

BARFORD NEWS

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ANOTHER WONDERFUL VILLAGE SHOW!



More people and children entered than in previous years and there were some superb entries.

Pictured above are three of the Double-Cup Winners

L-R Ellie Dodwell; Ann Beesley; & Basil Butler. Cathy Alsworth was also a Double-Cup winner but managed to escape the photographs - Well done to all!

Below – Just some of the wonderful exhibits. Full results on pages 11 & 12.



St Michael's Churchyard Tidy Up

THERE WILL BE A churchyard clean up at St Michael's church on Saturday 17th September at 10.30. We need all the help we can get as the vegetation is getting out of hand and it needs some stalwart people to come and clear it. As you well know it is a large and difficult churchyard to keep tidy and the elder, brambles and ivy are beginning to take over.



Please could anyone who is available to help out bring secateurs, loppers, wheelbarrows, garden gloves etc and come and help clear the churchyard to let in more light to the area and the church itself. **Refreshments will be provided so bring the family and they can all help out, even if it's just pulling ivy off the gravestones.**

P.S It may not be universally known but if you have a family grave in the churchyard, it is your responsibility to tend the grave, not that of the church. We have a team of volunteers who mow the grass but it isn't their job to look after the graves as well. The plot has been paid for, so it belongs to the family.



Cubby Brett
Churchwarden

DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE 2011 FLU CLINICS

Time to book up your flu jab!

We have flu vaccination clinics in September

**Saturday mornings
September 10th & 17th
9am -12 midday**

**Weekdays starting from September 8th
Every Monday 5 – 6pm
and Thursday 2 - 3pm**

Those who are eligible for a flu jab:-

Anyone 65 years old and over

Anyone with a long term condition such as asthma (if on a steroid inhaler), COPD, diabetes, coronary heart disease or chronic kidney disease; have a transplant; immunosuppressed

You are a carer

You are pregnant

You are a Health or Social Care worker

Please phone for an appointment on
01869 338611

Barford Duck Race 2011

Two young champions

1st and 2nd places in the overall champion's race.
Left Poppy Richards and right Ellie Dodwell



Profits from the duck race were £203.86. This has more than paid for some much needed bark for the play area at the village hall.

Many thanks to all who supported the event.

Native Trees For Your Garden Offer

Hi, I'm Tilly and I'm 12;

I live in Barford St. Michael. I'm a Deddington Guide and doing my Baden Powell award, which is the highest award you can get as a Guide.

My unit was given lots of native trees (including beech, elder and wild cherry).

For my Baden Powell Award, one of the activities is to help the environment by planting trees, so if you would like me to plant one or more trees in your garden, please call me on 01869 337822.

Thankyou from Tilly



Wildflower Meadow

Following discussion at the July Parish Council meeting of the suggestion that a wildflower meadow be introduced in St. Michael's churchyard, I have had several submissions on the matter. I'd like to thank those who have been in touch and would welcome further comment from parishioners. The PCC will be reviewing the issue at its meeting this month.

Hugh White
Vicar 01869 349896 vicarhugo@hotmail.com

Harvest Festival



Sunday 25th September, 4pm
St. Michael's Church

We will be decorating the church for the service from 10.30am on Saturday 24th and would appreciate help with the decorating, and with donations of fruit, veg, eggs etc., so please do come along and join us if you can!

Or please leave donations of produce and flowers in the church porch.

The donations will then be given to the Penhurst School for disabled children in Chipping Norton.

Barford Green Garden Club
Afternoon visit
to Broughton Grange
Thursday 8th September



A visit to Broughton Grange has been booked for the above date, commencing at 2pm. The guided tour will last approx. 2 hours and the cost per person is **£7.50** including Tea & cakes etc. Members have been notified by letter or email but non members most welcome so if you are interested in this visit please contact me by 31st August please.

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

Please note your diary for the evening of 13th October when 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

Jill Bunce BGGC

Tel 01869 337577 / email jill@ridleymarreco.co.uk

Ride and Stride

This year the OHCT Ride or Stride is on Saturday 10th September from 10am-6pm. The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust have been very generous in the past giving us grants to help in the restoration of our churches. We have various repairs, such as the replastering of the ceiling in the south aisle in BSM and the repair of the west window in BSJ, and will be asking for more grants from the OHCT. These are all very expensive works to be carried out but have to be done in order to keep our churches watertight and safe for you all to come to on the various occasions when you use the churches.



I have received the sponsorship forms and the list of all the churches open on that day and, since I probably won't be able to take part this year, I'm urging people to come forward and help out. It's a really fun way of having a bike ride and you can do as much or as little as you wish and it's open to all ages. I find it fascinating riding to villages I would never go to otherwise and some of the churches are absolute gems. If you don't want to ride a bike, you can be sponsored to walk to various churches, or you can even be sponsored to welcome people to our churches for perhaps an hour or two.

Please let me know if you can help out in any way for a very worthy cause and I can give you the forms and the list of churches for you to plan your route.

Cubby Brett
 01869 338300

Carpet Bowls



Re-starts 20th September
7.00pm in the village hall

This is a light-hearted fun evening,
and new bowlers are welcomed,

Come along and give it a try!

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

WE HAD LOTS OF FUN at our holiday club which ran throughout the summer holidays. The new term in September sees some of our children moving up from Nursery to the PFSU and others joining us at both settings for the first time. Welcome to all our new children - we hope you enjoy your time with us. The first few weeks of the school year will be dedicated to settling the children in and to introducing them to our regular activities. These include visits to Deddington Library, walks to the park for the Nursery children, and activities in the school hall and with the F1 class for the PFSU children. Lots to get used to but after a month they will seem like old hands!



Lucy Squires
337484

Bakehouse or Shepherds Charity

Barford St John and St Michael

Charity Commission Registration No: 309173

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

Please give the following information on your application:-

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

Address your application to:

Mrs Lucy Warner

Clerk to the Shepherds and Bakehouse Trust
Mead Farm Bungalow, Barford St John,
Banbury

Oxfordshire, OX15 0PW

Applications must be received by 30th
September 2011 at the latest.

Cherwell's Gotta Lotta Bottle

THE ENORMOUS AMOUNT of glass recycled by residents in Cherwell will save a packet as collections are brought in-house.



Until now the council has outsourced its glass collection at a cost of £80,000 per year and contractors were able to sell the glass on.

But a review of the service revealed that £78,000 annual savings could be made if the council carried out its own collections.

Cherwell will also clean the bring bank sites and collect other items such as cans and batteries, making further savings.

Councillor James Macnamara, Cherwell's lead member for environment, said: "Because our glass collections are colour-separated, it is worth more in resale.

"Thanks to the efforts of residents we will already have a massive amount of glass to sell on each year and the more they recycle, the more they will save in tax."

Almost 2,700 tonnes of glass was collected in the district last year and at £83 per tonne of waste sent to landfill, this would have cost £224,100 had residents not been such ardent recyclers.

Instead, for each tonne of waste recycled, the council received a £43 credit from Oxfordshire County Council which brought in £108,000.

On top of this the council will now bring in an average £10 per tonne of glass from resale, which would have been £27,000 last year.

The initial cost of £130,000 for a new recycling truck is expected to be recouped within 18 months.

And it is calculated that in-house collections will save in the region of 10,000 miles per year on the roads, which is better for the environment.

Cherwell has 75 glass recycling banks across the district which separate it into green, brown and clear.

Each colour of glass can be turned into new containers, far more profitable than mixed glass which can only be used as aggregate for road surfaces.

The council is always on the lookout for more suitable sites and anyone with a suggestion can email services@cherwell.gov.uk or call 01295 221940.



For further information please contact:

Craig Forsyth

Tel: 01295 221639

Email: craig.forsyth@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Electoral registration

Electoral registration is almost here and most people need only find a moment to FIT it into their day.

For those whose details have not changed since they registered last year, three simple methods are available:

- **Freephone** - **Internet** - **Text**

Registration forms will start landing on doormats next week and provided the details are all correct, those with a touch-tone phone can call 0800 197 6180 and key in their two-part security code contained on the form.

An internet option is also available at www.registerbyinternet.com/cherwell-dc for anyone with no changes.

Alternatively, those with a mobile phone can text their unique number, also contained on the form, to 80212.

Last year almost half of our responses came through these three methods which is a huge increase on previous years.

If any changes are needed - such as adding, removing or amending a name or changing a house name or postcode - they must be filled in on the form and returned in the pre-paid envelope. Changes cannot be made via telephone, internet or text.

And registering is important for more reasons than having a vote, failure to do so can lead to refusals for loans or even mobile phone contracts.

This is because the electoral register is one of the criteria credit checking agencies use to assess someone's eligibility.

Cherwell's chief executive, Sue Smith, said: "Last year we saw a huge increase in the number of people responding by text, freephone or online.

"And because it takes so little time and saves the taxpayer so much, I would urge everyone to follow suit at the earliest possible opportunity."

And those who were not previously on the register or whose details are different should fill out the form and post it back in the pre-paid envelope provided.

More details on the electoral registration process are available at www.cherwell.gov.uk or by calling 01295 227938.

Note

Registering is a legal requirement and failure to do so can incur a fine of up to £1,000.

Anyone wishing to vote must be on the register to receive their polling card, postal or proxy vote.

Anyone aged 16 or over can be included on the registration form but voters must be aged at least 18.

People can register only for the address where they reside. This includes lodgers and long-term guests.

For further information please contact:

Craig Forsyth

Tel: 01295 221639

Email: craig.forsyth@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Pete Floyd

70

on 13th September 2011



Happy 70th Birthday to a very special husband, dad and Grampy we all love you lots

With all our love and best wishes for your special day

Love from all your family x x x

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs We finished our year with a mad game of 'Vampires' down in Daedas Wood, & have said goodbye to Elliot, Cameron, Fynn, Barney & Rhys, some of who will be joining Scouts in the new term.

Jo Churchyard C.S.L. 338071

jochurchyard@hotmail.com



Scouts The Scouts finished their term with our annual summer camp, this year a return to Phasels Wood near Hemel Hempstead. We had a great weekend, the scouts tried the climbing wall (which is huge), went down the potholes (which are dark), shot at targets (which was hard), balanced on crates (which were wobbly) & flew down the cresta run on trolleys (which was FUN).



Above, Shaun Harte and right William Brodey testing their skills.

Looking forward to loads of new stuff next term.

Pete Churchyard S.L. 338071

pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Autumn term starts back on September 1st due to Cub camp starting on the 9th.

PIMM's, Strawberries and Fun at The Village Hall

What a lovely afternoon we had!

Forty two members and guests of the WI were invited by the committee to a party in the village hall on a sunny Sunday afternoon in July. PIMM's, strawberries and fun – in no particular order, were the goals of the gathering and happily all were in plentiful supply. The sun came out and allowed us to sit outside in the garden to enjoy the pleasant weather; the PIMM's flowed and there wasn't a single calorie counter in sight. The



members of the WI had provided strawberries in all shapes and sizes, with and without cream, as filling in cakes, on meringues or in flans and tarts and these were all happily consumed during the course of the afternoon. The time flew by and before we knew it two hours had passed and it was time to wash and tidy up and go home. I'm looking forward to next year, is anyone else?

In early August 21 of us visited Tooley's



example of a building and common in

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INSPIRING WOMEN

August Outing

Boatyard in Banbury. The boatyard is a rare small boat repair yard, once previous

centuries. The listed buildings of the forge and dry dock were built in 1790 and are now Scheduled Ancient Monuments. The boatyard has been in continuous use and gives a rare insight into the development of boatyard and canal side culture.

Our guided tour took us to the 200 year old forge where a blacksmithing course was in progress and we were given the two leaf design samples that the blacksmith produced. Then through the Carpenter's shop and paint store both dating from the 1920's, into the 1930's working belt machinery workshop, and vintage engines and finally to the 200 year old working dry dock. We ended our visit with a short canal trip in the 'Dancing Duck'.



14th September - 7.30pm in the Village Hall

'More Tea, Less Vicar'

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Hilarious anecdotes from Jill Fraser – How to survive in an English country vicarage when you're not the vicar....After moving to the vicarage Jill and her husband discovered that they were responsible for unlocking and locking the church daily, hosting the village fete in their garden and much, much more!and SHE KNOWS all about it!!

Visitors most welcome to join us

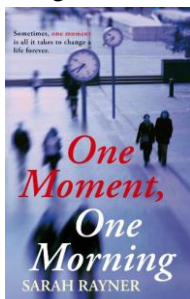
Book Review

'One Moment, One Morning'

by Sarah Rayner



This is the sort of novel you should read all in one sitting. Unfortunately, I didn't, so I think I lost some of its power. I was drawn to buy it having read the first few paragraphs in the bookshop. It reminded me of a short story I had written and funnily enough, the ending is similar to another I wrote. I was intrigued.



It starts on the 07.44 train from Brighton to London on a normal day. I don't want to spoil it for those who wish to read the book but a dramatic incident occurs on the train, and the story that unfolds is the reaction to it. Over the course of the following week, we get to know Lou, Anna and

en whose lives will never be the same again. It's a gripping tale and the use of present tense is refreshing. It's highly believable and I was close to tears on a couple of occasions. The characterisation is so well crafted and I have a very vivid picture in my head of the three main characters. It would be perfect for a film or television drama.

I thoroughly recommend this book. Grab a bar of chocolate and make a cup of tea. Take the 'phone off the hook and find a comfy chair. Then prepare to be drawn in...

Alison Duffy

Experienced Babysitter Available

My name is Rachael, I have just completed my A-levels and am looking for part time babysitting or child minding work over the summer, before starting university.

I have experience of caring for children of all ages and have enjoyed being a "Young Leader" at 1st Barford Rainbows and am currently a "Young Leader" at 1st Deddington Guides.



I am responsible, enthusiastic and patient.

Available for daytime and evening work.


Very competitive rates.

For further details and references please contact me on 01869 337 804 or 07770 924 274

BARFORD ST MICHAEL

Village Market

Back by popular demand



Open for Business Again
Saturday 17th
10am – noon
All the usual stalls plus one or two new ones

RON KNIGHT, SIX WOMEN and a MAN
Nature Correspondent goes wild...

One cool July night, approaching **midnight**, somewhere in Barford, a very strange phenomenon was observed. High up in a tree beautiful shimmering lights were seen. They moved along the branches staying bright and white. They were mesmerizing and everyone looked up. The sky was clear, a few stars shimmered also, but this was something COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

First there were 3 women, then 4, 5 and 6, then a man came and observed also.....what was it? Two of the observers had field glasses and we all took turns to look through. "Amazing" "Wow" "Oh my God". Were they luminous caterpillars, 'tree glow-worms' or some other creature? Could they even be fairies?

There was only one thing to do.....ring Ron Knight. This trusted man full of knowledge about all aspects of natural phenomena was summoned from his bed.

Arriving complete with all the necessary equipment, including a net, he looked up, he walked around, we all looked up, we all walked around.....for at least an hour! A pronouncement was made and we all laughed and went inside to warm up with a big cup of tea...or something stronger. We all thanked our Nature Man very much and talked of further exploits. We continued laughing until we all went to our beds.

I suggest that you all look up into trees at night and see whether you have the same phenomena in your trees. We believe it is only tall trees where they are found.

Well **we** now know what these ethereal lights were....do you? Any suggestions please to Barford News.

A Barford Resident.

1st Deddington Guides

SUMMER CAMP WAS A tremendous success! Twenty guides during the week! No rain! Beautiful surroundings at North Aston – our appreciative thanks to Clive and Trudi Busby for their hospitality!

Lots of fun – stream walking, geocaching, hiking, exploring, playing games, acting, crafts especially gathering willow twigs and making dream catchers! Lots of hard work – wooding, collecting water, cooking – learning camp craft skills, emptying the lats??



Singing round the camp fire was a wonderful experience, as was getting up at 4am to watch the dawn!



On the last night, 10 guides very bravely slept out in the shelters they had made – from canes, string and groundsheets! These Bivouacs were brilliantly designed and stayed up all night! Well done girls! Three older guides also cooked their own breakfast next morning as part of their Baden-Powell award. Our Guider Marian Trinder worked hard beforehand and throughout the week to gain her camp licence – a great achievement – so well done to her! Next meeting 13.9.11 – all girls over 10 welcome.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marian Trinder 01869 340806

Welcome

To **Guy and Anne Perry**
Who have recently moved into
(2 Redroofs, Lower Street)

Also to new Horn Hill residents
Sophie Lowe & Simon Hamner
And Welcome Back to Horn Hill
To Lynda Weare

We wish them all a very happy life here

**Play Sculpture Elephant made in the 1950's
shown at the Village Show**



DUE TO MUCH interest and curiosity of the material used for making the play sculpture, it seemed reasonable to put curiosity at ease by explaining how the invention of “Jollop” came about in a stately home in Oxfordshire commandeered in 1940.

Taken over by the RAF for training, etc with hand picked personnel for special duties.

The special duties involved the making accurately to scale a 3D model of the whole of the terrain covering the Ruhr Valley and the three Dams including the Mohne Dam all having been photographed using high speed Mosquitos of the RAF.

The model included trees, all the buildings, people, vehicles and so on; all the plants, trees, etc were made with the “Jollop”, a thought up and perfected modelling medium and were painted according to the images.

These 3D models gave the pilots scope to study the full dimensions of the sites which together with the photographs gave enormous help with special features as well as flat photographs – the rest is history.

“Jollop” A mixture of plaster, water and white asbestos powder; very pleasing and tactile to use with fingers and spatulas of varying shapes and sizes – then paint.

G.L.M.

On a roll

COMPOSTABLE LINERS for food waste caddies are now available from vending machines at Cherwell District Council offices and at Banbury Museum. Each £2.50 roll has 30 liners.

Between 45 and 50 per cent of food waste from district homes is currently being diverted from landfill and instead being composted at a purpose-built facility in Ardley. And the hope is that by making caddy liners more accessible, the council can encourage residents to recycle more.

Cllr James Macnamara, Cherwell's lead member for environment, said: Food waste is one of the main causes of greenhouse gases of everything we throw away. "In Cherwell it produces more than 24,000 tonnes of CO2 per year, or the equivalent of emissions from 480 cars." There is still an estimated 5,500 tonnes of food waste going to landfill annually, costing taxpayers £220,000.

Caddy liners can be tied shut which holds in the smell or newspaper can be used instead which absorbs much of the moisture which creates nasty aromas. **Householders are urged to avoid using anything which is not identified as compostable, including supermarket carrier bags and even biodegradable sacks.**



Bloxham & Bodicote, Cllr Christine Heath (pictured left), is a fanatical recycler, including everything from light bulbs, and batteries, to paper, garden and food waste.

Cllr Debbie Pickford (pictured right), Bicester Town, said: "I truly believe that recycling is the way forward.

"It's got to be good that waste is reduced in all walks of life."

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Tomasin, Jo, Zalie & Mariann,
Invite you to come along to their
MacMillan Morning**

on

Saturday 24th September

10.30 – 12.30



In the Village Hall

For a cuppa with biscuits

and Bacon Butties!!

**Raising funds for our own Macmillan
Nurses at Katharine House**

Fernhill Club

On August 3rd we had a very nice picnic at Avril's home to celebrate her birthday.

On the 10th we had a wonderful entertaining talk by John Wooley about the Great Train Robbery and his part in the discovery of their hideout.

At our meeting on 17th we had Kurling in the village hall.

Next month, on the 7th September we are having a 'Fish & Chip' lunch in the village hall – anyone who wants to join us will need to let us know so that we can order the food. On 23rd Sept we are having a slide show of 'Wildlife in Four Counties'.

You are welcome to come to any of our meetings.



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Village Rounders Match and BarBeQue – Open to All

2pm 25th September – watch Notice Boards for details

Contact Rick Allen and family on 01869 337 863

Thankyou

To the kind reader
Who donated the proceeds
From the sale of her
Fridge/Freezer
To Barford News

200 CLUB WINNERS

AUGUST DRAW

£15.00, No. 72, Harry Romain
£10.00, No 100, Alan Hand
£5.00, No.199, Ann Pearson
The draw took place at a village Coffee Morning

Maureen Patricia Holden 18-03-1929 - 29-07- 2011

Maureen was born at St Mary's hospital, Paddington, she was a premature baby who, not being expected to survive, was speedily wrapped in a tinfoil 'survival blanket and baptised in an emergency baptism,'. And what a survivor she was.... Maureen was the 2nd eldest of 4 children and is survived by her two younger sisters Jean and Christine

As a young woman, Maureen's biggest hobby was cycling– she belonged to the Wood End Wheelers (Her house in Church Street is called Woodend), and with the club she travelled to such far flung places as Norwich, Norfolk, Cornwall. But cycling wasn't Maureen's only hobby - she loved the cinema and dancing, and amongst the hobbies she enjoyed that stayed with her into later life - cooking, baking, making chutneys and jams. One of her fortes was bottling homemade wine – a very hazardous pastime – her daughter Gill recalls that corks would shoot off in the middle of the night with a loud pop!



Maureen always supported village events and took part in many activities, her funeral was attended by members of the Fernhill Club, the Carpet Bowls group, the WI and the Gardening club. It was there that we learned that she had a hopeless addiction - - - to TOM JONES!, her daughter Gill conjured up the most wonderful image of the two of them dancing through the housework together with Tom Jones singing lustily in the background

Maureen married Len – 'The love of her life' in 1974. She was working at Wroxton College as a dining room supervisor when one of the young waitresses persuaded Maureen to get 'dolloed up' and go with her to the Wroxton House Hotel. The young waitress soon disappeared, leaving Maureen alone and wishing she hadn't agreed to go.... A gentleman - who turned out to be Len –asked "Would you like a drink?" and from that moment they '*never looked back*'!!!

As a married couple they both worked for Automotive Products in Banbury and later in Leamington – Len as an electrical engineer and later as a warranty officer while Maureen was kept busy in the Accounts department and then in Pensions. Life was **good** for them

Together Maureen and Len travelled to many of the world's 'must see' places, enjoying South Africa, the USA and Disney World, Canada, Australia and New Zealand to name but a few and they enjoyed the freedom of being retired until, eventually Len was too poorly to travel. Maureen was **devastated** when Len died, but she was surrounded by a loving family, daughter Gill, son Graham and their families – 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren –eventually she started to pick up the threads of life again....

She and Gill did many lovely things together including, one of her favourites, visiting Batsford Arboretum. She helped at Gill's pre-school – I'm told "She came to give it a try and stayed for 9 years!!"

Her friend Dennis was a very important person in her life in recent years and they became very good companions. He visited often and they shared sessions at the Fernhill Club, Carpet Bowls and even enjoyed a couple of holidays together. Dennis was a great support to the family when Maureen was in hospital.

Sadly, earlier this year, Maureen had a stroke from which she was never to recover! She will be fondly remembered by her many friends.

FULL SHOW RESULTS

Class	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Cup Winners
1 Beetroot	Basil Butler	Cathy Alsworth	Maggie Eden	
2 Carrots	Alison Duffy	Maggie Eden	Basil Butler	FRUIT & VEGETABLES
3 Courgettes	George Williams	Maggie Eden	Basil Butler	Basil Butler
4 Onions	Basil Butler	Cathy Alsworth	Guy Portman	
5 Shallots	Basil Butler	Mariann Young		
6 Potatoes	Cathy Alsworth	Basil Butler	Barbara Horth	
7 Runner beans	Basil Butler	Cathy Alsworth	Maggie Eden	
8 French beans	Maggie Eden	Alison Duffy	Basil Butler	RAY MARCHAM
9 Cherry Tomatoes	Carol Hopkins	Tony Bastable	Mariann Young	ALLOTMENT CUP
10 Round Tomatoes	Mariann Young			Mick Bullard
11 Cucumber	Basil Butler	Tony Elvidge	Cathy Alsworth	
12 Pair of Veg	Maggie Eden	Alison Duffy	Al Portman	
13 5 Assorted Veg	Basil Butler	Maggie Eden	Mariann Young	
14 Largest Marrow	Basil Butler			
15 Apples	Maggie Eden	Ann Beesley		
16 Soft/stoned fruit	Basil Butler	Mariann Young	Ann Beesley	
17 Adult veg animal	Lisa Styles	Maisie Bird	Owen Butler	COOKERY
18 Flapjack	Alison Duffy	Cathy Alsworth	Sylvia Butler	Cathy Alsworth
19 Fruit Scones	Sylvia Butler	Peter Leney	Cathy Alsworth	
20 Choc Brownies	Cathy Alsworth	Lisa Styles	Sylvia Butler	
21 Victoria Sponge	Jill Hopcraft	Alison Duffy	Cathy Alsworth	
22 Meringues	Brian Dodwell	Evelyn Cook	Sylvia Butler	
23 Dorset Apple Cake (men)	Basil Butler	Adrian Brett	Peter Leney	PHOTOGRAPHY
24 Jar of Jam	Cathy Alsworth	Erika Smith	Aggie Morrison Booth	Annie Radford
25 Jar of Marmalade	Mariann Young	Ann Beesley	Hazel Neal	
26 Lemon Curd	Ann Beesley			
27 Chutney	Carol Hopkins	Barbara Horth	Maggie Rampley	
28 Sloe Gin	Ray Cox	Cathy Alsworth	Carol Hopkins	
29 Candlestick arrangement	Ann Beesley	Erika Smith	Cathy Peacock	FLOWER ARRANGING
30 Foliage arrangement	Cathy Peacock			Cathy Peacock
31 Miniature	Annie Radford			
32 Ruby Wedding		- No Entries -		
33 Single Gladiolus	Basil Butler	Cathy Alsworth		
34 Sunflower	Cathy Alsworth			CUT FLOWERS
35 3 Dahlias	Basil Butler	Ann Beesley	Maggie Eden	Cathy Alsworth
36 3 Roses	Cathy Alsworth	Ann Beesley		
37 Marigolds	Erika Smith	Cathy Alsworth	James Duffy	CRAFTS
38 Fuchsia heads	Basil Butler	Sandi Turner	Mariann Young	Ann Beesley
39 Sweet Peas		- No Entries -		
40 Mixed garden flowers	George Williams	Trish Field		
41 Handmade Toy		- No Entries -		W.I. CUP
42 Piece of jewellery	Ann Beesley	Aggie Morrison Booth		Ann Beesley
43 Knitted/crochet article	Annie Radford	Ann Beesley	Sylvia Butler	
44 Needlecraft	Anne Perry	Cathy Alsworth	Ann Beesley	VICTOR LUDORUM
45 You Made it	Alan Maddison	Sophie Holmes	Maggie Eden	Basil Butler
46 Drawing/Painting	Barbara Horth	Tom Eden	Tony Bastable	
47 Photo Hands	Annie Radford	Tessa Dodwell	Brian Dodwell	
48 Photo Barford Garden	Gill Maddison	Derek Styles		
49 Photo – a door	Annie Radford	Tony Elvidge	Alan Maddison	
50 Digitally enhanced photo	Ray Cox	Peter Leney		

CHILDREN'S CLASSES				MOST ENTRIES
51 Colouring Picture	Ruby Sansom	Caitlin Butler	Amy Butler	Ellie Dodwell
52 Modelled fruit	Poppy Brown	Ellie Dodwell		
53 Chocolate Crispie cakes	Poppy Brown	Amelia Best		
54 Vegetable animal	Ellie Dodwell	Owen Butler	Connie Neal	MOST POINTS
55 You made it..(7 & under)	Ellie Dodwell	Jack Styles		Ellie Dodwell
56 Photograph	Danielle Semple			
57 Park design	James Duffy			
58 Handwriting	James Duffy			
59 Drawing/Painting	Archie Brown	Ella Booth	Danielle Semple	
60 You made it (8-15 yrs)	Ella Booth	Ellie Alsworth	Danielle Semple	

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The Boat Project comes to Barford

A fascinating afternoon and evening were had on 20th July when *The Boat Project* 'moored' up at The George.

The Boat Project is a living archive of people's stories and lives, a 30ft seafaring yacht constructed from over a thousand donated wooden items. The project is part of Artists Taking the Lead, a series of 12 public art commissions across the UK to celebrate the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. *The Boat Project* is the winning commission for the South East region and it's a unique way for the public to get involved in 2012 activity. We, Gwen Van Spijk and Austin Lawler, are part of the team managing the project and we were delighted that Barford residents had the opportunity to get involved.

The donation event at the George was one of 24 days across the region where people have been able to bring their donations of wood; donations have ranged from the ordinary to the extraordinary and from the historically significant to the personal; but the key thing that they all have in common is a story to tell.

We received 33 donations from Barford residents, which makes the event here in the village the most successful per head of population; as ever Barford raises the bar! 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. It's intriguing to think how all of these diverse objects will make up a beautiful, sleek and fast sailing boat but the project has a combination of excellent traditional boat builders and modern technology to thank for that and both are hard at work in the boat shed as you read this. If you have access to the internet you can visit the project website and watch the team actually at work in the boat shed via the webcam. www.theboatproject.com [the web cam is in the section titled The Boat Shed]

Part of the proceedings at The George was a presentation from sailor and boat builder Mark Covell. Mark is the Technical Manager for *The Boat Project* and importantly is also an Olympic silver medalist [Star Class sailing] from the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Mark inspired us with tales of the trials, tragedies and high points of his career and showed us awe inspiring images of his sailing experiences - in all conditions: amongst which were 70 ft waves in the Indian Ocean during the Volvo Ocean race and a Chinese Gybe - also known as a death roll!

Donations for *The Boat Project* closed on 30 July and in total the project has received over 1,200 donations. Alongside the construction of the boat, a book is being

published in which every single donation will be commemorated. The boat is now well under construction and it will be complete in time to exhibit at the London Boat Show in January, then after sea trials it will set sail on a maiden voyage in May, visiting a number of places along the south coast. The maiden voyage will be undertaken by a professional skipper with a crew of volunteers selected from nominations that the public have made.

In light of the success of the day here in Barford we're looking at how we can bring the boat itself into contact with the village - so watch this space for further information; or you can go to the project website and sign up to the project newsletter and get regular updates via email.

The Boat Project would like to extend warm thanks to Martin for providing The George and who was a welcoming, helpful and enthusiastic host; to the village residents who donated to the project and who've nominated potential crew members and those who came to Mark's talk; and lastly a round of thanks also to Blonde Fever, a very excellent band [headed up by Austin Lawler and Steve Hill] who rounded off the evening in The George with some fine rock, roll, rhythm and blues.

Gwen & Austin



Dylan guarding the donations



Just some the donations received at The George

Maisie's Trip To Italy!

BOUT 3 WEEK AGO I had a great experience in Italy. It was about a 3 hour journey down to the Awhite cliffs of Dover when we caught are ferry at 11 o'clock, we were not allowed to walk around the ship in less than 4 people a group. We went out on deck and all we could see was the dark black sea in front of us. I went around with all my friends and we went into load of shops it was so much fun. We arrived in France at 1 in the morning and everyone was so tired as they got onto the bus they all wanted to go to sleep.

We now had a long journey ahead of us and we were travelling through the whole day. We had to stop a couple of times at service stations for toilet breaks and to top up with food. Me and the other students went through Switzerland and Germany until we got to Italy.

We arrived at the Bristol hotel around 7 o'clock we all had to unpack our things. We had a balcony, an en suite and 4 beds, Me and Rachael shared a bunk bed (I was on the top and Rachael was on the bottom) then Emily and Amy was sharing a double bed. The bunk bed was really annoying because it was really squeaky. We all had to be down at the dinner table at 8:30pm. We had pasta for starters and everyone thought that it was main course. Then for main course we had pork, beans and potato. Then for pudding we had blackberry tart. It was really good and we all needed it!

The next day we went to Verona to see Romeo and Juliet's balcony, it was beautiful. There was a statue of Juliet and they say "if you touch her bosom you will have good luck" so all the boys that were on the trip all lined up to touch it. We were allowed to go off in small groups of 4 and tour Verona, we had to get food and to eat for lunch. I bought some gifts for my family from the little town. Then we went to the Gradinata Settore it was so big and it was where the opera sang and people would sit and watch from the huge stands. In the evening we had a music concert, the choir sang (I am in the choir), the orchestra and the jazz band played. The concert was brilliant and went really well. Supper was again at 8:30 and we had pizza for starters and chicken with peas and chips and for pudding I had ice cream.

Thursday we went to Gardaland which was a theme park and there were many rides to go on we spent the whole day at Gardaland. Again we had to

go round in at least a group of 4. The first ride we went on was called "The log flew" it was where you are going around on a log boat and you go up ramps and down them again, then at the end there is a massive ramp nearly vertical and you go to the top there is a big drop and all the water goes all over you. I was at the front of the log and I got the wettest I was protecting my friend Lizzie who was behind me, but it was good because it was a very hot day. The next ride was after we had lunch and we went on a ride called "Mammut" it was a roller coaster and we had to go in pairs to sit in the seats. My friend Rachael was sitting next to me and she said "I am on the outside" but when the ride started I was on the outside. All the way round the ride Rachael was screaming and the person in front of us had her hands over her ears. There were more rides we went on called "The dancing cups", "The sailing boats" and "The mummy's temple" they were great too! When we got back to the hotel we had a nice cool swim in the swimming pool. The shape of the pool was like a big 8.

The next day we went and got a boat in Riva Del Garda, this is where our hotel was based on the north of Lake Garda. The lake was huge and beautiful at the same time. We had to cross the lake to get to Limone. There



were big houses that were on the side of the lake and there were many boats on the lake. When we got to Limone we got to go shopping in the little town and get lunch and ice creams to eat. Soon after we got to the little town we had to go on to our last concert that was in Villa Colonda Marchesini, that was about 3 hours away.

The next concert we did was better than the first one because it had bigger lights and a stage we could stand on. At the beginning of the concert we got to have take away pizzas, I had one with chips on it (it was yummy). The concert was a big success and we got on the bus again at 1 o'clock.

The last day was just packing up and putting away. We had to get food for the journey and we went to "Lidl" in small groups with a group leader. The bus was not the most comfortable thing in the world but it was OK. We caught the boat on Sunday morning at about 9 o'clock. We arrived at the Warriner School mid afternoon. When we got off the bus we had to take all the music instruments to the music block. I was so tried as soon as I got home I fell asleep.

By Maisie Bird



DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER

GETTING YOUR MEDICINES RIGHT

When you receive treatment from the NHS, a variety of professionals will be responsible for your care. For example, you might go from being looked after by your GP, to being admitted to hospital for treatment, before going back home again to the care of your GP. When you go to a different place to receive your care, information about all your medicines should transfer with you. Medicines are an essential part of your treatment and not getting the right ones can make you feel unwell.

What you can do to assist this process: Keep an up-to-date list of your medicines.

Take the list, and a strip of all your medicines, with you when you go into hospital.

(Also remember to take the list & all your medicines with you when you go on holiday).

Your medicines should be checked within 24 hours of you arriving in hospital. If this doesn't happen, ask a health professional when it will be done. Then when you leave hospital, ask for a list of the medicines that you are on when you leave. This may not be the same as when you went in, which is why it's important that you are aware of what medication you will be taking. A letter will be sent to your GP of any changes made to your medication while you are in hospital, but this may take a few days to arrive at the GP Surgery, so you need to know about it too.

At the surgery, we have a Pharmacist – Mrs Wendy Humphris – who sees patients to go through their medication in detail with them, to make sure they understand what their medication is for. You will be advised by Dispensary when you need to see our Pharmacist, or you can make an appointment with her yourself if you have any queries about your medication.

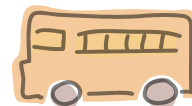
CONTINENCE SUPPLIES

A new service is started in August, whereby continence supplies will be delivered directly to a person's houses rather than having to pick the supplies up from the surgery. The supply is started following an assessment by the continence service.

Patients who are mobile (ie not housebound) can refer themselves to this service by phoning 01993 209434. Once assessed, patients get a delivery of products once every 3 months. Housebound patients are assessed by our District Nurses. Their phone number is 01869 338855.

THE SURGERY BUS SERVICE

Some of you will be aware that twice a week (Tuesdays & Thursdays) there is a Dial-a-ride bus service, organised by the surgery that brings patients who don't drive or have access to a car in the daytime to the surgery from surrounding villages.



We have received notification from Dial-a-ride, that the service may have to end from the end of March 2012, because Cherwell District Council is withdrawing the funding for the charity that runs the bus service. This will be very sad, because, although the number of patients using the bus has declined over the years, it still provides a valuable service.

We are wondering, when/if the bus stops, whether villages would be interested in forming their own 'Car Scheme' along the lines of the one that is run by the village of Tackley. In their system, people with cars and some spare time volunteer to act as drivers, and then volunteers take it in turns to be the village co-ordinator matching up requests for lifts with drivers ie co-ordinating people who need to get somewhere –such as the shops, the surgery etc with those who are available to give a lift at the required time. In Tackley, the person requesting the lift pays the driver 45p/mile travelled.

It is possible that this is the sort of thing that could be discussed at a Parish Council meeting. If anyone is interested in knowing more please contact our Practice Manager, Sue Johnson, either by the main surgery number or via our website: www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk and go to the 'Questions and Comments' page.

And finally.....

FLU VACCINATION CLINICS

Yes it's that time again. Our flu vaccination campaign starts in September & the clinic appointments are on the computer.

See separate advert on Page 2.

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Katharine House News
KATHARINE HOUSE, 20TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS
THE OXFORD CONCERT PARTY-BROUGHTON
CASTLE

As part of our 20th anniversary year, we're delighted to announce that the Oxford Concert Party will be performing a special evening of entertainment for us. The event will take place in the magnificent hall at Broughton Castle on Saturday 17th September, time 7.30pm.

The group has received international acclaim and is known as *"Europe's only Baroque and Tango Orchestra"*. The Oxford Times describes The Oxford Concert Party:

"Take 300 years of music from around the world, turn it upside down, infuse it with humour, energy, passion and pathos - and you have the recipe with which the Oxford Concert Party, described as "one of the most entertaining, mould-breaking groups around"

Please join us for an eclectic evening's entertainment in wonderful surroundings. Tickets are £25 per person, to include refreshments. Please call Sarah Brennan in Fundraising on (01295) 812161 or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk to book.

BODIROX MUSIC FESTIVAL- THE HORSE AND JOCKEY, BODICOTE

Following the fantastic success of last year's event, the 2011 BODIROX music festival will take place at the Horse and Jockey in Bodicote on Saturday 24th September. Great local bands including Neva Mynd, Freeway Jam, Eilidh Forster, Freewheelin and Sweeney will entertain, and a pig roast and raffle will also be held. Proceeds will be split between Katharine House Hospice and Help for Heroes. Please see the Bodirox website <http://www.bodirox.net/> for further details.

MIDDLETON CHENEY COFFEE MORNING AND SALE

Middleton Cheney Village Hall will be the venue for a coffee morning and sale in aid of Katharine House on Saturday 24th September, between 10am and 2pm. Why not come and browse for a bargain amongst the bric-a-brac, book stall, cake stall, and tombola, or have a go at Name the Teddy! Hospice merchandise and Christmas cards will also be available. Entry is £1.50 to include tea, coffee and biscuits. All proceeds to KHH.

BACK TO THE 60s EVENING

Hospice supporter, Maxine Keyes is holding a 60s disco at the Labour Club, West Bar, Banbury from 8pm on Friday 30th September. The Mersey Beat Legends will provide the music, and Apocalypse Entertainment the disco. There will also be a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets are £8.50 and are available by calling Maxine on (01295) 267145 or 07724 136890. Proceeds to Katharine House and the British Legion.

5th MIDNIGHT WALK SUCCESS

Our grateful thanks goes out to all 648 who took part in our 5th annual Midnight Walk on 9th July, and to the many supporters who volunteered on the evening. A fantastic £82,000 in sponsorship was pledged on the night- over £15,000 of which has already been received!

Sarah Brennan
 Community Fundraiser

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Weekend Viewing Please

Banbury Museum

Celebrating Four Decades of Fairport at Cropredy: a special exhibition of photographs and memorabilia - Until 10 September Free

Last summer Fairport's Cropredy Convention celebrated the 30th anniversary of the 1980 band reunion. Birmingham based freelance photographer Simon Hadley created a set of portraits of fans wearing the festival-shirt from each year as well as the 'farewell' year in 1979. These are being displayed in the museum's canalside Café Quay, alongside poster and T-shirt designs by Mick Toole, and band-related memorabilia.

Monthly Archaeological Finds Surgery

Tuesday 6 September 10.30am – 4.30pm

Have your archaeological finds identified and recorded by the Finds Liaison Officer for Oxfordshire & West Berkshire, Anni Byard. Anni is interested in all archaeological objects dating up to c.1700, including not just metal but also pottery, flint, stone, leather and anything else you may find. While your FLO may need to borrow your artefacts while they're recorded and identified, they will be returned to you and you will be provided with a short report telling you about your artefacts. NB The next finds surgery will be on 1 November.

Art 2 2011 open art exhibition and competition

Entry day 7 September. Exhibition runs 17 September – 26 November

Mon – Sat. 10am – 5pm Free to visit.

A dual-venue exhibition with The Mill Arts Centre, showcasing the best recent work by artists from North Oxfordshire and the surrounding areas. The best entries will be selected by a panel of judges. Artwork in all media may be submitted. Entry form with details of conditions of entry is available to download from the home page of the museum website www.banburymuseum.org or by phoning the museum on 01295 753752.

NATURE NOTES 99

JUNE ARRIVED ON A NEW MOON and, as so often happens, the weather held the same pattern for the best part of the quarter. The weather had started to veer northward in May; it now continued eastward to NE on the afternoon of the 2nd. There it stayed until the 5th, when very slowly, in the afternoon, it started backing westward.

Temperatures in this period were noticeably warmer ' in the low twenties peaking at 26° on the 3rd. Night temperatures remained at around 8° or 9°.

The morning of the 1st produced one of those interesting windshear effects, with the lower level cloud ploughing along from SW whilst the upper cloud levels were coming in from NNE. This phenomenon quickly became a weather front as the two air masses battled for supremacy, resulting in very still air at ground level and a confused overall cloud cover. After forcing a westerly movement on the northerly airs, the SW winds were gradually overcome, those from NE prevailing until the 5th. There were a few spots of rain overnight on the 4th.

I watched a very interesting event that lasted only seconds on the 4th ' not in Barfords, but I think it is worth the telling . . . I was in the car park at Applegarth Nursery, Chipping Norton. A small male Sparrowhawk flew into the open space from above the trees. Suddenly, a Mistle Thrush shot out of the top of a small Oak 'churr'ing harshly and furiously, straight at the hawk. The hawk was so un'nerved it simply fled from the attack; the Mistle Thrush returned silently to its Oak tree and disappeared.

The next few days were very warm, but a chilly breeze ensured that only sheltered areas felt the full heat of the sun. All Nature seemed to be 'taking a breather' ' even the insects! Mrs. Sylvia Butler reported a Tawny Owl hooting from along the R. Swere ('sound was too far away to have been in Lower Street') and a Buzzard soared over Hempton/Steepness.

The drought conditions were now becoming very serious. There was no sward in the meadows, no growth in the cereals, and it didn't matter how deep you dug in garden ground, there just wasn't any significant moisture.

The 6th dawned overcast and cool. The wind had backed to a few points W of N, then as the afternoon sun broke through, it went to full SW. Day and night temperatures dropped away once more averaging 19.5° (day) and 4.5° (night). The only records that I made were of a Great Spotted Woodpecker in Townsend and Bas Butler provided a Kestrel near Hempton.



The 10th dawned on a cloudy red sunrise with a chilly blow and heavy showers from late morning onwards. The night was a clear, chilly 4°. In the morning, the wind had veered to NW. There was much high level cirrus cloud, which gave way to afternoon showers. Bas Butler on his way to the Post Office spotted a Heron beside the Manor moat.

Following a heavy shower at about 4.30pm, the sky cleared and there was a sudden temperature drop producing a cold, clear night and a slight frost on a temperature of '0.25°! Remember, this is June 11th.

A bright start to the 12th gave way to high level overcast until the onset of rain about 8.30am. This became constant steady rain, gradually petering out about 8.0pm. Yes, there had been showery days and heavy storms, but this was nearly 12 hours of wonderful, steady rain ' the first really significant rain since the 28th of February! (See N.N. 96 for March 2011).

The wind slowly backed round the compass to SE throughout the day. It was often very high and gusty. I found it difficult to believe my thermometer which gave a maximum reading of only 11° for the day. The night however, didn't drop below 10°.

On the 13th the strong wind again veered to SW and now produced a temperature of 23.5° (more than twice the previous day's max!) dropping at night to only 4.5°. Next day the temperature rose to 25° and didn't fall below 11.5° at night. How mad can such variation be?

On the 14th Mrs. Ann Beesley telephoned to say she had made the macabre discovery in her garden of an adult (female?) Hedgehog that had been recently eaten, virtually only the spiny skin remaining. Sadly, it was accompanied by an unharmed, now orphaned, baby. I agreed with her that the only animal that was strong and hard enough to unroll a rolled up Hedgehog, and withstand the spines to eat the contents, was a Badger. Happily, Ann managed to get the orphan to St. Tiggywinkles ' Thank you Ann!

The wind remained at SW until the 18th with temperatures around 21° (day) and 7° (night) with afternoon showers on most days.

At this point I packed my bags and went on holiday for nine days in lovely Pembrokeshire ' full of prehistory (including the source of the Stonehenge blue'stones) history and non-Barfordian plants and creatures! (I haven't yet committed it to paper).

I didn't do much on the 26th except to note there was clear, ferocious heat (32°) and that the Ringlet butterflies were on the wing. That night was 13°.

and next morning, after a clear start, became hazy, hot and horribly humid (31°). However, in the early cool of sunrise, there was still much birdsong. It was good to see that the Swans had brought their four cygnets back to the farm shop, where they could all inspect the customers and keep them in order. Mum leading her brood in single file from water to food to snoozy shade, all under the watchful eye of Dad with proudly arched neck and raised wings, was a real delight! How lucky are we to have such homely, country scenes on our doorstep. Not so welcome, in fact absolutely opposite, is the news that the Swere is again plagued by the presence of Mink. These murderous, not very big, savage non-natives are the destruction of our riverine wildlife (and farm birds if not safely cooped).

The night was equally horrible – a warm and humid 19°.

In contrast, the 28th was overcast, much cooler (18°) – cooler than the night, although still humid. The increased humidity following the extended rain was benefiting the emergence of pupated insects. Many hoverflies were gathered around newly opening flowers and the ‘Browns’ (the various brown butterflies) were nicely on the wing. Now largely released from its nesting rigours, a Buzzard called for some time over Steepness. And the night went down to a chill 5°.

On the 29th, at the kind invitation of Canon John Whitwell, I was privileged to lead a little group of enthusiasts from Banbury U3a on a nature-spot around part of Mr. Fred Lovell’s farm. It was a lovely, warm afternoon and there really was so much to see, we only covered about half the intended distance in rather more than the intended time! We spent a long time observing the distinguishing features of Crows, Rooks and Jackdaws, then a while on Chaffinches, Linnets and Gold Finches and finally, on getting out of the farmyard, watching a resplendent Yellow Hammer declaring his nesting territory to the world by singing about a ‘Little bit of bread and no cheese’.

Moving along to Little Barford Mill and hoping desperately for a sight of a Kingfisher and a Grey Wagtail we were unlucky, but they were made up for by an elegant Heron making his way between favourite fishing spots. And so into Blackingrove Lane, where there were so many butterflies it wasn’t true – Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Small Skipper, Green-veined White, Speckled Wood, Small Tortoiseshell and even a Peacock!

But we had two other ‘specials’ awaiting us in the lane. About 200m (yds) in front, on the over head wires, was a smallish bird, very round with a distinctive shape. As we got closer it resolved itself into a Little Owl – a juvenile one! It still had some

of its down feathering, and it had just had a meal. It sat there, yawning and swallowing hard, and generally looking uncomfortable.

We had got to within about 60m of it, when it spotted us through its over-indulgent slumbers and flew across the lane into a wonderfully twisted and holey Ash tree, possibly the one in which it hatched out. Just as we approached the tree, hoping to have a close-up view of it, the owl decided that that was too close, and flew off down the hedgerow toward Little Barford Mill. Never mind, what a ‘spot’!

We moved on to the sewage works gates. There were plenty of small birds here – Wrens, Dunnocks, even a Woodpecker, but we were looking for Grey Wagtails. Yes, there were Pied Wagtails, jumping over the barely moving sweeps, but eventually and quite fleetingly, so not all of us saw it, there was our Grey Wag. It was a juvenile, so it was very drab and the yellow was a smudgy white, but it was a Grey Wag. Success!

Very late, we were driven up to refreshments in Deddington and a welcome, delicious cup of tea with discussions on what we had seen. Thank you U3a.

And so June made her exit much as she had come in – a clear sunrise, a sunny day with a cool breeze and a temperature of 21°. A Buzzard called for some time from a tree below Steepness and a Green Woodpecker laughed from Robins Close. Everything else was very quiet, waiting to see what July would bring. . .

Ron Knight





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**Officers will be outside
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on

**Thursday 29 September
from 16.00 - 17.00 hrs to
discuss any issues or
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17th September–2nd October 2011

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