

# BARFORD NEWS

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## THE BARFORDS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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### SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE.

**11.30am** special JUBILEE SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

**1pm** in WEST CLOSE - THE BIG LUNCH. Bring along a picnic to join friends and neighbours for the afternoon. Also **rounders matches** and planting of the JUBILEE OAK TREE.

### MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**10.30am** - NATURE WALK (of approx 1 hour) led by Basil Butler starting from the Village Hall. Children and Dogs welcome.

**1.30pm till 4pm** In The Field Behind The George Pub (courtesy of Dave & Sue Jelfs)

**Judging of Rainbows Crown Competition**

**Judging Of Decorated Wheelbarrow Competition**

**DUCK RACE**

**FAMILY/TEAM GAMES FOR ALL AGES** (Max. of 8 people per team)

**Sack Race**

**Obstacle Race**

**Dress The Dummy**

**Potato & Spoon Race**

**One or two surprises!!**

A film of **The Coronation** will be showing all afternoon in the Hall, **The George** will be open for drinks and two **bouncy castles** will add to the fun.

**4pm** **CHILDREN'S JUBILEE TEA PARTY** outside Village Hall and presentation of **JUBILEE MUGS**.

**6.30pm** **BBQ** with **BAR** at the Village Hall.

**7pm – 10pm** **FREE FAMILY CEILIDH**, with music from 'The Old Mettle Dance Band'.

**10.15pm** **Lighting of the Barfords' Jubilee Beacon** – details on page 5.

## Parish Council Notes

**T**HE MEETING TOOK PLACE at 7.35pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllr R Hobbs, Cllr S Best, Cllr P Eden, Cllr L Styles and Cllr S Turner. Also attending Mrs R Watts (Clerk), and, for part of the meeting, District Cllr P O'Sullivan.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Woolgrove, Cllr T Bullard, County Cllr R Jelf

**Election of Parish Council Chairman** - The Clerk asked for nominations and Cllr Turner proposed that Cllr Hobbs, who had indicated his willingness to stand, be asked to be Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr Styles and, there being no other nominations, was passed unanimously. Cllr Hobbs took the Chair and thanked members for their confidence in him.

**Election of Parish Council Vice Chairman** - Cllr Bullard had indicated her willingness to stand as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Eden proposed that Cllr Bullard be asked to be Vice-Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr Turner and, there being no other nominations, was passed unanimously.

**Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer** - Cllr Best proposed that the Parish Clerk be asked to stand again as Responsible Financial Officer for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr Styles and passed unanimously.

## Correspondence

**Thames Water** - The Clerk has written to Thames Water about tankers emptying effluent into the sewage works in Barford St Michael over the period of about one week at the end of March. Thames Water had asked for more information, which Cllr Styles had provided.

The Clerk has received an email from Thames Water stating that last year they wrongly identified the meter belonging to the allotments and that the £500 refunded to the PC had been made in error. However, they did not intend to seek repayment. The correct meter will be re-read on 3 May. If Thames Water is unable to resolve this problem satisfactorily it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Hobbs would report the matter to the Consumer Council for Water.

## Proposal to build new houses on the Barford Road in Bloxham

The Clerk had received a telephone call from Mrs Janice Johnson and Cllr Hobbs a letter regarding this matter in which she expressed her concern over the potential for increased traffic through the Barfords and the lack of primary school places in Bloxham. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would discuss the matter again if the proposals go to the Planning stage.

**Village Furniture** - Cllr Eden reported that the new seat had arrived. He had removed the

damaged VE/VJ Day seat and would put the new seat in place when the weather improves. It was agreed that a plaque commemorating VE/VJ Day and the Diamond Jubilee would be placed on the new seat. This will be an agenda item for the June meeting.

**Jubilee Beacon** - Cllr Best reported that Mr & Mrs Collier have given their consent to have a Jubilee beacon on their land. Cllr Best has applied to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons organisers to have Barford St John & St Michael included in the national celebration and expected to receive the time for lighting the beacon within the next few days.

## 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:

12/00297/F – Coates, Rignell Farm, Barford St Michael, Extensions and alterations including erection of orangery, conservatory and greenhouse, increase roof height to garage room and new flue - No objections

12/0022/F – Portman, Blackingrove Farm, Summer Ley, Barford St Michael; erection of garage - No objections

## Approved:

11/01891/LB – Sunderland, Coombe Hill, Gated Rd, Barford, variation of approvals 2008. Variation of conditions 10 and 11 of 11/00695/LB: Conversion of traditional building as ancillary use to existing dwelling (created under approvals 08/00812/F and 08/00813/LB)

12/00293/F – Moore, The Mill, Lower Street, retrospective planning for erection of ground mounted pv solar panels and removal of trees.

## Notice of Intent TCA:

112/00109/TCA – Mitchell, Barford House, Horn Hill, T1 Pine – fell. No objections.

## Any Other Business

Cllr Eden asked how long the waiting list is for allotments. Cllr Hobbs will speak to Mr C Cox to ascertain how the allotments are allocated to tenants.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 6 June 2012.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

### From the Vicar:

**F**IRST OF ALL, CONGRATULATIONS to all those who have worked so hard on the Jubilee celebrations. It's going to be a great party! We hope to see you in church at 11.30am on Sunday June 3. I'll do what I can about the weather for the weekend.

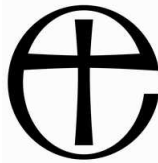
And as we go into the celebrations things are appropriately upbeat in the Barford churches. After a rather gloomy Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at which we contemplated the parlous state of our Church finances in Barford, we had an altogether happier Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting. That might seem surprising given that our Treasurer projects us going broke in the next two or three years, if nothing changes. You can't keep running £3.000+ deficits year-on-year. The good news is that things have already started to change, which is why the PCC meeting was pretty sunny, and I hope that things will have changed further following the open meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The St John's problem looks as if it has been solved for the next few years. We pay around £1.000 a year on insurance, maintenance and electricity for St John's. A group wishing to use the church as a centre for prayer and pilgrimage is prepared to take on these costs for a period of five years in the first instance. The PCC is happy with this arrangement, though it still needs to be officially cleared with the diocese. This is not redundancy: the church will remain available for parish worship and for baptisms, weddings and funerals and burials and interments of ashes will still take place in the churchyard.

There has also, following the APCM, been some increased giving from regular church attenders and we are hoping that those who attend less frequently will want to increase their contribution to the running of the churches. It is perhaps not widely realised that there is no state or central church funding to support the day-to-day maintenance of church buildings and the ministry and mission of parish churches. We are going to bring into being a 'Friends of Barford Churches' organisation as a way of encouraging regular giving from those who want to see St Michael's properly maintained. There will also be an option for Friends to give towards the maintenance of church life, which costs us most of what we pay out - clergy are relatively cheap but don't come entirely free!

We have set up a fund raising committee and hope that Barfordians will support whatever events are organised to complement the Church Fete.

We feel we cannot ask parishioners to be generous towards their churches without ourselves being generous to others – indeed, generosity is an essential feature of the Christian life. So the PCC has stated an aspiration to give some money away



to charity at the end of this year, if our financial circumstances permit it. But we also want to do more within and for the village. We have one or two ideas about this (see next issue) but we'd be delighted to receive suggestions from individuals and organisations in the Barfords about where the church might get involved. We want in one way and another to be more outward-looking. Our financial difficulties have inhibited us in that aim hitherto but those difficulties are diminishing and can be expected to diminish further as we enhance the contribution we already make to the community.

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## Maggie's50

### 50 mile cycle ride

June 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Start 1:00pm - BBQ from 6:00pm**

**£20 Entrance fee including BBQ**

The proceeds will be donated to Maggie's website which was set up to contribute to funding into brain tumour research.

**There will be a meeting**

**at 'The George'**

**on Wednesday 6th June at 8:00pm**

This is to discuss the details of the bike ride, and distribute maps, instructions etc.

For your information we are hoping to have two support vehicles.

Could you please bring your entrance money if you haven't already paid.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Also **weather permitting** there are training rides leaving from the Barford village hall on:

Sunday 6:30 am for early riders,

Sunday 10:30 am for late riders

Wednesday's: 6:30 pm

Simon (Lance Armstrong) Whitworth, and myself will be riding at 10:30am on Sundays.

Hope to see you riding.

George Williams

## George Wins First Prize Despite Sight Handicap



**G**eorge Nicholson of High Street, pictured with the note he designed to raise money for an electronic braille note-taker. When little George Nicholson started to lose his sight, he became withdrawn and lost a lot of his confidence. But through his love of art and music, the 12-year-old is now living life to the full and embracing his artistic talents.

Last month he was named a winner in the Young Art Oxford competition – despite the judges knowing nothing about his condition, which has left him with less than 10 degrees of central vision. (Most people have 120 degrees). The Barford schoolboy said: “I didn’t really think I’d win so when I was told, it was really exciting.



“I was about seven when they told me about my condition. I can’t see around me, I can only see right in front of me. But I’ve got used to it.” George suffers with retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic eye condition which degenerates over time. Many of his pictures portray people in shadows, demonstrating the way in which he views the world. He said: “I really like art, I like using pastels. If you’d met him a few years ago, he was withdrawn and had lost his confidence. “But through his art and the support of Bruen Abbey School, he is so much more confident. He is a very strong boy.”

George is now hoping to raise money for an electronic braille note-taker for his school, which will come in handy as his condition worsens. George is already starting to learn braille

He has designed a £30 note which can be sold for a £30 donation to the cause. A note-taker costs around £3,000.

Any additional funds will go towards research in retinitis pigmentosa and helping other children with the condition.

Cheques should be made payable to Bruen Abbey School and sent to Bruen Abbey School, Chesterton, Oxfordshire, OX26 1UY.

Amateur Photographers  
Please note

That the subjects for  
Village Show Photography Section

Are

A Jubilee Photo

Summertime in Barford

A Gate

A Digitally Enhance Photograph

**Full show details were published in the  
May issue of B.N.**

## A Win Win Story

**D**ANIELLE AND VÉRONIQUE Semple set off on 13 May to the Fun Run at Blenheim Palace. The weather was truly in their favour - sun and little breeze. Danielle was taking part in the under 15s 1 mile run, whilst Véronique was tackling the 7K run. Sadly Mum's race set off first and so she missed seeing Danielle's race, which she completed in the Semple style - with her usual sprint finish overtaking a couple in the last 100ms or so. She finished in a fantastic 4th place overall with a time of 6m 54s - a fantastic result.

She was then told she had in fact won the girls under 15 category - so it was an even better end to her run. So the pressure was on for Mum, she could not let the team down. So she pushed herself and managed a sprint in the last 100ms to come in her target time of 45ms, with 44m 43s coming 151st overall. During the prize giving there came a total shock as Véronique's name was read out as being the winner of the ladies under 55 category - an absolute first. What a fantastic Win Win for the daughter and mother team.



# SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

FOR ALL THE FAMILY



**BARFORD ST MICHAEL CHURCH**  
Sunday 3 June 2012, 11.30am

CHILDREN COME DRESSED AS ROYALTY,  
SOLDIERS, ARISTOCRATS OR BISHOPS!

**Rounders & Picnic  
after Church on Sunday**

**Family Games**

**On Monday  
1.30pm onwards**

**Get your team  
(of mixed ages 4 - 94!!)**

**and come on down  
to the field behind**

**The George**

**For an  
Afternoon of FUN!!!**



## DIAMOND JUBILEE BEACON

We now have our own **OFFICIAL BEACON** to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.  
This BEACON has been organised by the Parish Council, with kind permission  
of Tony and Stephanie Collier, of Iron Down Farm.

The BEACON will be lit at 10.15 pm on Monday June 4th, as part of the nationwide chain of Jubilee Beacons. Which are being lit between 10.0 and 10.30 pm. and, as a Parish Council our 'official' time is 10.15. (see [www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk](http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk))

Our BEACON is at the top of Iron Down Hill, on the B4031. Allow 10 mins to travel to the site by car from the village. Car parking will be in the field alongside the BEACON.

Entry to the site is NOT at Iron Down Farm, but is the first gateway on the right, on the brow of the hill. There will be adequate signs indicating the entrance.

If you are unable to go up to Iron Down Hill, the BEACON can be viewed from various parts of the village, such as the Allotments or Nether Worton Road. Other high points around the village will offer good views.

A JUBILEE CUP will be served as a celebration. (The BEACON will probably be alight for an hour or so).

## 1st Barford & Deddington Rainbows May News

**W**E HAD A NICE END to the Easter term, enjoying the glorious sunshine and meeting outside as much as possible. We spent one meeting playing skipping games in the Village Hall garden and we also played parachute games, with lots of very realistic blood-curdling screams during 'sharks and lifeguards'! Apologies to neighbours of the village hall who may have thought there was a real murder being committed... 'In and out the dusty bluebells' is an old favourite that is still popular with the girls while 'Pass the Didgeridoo' is a fairly new game we've learnt that always ends up with one girl trying to run around the whole circle and beat the song.

We had our last meeting at the Castle Grounds, looking at plants (and playing plant bingo), playing more running-around games and finishing with an Easter egg hunt. Sadly it was our Young Leader Robin (aka Freya)'s last meeting. We're all very sorry to see her go and are very grateful for all her hard work over the past couple of years. The girls love having a leader a bit nearer their age- there's always a scramble to sit on her lap when we sit in a circle! Thank you Robin, and all the best with your studies

**HUGE APOLOGIES** to Hazel for missing out the above article from the May issue – entirely my fault! Ed.

## June News

Rainbows started the new term learning about maps and map reading. The girls were very good at spotting different kinds of church buildings, hills, woods and other landmarks on maps. We'll be able to use what we learnt when we go for a walk in July. We've iced cupcakes to look like the England flag for St George's Day and 9 girls attended the St George's Day parade in Banbury with the rest of Cherwell Division Guides and Banbury District Scouts. Unfortunately we couldn't march due to the atrocious weather, but the girls were a credit as ever during the church service. We think we might have had the youngest member of a uniformed organisation in Lucy who had only been to two meetings before coming to the parade!

We've also had fun decorating plant pots and planting nasturtium seeds in them ready for the summer, with lots of help from Granddad helper Rodney (known as Badger for the evening). He and Paige did a tremendous job of organising the seed planting. The fact you can eat nasturtium flowers gives them added Rainbow appeal! Next on the programme we have morris dancing and making a scarecrow for the Open Gardens in Barford.

We currently have a waiting list of eligible girls. If you think your daughter may be interested in joining us, it's never too early to put names on the waiting list. Please contact me for further details or to put a name down. Rainbows are 5-7 year old girls and we meet in Barford St Michael on a Friday afternoon.

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## "Creating Change".

A talk

at the Adderbury Quaker Meeting house  
on Sunday 17th June at 3pm.

Banbury and Evesham Quakers invite you to the Adderbury Gathering, our annual public talk at the Adderbury Quaker Meeting House at 3pm on Sunday 17th June, followed by afternoon tea. All welcome - no charge.

What is it about some times, places and company which help us to change? We hear from Sandra Berry, Director of the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham, exploring how to create an environment where people can change.

This Quaker Meeting House is one of the oldest in the country - built in 1675 - and a very special place. It's off Horn Hill Road in West Adderbury - on the path to the Adderbury Cemetery.

For further information please phone Janice on 338312 or Maria on 347179 (evenings).



## Email Troubles!

Sorry to say that the Barford News email and website are both 'down' at the moment.

We have someone working to put things right but it may take some time, so please use the editor's personal email to submit articles until further notice

[Mariann.young@btinternet.com](mailto:Mariann.young@btinternet.com)

Thank you! Ed.

## Barford Green Garden Club

### Notes From Our Potting Shed – June

**W**E HOPE YOU ARE enjoying this column appearing each month in Barford News. It is designed to keep you informed of our activities and to give some general information for gardeners and those interested in gardens. You are also very welcome to contribute in the way of garden tips or anecdotes, or reviews of our talks and visits.

Firstly we want to explain our membership details, for those of you already members or those thinking of joining.

Membership is £2 /year, an absolute bargain. Not much more than a chocolate bar.... and lasting a lot longer. For this membership you get 10% discount at Applegarth and Harefurlong nurseries and on plants at Burford Garden Centre. You will soon get your money back!

Please can everyone not yet paid up for this year give Steve Bunce, Dove House, Mill Lane, £2 and then he can provide you with all the necessary cards. You can then go out and save money at the garden centres as well as attend all talks at a reduced rate. Friends are of course welcome. Members pay £2 for each talk and guests £3.

Every year we have an Open Gardens event with proceeds going to various village societies and the church..

### PLANT SWAP

THANK YOU SARAH for hosting this jolly evening event for members on may 17th. we all enjoyed it and came away with new and exciting plants.

**OPEN GARDENS** this year was on May 20<sup>th</sup>, earlier than normal. This gave a very different view of our gardens, especially considering the very inclement weather.

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who opened their gardens on may 20th and helped in any way. The weather has been challenging to say the least THANK YOU to MAGGIE EDEN for masterminding the scarecrows and to all who constructed them. THANK YOU also to the hard working **tea makers**, the **car park gentlemen** and the **plant growers** and **sellers**. A full report will be given in the July issue of Barford News.

**JUBILEE OAK** The Garden Club have given an oak tree to the village. This will be planted in West Close and the final 'Dig In' will take place at the time of the **BIG LUNCH** on Sunday June 3rd. The tree will be to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and as it grows it will provide a reminder for future generations.

### FORTHCOMING VISITS

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, we are invited to **BALL COLEGRAVE TRIAL GROUNDS**, in West

Adderbury to see their spectacular displays of fruit and vegetables grown from seed. Admission is £2 and the Grounds are open from 4.0 until 8.0 pm  
**ROUSHAM** A visit has been organised for the afternoon of 16th August. We will give further details in next issue. A good idea would be to read as much as you can about Rousham before we go.

### OTHER INFORMATION

**COTTESBROOKE GARDENERS' FAIR** will be held on 22nd–24th June, at Cottesbrooke House, Northamptonshire. It is a small specialist fair, with the emphasis on 'Slow Gardening' 70 exhibitors only, unusual growers, artisans and gardening related things. Refreshments and a 'Plant Creche'. Have a look at their website for details and book tickets in advance....get a group together.....we think it will be well worth it. You can also wander through their lovely garden.

### THE GOOD VALUE PLANT NURSERY

A great nursey at Bunkers Hill, Nr.Kidlington, run by Andrew and Liz. We do not get reductions but they have their own reward system. They have a large variety of plants at great prices, also cut flowers and containers.

**GARDENS OF THE NATION PROJECT**....organised by the Royal Horticultural Society, are wanting to create a resource of photographs, prints, garden notebooks and other material, accessible to all.

Gardeners will be asked to send images of their gardens from the past year via *flickr.com*. Later there will be requests for images of wartime and 1950's gardens and allotments. The Garden Museum in Lambeth has created an archive of garden design focussing on designers since 1918. This will include film. See *gardenmuseum.org.uk* . Just contact us if you need help sending the images. Not too many please!

### 'TIP OF THE MONTH '

There are lots of perennial cornflowers (Centaurea Montana) in the village. If you cut them right back after flowering in May they should flower again at the end of the summer.

It is time for the Chelsea Chop. Cut back perennials such as hardy geraniums, anthemis and Echinops by a third to half – this will extend the growing season. Cutting out growing tips will encourage the plants to bush out and be compact rather than leggy.

'Bye for now'

We are all in the same boat!



Spade and Fork.



## Free, Gratis And For Nothing

**C**HERWELL RESIDENTS might now be able to take advantage of a free energy-saving scheme which could save them a small fortune.

Cherwell District Council's partner, the United Sustainable Energy Agency, has managed to access grants to provide free cavity wall and loft insulation through its Cocoon scheme.

Anyone seeking to get the work done independently could expect to pay a combined cost of £700 for the work which will likely save them more than £300 in fuel per year.

Councillor Debbie Pickford, Cherwell's lead member for housing, said: "I can't see how anyone can afford not to have this work done.

"They will be able to choose between several council-approved local installers who will carry out a free survey to see if the work is needed.

"If so, it will be carried out at no charge and once complete, householders will notice an immediate difference."

Installing double glazing can cut heat loss by around a tenth but having cavity wall and loft insulation installed can almost halve it.

Insulation also helps keep homes cool in the summer as it prevents heat penetration in both directions.

All Cherwell homeowners can now get cavity wall insulation free while loft insulation will be free for homes with less than 60mm of insulation at the moment.

"Those who could afford to have work carried out under the previous deal will have already seen the benefit in their bills," added Councillor Pickford.

"Now even more people can take advantage, regardless of their circumstances, and I would urge everyone to book a survey."

The free insulation offer starts today (Monday, 14 May) and is expected to be available until the end of September this year. Installation should take place within eight weeks with the council's accredited firms.

For more details visit [www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk](http://www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk) or call 0800 8048777 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For further information please contact:

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## Deddington PTA News

**P**REPARATIONS ARE WELL under way for this year's fete. Please make sure you have the date in your diary – Saturday June 16, 12.30pm-3.30pm. We have lots of exciting events and stalls planned including bingo, tombola, a kids' pamper tent, bouncy castle, face painting, football shoot-out, plus quad bikes, Scalextric racing, our ever-popular animal tent and much, much more.

The barbecue will be ready and sizzling – just in time for lunch – and then why not try one of our delicious cream teas later in the afternoon, while watching one of the events in the arena? The children have been hard at work learning some new dance routines and will be performing throughout the afternoon. Plus we will be serving tea and coffee, cakes and ice creams. And if anyone fancies a Pimms, we will, of course, have our usual licensed bar.

We also have some fantastic prizes to be won, both in the raffle and on some of the stalls. So please come along and support our children. We can't guarantee the weather, but we do promise you'll have lots of fun!

We look forward to welcoming you to the fete and thank you all for your continued support.

Melissa Chadderton, Chair

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## 1st Deddington Brownies

**A**S I WRITE THIS the Brownies have completed the first of two cycling sessions with Haddenham Cycle Training. Successful completion of the course will entitle the Brownies to their cyclist badges. So far the girls have learnt about road safety, had their bikes checked over, and had fun cycling through cone courses and playing games. Next week they take to the roads!

Brown Owl has been recognised by Girl Guiding for achieving 5 years service, both leading Deddington Brownies and supporting activities throughout the district. As well as offering her Congratulations when you see her, you might like also to wish her a Happy Birthday. She's 21 again and will be spending her big day running a Jubilee party for the Brownies. Well Done, Happy Birthday and Thankyou Brown Owl!

Lucy Squires

338442



## 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington Guides

**W**E'VE MADE a cracking start to the summer term!



Various groups of guides are working on badges such as Active Response and Traditions of Guiding. We've been learning fire lighting skills and putting these into practice with our 1<sup>st</sup> cookout of the year. Aaah the smell of the wood smoke and we had a fine evening and cooked our sausages and beans to perfection! Great to welcome Charlotte and Phoebe to our unit, at their promise ceremony.

The annual St Georges Day Parade was partially affected by the gales. It was not possible to parade through Banbury, which was very disappointing for the youngsters, especially those in the colour party. However, undaunted there was a terrific turnout in St Mary's Church. The flag bearers had their proud moment as they first processed around the church and then presented their colours to the Division Commissioner. Well done Elen and Sophie T we were very proud of you. Well done to the other guides who attended looking very smart.

By the time this goes to 'press' we hope to have hiked, honed our camping skills and enjoyed a presentation from representative of the Air Ambulance service.

We are also looking ahead to all the outdoor activities we have planned this term.

We are usually very lucky with the weather on a Tuesday evening – so we travel hopefully!!

**Maggie Rampley**  
**01295 810069**

### 200 CLUB WINNERS:

#### April Draw

£15, No. 31, Diana Muirhead;

£10, No. 109, Ron Knight

£5, No. 10, Mariann Young

#### May Draw

£15, No. 149, Austin Lawler

£10, No. 128, Claire Cox

£5, No. 158, Vicki Bowen



**the WI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## Make Up Demonstration By Cedar Therapy

**7.30pm**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
**In The Village Hall**

**Visitors welcome to join us £3.00**  
**At our WI Meeting**

## Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

**O**UR BIG SUMMER EVENT is fast approaching! 'Show your true colours - Red, White and Blue'



is taking place on 7th July at the Windmill Centre and promises to be an un-missable night.

Tickets at a bargain £20 include food, a welcome drink and entertainment, and will be available from various places in Deddington including the PFSU and Nursery.

So grab your gladrags, invite your friends and family to a great night out and we'll see you there. If you need any further convincing to join us, remember that every penny we raise goes to ensure that our local pre-school children can access quality care and education within their local community. You don't need to have a child with us to join in the fun!

Lucy Squires  
337484

***The Boat Project*** is coming to Barford

Readers may remember that last summer - on 20<sup>th</sup> July - *The Boat Project* 'moored' up at The George; over the course of the day and into the evening

over 30 village residents came to give their donations of wooden objects to the project.

Amongst the objects received on the day were a piece of the Mary Rose, a piece of HMS Victory, some pencils used by the Navigator of a WW2 Lancaster Bomber, an Aunt Sally Doll, a sledge, a cricket bat, lace making bobbins, a wooden spoon and many other varied objects from across the globe.

Now all of these objects together with the many hundreds more received by the project have found their resting place in *Collective Spirit* - the beautiful 30ft yacht that the project team have built.

The yacht was launched on 7 May, at Thornham Marina in Chichester Harbour where she was built – an event that made the national news - and she is now in the early days of her maiden voyage along the South Coast. We delighted to let you know that her last port of call before she heads to Weymouth (the site of the Sailing for the 2012 Games) is The George Inn, Barford St Michael on 30 July. So hold the date in your diaries and more details on events for that day and evening will follow in the next edition of the Barford News.

The Boat Project is part of the London 2012 Festival, a spectacular 12-week nationwide celebration from 21 June and running until 9 September 2012 bringing together leading artists from across the world with the very best from the UK.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington Scout Group

### Cubs

**W**E HAVE THREE new Cubs, Nate, William & Matthew, may they spend many happy hours with the pack.



With St George's Day parade imminent we played some dragon games & talked about the legend & whether we thought dragons were real. Our parade in Banbury had to be cancelled due to the terrible weather, the first time this has ever happened. We met at St Mary's & the flags were carried around the church.

Luckily ( a miracle ) the weather for District Cub Camp turned out fine, if rather cold at night. We woke up the first morning to find the tents & field covered in ice, but the daytimes were wonderfully sunny. The theme of the camp was 'Athletics ' & the boys tried a variety of slightly silly games loosely based on Olympic sports, I'm looking forward to the space hopper racing at the London games!

We hiked out to Wroxton & one of teams won the gold medal in the competition on Sunday morning. Many thanks to all the parents who helped make the camp a great success.

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### Scouts

The Scouts have been looking at the work that Shelterbox do around the world, & tried to decide what they would put in their own emergency pack, my advice is, don't get stranded with any of them!

They went over to Horley & erected the tents & organised the equipment for the Cub Camp, all good practice for their own expeditions.

Coming soon – natural navigation, Deddington bingo & The 24, our next camp.

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### Scouting Memories .....

We are trying to put together the history of our group, if you have any pictures of Deddington Scouts or memories of your time as a scout or Cub, please contact us.

## Thank you!

Verna & Bernard

would like to thank

friends and neighbours for their many kindnesses, support and good wishes during Verna's recent illness.

*Verna & Bernard*

### Olympic Torch Local Route

**T**HE OLYMPIC TORCH relay will be coming through Cherwell on 9 July.

You'll be able to see the torch in Bicester, Kirtlington and Kidlington. You can visit "Where is the Olympic Flame going?" page at [www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com) to see the torch route in Cherwell.

There's still time to take part by signing up as a volunteer marshal for the day. Volunteer marshals will work in key locations along the route to ensure that the event is safe and enjoyed by everyone. The council will provide training sessions to ensure everyone knows what they have to do on the day. Marshals need to be 18 or over and be available to work on 9 July from 1pm to 3.30pm in Bicester, 1.30pm to 4pm in Kirtlington and 2.30pm to 5.30pm in Kidlington. For more details email [nicola.riley@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.riley@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or phone 01295 221724.

The BBC is the official broadcaster for the Olympics and they will be following the Torch through Oxfordshire. From lunchtime on 9 July they will broadcast live from Bicester, as Cherwell prepares for the arrival of the Torch. Then, as it travels through Kirtlington, Woodstock, Kidlington and on to Oxford, BBC Radio Oxford will be hearing from reporters and participants along the route. There will also be coverage on the BBC1 TV news programme at 6.30pm.



# BARFORD'S BASH IN THE BARN

Sat July 14

*The Silverfish, Shooter, plus band t.b.a.*

*Tickets £5 under 14s free*

*Barbeque and Bar*

*Manor Farm, Barford St Michael*

## Granite Sets For Sale



Approx 300 granite sets, 100 x 100 x 100mm which are ideal for edging a drive or path. All are new and unused. Buyer collects. £150 ono.

Contact: Peter Leney. The Potteries, High Street, Barford St Michael.

Tel : 338992. Email: [peter.leney@gmail.com](mailto:peter.leney@gmail.com)

## DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE HAYFEVER ●

If you suffer from hayfever, then –unfortunately– we are coming up to the time of year when you symptoms might start to get worse. You may well have medication that helps you deal with the symptoms of Hayfever. This is a reminder that if you have had hayfever medication prescribed for you last year at this surgery, then you don't need a doctor's appointment to get some more of this medication. Put in a request for what you had in the past to our Dispensary, and the staff will be able to get the GP to approve the repeat prescription. This only applies to Hayfever medication that has already been prescribed before.

