

# **BARFORD NEWS**

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# **Happy New Year!**



**To All From the News Team**



## Parish Council Notes

**T**HE MEETING TOOK PLACE at 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllr R Hobbs (Chairman), Cllrs S Best, T Bullard, P Eden, L Styles, S Turner and R Woolgrove. Also attending were Mrs R Watts (Clerk) and for part of the meeting Mr S Porter, Mr B Jones, Mr S Jones, Mr C Murray and Mrs G Murray.

Apologies for absence received from District Cllr P O'Sullivan.

**Stopping-up order Woodworms Hilton** Mr S Porter, Solicitor to Mr B Jones the new owner of Woodworms Hilton, addressed the meeting and relayed the following information. The driveway and grassed area does not belong to the property. The top surface of the area in question became part of the adopted highway in 1949. The owner of the subsoil is unknown. The stopping-up order would divest responsibility for maintaining the top surface from the highways authority to Mr Jones. Mr Jones wants only to adopt the driveway and an additional 8-foot strip of land alongside it so that the drive can be widened. The latter would be back-paved to match the existing one. Mr Jones is planning to submit an amended application to the Department for Transport. Mr Porter explained that if the Stopping-up order were granted, Mr Jones would effectively be a 'squatter' on the land. He would never own the land unless it was fenced off for a period of 12 years and for that, planning permission would be required from Cherwell District Council. Cllr Hobbs explained that the Parish Council could not comment or make any formal decision without first seeing details of the revised Stopping-up Order. The matter would be discussed at the January meeting if those details were to hand.

**Public Participation:** Mr & Mrs Murray sought clarification on whether the Stopping-up Order at Woodworms Hilton would mean that Mr Jones would then automatically own the land. Cllr Hobbs referred them to Mr Porter's assurance that the land would have to be fenced off for 12 years before Mr Jones could own the land. Until then he is a 'squatter'.

### Parish Matters

**Notice board Barford St John.** Mr J Booth had given Cllr Hobbs a verbal quotation of £30 to repair the notice board. The cork is rotten and would probably need replacing every 2-3 years. It was agreed that repairs should go ahead.

**Maintenance to River Swere.** The Environment Agency had replied to the Clerk reference the River Swere needing attention. Subject to resources they can undertake selective maintenance works on watercourses designated as 'Main River'. The River Swere does not fall into that category and therefore it falls to relevant riparian landowners to

undertake any required maintenance. The Environment Agency will continue to monitor flows and subject to resources, remove any obstructions in periods of high flows to reduce the flood risk.

**Maintenance of Street Furniture.** Cllr Hobbs reported that the bench outside the Village Hall has been damaged. Cllr Eden will tape the bench off to prevent use until it can be repaired. It was agreed that the Parish Council would create a register of local carpenters/builders who might be interested in quoting for occasional ad hoc repairs during the coming year. The Clerk will put an advert in the Barford News.

**Footpath - Lower Street to West Close.** A villager had kindly cut down the brambles and weeds encroaching onto this pathway. It was agreed that the path would be included in the grass-cutting contract 2012 for regular maintenance.

**Dog Fouling.** The Clerk had reported concerns about dog fouling within the village to Cherwell District Council. They will increase patrols with a view to catching and fining owners who do not clear up after their dogs.

**Grass Cutting Tender.** The Clerk has prepared a Grass Cutting Tender document for 2012. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should go ahead with arranging for an advert to be placed in the Banbury Guardian for the second week in January. The advert will also appear in the Barford News. Interested parties need to return Tenders to the Clerk by 12 noon on 17<sup>th</sup> February. The new three-year contract will be approved at the Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**Allotment water rates.** The Clerk has received a further invoice from Thames Water for the wrong meter. Thames Water has been contacted and been asked to rectify their error.

**Precept / Budget 2012-13.** Cllr Hobbs had circulated draft details of the proposed precept and budget before the meeting. Various issues were raised and agreed. The precept has been maintained at £7,000. The precept and budget were proposed by Cllr Bullard, seconded by Cllr Styles and unanimously approved and agreed.

### Planning Matters

Details of planning applications can be found on the Cherwell District Council website [http://cherweb.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application\\_searchform.aspx](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)

Applications:

Satchell, Crown House, Church Lane Barford St John. - Conversion of attic roof space including insertion of new dormer windows and removal of chimney stack

Satchell, Stables at Crown House, Church Lane Barford St John - Conversion of part of stable to provide ancillary accommodation to main house  
Hindle, Turnstile House, The Rock Barford St Michael - Demolition of outbuilding and garden wall, replacing with one and half storey extension with glazed link to original house; reopening of existing blocked up internal door.

Moore, The Mill, Lower Street, Barford St Michael – Erection of ground mounted solar panels and removal of trees - no objections

#### **Reports from Meetings.**

Cllr Hobbs reported that he and Cllr Bullard had attended the Parish Liaison Meeting at Bodicote House on 9<sup>th</sup> November. The main topics were the Localism Bill and Parish Surveys.

#### **Any Other Business**

Cllr Turner commented on the possibility of the village lighting a beacon to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Cllr Turner also suggested that West Close be designated a Queen Elizabeth II playing field. Both of these matters will be Agenda items for the next meeting.

The next meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.47pm.

The above is a report of the council meeting. Draft Minutes are displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard one week prior to the PC Meeting and until replaced by the next set. Full Minutes, once approved, are put on the Barford website at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/barfordpc/index.cfm?articleid=5334>

#### **Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council**

The Parish Council is in the process of compiling a register of local tradesmen (carpenters, painters, builders etc) who might be interested in submitting estimates for essential repairs to Parish Council property during the coming year.

If you would like the opportunity of being included on the register, please send full details to the Parish Clerk at

Foxglove Cottage, Kings Road,  
Bloxham, OX15 4QE or email her at  
[rwattsbarfordspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rwattsbarfordspc@hotmail.co.uk)

#### *The Old Mettle Dance Band*

Would like to thank all those who put money in our hat when we were "Christmas music busking" at the December village market.

We raised £37 for local charities.

*Tony*

#### **Village Hall News**

##### **Windows Replacement Project**

THE PLANNING STAGE of the Windows Replacement project took rather longer than expected. Our application was registered with CDC on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and after various consultations and discussions full planning approval was received mid September.

The next stage was the Funding Agreement with Viridor which was signed on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Agreement has now been reached with Fairmitre on the installation programme which will start early in the New Year to avoid disruption to Christmas bookings.

The Windows Appeal received such terrific support that we should have sufficient funds to be able to replace the main doors as well.

A full report on the project will be published in due course, however we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who responded so generously to the appeal, without them this would not have been possible.

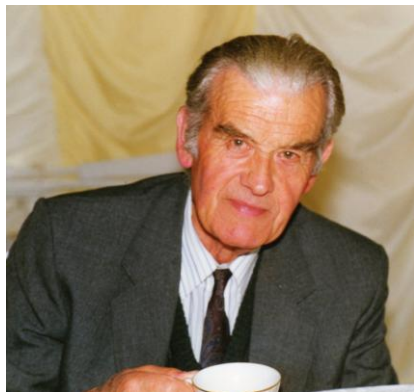
A big **'thank you'** to all who contributed.

#### **Noisy Party**

ON A SECOND NOTE, the Management Committee would like to apologise to any local residents for the noise and disruption which occurred as a result of the party that took place on a Saturday night last month. The hall is there for all members of our community to enjoy and of course needs hiring to be able to maintain an income to keep it going. However we do ask that hirers recognise that it is situated in a residential area and that it does have neighbours, and they should be mindful of noise levels when using its facilities. The hall welcomes responsible hirers, but one of the reasons for the excessive noise was that the hirer opened the main doors to let the heat out because it was getting too hot – just when we have been busy raising money through the window project to keep the heat in and keep the fuel bills down!

VHMC

**Tom Smith**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1921 – 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011**



Born in Hempton, Tom spent his childhood in Barford attending the village school and then cycling to school in Deddington.

He started work aged 14 as an apprentice stone mason for local builders Taylors. After a short spell in the home guard he was called up and joined the RAF transport section in 1942. Service overseas included the D Day Landings on Juno Beach and carrying vital rations and essential equipment through Holland and Belgium.

Following Demob in 1946 he delivered pre-fabricated houses all over the country to areas that had been badly bombed. It was on one of these journeys that he chanced to put up for the night at a pub near Newport and it was there he met his future wife Novello, whom he married in 1948, a marriage that lasted 63 years.

Later he worked for Keystone Buildings in Bloxham and then Compton Buildings at Fenny Compton. He finished his working life at Cheney manor Farm with the Alt family.

In his younger days he played both football and cricket for the Barford teams. He enjoyed shooting, walking, listening music and singing, and was a regular player at the whist drives.

Tom was a gentle, kind and warm hearted man, but also had his own opinions on most subjects and liked nothing better than putting the world to rights. He found the lack of discipline and general lack of respect of the modern world hard to understand.

Sadly, by his mid 80's he had developed Alzheimers, which slowly took his memory, although he was able to enjoy the family get-together we held to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Tom had a good life, which he enjoyed. He was a well known character in the Barfords and enjoyed a chat with the friends and neighbours that he met as he walked in the village. He is survived by his wife Novello, their three children, six grand children and six great-grand children, all of whom will have very fond memories of him.

Novello and the family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and support.

**Fernhill Club News**

**O**UR CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Red Lion in Bloxham was enjoyed by all. On 14<sup>th</sup> we were entertained in the hall with short seasonal stories and readings by Thelma Sanders from Oxford, which was followed by our own tea party.

Father Christmas was too busy but Dennis delivered a present to everyone on his behalf.

We meet again on January 18<sup>th</sup> when our speaker will tell us of her experience of 'At Home Abroad'.

Hope you can join us!

Happy New to All!



A.G.

**Deddington PTA News**

**D**ECEMBER WAS a fantastic month for PTA fundraising.

The school hall was transformed into a dazzling disco for the night, complete with flashing lights and glitter balls. The children danced their socks off and a brilliant night was had by all. We raised an amazing £470 and are definitely planning a sequel for next year. Huge thanks goes to Kelly Scott for putting on a tremendous show.

The children's Christmas cards were especially stunning this year and you must have thought so too as we almost sold out raising £360. Our thanks to all who helped us produce (Mike Homer at Multiflow) and sell the cards.

Santa had a very busy weekend on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11 December travelling around the villages on his float to meet the children. We were determined not to let the weather dampen our spirits and made a truly fantastic £870. Thank you to all Santa's helpers for their tireless efforts.

As I write this, Santa is anticipating a more gentle pace at the Christmas Farmers' market and is looking forward to meeting all the children. His elves will be with him and they will have sacks of lucky dip presents for the children. We will also be carol singing so I will let you know how we got on next month!

We will back fundraising next year. Dates for your diary include our fantastic Quiz Night on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, The Deddington Walk on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and the School Fete on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a happy new year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Chadderton, PTA Chair

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## The Warriner School News

**T**HE THEME FOR THIS TERM has been charity fundraising, kicking off with a wonderful Christmas fair run by the Friends of the Warriner School to get us all in the festive mood, Children in Need day had staff performing quite beautifully to YMCA, Student Council ran a talent night in aid of the swimming pool and male staff used November as an excuse to grow some extraordinary facial hair. On November 11<sup>th</sup> our cadets invited their commanding officers into school for a formal march past and I was very proud to be asked to receive their salute. We also attended the memorial service in Bloxham where our Head Boy and Head Girl laid a wreath on behalf of the staff and students.

Informal consultation around our hopes to extend our age range to include Sixth Form students has now closed and I am delighted with the huge amount of positive support we have received from students, parents and our community. If you did take the time to comment then I would like to take this opportunity to thank you. We now move onto the second phase of a four week statutory consultation before a final decision is made in May. I am also delighted that a growing number of our current Year 11 students are planning to take us up on our offer of A level teaching in partnership with OCVS and plans are underway to provide them with their own common room, kitchen area and ICT suite, which was the meetings room and part of A Area.

This term also saw my first parent forum at which we discussed a diverse range of topics around the theme of Grow (things we could do more of), Keep (things we do well) and Change (things that have either had their day or we do not do well). We reflected upon Behaviour for Learning, improvements to the school website (which are being implemented as I write this), language options, consolidating group call, curriculum developments and homework club. The next parent forum takes place on 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the Hall. Please feel free to join us.

Every term my colleagues in the PE department run an array of sporting events for our Partner Primary School students under the leadership of Mr Halsall, our Schools Sport Co-ordinator, and this term was no exception. On 1<sup>st</sup> December we hosted the North Oxfordshire Cross Country Finals. This was a first combined Primary and Secondary event where the Partnership Primary Schools from all over the North run their races and then get through to our finals day. There were over 400 Year 1&2, 3&4 and 5 & 6 pupils representing over 14 of the North Partnerships Schools, and 60 Year 7-11



students from 3 secondary schools. The event was supported by 25 of our brilliant Sports Leaders from Year 10, many of whom have given up time to plan and train before the event and acted as hares for each race.

The penultimate week of term saw the return of our students in Year 11 last year to collect their GCSE certificates. Although I did not get to know them well before they left, it was lovely for all of us to catch up with them and share in their numerous successes. We are all very proud of them and every one of them is a reason why we should have a Sixth Form.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a very happy and safe Christmas to all the students, parents, staff and members of our local community, and am very much looking forward to the New Year and new school term.

*Dr A Kay, Headteacher*

### In Memory

#### Of Sue Taylor

**20 March 1939 – 8 December 2011**

Formerly of 'Brambles', Murrey's Lane  
Sue and her family moved to Barford in the mid 70's and lived for some time in a caravan while building their new home in Lower Street.  
Sue left the village in 2007 to live in Bloxham, but kept contact with her many friends in the Barfords.

She leaves son Stephen, daughters Amanda and Sarah, partner David and 7 grandchildren.

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#### Also of Graham Clamp (Clampy)

Who died peacefully at home  
On 8<sup>th</sup> December, Aged 56 years.

Loving husband of Jess,  
and much loved father and grampy.

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Jess and family would like to thank  
her friends in The Barfords for their help and  
support over recent weeks.

### Thank You To Ann Budd

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Our sincere and grateful thanks to her for such long and devoted service!

Ann's 'paper round' has been taken on by Jan Elvidge, to whom we also most grateful.

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Ed.

### 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 recently appeared with Michelin-starred chef Michel Roux Jr. on BBC TV's 'Great British Food Revival'

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 to get two products from the land was better for the environment.

**7.30 p.m. Wednesday,  
11<sup>th</sup> January**

**At the W.I. Meeting**

Visitors always welcome £3.00



**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

### Memories Of Spencers

#### Reveal Hidden History Of Underwear

**B**ANBURY MUSEUM'S new exhibition 'Revealed: The Underwear Revolution', uncovers the history of underwear. It tells the hidden story of how underwear has evolved from the Anglo-Saxon linen smock to the modern memory foam bra.

The exhibition celebrates corset making in Banbury with original documents, photographs and corsets from Spencer (Banbury) Ltd.

Cherwell District Council's lead member for environment, Cllr James Macnamara, said;

"For many who worked at the Britannia Road site this exhibition will bring back memories. Visitors can hear accounts of life in the Spencer factory during and after the Second World War, recorded earlier this year at the museum's 'Times Gone By' reminiscence group.

Cllr Macnamara added: "The exhibition will appeal to Downton Abbey fans - it's a chance to find out what Lady Grantham might have worn!"

Also on show is a woven blue silk dress, made in 1750, that needed special underwear for support. Other exhibition highlights include a machine-made cage crinoline - a skirt-shaped structure, fashionable in the late nineteenth century. The contraption, which sports 19 spring steel wire hoops, was preserved by conservators before going on show. Children can try on a replica eighteenth century quilted petticoat or Tudor shirt as part of a dressing-up activity.

Sarah Morton, from Oxfordshire County Council, said: "Revealed focuses on how innovation and technology changed what we wore beneath our clothes. It tells a fascinating story and I think people may never think of underwear in the same way again."

Fellow conservator Sam van de Geer presented a behind-the-scenes view of the conservation and display of textiles last Wednesday evening as part of Banbury Museum's new Museum Plus programme. For more details of this and other activities at the museum visit [www.banburymuseum.org](http://www.banburymuseum.org) or phone 01295 753752.

The 'Revealed' exhibition is open until 18 February. Entry is free



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No market this month, as our traders take a well earned rest after the Christmas rush!

February brings a new team to run the monthly Saturday morning markets in our village hall, as Peter, David and Jeremy hand over the reins. Volunteers from our Village Hall Management Committee have agreed to take over the markets for a trial period in the hope of making a small profit to boost hall funds.

To make a success of it we need a bit of help from YOU:

### **Wanted - for 2 or 3 hours one Saturday each month excluding January and August**

- someone to take over making the very popular Bacon Butties!

- Another someone to help set up and take down tables on market morning.

We hope that the income generated will help to pay for hall heating and insurance – our two largest expenses.

If you can offer help in any way please get in touch with either Peter Leney 338 992 or Mariann Young 338 570.

**Our Next Market will be on  
Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**10 – 12 noon in the Village Hall**

We hope you will come along and support us!

### Hail and Farewell!



### **Farewell & Good Luck to Don & Betty Wyatt**

as they leave their bungalow in Lower Street for a new home at Guardian Court in Duke Street, Banbury. We wish them many happy years together

### **Welcome!**

### **to Peter & Elaine Blencowe**

Who have just taken up residence in their bungalow on Hempton Road. We hope that you will enjoy living in our beautiful village.

### **Happy Remove!**

### **To Jess and Harry Romain**

As they leave their house in Summer Ley and move into a new home in Lower Street.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Deddington Brownies**

**O**UR SIX ELDEST Brownies recently attended a County Camp ( in dormitories – it was November! ), held at the Stansfield Education Centre in Oxford. They had an amazing time meeting Brownies from around the county, making things, singing songs and learning all about star gazing. At the end of term we celebrated Christmas with a great party organised by the Panda Patrol from 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington Guides. They organised a visit from the Christmas Fairy (complete with little stockings from Katherine House), read stories, led games, decorated the hall before the meeting and even hoovered up afterwards. Well done Guides! In other recent meetings all the girls completed their Science Investigator badges and we also did some Christmas crafts. We would like to say a big thank you to Tawny Owl who returned to help us out this term, and also to Phoebe who has been helping us as part of her Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Happy New Year!



Lucy Squires

## Deddington Primary School News

**A**S WE ENTER 2012 I think most of us at school are looking forward another busy term which may be nearly as hectic as December! Our Christmas productions were a great success, they were very well supported by our parents and the children were fantastic (but very



tired afterwards!).

During December our School Council decided to raise money for the Horton Hospital in Banbury. They came up with the idea of pupils and teachers paying to wear their pyjamas to school and have 'bad' hair – (the children of the council decided that patients spend a lot of their time in pyjamas and with bed head!). The day was a great success with all entering into the spirit of the occasion, even Mr Evans! We managed to raise £252 which was presented to the Horton during the last week of term by our two Year 6 School Councillors, Natasha Milliken and Henry Durand

As mentioned this term is also going to be busy due mainly to our school production being held slightly earlier in the year. Taking place over 3 nights in February. We are very proud of our productions and this year we are putting on a version of Aladdin- as always it will be all singing and all dancing!

Hopefully the weather will be kind too and any snow will cause minimum disruption.

Mrs Jane Cross, Deputy Head

### Sarah's Church Bloopers

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

## Congratulations

To

**Grandma & Dadling Wheeler**

On the safe arrival  
Of their first grandchild

**Jennifer**

4lb 6oz on 11<sup>th</sup> December

A beautiful baby girl for  
Anna and Chas



~

Also to

**To Martin & Jane Gannon**

On the birth of their grand daughter

**Harriet Rose,**

7lb 6oz, born 11<sup>th</sup> December

A sister for George 4yrs and Edward  
2yrs and a daughter for  
Clare and Matthew.

Here's wishing both babies a long,  
healthy and happy life.

## INVITATION TO TENDER

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council  
**Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance**

Tenders are invited for grass cutting and grounds maintenance within Barford St John & Barford St Michael for the 2012, 2013 and 2014 seasons.

Tender forms and further details may be obtained from the Parish Clerk. Tenders should be returned to the Clerk by 12 noon, Friday 17 February 2012 in a plain sealed envelope. Email submissions will not be considered.

Rosemary Watts, Clerk to Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council, Foxglove Cottage, Kings Road, BLOXHAM, Nr Banbury, OX15 4QE.

Tel: 01295 722647

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## Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

ALMOST 60 PEOPLE enjoyed the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The menu was Carrot and ginger soup with crusty bread; Chicken and almond bake with new potatoes and green beans; Fruit salad and cream; Mince pies; Christmas cake and coffee or tea. After the lunch, there was entertainment from Mike Horth and The Mill Town Singers (which was very well received, I know that many of us were delighted to see them return, having enjoyed their entertainment so much in previous years). The 'Twelve Days of Christmas' will never be quite the same for many of us, in particular the 'Partridge in a Pear Tree', which was sung with great gusto by a rather rowdy lot.

The atmosphere was very festive, with the hall beautifully decorated by the VHMC, the wine flowed freely and everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion.

A HUGE THANK YOU must be said to everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a success. Firstly to Aggie Morrison-Booth, Mary Brodey, and Sarah Best who plan the whole thing, thanks also to Maggie Eden, and Jim and Ella Booth (we like to start our volunteers at a young age for this event), for setting the tables.

A very big thank you to all the waitresses, and 2 waiters, who gave up their day to serve the food and wine, and stayed behind to clear up. These were:, Julia Streeter, Lyn Daly, Glynnis Eastwood, Virginia Pentlow, Liz Callow, Sam, Amy and , Lewis Harding, Tilly Neal, Ella Booth, Veronique Semple, Brian Dodwell and Jim Booth. Another thank you to the Barford fruit salad makers: Barbara Allen, Lisa Stiles, Julia Streeter, Lavinia Crowther, Nic Harte, Maria Rees, Carol Warner and Hazel Neal.

Also we are very grateful to Lorraine Langlands for making and donating the delicious Christmas cake and Sandi Turner for making the excellent mince pies. Thank you also to "Milltown Singers" for the entertainment which was very much enjoyed.

Finally, thank you to the 'Cuppa Morning' girls for their hard work throughout the year in raising cash for the event, also to Banbury Guardian Correspondent for the donation to the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch. Another very special day in the life of this village!



### Village Whist Drives

The fortnightly whist evenings in the village hall raised a total of £200 during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July To 9<sup>th</sup> December.

This has been divided among villages causes as follows:

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Barford Churches      | £100.00 |
| Barford News          | £50.00  |
| Shepherds & Bakehouse | £50.00  |

*We start again on 6<sup>th</sup> January after the Christmas break. New Players always welcome to come along.*

*Avril & Judy*

Grateful thanks to Avril and Judy for their contributions to Barford News funds. Ed

### Barford Green Garden Club Garden Talk by Janet Cropley

**J**ANET VISITED US on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November and gave a most interesting talk on " Winter Gardening " Janet , a very knowledgeable plantswoman demonstrated her talk with numerous colour slides all accompanied with their Latin name. A list of the shrubs and plants mentioned during the talk has been circulated to those members on email. Anyone else wishing to receive a copy please let me know and I will deliver one to you

A talk enjoyed by all attending and we are now looking ahead to a follow up visit : more details to follow in BN and at the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012 .

This was the last Garden Club event of 2011 and we welcomed members with mince pies and mulled wine !

Thanks to Sandi Turner and Trish Field for providing the delicious refreshments, appreciated by all of us !

### 2012 AGM Reminder

As advised in December BN please make a note in your diary for the 2012 AGM to take place

In the village hall on 27<sup>th</sup> February commencing 7.30pm. Anyone interested in joining the committee please contact me on the telephone no. or email address below.

AGM paperwork will be circulated in January together with 2012 subscription renewal letter.

Happy New Year to all Garden Club members!

Jill Bunce tel: 337577  
email:jill@ridleymarreco.co.uk



### NEW PROJECTOR NEW YEAR

"SINGIN IN THE RAIN"

**BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE returns on  
January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

The film will be

**"Singin in the Rain".**

Apologies for postponement of film in November, this was to be " Harold and Maude ", but our projector was away for repair.

We now have a new projector and hopefully we shall have no further delays. Harold and Maude will now be shown at the end of our season, on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2012.

'SINGIN IN THE RAIN' is a wonderful film, starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. It has singing and dancing of course, being a comedy depiction of Hollywood in transition from silent films to "talking pictures". Frequently described as one of the best musicals ever made.....so come along. Bring your own tippie, but usual 'soft' refreshments will be served.

FILM STARTS AT 7.45,  
doors open at 7.15.

Contact Gunilla on 01295 720521 for further details.

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### Thames Valley Police

Thames Valley Police are seeking to reduce the number of hours of provision across the area and align their services to the needs of the public within the budget given to them. The proposed opening hours of local police stations is:

**Oxford** 24 hours/7days per week.

**Banbury** 14 hours/7 days per week (0800 - 2200).

**Bicester and Witney** 8 hours/5 days per week (0900 - 1700 Tues - Sat).

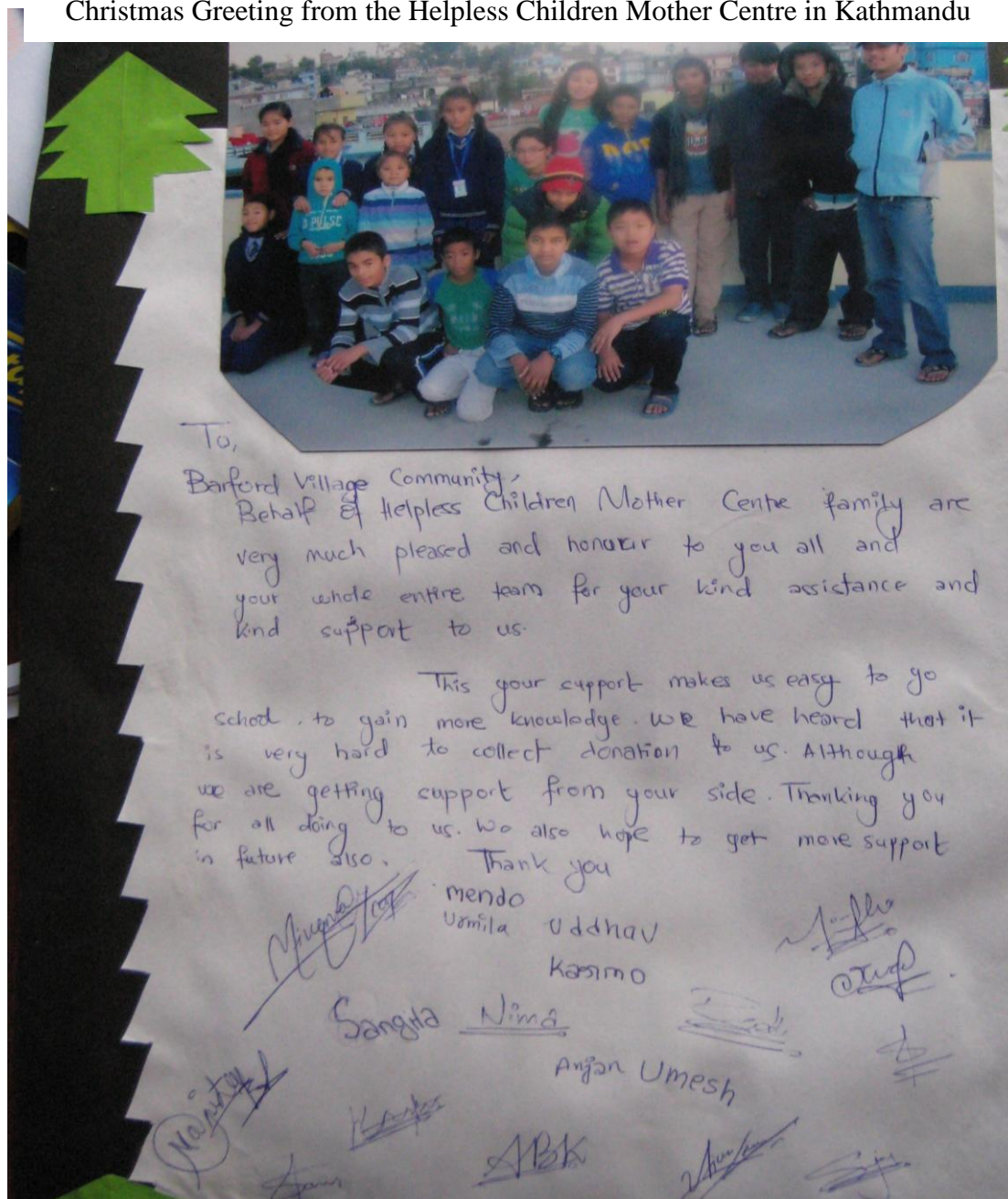
**Chipping Norton and Kidlington** 4 hours/5 days per week (1000 - 1400 Mon - Fri).

Thames Valley Police are interested in your views on by 10 February 2012 . Please contact Hazel Murray at

[CounterServicesChangeProject@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CounterServicesChangeProject@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)



## Christmas Greeting from the Helpless Children Mother Centre in Kathmandu



The card reads:-

‘To Barford Village Community

Behalf of Helpless Children Mother Centre family are very much pleased and honour to you all and your whole entire team for your kind assistance and kind support to us.

This your support makes us easy to go school, to gain more knowledge. We have heard that it is very hard to collect donation to us. Although we are getting support from your side. Thanking you for all doing to us. We also hope to get more support in future also. Thank you’

May this Christmas season can brings all your happiness, joyfulness and every successfulness. We wish you a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2012.

### The Boat Project - Update

**W**HAT A SPLENDID YEAR it has been! When we opened the boat shed back in February we really couldn't have predicted the amazing response we received. With the help of some 80 volunteers we collected 1,219 donations meeting over 6,000 people as we travelled across the South East. We are very excited about all that 2012 will hold, we're especially looking forward to introducing you to the finished boat! The programme of events for the launch and maiden voyage is shaping up very well and promises to provide some truly incredible events for the year ahead.

#### The Tullet Prebon Boat Show London

The boat will be leaving the Boat Shed in Thornham Marina for the very first time and heading up to the London Boat Show in January.

We will be exhibiting the boat from Friday 6 – Sunday 15 January. The artists, the build team, volunteers and crewmembers will be on hand to answer your questions and show you around the magnificent boat. You may be able to find your donation on the expertly crafted topsides - the build team have turned all expectations into reality: she looks stunning.

#### Name the Boat

From 6 January voting will open for you to decide the boat's name. We asked our volunteers, donors, boat builders, crew and even a celebrity or two to suggest a name for the boat. The selected list of ten names will be announced on 6 January and you will be asked to pick your favorite - the name with the most votes will win and be revealed at the boat's launch in May

Vote for your choice online at [www.theboatproject.com](http://www.theboatproject.com) before 7 April.

#### The Boat Project Book

Every part of the project, the stories behind the donations and the people who gave them are documented in a fascinating book.

Pre-orders for The Boat Project Book are available from 6 January for a limited time at a very special price of just £19.99 (full price is £24.99) so order early to avoid disappointment!

Place your order online at [www.theboatproject.com](http://www.theboatproject.com)

You may have received a call or email from some exceptional people known affectionately in these parts as the A-Team. These incredible people have been fact-checking donation stories, ensuring all the information we have is as accurate as possible, ready for inclusion in the book. If the A-Team haven't been in contact with you and you have concerns or questions regarding any of your donation details please email us at: [info@theboatproject.com](mailto:info@theboatproject.com)

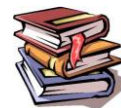
**Merry Christmas from Lone Twin and The Boat Project**

### Book Reviews with a Cotswold Theme

#### 'Tommy Glover's Sketch of Heaven'

by Jane Bailey Paperback £7.99

This is a charming Cotswold story, set during the war, by Cheltenham author, Jane Bailey.



Kitty, young, back-street London girl, is evacuated to a Cotswold village and her 'forthright'(!) manner soon causes upheaval as she acts as a catalyst for change. Seemingly a simple tale, it is packed with memorable characters and interweaving themes.

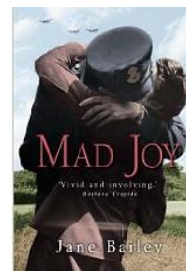
You cannot fail to be moved, yet laugh out loud, when you read of Kitty's first experience of a Cotswold cream cake. When Kitty, so used to the mean patches of London sky, has her first view of an open Cotswold field, with its seemingly vast horizons, you may well be as moved as she is. With a little of Goodnight Mr. Tom and a great deal of humour, Tommy Glover's Sketch of Heaven is a delight, from its culture clash beginning to its romantic ending, via an exposure of secrets that belie the idyllic beauty of the Cotswolds.

#### 'Mad Joy'

by Jane Bailey Paperback £9.99

Jane Bailey's second Cotswold novel, 'Mad Joy', is the equal of her first, 'Tommy Glover's Sketch of Heaven.' They are both cleverly crafted with major and minor characters sympathetically created and both have charm and tension in equal measure. Mad Joy, however, has a kernel of truth about it, for is partially based on an event in her own family history.

'Mad Joy' starts between the wars and in it, a little girl runs into a wood and, two years later, runs out again, into the house of spinster Gracie. Where does she come from and what became of her in those two years? Gracie has no wish to delve as the truth might take little Joy away from her. Joy, herself, may have her own, deeply buried reasons for not examining her past. Full of this author's trade-mark humour and containing some of her most memorable characters, this novel builds slowly to a climax, hint by hint, as the aptly named Joy approaches adulthood and the secret of those two years and of her earlier life comes to light.



## NATURE NOTES 101

**S**EPTEMBER STARTED WELL with lovely early Autumn days, the wind at SW and temperatures rising to 24.5° (day) on the 2nd and 13° (night) on the 3rd. This SW wind was to hold sway for the whole month, but not with the same effects!

Buzzards were very active. Five soared over St. Michael in a column, from a great height down to roof top level on the 1st and, on the 2nd, a hollow, guttural croaking caused me to look up and see a Raven flying west toward Rignell.

A very nice record came in from Mr. Arthur Murrey, also on the 2nd, of two Kingfishers at Little Barford Mill.

It rained from the early hours until 10am on the 4th and the local pair of Ravens were livening things up on Steepness. They moved around croaking conversationally to each other for a while when the male flew off, still croaking, over Horn Hill. The female remained for some time and I did not see her going, but I'll bet it was to Rignell.

Half a dozen House Martins and a few Swallows lingered around the villages, probably with late broods.

The next six days were showery and day temperatures dropped a little to around 17°. The nights remained mild, they themselves rising to 17° on the 9th.

Throughout the week a Red Kite appeared, low over St. Michael and was seen by several people. A Raven continued to honk around Steepness, accompanied by occasional laughter from a Green Woodpecker. At this time there were plenty of fruits to be had and the quiet, plaintive little calls of the deceptively bright coloured Bullfinches could be heard from hedgerows everywhere – and village gardens!

On the 9th there was a 'mew' ing call, quite un-Buzzard-like, and repeated many times from Steepness. The calls were continuous in groups of three to six repeated. Quite unlike the 'Peewoo' of the Buzzard in pitch or duration, they were also very unlike the 'Kee-ee-ee' of the Kestrel. I thought they might have been Hen Harrier but without seeing the bird I could not be certain.

On the 11th I watched with interest as the local homing pigeons carried out their morning circuits. Suddenly, a large hen Sparrowhawk launched herself at the tail-enders from an Ash tree. The pigeons promptly bunched in tight formation and the hawk broke off her attack, sailing untidily away toward the R. Swere. I marvelled a little at the strategy the pigeons had worked out to absorb target stragglers. Throughout the same day the wind gradually increased from a stiff SW blow to a stormy near-gale with rain at night – the remains of



Hurricane Katrina! The blow continued through the 12th and 13th, leaving the colourful Comma, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies to feed in the shelter of the Michaelmas Daisies. It died away leaving a cool (7°) night of clear moonlight.

The 14th was another lovely early Autumn day, but a clear night at 1.5° produced a touch of ground frost – the first of the Autumn.

On the 15th came the exciting news that two Hen Harriers were still active near the far west of the parish. 'There must be a good supply of young rabbits there' I wondered. 'How much longer would the birds stay around?' Then, on the 17th, another report came in that a female Hen Harrier had been seen on the ground with prey – a small rabbit.

The evening, however, brought violent hail and thunder storms with a sudden drop in temperature. I just caught sight of 'my' House Martin pair dashing in to roost in 'their' artificial nest.

Nights were now down to around 5° although days remained between 18° and 21°. An evening shower on the 18th produced a spectacularly huge and brilliant rainbow, just before sunset.

It was about now that Mrs. Brenda Twigg informed me that she had two House Martin nests on her house and each had produced two broods, one of them, possibly three broods. If one considers that each brood had fledged at least two youngsters, then a total of ten new birds would not be unreasonable – What a success!

The third week of the month continued in like mode, showery, breezy and mild. A small flock of a dozen Meadow Pipits appeared in the Swere water meadows, feeding on the numerous flying insects. Ravens called, Rooks, Jackdaws and Crows fed on newly turned fields. Green Woodpeckers called around the villages and Tawny Owls hooted from their different territories. On the 21st a sudden rush of wings, with small, darting, black and white bodies, marked the passage of a goodly flock of House Martins and Swallows over Hempton Hills. They were on their way south for the winter.

On the 26th the temperatures started to rise again, to around 20°. Buzzards seemed to call incessantly by day and the Tawny Owls were particularly noisy below Steepness at night. And, what appeared in the far west of the parish? Yes, a hunting Hen Harrier, This time a male. Superb!

The temperature continued to climb on the 28th and 29th, culminating on the 30th in a glorious exit for a largely pleasant September, with day-long hot sun and a temperature of 26°!

October dawned and, as a hazy, hot sun climbed above Hempton, a heavy heat mist formed. A Raven croaked from Steepness through the pearl-

drops of the morning. Through the afternoon there was much high thin cloud which produced quite dim sunlight, but by mid-afternoon a SW wind had begun to spring up which cleared any lingering mistiness and allowed me to see a Green Woodpecker as he went bounding and laughing across the airfield as I drove back from Bloxham. The temperature had reached 22.5° after mid-day, producing similar warmth to the last days of September and setting the trend for the first half of the new month. Night temperatures were more erratic however, that of the first night being 7.5° and, after a hot, humid and oppressive day, that of the 2nd was 13°.

In the ensuing days things Nature-wise were very quiet, with heat humidity and gusty SW winds. Everything seemed to be away out in the hedgerows and stubble, feeding and resting. The only creatures moving seemed to be Crows harrying Buzzards, a Raven harrying the Crows and Green Woodpeckers laughing at all of them!

On the 6th the wind went up to NW introducing chilly, boisterous conditions with showers. Temperatures dropped (7° night, 14° day) and at eventide that strange, rare phenomenon of clouds with a distinct greenish tinge appeared.

Temperatures went up again as the wind backed to SW on the 10th producing a lovely Autumn day on the 12th. They then dropped viciously at night-time (-3° 14th, -1.5° 15th, producing significant grass frosts) as the wind veered back to NW and then right round the compass to SW once more on the 15th.

It was not until the 13th, that I saw in the garden, my first (and only!) Small Copper butterfly of the year, a species that I regard as a main indicator of summer in my garden. They should have been around for the last six weeks! And still, apart from Swallows, Martins and a few finches and tits, the main actors were our resident Ravens and Buzzards.

On the 18th a cold wind got even colder as it veered to NW and then NNW on the 19th with nights hovering around freezing point, clear and brilliant with stars.

Now, around this time we frequently experience a spell of milder, settled weather. Yes, it's St. Luke's Little Summer! On the 20th the wind backed to SW where it stayed until after month's end. As well as the Crows, Ravens and Buzzards everything remained as it was. I did note a Dunlin (one of the occasionally seen waders) flying out of the Swere valley on the 20th and a Red Kite standing on the wind at Swere Villas on the 21st. There were reasonable flocks of Goldfinch, but other small birds remained inconspicuous. In response to St. Luke for his extended summer, I

noted the 22nd, 24th (which boasted a hen Sparrowhawk hunting over Townsend) and the 27th – 31st as beautiful, warm Autumn days. The 27th and 28th were windless; in fact I noted that the weather-vanes on Deddington Church pointed in all directions! There were showers, and the 26th brought almost unbroken gentle rain throughout the day. The 29th brought frequent movement of small numbers of Skylarks about the arable lands.

Perhaps aptly, the Green Woodpeckers of Steepness were once more noisy on a pleasantly autumnal 31st October, prior to its melting into November on a mild and showery night of 12°.

Enjoy our wonderful countryside throughout 2012.

Happy New Year!.

*Ron Knight*

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### **New Year Walk Come and join us again for a Winter Walk.**

**January 2nd 2012 10am.**

Walk off the excesses of  
Christmas and New Year.



Just like last year there will be two routes. One for the more energetic and one for the more relaxed amongst you.

Depart 10am from the Village Hall and on our return we will have Game soup and crusty bread.

**£5.00 per person.**

**Call Tracey on 01869 337369**

**So we will have some ideas for catering.**

Any profits will go towards the Kathmandu kids home.

### **Christmas Crackers**

What's the difference between chopped beef and pea soup?  
Everyone can chop beef, but not everyone can pea soup!

How do you make an egg laugh?      Tell it a yolk.

What clothes does a house wear?      Address.

What do you get if you cross a hen with a bedside clock?  
An alarm cluck

What is Santa's favourite pizza? One that's deep pan, crisp and even



## DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE

**NEWSLETTER, 01869 338611;**

[www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk)

### **Happy New Year to all our patients**

#### **Travelling Overseas**

If you are off on holiday abroad where you may need travel vaccinations, please plan well ahead. Firstly go onto our website : [www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk) where there's a page about Travel Abroad also what vaccinations are needed for each country. Book an appointment with one of our practice nurses in good time., making sure that you say that you need an appointment for 'Travel Vaccinations' as these appointments last longer. There is a charge for some of the vaccinations.

#### **News, News, News, News**

Dr Abi Dyer is leaving the surgery. She did her final year of GP training with us, and then joined our permanent staff in the summer of 2005. Dr Chambers is having a sabbatical break. He will not be available at the surgery for 7 weeks from Christmas until February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012.

Congratulations to our GP, Dr Hannah Ward who has just successfully completed a Masters degree (MSc) in Rheumatology so if you have a rheumatological condition she will be happy to see you.

#### **PATIENT SUMMARY CARE RECORD**

##### **What is the Summary Care Record (SCR)?**

The SCR will store a specific set of information about people for every patient in England except those who have requested not to have one. This information will be extracted from information currently held by your GP. It is hoped that this will help by providing continuity of care between hospital and home. The information in the SCR will be any medication you are on and allergies. This information will only be available in an 'urgent care setting' such as casualty.

In Oxfordshire, the SCR project begins in March 2012. An information pack will be sent to everyone in Oxfordshire early in 2012 that explains the changes that are taking place and the choices you can make. If you are happy with the changes, then you don't need to do anything and your extra records will be created. If you're unhappy, then there's an opportunity to actively opt out by filling in a form in your pack.



**FLU JABS – have you had a flu jab elsewhere eg Boots, Sainsbury's or at work? If so, please would you let us know – by telling Reception or Dispensary Staff.**

### **Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Monthly Update Team News**

A reminder of the new Thames Valley Police non-emergency contact number. call **101** this replaces the 0845 8 505 505 that was previously in use. Such incidents can also be reported online via our website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/reportonline](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/reportonline) . In an emergency always dial **999**.



#### **Rural Thefts**

Officers from the Rural Team and the Special Constabulary have conducted high visibility and plain clothes patrols in the Bodicote, Adderbury and Deddington areas over the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011. This is following two recent burglaries where damage was caused to both properties:

The Deddington Antiques centre was broken into in November by three males wearing masks. Approximately £30,000 worth of jewellery and antiques were stolen before the males fled the scene in a dark coloured Vauxhall Vectra. It is believed that the vehicle was using stolen number plates that were stolen from Hook Norton earlier in the evening. Enquiries are ongoing at this time with Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at Banbury

Bodicote Flyover Farm Shop was broken into overnight. A local male was arrested following DNA evidence at the Bodicote scene, he was interviewed by PC VALE and the male was subsequently charged and remanded in police custody to attend Banbury Magistrates Court.

#### **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. To do so 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.

Should you have any problems or concerns please phone the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 101 or email [BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) . In an emergency please dial 999.

## Banbury Museum

### Exhibitions and events

For all events children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

### Art Cart Action – Wacky Washing Lines

Until 4 February 2012

10.30am-12.30 and 2-4pm Saturdays and every day during the Oxfordshire school holidays. Suitable for children aged 4-11 years old. £1

A self-service activity in which you can create and decorate your very own paper chain washing line inspired by the collections in the Revealed exhibition.

### The Revealed Prize Trail

Until 18 February 2012 For all ages, £1.50 per trail booklet

Explore the 'Revealed' exhibition to find the information that you need to claim a prize.

**Celebrating Chinese New Year** 4 - 31 January available during museum opening hours

Come and share your New Year wishes and hang it on the museum's wishing tree.

Free, suitable for all ages. No need to book just pop in

### Historic Banbury, Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm

Alexander, Bishop of Lincoln, Lord of Banbury, set out the town, its streets, market place and castle from AD1123 – 48. This walk around Banbury will begin in 1123, and take a chronological perspective, concluding for refreshment in the Reindeer's 17<sup>th</sup> century Globe Room.

Walk led by Curator, Simon Townsend.

### Get Crafty programme –

**'Winter Warmers' Drop-in** Saturday 28 January

Make and decorate cute and colourful paper fingers puppets - Perfect for keeping your fingers warm! 10.30am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 4pm Suitable for children aged 3+ years old £2.50 per child.

### Monthly Archaeological Finds Surgery

Tuesday 7 February 10.30am – 4.30pm

Have your archaeological finds identified and recorded.

## Katharine House News

### COLLEGIUM REGALE IN CONCERT

Back by popular demand, the internationally renowned Kings College Cambridge Choral Scholars will perform a wonderful evening of music. Their repertoire spans eight centuries and will include sacred music, folk songs, part songs and close harmony, for which the group is best known. Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, St. Mary's Church, Adderbury Time TBC. Tickets are £16 and are available from the Fundraising Office February on (01295) 812161 from the beginning of. Book early to avoid disappointment!

### 2012 FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS

Are you proud of your garden? Would you open your garden (weekday or weekend) to raise funds for the hospice? We'd love to hear from you! Please give Valerie in Fundraising a call on (01295) 812161. Almost £8,000 was raised for nursing care through supporters opening their gardens in 2011!

### LOTTERY

Our Hospice lottery currently has 4,300 members; we would love to boost our membership to 5,000! An extra 500 members could raise £26,000 per year for nursing care. Why not consider joining for a chance to win £1000 every week. If you are already a member, we thank you for your support and ask that you might consider letting your friends know about our lottery. For the person who has everything why not consider a lottery gift card for birthdays. To join you can download a form from our website [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk) or ring Wendy in Fundraising on 01295 812161.

#### The George Inn

##### Christmas and New Year Opening Times 2011/12

| Day/Date                  | Lunchtime   | Evening     |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Christmas Eve             | Closed      | 18:00-00:30 |
| Christmas Day             | 12:00-14:00 | Closed      |
| Boxing Day                | 12:00-16:00 | Closed      |
| Tue 27/12-<br>Thurs 29/12 | Closed      | Closed      |
| Fri 30/12/11              | Closed      | 19:00-23:00 |
| New Years Eve             | Closed      | 20:00-01:00 |
| Sun 01/01-Thur<br>05/01   | Closed      | Closed      |
| Fri 06/01/12              | Closed      | 19:00-23:00 |
| Sat 07/01/12              | Closed      | 19:00-23:00 |
| Sun 08/01/12              | 12:00-16:00 | Closed      |
| Mon 09/01/12              | Closed      | Closed      |
| Tues 10/01/12             | Closed      | 19:00-23:00 |

Thereafter Winter Opening Hours will be:-

| Day     | Lunchtime   | Evening     |
|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Mon-Sat | Closed      | 19:00-23:00 |
| Sundays | 12:00-16:00 | Closed      |

Sarah Brennan, Community Fundraiser