

BARFORD NEWS

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Parish Council notes

Following the summer break the Parish Council reconvened on Wednesday 7 September in the village hall. Councillors Tracey Bullard, Peter Eden, Lisa Styles and Robin Woolgrove were joined by district councillor Paul O'Sullivan and the Parish Clerk, Ro Watts. Councillors Sarah Best, Rodney Hobbs and Sandi Turner and County Councillor Ray Jelf were unable to attend and sent their apologies. In the absence of chairman Hobbs, councillor Bullard, the vice chairman, enjoyed her first experience of chairing a meeting.

After ascertaining that there were no matters on the agenda requiring councillors to declare an interest the minutes of the last meeting (6 July 2011) were accepted and signed as a true record; there were no matters arising.

Although there had been no meeting in August the Clerk had continued her duties and had reported damage on the Hempton Road to Highways as well as writing to Barclays Bank to ensure that there were no further charges now that they no longer looked after our safe deposit box. (Barclays are about to discontinue this service for all customers). Although the council had not met in August the usual plethora of **correspondence** had continued to arrive and be dealt with by the Clerk.

Items concerning

- the CDC annual review of Polling Stations (no change to Barford St Michael)

consultations on Waste Plans and Mineral Plans

- a Community Network event at Chalgrove,
- an OALC meeting on 'Winter Preparedness',
- the progress on the search for a replacement site for the Alkerton Recycling Centre,
- Playing Fields Newsletter and brochure
- posters regarding Annual Blanket Testing, the Thames Valley Police availability at the Village Hall on 29 September (4.00 to 5.00) and from Age Concern 'Get a Taste of Technology' 19 to 23 September had been passed to councillors or the editor of Barford News as appropriate.
- CDC is withdrawing its annual grant to Banburyshire Community Transport Association which threatens the future of the Dial-a-Ride

service from 1 April 2012. The Clerk will write to relevant bodies expressing support for the service.

- The clerk had received an email from Mr S Hill, regarding the Highway Land at Woodworms Hilton. *Further details are given at the end of this report.*

There was no Public Participation so the meeting moved to **Parish Matters**

- The clerk had written and obtained proof that the grass cutting contractor carried the required public liability insurance
- Because Barclays Bank no longer holds documents for safe keeping the clerk had obtained costs for a fireproof safe. These safes are extremely heavy, require specialist fitting and once installed cannot be moved. Having been told that the cheapest model would cost £698 + VAT councillors agreed that an alternative way of storing documents must be found. Councillor Bullard agreed to contact the Vicar to see whether or not there might be secure storage in the church vestry.
- Fairmitre Windows had advised that a regular application of linseed oil to the notice board was the best way to keep the wood in good condition.
- Problems concerning the state of Footpath 20 continue and the clerk had reported the fact that the footpath was overgrown to OCC. A letter from Mr Everitt from Bedminster, Bristol about the state of the footpath had been received, acknowledged and passed to OCC. OCC had acknowledged both items of correspondence.
- **Salt Bins.** OCC had advised that our salt bin would be filled once in advance of the winter. In addition we would receive a 1 tonne sack of salt for the two parishes. No further deliveries of salt would be made but additional sacks could be purchased for £100. Possible locations for the storage of the sack of salt were discussed.

Villagers should be reminded that the salt is for Highway purposes ONLY and not for private use (pathways, drives etc)

It was unanimously agreed that we should purchase an additional two salt bins at £250 each to be placed at the Townsend / High Street junction and on the hill at Bloody Bones Lane, Barford St John.

[Note: The clerk has written to OCC regarding the purchase of two extra salt bins but according to the OCC website this request has to go on their 'wish' list as they are not issuing new bins at this time due to a review of the long term future and use of salt bins across the county. She added "I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible, as the provision of salt in these two areas in the coming months is of paramount importance."]

- A goal post is to be ordered for West Close at a cost of £1000. The Playground Committee had generously donated this sum to the council for this purpose. Councillors Eden and Styles will visit the site to agree a suitable location.

Planning Matters

Details of planning applications can be found on the CDC website http://cherweb.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx This site does not include 'Notice of Intent' for tree works in a Conservation Area (TCA)

Applications received

- 1/00935/F – Barford Village Hall replacement windows. No objections.
- 11/01220/LB - LB Coates, Rignell Farm, S Newington Rd, Barford St Michael. No objections.

Applications approved

- 11/00935/F – Barford Village Hall replacement windows.
- 11/00694/F & 11/00695/LB Sunderland, Coombe Hill Milton Gated Road, Barford.

Notice of Intent TCA

11/00179/TCA Elvidge, Tree works, Old Post Office, Barford St Michael. No objections.

Finance

Cheques were approved and signed for the clerks salary and grass cutting.

The clerk had been in constant contact with Thames Water during the summer and had provided them with the number of the meter and a series of readings. She had persuaded TW to put a stop on an invoice for £114.73 relating to a different meter. On 7 September TW confirmed that the PC had been invoiced for the wrong meter (serving neighbouring properties or land

since 1992 and that they would review their records to ascertain what the PC should have paid since then. Details were expected within a week.

The clerk had answered question posed by the external auditors regarding figures in the accounts for 2010 - 2011 and was now waiting for the accounts to be approved.

Moving to **Any Other Business** Councillor Woolgrove noted that the back of the notice board in St John was rotten allowing notices complete with drawing pins to be blown across the road. This will be an agenda item at the October meeting and in the meantime the clerk will investigate.

Councillor Eden suggested that Mill Lane should be included in the grass cutting schedule next year. This will be discussed during the tender process at the end of the year.

Finally after noting the next meeting will be on 5 October the meeting was closed at 9.00pm

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'Proposed Change of Use of Highway Land'

From: rwattsbarfordspc@hotmail.co.uk

To: editor@barfordnews.co.uk;

Copy to: All Parish Councillors

Subject: FW: Woodworms Hilton

Date: Thu, 8 Sep 2011

Dear Editor,

The attached email was discussed briefly at the Parish Council meeting on 7 September 2011 under 'Correspondence'.

CLlr Peter Eden proposed that the content of the email should be included on the Agenda of the Parish Council meeting on **5 October** and that in the meantime the email should be passed to the Editor of Barford News for inclusion in the October issue to ensure that villagers are kept fully up to date with the current situation. This proposal was seconded by CLlr Woolgrove and unanimously approved.

Interested parties are invited to send their comments to the Parish Clerk (rwattsbarfordspc@hotmail.co.uk), Chairman CLlr Hobbs or any of the other Parish Councillors (CLlrs Bullard, Eden, Turner, Styles, Best, Woolgrove) before the Parish Council meeting. Comments will be considered under the Agenda item.

A 10 minute slot at each Parish Council meeting is made available for Public Participation.

Rosemary Watts - Clerk to Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council

The email from Mr Hill concerning the Highway land is set out on the following page: -

'Proposed Change of Use of Highway Land'

From: s.hill6@btinternet.com

To: rwattsbarfordspc@hotmail.co.uk

CC: rachel.v.hill@btinternet.com

Subject: Parish Council Meeting - 7 September
+0100,

Date: Wed, 31 Aug 2011 14:02:11

Dear Rosemary

I don't know if the "infamous" stopping-up order application at Woodworm's Hilton will be discussed on 7 September, but I thought I would write in any event. You are probably aware I work for a London law firm.

You may be aware of a recent case involving the junction of Exeter Road/High Street, Kidlington: see this extract from the Oxford Mail

http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/archive/2011/01/14/Oxford+news/8789530.Villagers_fight_landlord_s_bid_to_take_over_verge/

The public enquiry has now been determined. Whilst the text is not available online (so far as I know) I would urge you to refer to the September edition of "Kidlington News", in which the village/Parish Council's objections to that particular application are discussed in no less than three articles. The essential points are:

1. The PC "lost" at the public enquiry, and only narrowly avoided being held liable for the applicant's legal costs.
 2. The PC was held responsible for its own legal costs/representation, even though it was accepted that the PC was within its rights to reflect local opinion.
 3. The basis of the decision was that the applicant, as "frontager" had a higher claim than anyone else to the land in question.
 4. This notwithstanding a fully documented decision as at 1957 that there was an explicit intention that the land in question should be "public", as a condition of planning consent to building the estate in question.
 5. The applicant has been granted permission to enclose the land with railings (something I do not ask for).
- In essence, the rights of a frontager trump any others. The enquiry quite correctly held that granting the application in no way gave the applicant any rights to develop the land and that would have to be subject to any further applications through the normal planning process.

In our own case, there is no evidence - whether from 1957 or any other date - that the land in question is subject to *any* valid claim by any public authority. It seems overwhelmingly likely that the land in question is and always was part of the title of the Baptist Chapel fronting onto both Lower St and High St. If the Kidlington case succeeded at a public enquiry (which I personally find slightly surprising), there seems to me to be no doubt at all that my own application must succeed. The Kidlington case has nowhere left to go unless somebody is willing to risk maybe £0.5 million on a High Court application for judicial review.

I am in touch with the Kidlington applicant's solicitors and will forward any further information of any relevance if I can, including (I hope) the text of the decision.

Please feel free to copy this to members of the Parish Council (or indeed any other interested parties), and please also ask them to accept my assurance that I write not in order to be confrontational, but to assist them, and through them the residents of Barford, to make an informed and cost-effective decision. I have never sought to do anything other than ascertain my own rights, whatever they may be. Our house is sold subject to contract and no possible outcome will change the sale price, but I hope our successors will have some certainty as to their rights and responsibilities (which we have never enjoyed).

Kind regards

Steve Hill,
Woodworms Hilton, Lower Street, Barford St Michael,
OX15 0RH, 07802 900539, 01869 337639

An Update From Your Entertainments Committee.....

Firstly a big 'thank you' to everyone who completed their Village Hall Questionnaire. We are very impressed with the response and great suggestions and ideas for the best use of the hall so watch this space.....but before we start arranging even more exciting events it's time to 'SAVE THE DATE'.....

On **SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2011**
14:00 – 18:00

Barford St Michael Village Hall

For

THE BARFORDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

There is more information opposite (and will be in future editions of your Barford News). Tickets will be available from the 1 November from any one of the 4 Entertainments Committee Members, these being:

Lucy Norman The Old Chapel, High Street, BSM
Peter Leney The Potteries, High Street, BSM
Sam Harding 24 Broad Close, BSM
Ali Drummond The Old Forge, High Street, BSM

We'll keep you updated and remember 'YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU'

Lucy Norman

Entertainments Committee

CHRISTMAS CEILIDH

Saturday
December 17th 2011

CHRISTMAS CEILIDH DANCE
AND
SUPPER EVENING

Book early (with Tracey 337369)
to avoid disappointment
as it will sell out (just like last
year).

Times/Prices/and Menu to be announced
nearer the date

**'Our Barford St Michael Family Services in
October continue our journey through
the Bible, and in particular
the fantastic stories of Genesis.**

**10,30am -9th October:
Noah's Ark**



**10.30am - 16th October:
The Tower of Babel**



**Come along and join the fun!
All are very welcome.
Dan.'**

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs



We started the new term with three new Cubs, Zac, Theo & James, we hope they will enjoy their time with us. Ben was invested & he spent an evening as 'King of Cubs' with throne, crown & robes, he wrote his own list of laws that the other Cubs had to obey (I think the power may have gone to his head). The Cubs then had to create a meal fit for a king from anything they could find at The Windmill & Ben chose the most 'appetising'. This years District Cub camp was held at Horley campsite & was based on the theme of Arctic Explorers. They tried their hand at many activities, Eskimo fishing, snowballs, arctic animals, archery, climbing & shooting amongst them. We also had a visit from a team of huskies. Looking forward to an exciting programme of events in the coming weeks.

Jo Churchyard C.S.L. 338071
jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

Scouts started their term with a bit of housekeeping, tents were put up & checked & boxes tidied prior to pitching camp for the Cubs at Horley.

This year we are sending 13 to the County Patrol Camping Weekend & will spend some time planning menus for the cooking competition. Coming up – Pirate Day, swimming, conkers, night hike, crime night & much more.

Pete Churchyard S.L. 338071
pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Thanks to Lucy who helped enthusiastically at camp, despite sleeping with a toad.

The Barfords Christmas Party

come and enjoy an afternoon of festive fun with
friends and neighbours on

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

2 TILL 6PM

BARFORD ST MICHAEL VILLAGE HALL

Adults : £5 | Children : £3 | Under 5's : FREE

**Includes nibbles, a glass of mulled wine for the
grown ups and juice for the kids**

quiz



party games for all

kids' Christmas
cracker competition



raffle

kids' quiz



Music



Church Fete

YET AGAIN, an excellent result for the church fete. Thankfully the weather stayed fine and people came to enjoy a traditional fete from surprisingly far afield and by the sound of all the feed back that we've received, they loved it. I would like to thank all those who helped us achieve such a good result, especially the stallholders and the Neal family for the dog show and all those who helped to set up and stayed behind to clear up after the event. Some of the stallholders have made more on their stalls this year and some less, but the end result is £20 up on last year with 30 more people coming through the gate this year.

A special thanks must go to the Alt family and their helpers for giving us such a pretty venue in which to hold the fete, and the wonderful teas their team supplied to an endless stream of people all through the afternoon.

And finally thank you to all of you who came to support the fete. This is our main fundraising event of the year and unfortunately this year we have the extra cost of repairing the ceiling in the south aisle of St Michael's church, which will come to about £6,000. This is a huge amount to raise in such a small community, so I would be grateful for any donations towards the repairs even if you only come to church once or twice a year, so that we can keep maintaining St Michael's church and St John's church for you to enjoy on those occasions.

Cubby Brett, Churchwarden

Church Fete

Stall Name	Takings 2011	Takings 2010	Takings 2009
Bottles	£300.00	£340.10	£359.80
Tombola	£101.30	£131.80	£116.40
Eggs and Bacon	£35.10	£48.40	£42.75
Raffle	£230.00	£211.00	£191.55
White Elephant	£113.55	£226.53	£179.20
Stocks (wet sponges)	£51.80	£65.00	£39.40
Pick a Ticket	£45.76	£48.24	£41.00
Splat the rat	£14.85		
Cake Guess the Weight		£66.00	£51.50
Books	£228.15	£204.90	£275.17
Plants	£326.75	£216.95	£117.40
Cakes and Produce	£90.15	£88.90	£131.10
Teas	£421.60	£376.70	£363.90
Gate	£337.77	£307.80	£290.00
Treasure Hunt	£21.60	£18.30	£14.45
Dog Show	£67.00	£90.10	£63.00
Toys	£124.04		
Bouncy castle	£34.00	£47.00	£40.00
Total		£2,487.72	£2,343.17
Donations		£35.00	
Grand Total	£2,544.17	£2,522.72	£2,343.17



l & r: Curate Dan gets another soaking at Ye Bereford Stocks.

Below – enthusiastic crowds at the Dog Show

Below right: One jubilant owner, whose husband and dog don't seem to share her excitement!



Garden Club Visit to Broughton Grange
8th September 2011

ON AN OVERCAST AFTERNOON, eight club members and one guest from Leicestershire met to enjoy a guided visit to Broughton Grange on Wickham Lane.

We were welcomed by Dan, one of a team of five gardeners who work there, and the group was joined by another visitor who introduced herself as Ursula. Dan cheerfully showed us around with details of the history of the garden and future plans, starting with a view of the extensive new arboretum planting, which the owner is filling with rare trees and large quantities of wild flower seeds including bluebells. This will be very interesting to watch as it matures.

We were led into the sixty metre walled area, which to my mind is the best aspect of this particular garden. It is planted with huge talent, taste and awareness of how plants perform by Tom Stuart Smith who has won several Chelsea gold medals for garden design. The group started to ask the names of some surprising and even spectacular plants among which were michaelmas daisies, heleniums, phormiums and echinops, and here Ursula began to reveal a knowledge of plants and cultivars which showed that she was a professional gardener. I realised that she was Ursula Buchan, a garden journalist who used to write for the Telegraph and has also written several books.

Having said that, you didn't need the plant names to enjoy their interesting shapes and colours, particularly in the parterre which had an exciting velvety planting of ruby red snapdragons and purple kale contrasting with other annuals in whites, lemons and greys amongst box hedges. These last are planted in the flowing shapes of leaf cell structures. Dan apologised that because of the dry summer, the plants hadn't achieved their usual heights, but we rather appreciated this. As it is, by this time of year most of this part of the garden with its prairie planting looks quite wilderness like. It is elegantly restrained by the modernist design of the pathways and pools.

The rest of our tour took in the original arboretum, the wonderful fantasy castle tree house which we didn't get to go in, alas; the stumpy (not a huge success as it's wrongly situated in a hot dry site so shade loving plants need watering), the long borders below the house and the rose garden which was admittedly not at its best at this time of year. We went back then for tea and companionable chats in the swimming pool garden, by which time the sun was starting to appear and the afternoon to warm up.

The visit was crowned by a shopping experience in the upper garden, amongst a fine show of autumn fruits and berries in the trees nearby, so of course

we bagged a number of unusual specimens for our own autumn borders. With thanks to Dan we made our way home, resolving to come again at the various times of the year when the garden is open to the public for charity.



'Farming and Wildlife'

Talk by Nicholas Watts,
Thursday 13th October,
Village Hall, 7.30pm



Birdseed farmer Mr Watts Of Vine House Farm will travel from Spalding, Lincolnshire to talk to our club about "Farming and Wildlife". Nicholas is a well known speaker as well as a farmer and gives many talks to RSPB groups. He attends the annual RSPB Birdfair at Rutland Water.

Vine House Farm is a conservation award winning farm, winning many awards including the 2009 'Countryside Farmer of the year' awarded to Nicholas Watts by Farmers Weekly. For more details visit www.vinehousefarm.co.uk

Admission: £2.00 for garden club members / £3.00 non – members

'Winter Gardening'

Talk by Janet Cropley,
Monday 28th November,
Village Hall, 7.30pm

More details in November Barford News

Jill Bunce BGCC

WANTED
To Borrow or to Buy

**Ladies, straight handlebar, road
bike (racer)**

01869 338835

Barford Picture House

FIRST FILM on October 22nd is called
'BIUTIFUL' made in 2010, suitable for 15+.
It is directed by Alejandro Gonzales Inarritu.
Biutiful is the story of Uxbal – a single father who
struggles to reconcile fatherhood, love, spirituality,
crime, guilt and mortality amid the dangerous
underworld of modern Barcelona, before his time
is up.
Nominated for two Academy Awards in 2011,
Best Foreign Language Film and Best Actor. It
stars Javier Bardem, who won Best Actor for this
role in Cannes 2010. It is in Spanish with English
subtitles. It is full of emotion, social detail and
intimacy.
This is our Drama film. Further films are comedy,
musical, documentary, thrilling and romantic.

**BARFORD
PICTURE
HOUSE**

2011/12 SEASON

Our new season of 6 films starts on
October 22nd...**Biutiful** 2010
then...

November 26th...**Harold and Maude** 1971
January 28th...**Singin in the Rain** 1952
February 25th...**Cave of Forgotten Dreams** 2010
March 24th...**Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy** 2011
April 28th...**Jane Eyre** 2011

All films are provided and shown by AGE UK

*Come along and enjoy our cinema.....
bring your favourite tipple, soft drinks hot and cold
are served. Films start at 7.45, doors open at 7.15*

*£20 for the SEASON of 6 films or £4 per film
Charges for films go towards the running costs
of the Village Hall*

CONTACT: Gunilla on 01295 720521

1st Deddington Guides

Gearing up for the new term!
Camp equipment checked and stored.
Plans afoot so we won't be bored!
Good turns and challenges, badges too!
Fun and sharing, patrols and guides new!

We've been working together
The past 40 years!
Start the celebrations
And ring out the cheers!

Guiders

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marian Trinder 01869 340 806



We are 40 years old this month! 1st
Deddington Guides Inaugural Meeting
was held by the late Mrs Jean Ward at
Maunds Farm House, High Street, Deddington. 6
guides attended and we haven't looked back since!
With many, many guides passing through the unit
in that time. We currently have 30 guides and in
recent years girls have come along who are
daughters of guides!
Have you been a Deddington Guide? Has anyone
in your family been a member? We would love to
hear from you. We would love to hear where you
are now and what you are doing. Please do get in
touch. We look forward to hearing from you.
Ring me on the number below or drop me a line in
the old fashioned way to 25 St Mary's Road,
Adderbury, OX17 3EZ.

Fernhill Club News

On 31st August members of the Woodstock
Museum, gave us an interesting talk and
jogged our memories about 'make do and
mend'.
On Sept 7th our Fish and Chip lunch had to be
postponed due to Mary being incapacitated. This
has resulted in the need for a knee replacement.
Sept 21st Graham Soden was showing us a
slideshow 'Wildlife in Four Counties'.
Oct 5th we are having the film 'The Kings Speech',
everyone welcome to join us.
Oct 12th we will be visited by Ann Sharman to tell
us about past Christmases.
An outing is being planned for October 19th.
On 26th October The Whittles are coming to tell us
about their Country Crafts, how much money they
have raised for charity and maybe sell some of
their products.
November 2nd A home-fire safety officer is coming
to offer advice.



Mary Ashridge, c/o 338844

Pat Cox
22nd September 1953 ~ 2nd September 2011



Pat was born on 22nd September 1953 in Barford, the 6th child of seven for Norman and Lil Murrey. She wasn't really meant to be Pat – at least not by her mother – but Norman's delight at having another daughter after a long sequence of boys rather went to his head, and he went on his own to the Registry Office returning to announce that he had officially named the new daughter 'Patricia Anne'.

The large family had a closeness that has remained to this day. There were, of course, occasional differences between the children – young Andrew, who used to tag around with his sister, didn't much enjoy the occasion when he was wired up to a clothes line and abandoned to his fate by Pat and her cousin Sue. Barford was full of family connections for the Murreys and the community in general was a close-knit one, with an ethos of accommodating fellowship. No wonder Pat loved Barford.

Pat went to the Windmill School in Deddington and then at 15 started work at Steele's the carpet makers in Bloxham. Outside work she enjoyed dancing and darts and it was at darts in the George at Barford in 1973 that she met Chris Cox, across from Over Worton for the evening with a friend. Chris and Steve Rigg challenged Pat and her friend to a match. History doesn't relate who won the match but that evening was the start of Pat and Chris winning one another. They were married in St Michael's Church on Nov 27th 1976. Pat, always good at finding an amusing take on things, observed that the ceremony had lasted a mere 12 minutes. Pat and Chris lived first at the Flight Hill Farm flat - just a brief few months for Pat out of Barford. She came back to the village, to Robins Close in March 1977. A move to Church Street in 1980 followed and then the house in Broad Close became the family home, Emily having been born in 1980 and David in 1985.

With the arrival of Emily, Pat left full-time work at Steele's, though she continued to work for the company at home; she made up the sample pieces of the carpets. But now her main calling was to be a homemaker, a task she performed with aplomb. Supporting Chris in his cricket at Sandford St. Martin meant making cakes for teas there - and as many of us know, they were exceedingly good cakes! She also used to knit for Katharine House. In the village she organised the Bingo and the Fete, she was on the Parochial Church Council and (with her sister Sylvia) did a lot of the flower arranging for St Michael's. She gave invaluable help at the Post Office and Shop for some years before ill-health intervened.

Her generous and hospitable friendliness found its fullest expression at Christmas time, when all the relations - and there were many - would be invited to Pat's for a bit of something to eat and drink and a chat. Pat was a genial spirit, with a wicked, sometimes, indeed, black sense of humour, and a determination to keep life light and cheerful, and not surprisingly she had no enemies.

Pat going from us far too soon leaves a great gap for her family and many friends. We send condolences to Chris, Emily, and David; also to Sylvia, Ernie, Jim, Ray, Arthur, Andrew and Dorrie.

Chris and family have asked me to express their grateful thanks for all the support they have received from everyone in the village and for the many letters and cards of condolence. Ed..



The Barfords Annual Christmas Lunch 2011



**Saturday 3rd December
12.45 for 1pm**

This is open to all residents of the villages who over 60, and their spouses/partners. Invitations will be sent out at the beginning of November to everyone that we know of who qualifies. If you are eligible to attend and you do not receive an invitation, please accept our apologies and let Aggie know (01869 338406).

Please can we have your replies **by 23rd November**, even if you are unable to attend, so we can plan the quantities of food to purchase (and also please let us know about special dietary requirements ie. nut allergy, gluten intolerance etc). **PLEASE NOTE**: we are not planning on offering a vegetarian option this year unless informed of vegetarians attending.

Helpers: We are currently compiling a list of helpers for the event. If there is anyone who would be prepared to help at the lunch or beforehand (setting out tables, serving food/wine at the lunch, or making puddings), please contact us.

Aggie Morrison Booth, Mary Brodey
and Sarah Best

The Poppy Appeal

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY this year is to be held on Sunday 13th November. There is no need to remind you of those still being wounded and killed in the current Afghan conflict. It is daily in the papers and on TV and Radio. What we are not reminded of except at this time of year are those still affected by other wars, the 1939/45 war, Korea, Malaysia, Falklands, both Iraq wars and other smaller conflicts like Sierra Leon. There are many veterans of all these wars and their families who are in need of your help

Between Saturday 25th October and Saturday 12th November volunteers will be knocking on your doors asking for a contribution to The Poppy Appeal Fund. In return for what I am sure will be a very generous donation you will receive a Poppy to wear. Wear it with pride as visible recognition of your support for the many soldiers, veterans and their families who are still in need of help.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

B.E.L.

Poppy Collection Organiser for the Barfords



Volunteers Needed for Deddington Library

WAY BACK IN FEBRUARY some of you expressed an interesting in helping keep Deddington Library open. I appreciate that many of you have got involved in the campaign and we are now looking for volunteers to assess what skills and commitments we can draw on for keeping the library open in the future. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Geoff Todd, Oak Cottage, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington OX15 0TD – geofffodl@yahoo.co.uk 01869 338532 Jean Flux, 14 The Daedings, Deddington OX15 0RT – jeanflux@tiscali.co.uk 01869 338153 Heather Ward, Cotswold House, New Street, Deddington OX15 0AA – heathera@cherwell.co.uk 01869 338347

Thank you

Susan Fuller (on behalf of Save Deddington
Library Working Group)

(Volunteer jobs range from Opening the Library and switching off alarms, switching on computers and copiers etc., to talking to children about the books they have read and helping them to choose others or acting as a 'Computer Buddy' to help customers gain confidence in using IT: With over 30 categories to choose from there seems to be a job to suit everyone. – Ed)

Deddington CE Primary School

THE NEW TERM has started really well, all the children have settled in to their new classes and are as always working hard! We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Fane and Mrs Samson who have returned after maternity leave – it's like they have never been away!

Over the summer holidays we had some fairly major building works; we now have a new hall and library. The hall has doubled in size and is now the size it was originally when built (the hall was the classroom for the boys, the girls being taught in another room which is now the Year 5 and 6 classrooms).

This month we are looking forward to creating a weaved cross for our new hall, all children and parents can come along and contribute to what hopes to be a focal point of our school hall when we come together for collective worship.

Hopefully we will soon be able to invite parents along to celebration assemblies and also make our hall available to the local community- watch this space!

Mrs Jane Cross,
Deputy Headteacher





RAF Barford St John 70th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony (1941 – 2011)



AT THE CEREMONY on 16th September a permanent memorial was placed at the airfield commemorating the role of RAF Barford St. John and the personnel operating from there during the 70 year period. The memorial was provided by the North Oxon. and Cotswolds branch of the Historic Military Vehicle Trust. Members of our parish council were present at the ceremony.



Members of our parish council with Mick Cook behind the plaque which is mounted on 3½ tons of local ironstone donated and dressed by Great Tew quarry, which Mick Cook put in place with his JCB



The Colour Party and British Legion flag bearers.



Thanks to Cllr. Sandi Turner and Tony Ecclestone for the photographs. Ed.

Katharine House News

5 Ways Barbershop Chorus Concert

THE NATIONALLY acclaimed 5Ways Barbershop Chorus will perform a fantastic evening's entertainment in aid of the Hospice on Saturday 15th October (7.30pm) at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Banbury. Founded in 2003, the Chorus has quickly established itself as a chorus dedicated to the enjoyment of a capella 4 part harmony. Their infectious enthusiasm is guaranteed to put a smile on your face with a programme ranging from 19th century minstrel songs through to popular songs by the Everly Brothers, the Beach Boys and Walt Disney! For more information, see their website at <http://5waysharmony.org/> Tickets are £10 and can be purchased by calling the Fundraising Office at Katharine House on (01295) 812161.

"Come Into The Garden"- an evening of words & music

Long-time hospice supporter, John Marshall, will present this unique fundraiser at Tudor Hall School, near Banbury on 22nd October (8pm).



The theme is gardens and the moods will range from charming and traditional to whimsical and amusing with something to appeal to every taste. The wonderful North Cotswold Chamber Choir provide the musical part of the programme. Their great versatility covers all types of music including popular and jazz. Actors Jane Booker, Lynn Farleigh, Paul Greenwood and John Woodvine will present the readings which range from delightful to humorous. Tickets are £12 each and can be purchased by calling the Fundraising Office at Katharine House on (01295) 812161. Application forms are also available to download from our website at www.khh.org.uk

Hospice Christmas Cards

Our 2011 Hospice Christmas cards are now on sale from all our shops, and Hospice Reception, with prices starting at £3.95 per pack of ten. Christmas Gift Tags and 2012 calendars also available. We would also be delighted to hear from anyone happy to sell our Christmas cards on our behalf. Perhaps you belong to a community group, or run a shop? Please give us a call on (01295) 812161.

Sarah Brennan
Community Fundraiser

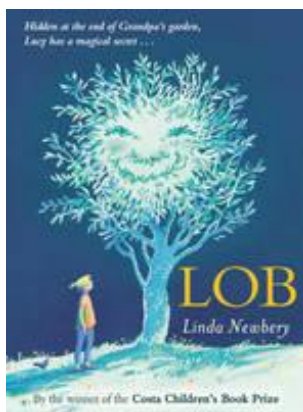
Shimmering Lights – Suggested Solutions

Four suggested solutions have been received so far to the cause of the shimmering lights reported in September BN.

These are:

- Glow worms in the trees
- Light reflecting on water droplets.
- Lights from Barford areodrome.
- Tinkerbell on her way to the theatre at Chipping Norton

Still time to send in your suggestions!. One of the above is very close to the right answer, which will be published next month!



Book Review Of 'LOB'

By Linda Newbery
Published by David
Fickling Books, 2010

Lob is the main character of the book but you have to be a special person with magical vision. to be able to see him.

The story starts in the summer when Grandpa Will tells Lucy about Lob who lives in his garden. Lob does odd jobs like cleaning the tools and filling up the watering can. When Lucy's mum and dad and Granny think that Lob is just one of grandpa's games Lucy gets worried that he might not be real. When Lucy goes to stay with Granny and Grandpa at Clunny Cottage she sees two eyes peering out of the gooseberry bush and then knows that Lob is really a little green man who lives in the garden. When the family go to a wedding Grandpa shows Lucy Lob's face in the stone arch of the church doorway.

After Lucy and her family had gone back to their home in London, they hear the sad news from Granny Annie that Grandpa Will had died of a heart attack when pulling up leeks. Granny Annie sells the cottage to a builder who starts to pull down the cottage to make room for more houses. This upsets poor Lob who sets off to find another person to help. On his journey Lob meets The Queen and Prince Charles at the Chelsea Flower Show before meeting a blind man at the allotments called 'Cornelius' who can see Lob and the two of them work together. The story has a happy ending when Lob meets the person who has the next door allotment.

I enjoyed this book because I like the way it was written. It was so exciting that I didn't want to put it down and I read it twice in two days. The best bit was when Lucy found LOB again. I would recommend it for boys or girls



Barney Neal, aged 10,
Broad Close, B. St. M

(Thanks to Barney for an excellent review. The author has recently moved to the village with her husband and now lives in Horn Hill. You may have met Linda who helped at the plant stalls at Open Gardens and the Church Fete.

More young reviewers needed please! Ed)

A1BBQ

THE VILLAGE BBQ was held on 28th August. The evening was dry and not cold.

Many people came, including some 'campers' and everyone ate and drank to their hearts content to the sounds of excellent music.

The BBQ's were blazing away in the hands of Andrew and Angus who tossed sausages, burgers and chicken over to the lovely ladies, Pat and Gunilla who placed them into the appropriately shaped buns. Many wonderful salads had been laid out to go with the meat, (vegetarian options were also available). For pudding there were scrumptious crumbles with apples and plums, served with warming custard or ice cream.....some people were seen to have both!, but our 'till lady' Sandi could easily spot this. Tracey and Jill managed to keep thirst away with drinks, smiles and 'bar lady banter'.

It was a very enjoyable evening and thanks are due to the many people both on the VPMC and others who joyfully helped put up gazebos, provided food and cleared up afterwards. Without all this help and the people who came, we would not have had such a fun time. The money raised (in profit) was approx. £628 and this will go straight into Village Hall funds.

THANK YOU!

First Aid Unit Information



Evening and weekend service

- Simple injuries that cannot be treated with a home first aid kit.
- Minor illnesses including ear, throat or urine infections
- Cleaning and simple stitching of wounds.
- Insect bites and stings.
- Minor burns and scalds
- A foreign body in the eye.
- Bumps to the head where there's been no loss of consciousness.
- Bruises.
- Sprains

Service provided by an Emergency Care Practitioner from the Ambulance Service. You may be referred on to a minor injuries unit or an A & E department. If in doubt as to whether your injury can be treated at the First Aid Unit please call a member of staff on 01608 648233. If closed, contact your GP, go to A&E or call 999. This is a 6-month trial. Continuation will depend on demand.

Opening times: Monday to Friday from 5pm to 9pm. Weekends and bank holidays 10am-9pm No appointment necessary

Location: Chipping Norton War Memorial Community Hospital, Out-Patient Unit, Russell Way, off London Road Chipping Norton, OX7 5FA

Barford St Michael Village Market



Saturday, 15th October
10.00 - 12 noon In the Village Hall
Something new each month!
Come along and support YOUR Village Market!

Barford St Michael & St John Parochial Church Council

DURING THE COMMITTEE meeting held on 14th September it was agreed that I should, through BN, write & thank those who responded to the recent appeal. This results in additional commitments in the region of £700 & with the tax reclaim this should increase our income by almost £1,000 in a full year.

We are by no means, however, in a strong financial position: our bank balances, investments & tax reclaims amount to about £15,000. Against this is the recently discovered damage to the plasterwork etc above the South aisle, a legacy of the earlier water damage to the roof, & the increasingly pressing need to repair the window at St John: these between them could cost around £14,000 but there is the prospect of a grant towards the cost of the window repair.

Consideration was given to the possibility of discontinuing the payment of our Parish share which is at present in excess of £10,000: the exact implications of such a decision are not as yet clear but are being explored. Within the last few weeks we have received the insurance bills covering both churches, although insurers have permitted us to pay these in ten interest-free installments they are nearly 20% up on last year & amount to over £3,200.

Stephen Bunce, treasurer.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

AS WE BEGIN the new academic year we would like to say a few thank you's to some great supporters - Karen Hayward-Cox generously donated £200 from her London Marathon run to each setting, and this has been spent on toys and garden equipment for the direct benefit of the children. Thank you also to Steve Miller who held a Bee Gees Tribute night in Deddington Church and was able to donate £300 to the settings, and to Al Kitchen whose generous matched funding helped the Moulin Rouge night raise such an amazing total. Your donations make such a difference to us and are greatly appreciated - thank you.

We begin the new academic year with many full sessions at both sites although we still have spaces in afternoon sessions at the Nursery. Please contact us on deddingtonpfsuandnursery@hotmail.co.uk or 337 484 if you would be interested in any of these sessions for your child (age 2+).

Our AGM Meeting will be held at the Nursery on Monday 3rd October at 8pm. We need the support of the membership (PFSU and DVN parents) to take decisions and elect a new management committee, so even if you are unable to get involved yourself your support at this meeting is still vital. Please come along if you possibly can! Next month I'll tell you what the children have been up to!

Lucy Squires
337484

Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

THE TEAM HAVE been very busy this month with speed enforcement and community events including the Cropredy Convention. As usual the event was very well attended and enjoyed by thousands with no major.

We have completed a drug swabbing operation in local pubs, this allows Police and Licensees to better understand drug use in rural communities. If you suspect drug use is taking place in your community, please contact the Police Enquiry Centre on 08458 505 505. Reports can be made in confidence and are always investigated.

We are conducting Neighbourhood Action Group Surveys in villages to determine new priorities and will report on these soon.

Speeding

Speed enforcement remains a Neighbourhood Action Group chosen by you during the survey process. Since promoting the 'Community Speed Watch' scheme we have had positive results with identifying, educating and where necessary prosecuting offending drivers. Please treat every village like it is your own, drive carefully and considerately.

We are always looking to gain new volunteers and set up groups in other villages. If you are able to give a little time each month, please contact PCSO Angela Alford of the Rural Neighbourhood Police Team:

BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Crime News

Every year millions of pounds worth of lead, copper and other valuable metals are stolen in Thames Valley. We have seen a large number of thefts of scrap metal in the area over the last year but also lead being stripped from church roofs. The team regularly inspect scrap metal and vehicle dismantler sites. Protect your property with these low cost easy options:

- Remove any easy access onto building roofs, such as water butts, waste bins and tall trees located near to the building.
- Store ladders in a secure place.
- Keep gates locked and restrict vehicle access into your property.
- Make it difficult for thieves to move stolen goods by hiding wheelbarrows and wheelie bins..
- Maximise surveillance by cutting back tall trees and vegetation which could otherwise provide a screen for intruders to hide behind.

If you are approached by a scrap metal dealer, ask to see their license. They should be able to show you a license endorsed by the local authority. If

they are not able to do this, contact the Police and Cherwell District Council as soon as possible.

Contact us

Call us on the police non emergency number 0845 8 505505 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111.



The Warriner School Students Go From Strength To Strength

THE WARRINER SCHOOL students have achieved another excellent set of GCSE results.

71% of students gained 5 A*-C grades, whilst 65% achieved 5 A*-C including English and Mathematics.

Whilst we are proud of the achievements of all of our students, those who did particularly well include: Sam Bradley 10A* & 1A, Joanna Thompson 8A* & 3A, Zoe Cox 7A* & 4A, Jocelyn Evans 7A* & 4A, Bethanie Simpson 7A* & 4A, Georgie McEwan 6A* & 5A, Hannah Westbury 6A* & 4A, Alice Hodkin 6A* & 3A,

Rebeka Hall achieved A* in all her 11 subjects.

Headteacher Dr Annabel Kay commented: 'I would like to congratulate all of our pupils on these results. Once again the dedication and hard work of our staff and students has paid off in the form of a superb set of grades with some very strong individual performances'.

Further details are available from Annabel Kay on 01295 722885



**Deddington & District History Society,
Dr Jim McDermott on The Cartwright Archive**

OUR FIRST MEETING of the season got off to a fascinating start with an insight to the family that for centuries owned much of Deddington, given to us by Jim McDermott who spoke on The Cartwright Archive. He is a freelance historian, writer and teacher and spent two years working on the archive kept at the Northampton Record Office.

The Cartwright family owned one of the three Manors in Deddington, and had a great influence over the life of the village, and eventually that of Barford. The records span about seven centuries from the thirteenth century, much of the early material being about what the family inherited, rather than concerning their own activities. The Manorial records relating solely to Deddington not being of particular interest, unless they concern your own property, he concentrated on the more interesting aspects of the archive in general. However, there are estate records dealing with individual properties including accounts and rent books, lists of repairs and improvements, even allotment rents!

For three centuries the family were of major importance in the commercial and cultural life of the south Northants, and over the border to Deddington. In 1615, the lawyer Richard Cartwright bought Aynhoe Park and thus became Lord of the Manor of Deddington, the other two Manors being those of Christ Church and Windsor. As a result he became responsible for Courts Baron, dealing with boundary disputes, livestock misappropriation, and for Courts Leet which dealt with minor civil disputes up until 1920 which is very late for such courts. As they were new to the task there were lots of notes on how to do it and he has histories of tenancies, uncommon among archives. Court rolls and orders survive, some from the late twelfth century.

Legal documents relating to Aynhoe Park start in 1411 and exist for sundry other manors that were in the family, acquired for cash or by marriage, including Bloxham which came in the 1640s and gone by the 1680s. There are also Militia records, the Cartwrights maintaining a company.

Later, for the period 1847-51, there is correspondence with their agent and bailiff after the death of William Ralph Cartwright who died

deeply in debt, to an extent unknown to the family. He was a corrupt Tory MP, a defender of Rotten boroughs. Neighbouring Earl Spencer did the dirty on him (you have to admire his footwork!) and W.R.C. lost, until the next election. William Cornwallis Cartwright had less scope for corruption as an MP, post the Reform Act.

There is also an important collection of diplomatic papers, Sir Thomas and Fairfax, respectively sons of the above, with only some of it also in the National Archive. The former was an observer of convulsions in Europe and was then promoted to Sweden and apparently only reported

twice in ten years. Mind you, George Washington is said to have said 'I haven't heard from our Ambassador to Spain in three years. If he doesn't contact me in the next year, I intend to write'.

Richard Cartwright, in buying Aynhoe Park (left), was a new broom



and he wanted to maximise the estate profit which meant enclosure to raise sheep. He persuaded Magdalen College to do the same in 1618-19, nearly 200 years before the Barfords. For three weeks the proposals went well, then it all went wrong and the Rector led a revolt and there were two years of legal negotiations. Just as it was seemingly sorted the college changed its mind and pulled out. As an aside: in 1808 Barford was enclosed with Deddington, although it was a separate parish, William Ralph Cartwright was intimately involved in the wheeling and dealing as one of the major landlords of Deddington. Barford St John was enclosed in 1794 and it is to these two enclosure awards that we owe the landscape we see around us today.

William Ralph Cartwright had many character flaws, including money: he 'improved' Aynhoe Park from a comfortable house to a palace. He also had four daughters, only one of whom had the decency not to marry ... He was also a *very* bad gambler on the stock market, resulting in one of the earliest angry letters from a bank manager!

On his death it was far from clear what the financial situation and his widow had to be provided for. Some land had been sold for the new railway, but debts far outweighed liquid assets. The house was let and the Cartwrights seemed just to

travel, but mostly not as a family. Then, in 1881, an uncle died, childless, and though there was not a lot of money their situation markedly improved. This was in a period of agricultural crisis when rents were falling—in 1888 expenses were well in excess of rents. This, incidentally, was at the time that the Dashwoods were running into trouble in Barford St John resulting in the sale of the manor here and several others.

Personal receipts were kept for *everything*, from an onyx fireplace bought in Mexico to ‘pensive powder’. There are lots of photos, from snaps in Mexico to magnificent prints taken in Persia, of people as well as of places. In particular box 46 contains some remarkable nudes [why did the speaker remember *just* that box number?]. One ‘carte de visite’ is signed on the back ‘to a very naughty boy’! There are also photos of Deddington, some of very fully dressed women in big hats.

William was the longest-serving squire of Aynho. Of the four children, the eldest daughter once on the continent decided she was too afraid of the sea ever to come home, and had a vile temper with a ‘stevedore’s tongue’. Thomas, the son had a first from Oxford and embarked on a life of hunting, shooting and fishing. The next was a keen naturalist, his diaries are an important record of the time, including the early days of the USA, though the rest seems confined to fishing, every fly is listed, and every fox probably known by name and every barometric reading taken several times a day recorded. He had no known friends and not one emotion recorded in 30 years until he committed suicide having literally taken a one-way ticket to Canada.

Almost in our time Sir Fairfax Leighton Cartwright was also a diplomat, ending up in Munich in 1907 and providing a unique record as there is nothing of this period in TNA. He was knighted and sent to Vienna as ambassador, then the most important posting of all. He predicted the German ambitions, to the disgust of his former playmate the Kaiser his father having been German. Fairfax all-but pulled off a coup when he nearly persuaded the French to finance the expansion of the Austrian military. In 1913 he even predicted that it would be the Serbs who would precipitate a war. When he left he had made our embassy the most glamorous in Europe. He also had literary talents, his novel was a barely-disguised account of adultery in in Berlin high-life and was withdrawn, boxes of it blocking the stair at Aynhoe Park. Like his grandfather he asked for a peerage and was rebuffed.

The family were financially wiped out by a car accident in 1954.

Our next meeting at the Windmill Centre is at 7.30 on when Tim Healey will talk about on Apples

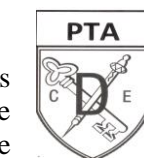
Deddington PTA News

As I write this, the PTA AGM is yet to be held but we are looking forward to a large attendance and the formation of a new committee complete with new chair and treasurer. More details next month.

Our usual Firework Display will be held on the school field on **Friday 4th November**. Put a note in your diaries now as the fireworks get better each year!!

A very exciting year is being planned and we look forward to welcoming you to all our upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support.



Janet Watts
PTA Chair

Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes.

Thursday evenings

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Beginners classes 7pm to 7.50pm

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We will cover Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive, Samba, and some sequence.

I have been teaching for 24 years.

If interested please book your place, phone:

Glenda Harper (A.I.D.T.A) 01295 270818

Apprentice opportunity

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS of Cherwell's recent apprenticeships, more opportunities are set to be made available.

And it is hoped the move will encourage other businesses in the area to follow suit.

Since March last year the council has helped six apprentices achieve their NVQ Level 2 qualifications and gain valuable experience.

Of these, two have already secured permanent positions with Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council and a third is now working with Boots.

A fourth has been employed in Cherwell's Licensing department for a year and the fifth is set to study law at university.

The last was brought in at Thorpe Lane depot last July and has since proven his worth in vehicle maintenance. He remains with the council until the end of December.

Each of these apprenticeships was originally intended to last a year but was extended due to the calibre of the youngsters employed.

Their work across different service areas, from Customer Service to Planning, ICT and vehicle maintenance, has encouraged Cherwell to repeat the exercise.

Councillor John Donaldson, Cherwell's lead member for the council's Brighter Futures project, said: "Employers are again beginning to see the value of apprenticeships.

"In a recent survey by City & Guilds, 89 per cent of employers said they viewed apprenticeships as the key to success of their businesses in the next two years.

"Our experience in the past 18 months is that everyone in the process can benefit. Employers gain hard-working and enthusiastic members of staff and the apprentices acquire valuable skills, experience and a recognised qualification."

A total of eight new apprenticeships are on offer at Cherwell and these are expected to start in late October or early November. Visit www.cherwell.gov.uk/apprenticeapply for more information or to apply.

Two young people's Job Clubs have also been arranged in Banbury and Bicester for the coming fortnight when more information about Cherwell's apprenticeships will be available and applications can be submitted.

Last year the council worked with the National Apprenticeship Scheme and Oxford & Cherwell Valley College to promote apprenticeships in local businesses.

Again, the aim was to encourage local businesses to consider taking on their own young recruits and some took up the challenge, including Prodrive and Karcher.

"This is a fantastic chance for the council to improve the employment chances of even more young people," said Cherwell chief executive, Sue Smith.

"And given the quality of the apprentices we have already employed, I'm certain the new recruits will add value to the work of any department they join."

The closing date for applications is

Friday, 7 October.

1st Deddington Brownies



THIS TERM WE WELCOME two new Brownies, Josie and Aimee. At our first meeting we made plans for the term and we will shortly be visiting the Fire Station. At the end of last term we said a sad goodbye to Sian Westbury, our Tawny Owl for the last three years. Thank you Sian for your enthusiasm and commitment and good luck with the new Brownie pack at Steeple Aston. Deddington Brownies still has a waiting list so if you know a girl who would like to join when they are 7, please e-mail Brown Owl, Anne Kent, on the1stdeddingtonowls@hotmail.co.uk to be added to the waiting list.

Lucy Squires

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£5.00, No. 182, Palmer Family.

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Warriner - Open Farm Sunday 2011

This year, instead of our biennial Open Weekend, the farm joined with hundreds of other farms across the country to host Open Farm Sunday on 12th June.

Having spent many, many hours over the previous weeks tidying and beautifying the farm for the thousands of visitors we were expecting, laying out a series of walking tours with quiz trails and children's activities, and coaching all the animals to be on their very best behaviour, we opened our gates with bated breath on the big morning, with a very gloomy weather forecast, in drizzling rain.

Our trusty band of Farm Club helpers turned out and did us proud, manning the raffle and merchandise stands, helping with the refreshments and on the gate, and being on hand to talk to visitors about the livestock and how they help to care for them. Several dedicated members of staff gave up their time to run the BBQ, plant sales, the gate and the refreshments and members of the Farm Committee ran tractor and trailer tours and the information desk. Our beekeeper stationed himself by the bees, on the route of the farm walks and waited patiently for stalwart visitors to brave the rain and hear him talk about his fascinating charges.

The rain steadily worsened and by mid-morning had settled in - it poured for the entire day. 307 brave souls visited the farm, fortunately all were very sensibly attired for the weather. Of those that we had the chance to ask, all said how much they had enjoyed the event despite the weather, and the teas, cakes and BBQ did a roaring trade considering how few ventured here...

Farmers all over the country had been desperate for the rain, and by golly, we got it that day, the one day when none of us wanted it! Monday dawned gloriously sunny to rub salt in the wound and the beautiful weather has continued since. Considering the rain and how few turned out, we made £500 on the day, so a big thank you to all who were involved, to all our visitors, and particularly to the Warriner pupils who helped on the day and were such a credit to themselves and the School.

Bev James – Farm Education Coordinator

News from Upton House

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS this October
With awe inspiring autumn
colours, trees toadstools and

a magnificent terraced garden there's no better season to enjoy the outdoors at your local national trust place, Upton House & Gardens.



Whether hiking is your passion or you just enjoy a relaxing amble you can find a range of activities the whole family can enjoy.

If you are an avid outdoor explorer then we would love to hear from you. We would greatly appreciate volunteers to help seek out new walkways, tracks and trails in and around Upton. Email: uptonvolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk

Families and beginners can enjoy our 3 mile circular walk. This circular route leaves from the car park and takes about 3 hours. Then come in for a well deserved cuppa and cream tea. Pick up a guide at reception or download a copy of the walk from the garden pages of our website. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse

Be inspired by others to explore the outdoors on 28 October and join the Upton Ramble. This 6 mile guided walk followed by lunch is part of the National Trust's walking festival.

Perhaps you prefer to wander in the footsteps of history? If so then join us on 23 October when we will be commemorating the nearby battle of Edgehill. Come face to face with the sights and sounds of the English Civil War, with 17th century living history and dramatic displays by a regiment from the Sealed Knot.

Sneak and creep your way through the woods on 29 – 30 October and watch out for ghost's ghouls and goblins. Hear spooky stories and enjoy many activities at our Family Fun Halloween event.

Upton House & Gardens offers something for everyone this autumn come rain or shine and we hope to see you soon.

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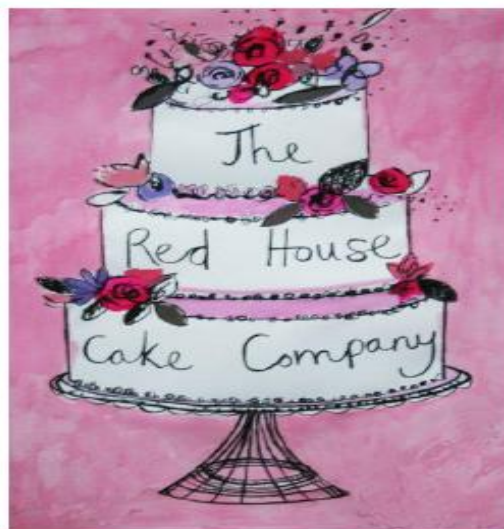
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