farm. We've interviewed people who used to work and live at Upton in the 1930s. Their stories and photographs are displayed in our new exhibition which is a rich source of local history and lets you into a few secrets about what went on behind the scenes!

The House Staff included: a Butler; Lord Bearsted's Valets; Lady Bearsted's Maids; Housemaids; and Cooks. The Outdoor Staff consisted of: Chauffeurs who chauffeured Lord Bearsted's Rolls-Royce Phantom III; Farm Managers; Grooms; and a Blacksmith who lived in Hornton and walked to and from Upton House every day. Many gardeners were also employed.

Although the main house is closed for winter conservation work, the service areas in the basement of the house are open. The newly restored rooms opened for the first time in November 2010. You can experience life below stairs as you explore rooms such as the Laundry, Estate Office and the bedrooms of the male servants.

The attics are open for guided tours and they also opened for the first time in November 2010. The maids' bedrooms were here at the top of the house, located as far away as possible from the male servants in the basement. The tour guides will tell you some intriguing stories. Did you know, for example, that Upton House has approximately 130 windows? Each one had to be cleaned inside and outside by the maids – what a laborious job!

You can find more about "A Servant's Life for Me!" on our new website "Local voices" which is available at: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse.

Anna Lawrence
Volunteer Marketing Assistant
Upton House and Gardens

1st Deddington Brownies

We have had an active start to the term, completing our agility badges in our first meeting of the year. We are also looking forward to going to London in the Spring to do our Wildlife Explorer Badge in Hyde Park. Some of you may have seen Brown Owl in the Deddington pantomime. Oh yes she was!!

Lucy Squires
338442



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Deddington CE Primary School News

THE MONTHS FOLLOWING Christmas are usually quiet in school and this month is no exception.

We are really excited about our annual whole school production. This year we are busy rehearsing The Wizard of Oz, it looks to be our most ambitious yet and all of the teaching staff, led by the very talented Alicia Rumsby, are busy making scenery and rehearsing children- it's a real team effort this year. The children in turn are fully committed to making this the best one yet. Our performances, in the church, are in late March and tickets will go on sale nearer the time.

At the time of writing the snow has stayed away and there has been no disruptions to school life, fingers crossed it will continue that way!

Mrs Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher



Barford St Michael Village Market



Saturday 19th February
in the Village Hall, 10-12 noon

2011 Market Diary Dates:

March - Sat 19th, Village Hall	Aug - No Market
April - Sat 16th, Village Hall	Sept - Sat 17th, Townsend
May - Sat 14th, Village Green	Oct - Sat 15th, Village Hall
June - Sat 18th, Townsend	Nov - Sat 19th, Village Hall
July - Sat 16th, Village Green	Dec - Sat 10th, Village Hall

Congratulations

To

Lisa and Derek Styles

On the safe arrival of
Their New Years Eve baby boy

Adam John



Who weighed in at 10lb 2 oz
A little brother for Jack

We wish little Adam a long,
happy and healthy life.

Coffee Mornings Prove Popular

The weekly coffee mornings held each Thursday morning in the Village Hall have proved to be a huge success and continue to attract customers of all ages (from 3 weeks to 84 years!).



The young mums running the 'Cuppa' mornings have made a fantastic profit of **£290.00** in the twelve months since they started out, all of which has been donated to swell the funds of the **Annual Christmas Lunch**.

If you haven't attended one of these coffee mornings yet you are missing out on a great opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours. The charge is £1.00 per adult, which covers coffee and biscuits plus as many refills as you can drink – so next time you are at a loose end on Thursday morning, call in at the Village Hall for a Cuppa! Newcomers to the village will be particularly welcome.

Village Whist Drives

OUR WHIST DRIVES made a profit of £150 in the six months from July to December of 2010.

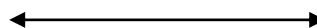


Proceeds have been shared between the Church (£75), and Barford News and the Shepherds & Bakehouse Trust who received £37.50 each.

Whist evenings are open to players of all ages and abilities and are held fortnightly in the village hall, why not give it a try? New players always welcome.

Judy Hobbs & Avril Green

(Grateful thanks to Judy and Avril for their continued support to Barford News. Ed.)



Christmas Charity Walk

25 PLUS hardy souls turned out for the walk, despite the bad visibility and slippery conditions underfoot, and set off to cover two separate routes..



Both groups had a thoroughly enjoyable walk and returned to the George Inn, to be welcomed by a steaming cauldron (borrowed from the Barford coven), of delicious spicy game soup, (and for the philistine (whimp) a special tomato soup was provided). £65 profit raised on the day will go to the youngsters in Kathmandu.

Next year we'll hope for better weather and better turnout.

Thanks to all who braved the day.

RAFFLE PRIZES WANTED

The Charity Raffle at the Village Market on 19th February will be a fund-raiser in support of the Annual Christmas Lunch.

We need some good prizes

Donations of prizes will be gratefully received. (Please deliver to Mariann)

Also we hope that you will come along to the market and support us.

Many thanks

Mariann

1st Deddington Scout Group

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members & their families & welcome Archie, Archie, Sean, Ryan & Matthew to Cubs bringing our total number to 24 again.



Cubs finished the old year with an evening making decorations followed by a wild games night.

Topics for the new year will include, Looking after Yourself (emergency aid, diet, personal safety & bullying), photography & finishing touches to Deddington Castle.

Congratulations to Rhys who came third in the district Chess tournament & will be going on to compete at county level.

The Scouts now total 27 having taken delivery of 4 Cubs, Jake, Josh, Toby & Ben. At the end of last term they made some beautiful painted glass decorations & some less than beautiful peppermint creams, they tasted nice though!

We took advantage of a free swimming session at The Spiceball (available to any youth group on a Wednesday evening) races, floats & an investiture in the pool.

Thanks to everyone who used the Christmas post, we raised £205, thanks also to Eagles, Barford Post Office & Deddington Library for having the boxes. We try to deliver all the cards but some were outside the general bounds of the villages & a few were not addressed properly (check your labels) but we braved the snow & hopefully everyone got their cards.

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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

AFTER THE EXCITEMENT of Christmas we look forward to 2011. Thank you to everyone who supported

our Christmas events, including the PFSU decorations days, the Nursery Nativity play and the PFSU production of 'Born in a Barn'.

This term the Nursery children will be finding out about transport and the PFSU children will be learning about animals and Chinese New Year. We have already had visits from several family pets, which has been fun.

Our major fund-raising event this term is a jumble sale in Deddington Church on Saturday 12th February, from 11am to 1pm. We would welcome donations of good quality bric-a-brac, books, children's clothes, adult's clothes, and toys. These can be brought to the church the day before the sale. Do come along and support us on the day. There will be some great bargains to be had.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas hamper raffle and sale of reindeer food. We raised £895.75 in total which was fantastic! Thank you also to the Fenemore family who provided our wonderful Christmas trees and to Deddington Guides for their Christmas 'pass the parcels'.

Lucy Squires
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JUMBLE SALE

@ Deddington Village Church

SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

11am - 1pm.

All proceeds to go towards Deddington Village Nursery and Pre school.

Great quality toys, bric a brac, clothes and books to be had.

Come along and bag yourself a bargain!

Donations of good quality jumble gratefully received. Donations can be left in the church the day before the sale (the 11th).

From the Vicar

THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU who returned questionnaires about the Church. The last issue of the BN published a summary of views expressed and the PCC has now had a chance to consider these. It is clear that to have 4.00pm services every week suits rather few people. There were also several requests for a larger number of family-friendly services. In the light of this the PCC has decided on the following arrangements for our regular pattern of Sunday services, which will come into operation in April.

1st Sunday of the month. 10.30 am, Eucharist (Common Worship)

2nd Sunday, 10.30 am, Family Service

3rd Sunday 10.30 am, Family Service

4th Sunday 4.00 pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)

5th Sunday 4.00 pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Generally, all these services will take place at St Michael's with the exception of the 5th Sunday service which will take place at St John's. There will be some variations to the pattern above and in respect of the venues to accommodate special events in the Church calendar.

The Family Services will be prepared by a Worship Group. I'd be grateful if anyone who would be interested in being a member of that Group would contact me. And could those of you who have generously offered various kinds of help for the Church on the questionnaire returns be in touch to confirm those offers.

We are looking at the possibility of re-starting our Children's Church. Again, offers of help would be more than welcome.

Thank you to those who gave, or have pledged to give, money in response to our request. Our finances, unfortunately, remain in a parlous state. We have various ideas for fund-raising - so watch this space - but how much longer we shall be able to pay to have our churches up and running is an open question.

400th Anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible

On a cheerier note, there's an opportunity to join in with the through-reading of the King James (Authorised) Version of the Bible which is taking place in Deddington Parish Church. We are having this reading to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first publication of this translation which has left such a mark on the English language. Our reading is being broadcast over the internet (www.deddingtonchurch.org and click 'Bibliathon'). We



are hoping eventually to muster 400 voices to share the reading. If you would like to be part of this venture, let me know, or just come to Deddington to join a session. The session times are Tuesday-Friday, 5.00-6.00pm and Wednesday 11.15-12.15. If you don't want to come to Deddington, skyping is a possibility.

Diary dates

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, to which all are welcome, is on Thursday, April 28th at 7.30pm in St Michael's.

Bishop Colin will conduct a Confirmation service in Barford St Michael on the evening of Oct 2nd. If you would like to be discuss confirmation or admission to Holy Communion for yourself or a child on that occasion, please let me know.

Hugh

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**Bloxham Country Market
Re-opens
Friday 4th February
10.00 – 11.30
Ex-Servicemen's Hall**



The van parks at the village green on alternate Mondays from 10.20 till 10.35.

The next dates are:

14th & 28th February

14th & 28th March

‘Taking Part’

CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL is providing an arts scheme for voluntary groups, offering one off sessions/workshops, called ‘Taking Part’. The workshops are in visual, performing, literary and digital arts.

This allows the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) to select a number of workshops for the benefit of villagers. There is a charge to all participants and this is dependant upon the number taking part.

For this reason we are now canvassing interest in a number of potential workshops. Please email me, austin@cueperformance.com or put a note in our letterbox at Buckingham’s Cottage, Church St., if you are interested in any of the following activities. Fees for each participant vary depending on the precise workshop but most will be in the region of £10 to £20 each. However we can apply for a grant to pay 50% of the cost but first we need to know if you’re interested! Examples of workshops available are:

Star Beat, Simon Hill (Sitting Duck)

Create music using software and turn your efforts into your own ringtone. Participants 14 yrs to 19 yrs.

Your Shout, Simon Hill (Sitting Duck)

Learn how to use multimedia equipment and make a clip, film or music about an issue you feel is important to your community.

Willow Lanterns, artist Sue Benenson.

Learn to bend willow and cover with tissue paper to make attractive lanterns for the home or garden. Not suitable for very young children.

Willow Garden Structures.

Learn to make wigwams, small domes, trellises, shaped and woven from willow. Not suitable for very young children.

Movement, Play and Dance with Fundango.

Colourful playtime for children aged 0 to 5 yrs.

Introduction to Salsa and Latin Dance with Salsa Oxford.

Slip a disc with a smile on your face!

Creative writing with Pat Winslow.

Enjoy inspirational input and learn the tricks from a published author.

The Animation Station with Clinton Osborne.

Learn the basics of animation using plasticine models or progress to more complex 3D modeling using i-technology. Suitable for 9 -12 yrs, 13-16 yrs, adults and seniors.

So, if this interests you and we hope there’s something of interest for all, then in the first instance please let me know you are interested and then we can go from there.

Austin Lawler. (VHMC)



Touching Art Touching You

TOUCHING ART TOUCHING YOU, a fresh concept in the visual arts, comes to Banbury Museum on 5 February. The exhibition breaks traditional barriers by encouraging visitors to experience and explore the art on display through touch and other senses. The experience challenges the notion that sight is essential for creating and enjoying exceptional art.

The inclusive exhibition includes paintings, sculptures and installations drawn from the BlindArt Permanent Collection. BlindArt has gained worldwide recognition for promoting contemporary works by visually impaired and sighted artists, showcasing them side by side and challenging visitors to tell the difference. The collection has been exhibited around the UK and in New York.

Banbury Museum and the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind are working in partnership to encourage people across our region, including visually impaired people, to experience this unusual art first hand. Cherwell District Council’s portfolio holder for environment, recreation and health, Cllr George Reynolds, said: "Cherwell prides itself on being a district of opportunity and this exhibition certainly proves that. It's an opportunity for local people to experience art in a completely new and thought provoking way. Banbury Museum has, yet again, come up trumps in putting on an interesting and innovative exhibition."

Younger visitors inspired by the exhibition will also be able to have a go at a sensory Prize Trail, and make a miniature book of sights, textures, sounds and smells. On 25 Feb people of all ages can also experience the tactile books and pictures of award-winning charity ‘Living Paintings’.

The exhibition is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm, Saturday 5 February to Thursday 31 March. Entry is free. For further details phone

01295 753752 or visit

www.cherwell.gov.uk/banburymuseum

Deddington and District History Society

PETER LENEY of BSM, and Chair of the T E Lawrence Society (with some 600 members world-wide) spoke to the January meeting on T E Lawrence (1888-1935).

Stories of his WWI exploits as 'Lawrence of Arabia' did not really emerge until after the war, but since his death not a year has gone by without a book being published about him.

He was the son of an Eton-educated Irish baronet and it seems his wife's disposition gave him every reason to avoid her and 'carry on' with the nanny and TEL was one of the results, Lawrence being the name they adopted. His early life was peripatetic as they moved in short order to Scotland, the Isle of Man, Jersey and France during his childhood and later to 2 Polstead Road in Oxford where there is now a blue plaque. TE, went to Oxford High, and then on to University (Jesus) and the OTC, but perhaps, oddly, he hated sport.

It was at the age of 17 that he discovered his illegitimacy, ran away and joined the army, but his father followed him to Falmouth and bought him out.

It seems that there is no firm evidence for his supposed homosexuality; indeed Janet Laurie said he proposed to her in 1910, they had known each other since he was six, but she was more interested in his brother Will.

In 1909 he had been introduced to the Keeper of the Ashmolean who was to shape his career in archaeology. He was interested in the Crusades, and visited the Holy Lands; Beirut was his first contact with the Arab world, and resulted in a thesis and a First.

He decided against academia and returned to Beirut in 1910 as an archaeologist, with trips from then till 1914, and got on well with the Arabs, in an area still occupied by the Turks. Dahoum (Ahmed) became a close friend and nursed him through illness, and the dedication of *The seven pillars of wisdom* (about the Arab revolt) was probably to him. He was involved in fighting in the war, and in the peace settlement, and afterwards joined the general staff as a civilian.

In 1916 there was an Arab revolt in Mecca and around the Red Sea which lasted until 1918. Faisal Bin Al Hussein and TE formed a strong mutual bond, and it was the former's influence that kept TE in the field, rather than being returned to Cairo, but he was not so well liked on the British side. He devised the strategy for the Arab revolt and guerilla warfare against the Turks, mainly used against the railway; he was well aware of the propaganda

effect of such enterprises. When Allenby was sent out as commander they formed a mutual admiration society. In 1917 he led the Arabs attack on Aqaba which fell to them, and the allies launched attacks on the Turkish lines and finally entered Damascus.

The Sykes-Picot agreement carved up the area between the British and the French before the infamous Versailles Treaty of 1919 and the lesser-known Treaty of Sèvres the following year. After the war France wanted rigid enforcement of the Sykes-Picot agreement, supported by the Indian lobby in London; Lawrence was an advisor at the Versailles conference. It was during this period that he started to write the *The seven pillars of wisdom*. TE thought the idea of Arab unity was a chimera. In the end we got Palestine and the French got Syria.

Churchill was Colonial Secretary and wanted Faisal to run Mesopotamia, he was King of Iraq, from 1921 until 1933, while his brother Abdullah ran Trans-Jordan. The French had increasing difficulties in Syria until in 1936 they signed, but did not ratify a treaty of independence, so it became part of Vichy France in 1940 until it was again invaded by British and Free French forces, from which Syria forlornly declared independence in 1941.

TE then decided to join the RAF as an aircraftman, and wrote to Hugh Trenchard for help - his motives seem and seemed confused: he said he wanted to write a book about the RAF, but his need for comradeship may have played a part. He at first failed the medical, but did then succeed. His desire for publicity led to his dismissal, he was too well known as an army Colonel to serve in the ranks. Nonetheless he then re-joined the army, in the ranks again. He was turned down again for the RAF, he hated the army, having turned down an offer to write its official history. He threatened to commit suicide and influence got him back in as an RAF clerk, at Cranwell, and then in Karachi, where he did not once leave the camp until posted to Waziristan.

On his return to England he was posted to Plymouth and took to high-speed boating and influenced their adoption for air-sea rescue. In 1933 he bought himself out, immediately regretting it and he was taken back into the Air Ministry, he finally left in 1935 and cycled from East Anglia to Bridlington! In 1934 he died in a motorcycle accident avoiding some children.

The middle East can hardly be said to be more tranquil now than then and if all this seems complicated it is a hugely simplified account both of the life of TEL, and of the Levant!





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Outdoor Christmas Lights

We are now unable to buy replacement bulbs for our set of B&Q 160 L.V. Clear Multi Function lights for indoor and outdoor use - Replacement bulb code BQL24. Does anyone have an identical set or spare bulbs they no longer want? If so please let us know. New light sets have shorter lead wires that we are unable to use.

Jan and Tony Elvidge at The Old Post Office 01869 338214.

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Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Monthly Update Team News

The team have continued to conduct regular speed operations using both the Laser device and the Speed Indication Device, focused at specific sites in North Newington and Cropredy..

PCSO Angie Alford has been developing the 'Community SpeedWatch' scheme throughout the neighbourhood. She has run very successful sessions in Swalcliffe and Shenington and will soon be running the scheme in the **Barfords**.

Community SpeedWatch is partly about enforcement, but also (and perhaps more importantly) about education. Using a piece of equipment known as a Speed Indication Device (SID), the volunteers and a member of the Policing Team will record details of vehicles exceeding the speed limits throughout the village.

The only way that this scheme can work is if residents of this village really get involved and be available for operations when needed. Giving up an hour of your day could really make a difference. If you would like to be part of your village's Community SpeedWatch scheme, please contact PCSO Angie Alford on 0845 8 505 505.

PCSO Nikki Dale has returned from Maternity leave and is developing links with Primary Schools within the Rural Community. She would like to hear from any schools or parents who would like educational police visits. This can range from 'Stranger Danger sessions', 'Drug Awareness' to specific problem targeted inputs regarding bullying and anti social behaviour. Any requests for these sessions should be made directly with PCSO Dale or via the school. Thames Valley non-emergency number 08458 505 505.

Anti-social Behaviour

The Team continue to proactively patrol the priority areas for Anti-Social behaviour established by the Neighbourhood Action Group. These locations are currently Adderbury, Twyford, Cropredy and Bloxham. There have been just 9 reports of antisocial behaviour reported covering 38 villages. These have ranged from inappropriate vehicle use to drugs intelligence.

Whilst on routine foot patrol of Cropredy, Sgt Riddell caught three young males throwing snowballs at Church windows. Sgt Riddell arranged for the males to attend the church the following week to apologise and participate in the village bell ringing.

PC Miller has identified four males responsible for a series of criminal damages caused at the Warriner School campus during the summer holidays. All four males have made full admissions of guilt and

have been dealt with by way of Youth Restorative Justice. The males have been ordered to repay the school, complete a community disposal and write letters of apology to the head teacher.

We appreciate the effort taken by members of the public in reporting these matters and will continue to work with Cherwell District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour team and Parish Councils to address the issue.

Crime News

There have been criminal damages to vehicles and buildings reported in Adderbury and Bloxham. These incidents have occurred during darkness hours, and have been un-witnessed but the team are working to establish the culprits.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, please do not hesitate to contact the police on 0845 8 505 505. If the persons are driving a vehicle, make a note of the registration number and pass this to police. Checks can be made discretely and easily.

Good News Stories

The Neighbourhood Team will be working closely with the 'Youth Activators' team from Cherwell District Council. We aim to assist them in delivering sport to young people between the ages of 11 and 16. In line with the Neighbourhood Action Group priorities the team aim to establish sport for youths in Bloxham and Cropredy where the NAG have identified anti-social behaviour priorities. Anyone interested in participating in 'Youth Activators' can contact Lydia Fox (Lydia.fox@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or Nick Harrison (nick.harrison@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or visit the facebook pages.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Have Your Say online

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. For you to do that please follow the link <https://reportonline.thamesvalley.police.uk> Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

Members of the team will be available on Monday 21st February, 09.00–10.00 outside Hempton Church, to meet and discuss any issues or problems within the community:

Should you have any problems or concerns please phone the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 08458 505 505 or email banburyruralneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. In an emergency please dial 999.

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