

BARFORD NEWS

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Another Great Village Show. Results on Page 11 .



My banana loaf was better than his!

DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE 2012 FLU CLINICS

It's time to book up to have a flu jab at the surgery

Saturday morning

September 29th 9am -12pm
October 6th 9am – 12pm



Weekdays :

Mondays 4.30 - 5.30pm from 24/9/12
Thursdays & Fridays 2 - 3pm from 28/9/12

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, heart disease, chronic kidney or liver disease; neurological disease; have a transplant; on immunosuppression drugs; Nursing home resident.

You are a carer You are pregnant

Book up now and get protected from flu!

Please phone for an appointment on
01869 338611

St Michael's Churchyard Tidy Up

THERE WILL BE A churchyard clean up at St Michael's church on **Saturday 15th 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

BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE 2012/13

Our new season of 6 films starts.....

October 20th **HUGO** (2011) U

November 17th **WEST SIDE STORY** (1961) PG

January 19th **MOONRISE KINGDOM** (2012) 12A

February 23rd **VERTIGO** (1958) PG

March 23rd **SEARCHING FOR SUGARMAN**
(2012) 12A

April 20th **SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN**
(2011) PG

COME ALONG TO OUR VILLAGE HALL COSY CINEMA

£4 on the door. Season ticket £20 for 6 films

Soft drinks available or bring your own alcohol
Doors open 7.15 film starts 7.45

Films provided by AgeUK

Contact GUNILLA on 01295 720521

OUR TREE.....

This is to let you all know that the Whitebeam outside the Village Hall is going to be removed, subject to approval by Cherwell district Council. It was planted in the wrong position and is now much too big. The roots are affecting the drains, the wall and the path. Eventually it will affect the structure of the Hall. So if you see a man with a large saw please do not climb up it and make a protest! This will probably take place in the autumn.

V.H.M.C.

Barford CD

Much progress has been made with the CD, with commitments from many of the musically talented people in the village. We are planning a launch concert on Saturday December 1st starting at 7.30pm. Keep this date free!! The proceeds from the CD and the launch concert will be shared amongst local Barford related charities.

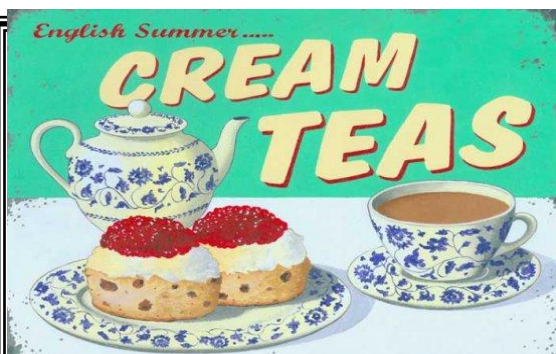
Now it's YOUR chance to get involved and make a guest appearance on the CD!

We are planning a fun

'Barford Big Sing!'

in the village hall in late September/early October. We will learn a song which will be recorded for the CD at the end of the evening. Your name will be included in the credits, so what easier route is there to fame and fortune!? Any one can join in! We need all ranges of voices from the highest soprano to the deepest bass. Enthusiasm is the key criteria!

More details will appear on posters and fliers nearer the time.



In
Maggie's garden.
(Next to the village hall)

Sunday 2nd September
3.00 – 5.00
£3.00

Fundraising for the
Helpless Children's Mother Centre/Nepal

Wanted

good, working
washing machine,
they want to get rid of?
01869 338835

Calling All Bike/Horse Riders And Walkers

The Ride and Stride day on 8th September 2012 in aid of Oxford Historic Churches Trust and our own churches starts at 10 am and finishes at 6 pm. In that time frame you can walk or ride (bike or horse) to as many or as few of the churches in Oxfordshire as you like.

You can either collect a sponsorship form from me plus a list of all the churches of all denominations open on that day so you can plan your route, or you can pay a donation to enter. It's not a competition but obviously the more money you collect or donate, the more money we can send to OHCT, half of which is returned to us for the upkeep of our churches.



OHCT were very generous recently with a cheque for £2,000 when it came to paying for the repair of the west window at BSJ, but that was partly due to us having taken part in the Ride and Stride for many years. However, we do need to raise a great deal of money this year because the funds are desperately low and it would be good if we could make this day a major fund raising day of the year for our churches, as Milton do (they raise over £1,000 each year), and it really is a good day for all the family.

If you would like to take part please contact me for the forms and the list of churches. I would also ask anyone who has an hour to spare on that day to get in touch with me so that we can offer refreshments and a warm welcome in St Michaels. St Johns is open but usually unmanned, but if anyone from St Johns could offer some help I would be very grateful.

Cubby Brett, Churchwarden



Barford Village Market
Open for Business Again
After our summer break

Saturday, 15th September

In the Village Hall

10-12noon

All the usual stalls

Artisan breads, Eggs, cheeses, Preserves &
Chutneys, Meat Joint produce, Cards, Plants,
Jewellery, Fairtrade, Handicrafts
Plus something new each month
Not forgetting Tea/Coffee &
Bacon Butties

3rd Saturday every month except August
Come along and support YOUR local
market

All profits for Village Hall Maintenance

Parking outside the BSM Church

The problem of parking for church services is becoming acute. More and more people are parking their cars outside the church on the South Newington Road. This is becoming a problem because the people attending church services, whether it's a Sunday worship, a baptism, funeral or wedding are finding it impossible to park nearby since the limited parking area is already filled. Therefore I would be grateful if the area could be cleared for Sunday services and any other services you know are going to take place.

Thank you.



Cubby Brett,

Churchwarden

Harvest Festival



Sunday 23rd September, 4pm
St. John's Church

We will be decorating the church for the service from 10.30am on Saturday 22nd 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

Please support
the
Bakehouse or Shepherds
charity raffle table at the
Village Market
on 15th September.

Donations of Raffle prizes are
needed

To help swell the funds

Contact:

Helen Honour
01295 720 987

Thank you!

To our generous 'old friend'
and faithful reader
up in Leicestershire
For her donation
Of £5.00
For Barford News

Carpet Bowls



Re-starts 11th 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!

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

WE SAID FAREWELL to several of our Cubs at the end of term, hopefully they had a great time with us & will carry on to join the Scouts in September.

The 'bug towers' have been installed at The Castle Grounds in a place where we hope any residents will be happy, we have also obtained a number of bird box kits which we hope to construct during the autumn.

The trip to Gilwell was a great success, the Cubs tried climbing, archery, a giant zip wire & a variety of bouncy & fairground rides. The site is fantastic with views across London.

We're looking forward to the starting the new year on Sept 6th & welcoming some new recruits.

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

Scouts

We went on two camps during the summer, the first was the District Camp at Horley with the theme of Survival. The Scouts were subjected to a simulated plane crash after which they had to exist on the contents of an army survival pack for the rest of the weekend, not as bad as it sounds!

The weather was dryish & the boys camped under groundsheets in the wood. They went home smelly but well fed.

The second camp was our summer camp at Phasels Wood near Hemel Hempstead, the site was very soggy when we arrived & we struggled to find enough dry ground to pitch the tents but by the end we were complaining that it was too hot. The scouts tried out archery, pot-holing, the high ropes, cresta run (a mad downhill hurtle) & pedal car racing, the latter allowing them to drive sedately & show a high degree of sportsmanship – as if!

Let's hope the new scout year is as busy as the last.

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



Fernhill Club News

August 1st we played Bingo. On the 8th we had a very nice afternoon listening to music ranging from wartime songs via Jim Reeves and Susan Boyle to Strauss waltzes. On 15th we held a Beetle drive and on 22nd another visit to Hilltop Farm near Charlbury. They have large gardens and a garden centre, a very nice restaurant and a lovely shop, something for everyone. This is fast becoming an annual visit.

We missed Avril for two weeks when she was on a Norwegian cruise and no doubt keeping them on their toes (wonder if she managed to capture the captain). She was back with us for our visit to Hilltop.

Due to Barford News copy deadline we have not yet seen or heard Mr. Sirot-Smith from Sulgrave Manor on August 29th, he will be regaling us with stories of Tudor harvest customs.

Two September dates to note:

19th Maddy & Mo, entertainers

26th Belly Dancers

Visitors are always most welcome to join us at any of our meetings.

Mary Ashbridge, 01295 252 298



Congratulations

To

Peter and Rachel Cosgrove

On their marriage

On 4th August

The wonderful Yurt brought a whole 'new look' to the Village Hall garden!

We wish Peter and Rachel a
Long and happy life together

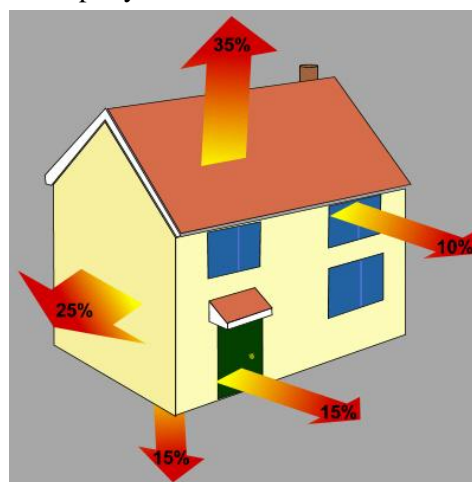


Last Chance Saloon

THIS IS THE FINAL CALL for free insulation across Cherwell as grants provided by energy suppliers are set to dry up soon.

Cherwell District Council continues to work with the United Sustainable Energy Agency to make loft and cavity wall insulation available with no charge.

Anyone seeking to get the work done without grants could expect to pay a combined cost of £700 for the work which will likely save them more than £300 in fuel per year.



But until **30 September**, all homeowners can get both free cavity wall and loft insulation, regardless of pre-existing levels in the loft, at no charge.

"The Government is set to introduce the Green Deal which will offer loans for insulation but they will have to be paid back.

Those seeking a free survey before the end of September will be in time for the work to be completed. Anyone enquiring after that time might be too late.

For more details visit www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk or call 0800 8048777 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE DAY SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 10:30 – 12:30



we'll be painting, cleaning, washing, fixing, de-cluttering, sorting and weather-proofing the Village Hall & Garden. There's plenty to do and your help would be enormously appreciated



If you can spare any time on the day please contact Lucy Norman on

☎ 337678 or

lulu.norman@btinternet.com

Thank you

Bring & Share Family Supper

To celebrate

Harvest Festival

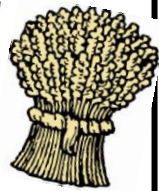
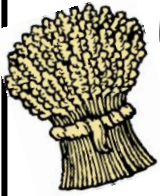
In the Village Hall

7pm

Saturday

29th September

Bring your own drink!



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

Tomasin, Jo, Zalie & Mariann,

Invite you to come along to their

MacMillan Morning

on

Saturday 29th 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

1st Deddington Guides

STREAM-WALKING
was very exciting!
We had a brilliant

time! What a great way to finish the term's activity meetings.

Summer camp at a beautiful site at Shutford was great fun – we had glorious weather! We were also lucky enough to visit stables of event horses and toured their deluxe horse box. The camp-fire itself and singing were brilliant.

The guides made superb shelters and slept out in them overnight, and the dawn hike was wonderful – especially returning home at 6 in the morning to bacon butties, cooked on the open fire!

"Camp brought out the best in people – they were friendly and helped each other out" – Ellie C. "2Camp was really fun because it was sunny. I enjoyed helping to organise some activities" – Tilly. "The dawn hike was fun, but getting out of my lovely warm sleeping bag wasn't" – Lorna. "I enjoyed watching the field become a campsite and loved the water fight" – Hannah. "I loved the cooking, activities and jobs" Yolanda. "Camp is a creative place – you learn new things and have an opportunity to be the best you can be – we learnt to be independent" – Elen. "I loved the routing of camp – my favourite time was when we climbed into bed!" – Kate.

See everyone in September –

7pm – 9pm on Tuesday 11th Sept.

in the Windmill Centre. Girls over 10!!

Maggie Rampley, 01295 810069



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead



PARKINSON'S uk

CHANGE ATTITUDES.

FIND A CURE. - JOIN US.

A big thank you to everyone who generously donated items for my Charity Stall at July's Barford Market.

I'm pleased to announce that we raised just under £115:00 – an amazing achievement made possible with your help. This money will go towards supporting a Research Study at the John Radcliffe into early detection of Parkinson's. Congrats to Rupert & Barbara – the winners of the Lucky Prize Draw Bottle of Whisky.

I'm hoping to hold another stall before Christmas and would really appreciate your continued support

Thank You – Lucy Norman

Katharine House News
Poetic Licence- Travelling
Light

Saturday 29th September, 7.30pm Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Banbury. An entertainment in words and music from the Poetic Licence Group. The spotlight is on travel, exploration and adventure, and dips into history to share in the fun and drama of the rolling stone, the serious explorer and the inquisitive tourist from AD381 to the present day! Tickets are £8 and can be purchased from R.P. Lovatt Insurance, 5 George Street, Banbury. Tel : 01295 264181, or from Katharine House (01295) 812161. All welcome.

Thenford Gardens & Arboretum Open Afternoon

Only a few tickets remaining! Hospice patrons Lord and Lady Heseltine will be opening their gardens and arboretum in aid of the Hospice on **Saturday 6th October**. This is a rare opportunity to view the spectacular grounds of Thenford House, with 4,000 species of trees and shrubs, medieval ponds, walled kitchen gardens and heated glass-houses. Delicious teas will also be on offer, and a raffle held.

Please note that wheelchair access to some areas is not possible and dogs are not allowed (except guide-dogs). Tickets are £10 each (no children under 10 years) and must be purchased in advance from the Fundraising Office (01295) 812161 and application forms are available to download from our website at www.khh.org.uk

Banbury Camera Club Exhibition

9am – 5pm Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th and 11am – 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 27-28th October, Michael Heseltine Gallery, Chenderit School, Middleton Cheney

Exhibition and sale of photographs taken by talented club members. Donations and percentage of sales to Katharine House.

5 Ways Barbershop Chorus Concert

The nationally acclaimed 5 Ways Barbershop Chorus will perform a fantastic evening's entertainment in aid of the Hospice on Friday 2nd November (7.30pm) at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Banbury.

We're on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/katharinehouse

Calling All Knitters!

. If you would like to knit our mini Christmas puddings, robins and Santa hats, please call Fundraising on (01295) 812161 for a pattern. Our pattern booklet is also available to download from our website at www.khh.org.uk

Hospice Christmas Cards

Our Hospice Christmas cards will be on sale from mid September at Hospice reception and in our charity shops.

Sarah Brennan, Community Fundraiser



Beer Rocks!

Cuppa Morning is hosting a "Grown-ups" Beer and Band night.

Saturday 8th September
£2.50 per ticket

8 till late

Book your babysitter and Come on down!!



Barford Future Olympians

Following the resounding success of the Olympics and the Paralympics to follow it would be fun if the children of the Barfords could get together each week to participate in sporting activities. In this way we could contribute to the legacy of the 2012 Games.

These sporting activities could be varied and should be fun.

They would allow children to let off steam, to get together with others not at the same schools and learn how to play in a group. Schools obviously play their part but the village itself could play another part and encourage more physical activity at the weekends, throughout the year. It would be nice to continue the enjoyment of the Jubilee Sports and to increase the chances of a Barford Olympian coming along in the future! This Barford Sports Club will need volunteers for organisation and other helpers.

If anyone is interested in this, parents, children and grandchildren, please get in touch with Gunilla. gt.designs@btinternet.com.

Ideas of suitable activities please.



Congratulations to Jill & Stephen Bunce!

1ST Gold Olympian Cat In GCCF And The World! Uk & Gold Olympian & Imperial Grand Premier Coontastic Nijinsky (Brown tabby & white maine coon) DOB 27/10/2005. GCCF(Governing Council of the Cat Fancy) introduced new titles in June 2011, the Bronze, Silver and Gold Olympians where Imperial titled cats compete against other imperials from every section. The criteria for winning is that the cat must be of outstanding quality and well worthy of a 'Best In Show' win. To gain Bronze you must be awarded 5 Olympian certificates, 5 for Silver and 5 for Gold, namely 15 certificates in total to become a **Gold Olympian Cat**.

This new class started on 1st June 2011 and we are very proud to announce that Semi Long Hair Section Cats have been tops!! On 10th September 2011, Nijinsky, jointly became the First Bronze Olympian with another semi long hair, a lovely female Birman, 'Danleigh Starburst'. On 11 February 2012 'Nijinsky', solely, became First silver, and then on 16th June 2012 just a year after the title was introduced, Nijinsky was the very First cat to achieve Gold Olympian, in the year of the UK London Olympics. What an achievement for his owners, Jill and Stephen Bunce, breeder Angie Barletta Coontastic Maine Coons, the Maine Coon breed for making GCCF history and for the Semi Long Hair Section.

Jinx as he is known to his friends has had a fantastic show career. On 1st July he was in competition at his Breed show and gained a 16th Olympian award and literally the icing on the cake was Overall Best In Show! During his career he has won numerous Best in Show, Best of Variety and Best of Breed wins. Jinx is now taking a well earned rest from exhibiting but will appear on exhibition from time to time and will feature in Cat Magazines and 2013 calendars. CAT WORLD magazine September issue features him as their centre page pin up !!



Jolly Hockey Sticks

ORGANISATIONS IN THE BANBURY area have been challenged to enter the latest five-a-side sport in town.

Rush Hockey is similar to its Olympic counterpart but uses a larger ball, a smaller pitch and goal and fewer players.

A new informal league is being set up in Banbury starting on Monday, 10 September, at the Blessed George Napier School.

Sessions will take place between 8pm and 10pm and membership is priced £15 per team of eight. Rush Hockey can be a strenuous activity so players can be substituted as matches progress.

The team fee covers hockey equipment so all participants need to take along is some sportswear and trainers.

Cherwell District Council is helping organise the league. Deputy leader, Councillor George Reynolds, said: "This is a fantastic chance for people to have a go at a new sport or indulge in one they have not enjoyed for some time.

"The Olympics has galvanised the entire country and sporting activities are seeing a massive surge in popularity.

"This is just one of a range of options for anyone wishing to get out and get active, whether it's for health, fun or the camaraderie involved."

Experienced players are being limited to two per team to make the league fair for everyone. No prizes are on offer aside from the kudos of competition.

For more details about this or any other sports activity organised by Cherwell, visit <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1991>, email hayley.nunneley@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or tom.gubbins@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or call 01295 221720.

For further information please contact:

Craig Forsyth

Tel: 01295 221639

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

Deddington & District History Society,

'Death and the Virgin: Elizabeth, Dudley and the Mysterious Fate of Amy Robsart'

by Chris Skidmore, MP.

'A tudor murder mystery?'

With so many tickets sold in aid of Katharine House, and the speaker waiving his fee, we needed the main hall at the Windmill Centre for an extra, and final, meeting of the season. As well as being part of the new intake of MPs, he has a first from one of our local universities and lectures in history part-time



Amy Robsart was Robert Dudley's wife and, at the start of the story Elizabeth I, the Virgin Queen, was young enough to expect to be married and provide an heir to the throne. She was, indeed, perhaps the

most eligible bride in Europe when she came to the throne in 1559. Dudley was already close to Elizabeth, and as Master of the horse often with her hunting, or arranging her accommodation when away and there was soon speculation among diplomats as to their relationship. He had already been married for seven years to Amy, but she was not to be seen at court.

Our speaker claims that a portrait discovered a few years ago by David Starkey and said by him to be of Lady Jane Grey is actually of Amy Robsart at the time of her marriage at the age of 16: he gave an intriguing reason for it and it seems David Starkey believes he may have been over hasty in his own attribution. If it is of Amy it is the only image of her and only two letters from her survive.

Gossip later in the year of Elizabeth's coronation suggested that Amy was terminally ill and when she died Robert would marry the Queen, but by June the Spanish ambassador was reporting that she was well again, and may have been living at Compton Verney. Her constant moving around the country, her life seemed quite peripatetic, may have been due to attempts by Dudley to poison her—again our source is the Spanish ambassador. Rumours to this effect seemed more or less constant.

In 1560 the Queen went on a Royal Progress around the Home Counties for the summer, leaving William Cecil in charge. The Spanish ambassador could not afford the cost of following the court, but



caught up with it at Windsor where he claimed that Cecil told him that it was planned to poison Amy. Indeed, while he was writing his report home the news came that she had broken her neck, 'falling' down stairs at the thirteenth-century Cumnor Place, Abingdon.

Chris Skidmore's doctoral supervisor at Oxford had discovered an uncatalogued King's Bench document at the National Archive, a coroner's report from a year later. It describes the death as accidental, as far as they could tell. But added that there were two wounds on her head, using the Latin word for a stab or puncture, one of them two thumb-lengths deep! There were no bruises despite her broken neck and modern pathologists can not imagine that such wounds could be caused by a fall. The foreman of the jury had assured Dudley's servant that 'all will be well', presumably referring to the outcome of the inquest.

Dudley feigns grief at court over her death, he wrote a week after her death to Cecil that his duty means he should be with the Queen. Cecil believes that this is puts an end to his chances of marrying the Queen because of his implied guilt, though his servants pressed him on the subject. Amy's half brother then appears and presses Dudley to reopen the investigation and ends up in the Fleet prison for his pains and by then the Queen decides she is too old to marry and have children, and there are Catholic plots against her life and propaganda against Dudley, accusing him of sleeping round the court and of committing murder.



We will probably never know what happened 450 years ago, but this discovery of the Coroner's report means that there may even be other documents to be discovered. Amy was but a sorry a pawn in all this, but played a part in ensuring that Elizabeth remained a virgin Queen.

Our first meeting for the 2012-13 season will be on 12 September when Martin Way will return and talk on Barley, Beer and Barrels.

Autumn Show - Results

Class	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Cup Winners
1 Beetroot	Basil Butler	Peter Floyd	Cathy Alsworth	
2 Carrots	No Entries			FRUIT & VEGETABLES
3 Courgettes	Cathy Alsworth	Mariann Young	Maggie Eden	Basil Butler
4 Onions	Peter Floyd	Sophie Holmes	Bernard Lane	
5 Shallots	Peter Floyd	Mariann Young		
6 Potatoes	Barbara Greenwood	Mike Horth	Bernard Lane	
7 Runner Beans	Basil Butler	Mariann Young	Mike Horth	
8 French Beans	Maggie Eden	Mariann Young	Basil Butler	RAY MARCHAM
9 Cherry Toms	Jan Elvidge	Mariann Young	Basil Butler	ALLOTMENT CUP
10 Round Toms	Barbara Greenwood			Jeff Elliott
11 Cucumber	Basil Butler	Jan Elvidge	Cathy Alsworth	
12 Pair of Veg	Jan Elvidge	Sophie Holmes		
13 5 Assorted Veg	Peter Floyd			
14 Largest Marrow	Basil Butler	Paul Semple		
15 Apples	No Entries			
16 Dish of Fruit	Hazel Neal			
17 Vegetable Animal	Tessa Dodwell	Ellie Dodwell	Peter Floyd	COOKERY
18 Flapjack	Tilly Neal	Mariann Young	Hazel Neal	Ann Beesley
19 Fruit Scones	Peter Leney			
20 Choc Brownies	Jan Elvidge	Cathy Alsworth	Mariann Young	
21 Victoria Sponge	Jill Hopcraft	Jan Elvidge	Sheila Taylor	
22 Four Meringues	No Entries			
23 Banana Cake (men)	Marcus Hardingham	Angus Norman	Peter Leney	W.I. CUP
24 Jar of Jam	Cathy Alsworth	Hazel Neal	Jean Statt	Ann Beesley
25 Marmalade	Sarah Best	Ann Beesley	Jan Elvidge	
26 Lemon Curd	Ann Beesley			
27 Chutney	Sophie Holmes	Hazel Neal	Ann Beesley	
28 Sloe Gin	Ann Beesley	Ray Cox	Peter Leney	
29 Arrangement in a box	Cathy Peacock			FLOWER ARRANGING
30 Herbs	Ann Beesley	Cathy Peacock	Sarah Best	Cathy Peacock
31 Miniature	Sarah Best	Ann Beesley	Cathy Peacock	
32 Jubilee arrangement	Veronique Semple			
33 Single Gladiolus	Basil Butler			
34 Sunflower in a vase	No Entries			CUT FLOWERS
35 3 Dahlias	Basil Butler	Ann Beesley	Paul Semple	Basil Butler & Peter Floyd
36 3 Roses	Rick Allen	Peter Floyd		
37 4 Marigolds	Maggie Eden	Peter Floyd	Basil Butler	CRAFTS
38 Four Fuchsia heads	Peter Floyd	Mariann Young	Jan Elvidge	Ann Beesley
39 Six Sweet Peas	Maggie Eden	Bernard Lane		
40 Mixed Vase	Jan Elvidge	Erika Smith	Danielle Semple	PHOTOGRAPHY
41 Handmade Card	Ann Beesley			Jan Elvidge
42 Piece of Jewellery	Ann Beesley			
43 Knitted/crochet item	Jill Hopcraft	Ann Beesley		
44 Needlework	Cathy Alsworth	Ann Beesley		VICTOR LUDORUM
45 You Made it Let's see it	Alan Maddison	Maggie Eden	Cathy Alsworth	Ann Beesley & Jan Elvidge
46 Drawing/Painting	Carol Hopkins	Tom Eden		
47 Photo – Jubilee	Annie Radford	Jan Elvidge	Catherine Elvidge	
48 Photo – Barford Summer	Jan Elvidge	Tessa Dodwell	Danielle Semple	
49 Photo – A Gate	Jan Elvidge	Annie Radford	Rachel Speight	
50 Photo – Digitally enhanced	Peter Smith	Ray Cox		
CHILDREN'S CLASSES				
51 Colouring Picture	Imogen Tillier	Amy Butler	Ava Hardingham	
52 Handmade Crown	Ava Hardingham	Ellie Dodwell	Amy Butler	MOST ENTRIES
53 Choc crispy cakes	Ava Hardingham	Amy Butler	Charlie Parker	Ellie Dodwell
54 Vegetable Animal	Ellie Dodwell			
55 You made it	Ava Hardingham	Ellie Dodwell	Grace Tillier	
56 Photograph	Danielle Semple	Ellie Alsworth	Caitlin Butler	
57 4 Decorated Cupcakes	Ellie Alsworth	Connie Neal	Tilly Neal	
58 An Olympic Medal	Ellie Alsworth	Tilly Neal	Connie Neal	MOST POINTS
59 Drawing/Painting	Martha Roberts	Cicely Best	Connie Neal	Ellie Alsworth
60 You made it, let's see it.	Ellie Alsworth	Cicely Best	Connie Neal	

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WITH DOUBTFUL EXPECTATIONS as to the weather prospects for June, we waited in hope. The dawn rose following a night of 10° on an overcast which, in effect, lasted all day with a max. of 20°. High humidity, not dispelled by a light NNW breeze, dissolved into misting drizzle in the evening. Even so, the Hen Harrier of earlier notes, appeared once more to the west of the parish.

On the 2nd a raw SE breeze arose with more misting drizzle and a max. daytime temperature of 15°. The misery intensified on the 3rd with a cold E wind and a morning's drizzle. This lifted to give an overcast afternoon, but a steady rain setting in after 3pm, continued well into the night. The max. day temperature was 13°! Nevertheless, a walk around St. Michael produced a Great Spotted Woodpecker in Lower Street and the strange spectacle of a female Kestrel scratching amongst leaf litter (probably for insects) under a Holly tree in the Churchyard. That to me, especially at this time of year, is a sign of desperate shortage of prey animals. However, my mood brightened as the lilting, whispering cadence of a Willow Warbler's song (one of the very few locally) drifted over from an overgrown hedgerow below the allotments. After a cold night (6°) and a morning of heavy, broken cloud, a breezy NNE wind dispelled the cloud to give a surprisingly pleasant afternoon up to 17°. This was followed by a cold night of 5° and a misty full moon.

Around this time it became apparent that we were saddled with wet, chill weather until the jetstream moved further north; so, to avoid needless repetition, I'll summarise as much as possible.

On the 5th the wind went to SW and ushered in a seemingly endless procession of Low Pressure systems. Each day saw rain, constant and heavy on the 7th and 8th, with a savage, near gale force wind. It was cold, 12.5° and 13° on the 5th and 8th respectively.

The 9th was blustery, dry and pleasant with a wind moving through NW as it veered to NE. A very cold night at 3° followed, The wind, at NE on the 10th, was to continue veering slowly to SE until the 12th.

But the 10th was notorious for the onset of continuous, substantial rain. It started at about 5pm, continued right through daylight hours to cease around 10.30pm on the 11th. *Non-stop rain for 30 hours!*

Following days were chilly (12°); nights were cold, 2° with grass frost on the 12th and a heavier frost at 1° on the 13th (remember, this was June)



even though the daytime had risen to 17°. Both days were free of rain.

Rain began again about 5.30pm on the 14th, continuing into the 15th when the temperature rose to 19° as the wind veered further to SW.

Of these first fifteen days of June, significant rain fell on eleven of them including that staggering 30 non-stop hours.

Naturally enough there was little activity in the wild and the awful natural food shortage continued. Many plants and shrubs, including field crops and garden produce, were showing signs of water-logging, foliage loss, die-back or simply rotting.

Nevertheless, there were some interesting items to note in the month's first half. On the 6th an uncommon Bumblebee *Bombus ruderatus* was foraging Comfrey flowers in my garden, between showers. This Bumblebee was black all over – no yellow, red or white areas and thus maybe a little sinister looking, but no more harmful than any of the other bees.

On the 7th, despite the rain, a Kestrel occupied an electricity pole at St. John and another perched on overhead wires at Hempton. Later on, a male Sparrow Hawk was hunting over Townsend when he spotted prey, and dived at great speed into the pool spinney at Barford House.

On the 13th, workers from our latest Bumblebee immigrant *B. hypnorum* (see Nature Notes for April) were foraging Wild Thyme in my garden. Later, at dusk, Muntjac deer were barking and squealing on Steepness.

So, into the second half of "Flaming June"! And again I will summarise.

The procession of Lows continued, but the wind became fixed in a westerly quarter for the whole fifteen days. The days became slowly warmer from 17° on the 16th to 25° on the 19th – in contrast, the nights got cooler, dropping from 9° to 5°. It rained on the 16th and 17th, but the 18th and 19th were dry and produced warm sunny periods, especially the 18th.

From the 20th to the 24th the warmth fell away somewhat. It was showery, sometimes heavy and the SW wind became gusty. The 24th boasted a warm summer afternoon as the wind veered to NW. This heralded the dominance of a big Low moving NE across the UK, drawing up warm air from France through the 25th to 29th. It was hot and humid (max. 25° daytime, 15° night) sometimes with a strangely cool breeze. It was wet on the 26th and 29th.

As the big Low moved away, the 30th was squally and cooler, down to 8.5° on a clear moonlit night.

Of the fifteen days in this second half of the month, there was significant rain on seven of them,

Thus ended the wettest June and the wettest Spring since official records began in 1910!

Again there were interesting items to record about our wildlife in this latter half of June.

Amazingly our smallest, and one would have thought, most vulnerable bird, the Goldcrest, appears to have had a good breeding season, with groups accompanied by song in many places.

All sorts of small birds – Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet and Yellowhammer – with small broods, some still in the nest, made their presence known. This highlighted the degree of failures in the Tit world, their numbers being greatly reduced. There were Great Spotted Woodpeckers ‘keck’ing, Sparrow Hawk attacks and Bullfinches making their presence known in many hedgerows, with their softly plaintive, yet penetrating calls. These exotic-looking, colourful, but shy birds often called from the greenery around my garden. I tried (unsuccessfully!) to discover the attraction, but I suspect it to be early, unripe fruit on my wild honeysuckle. Several Blackcaps sang from hedgerows below Steepness and there were more sightings of the Hen Harrier to the west. Buzzards were in the air all around the parish and deer squealed below Steepness in late afternoons.

With the short warmer spell around the 19th, several butterfly species appeared – Peacock, Red Admiral, even a female Brimstone. Were they remnants of a very late Spring, or an early Summer emergence – or were the first two migrants from the continent?

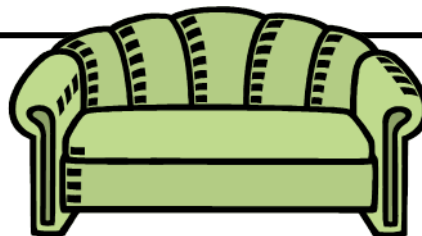
On the 23rd I spotted more specimens of the ‘new’ *B. hypnorum*, a Queen and workers, foraging Cotoneaster flowers in Deddington.

Despite the coolness, the night of the 24th was a ‘mothy’ night, with large numbers along the verges of our lanes. One of the commonest, frequently disturbed from long herbage, is the Yellow Shell. Less so is the much larger, softly beige, Light Arches, one of which zoomed in to my kitchen light.

Now, I must add a note as to my delight (and everyone else’s I hope) at the burgeoning wild-flowers along our verges – Knapweed, Hardheads, Scabious, Oxeye Daisies, Campions, and the stately white umbels of Hogweed (not to mention the hedgerow flowers of Elder – roll on the homemade cordial and champagne!). All a glorious and fitting tribute to unmown verges. Thank you to everyone who stuck to mown vision splays and a single roadside swathe only.

And so, it was time for July to make her contribution to the year, as June squelched off into the moonlight.

Ron Knight



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A Fitting Future For Raf Bicester

Cherwell District Council is working with Bomber Command Heritage (BCH) to secure the long-term future of RAF Bicester. The site has major historical significance and the aspiration is to ensure its legacy for future generations of visitors.

During WWII, many nations came together under the umbrella of the British RAF Bomber Command.

Their task was to halt the advancing Nazi threat, helping the Allies win the war.

Chairman of BCH, Dean Overton, said: "Ours is not just a military history approach but covers all aspects of this complicated subject, including technical developments and social history.

"It is really a civilian story about how nations were mobilised and worked together to defend tolerance and freedom, and the true costs and consequences of such war.

"All of this is highly relevant to us in the 21st Century, and it is important to remember and explain the British and Commonwealth effort and sacrifice of the time," he added.

RAF Bicester is the last intact historic bomber station and the last viable chance for something on a befitting scale to be done for the subject. The two organisations are now in talks to determine how to proceed with a bid for the site.

Nineteen of its many buildings have been Grade-II Listed and sixteen Scheduled Ancient Monuments have been classified.

In addition, the importance of the historic views and context of the whole site have been recognised in the local planning process.

The plan is to use the aerodrome to immerse visitors in an authentic WWII atmosphere as a vibrant living-history-style heritage centre.

It will be a unique facility - not a duplicate of the Imperial War Museum Duxford - bringing heritage tourism to the area and helping preserve the ecology and green space.

Throughout its time, RAF Bicester served as:

- * A pre-WWII strategic bomber station - at the start of the war its squadrons were sent to fight, winning the first RAF Victoria Crosses of the conflict.

- * The birth place of the first prototype Handley Page Halifax, an important RAF four-engined heavy bomber.

- * An operational training unit where, for most of the war, crews were formed and trained in their individual specialisms like gunnery and navigation.

Councillor Barry Wood, Cherwell's leader, said: "Cherwell District Council is working in a strategic partnership with Bomber Heritage Command to help support the organisation's proposals for RAF Bicester.

"We are doing this to help protect the valuable heritage at the site and also to provide an opportunity for local people and visitors to share that heritage once the site is restored.

"Our contribution to the partnership at this stage is to provide support in the preparation of a business case.

"This work is expected to take place in the coming weeks and further details will be provided once a decision has been made on the appropriate way forward."

For more information contact Caroline Murdoch at Redwordks PR by email to caroline@redworks.co.uk or on 01986 810443.

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

Bakehouse or Shepherds Charity

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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.
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- 3) Exact description of the qualification you are studying for, including length of course and subjects to be studied.

Address your application to:

Mrs Helen Honour

Clerk to the Shepherds and Bakehouse Trust
The Cottage, 5 Mead Lane, Barford St John,
Banbury

Oxfordshire, OX15 0PW

Applications must be received by 30th
September 2012 at the latest.



CHERWELL CVS NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2012

Cherwell Community and Voluntary Service (Cherwell CVS) Limited continues through our new working practices to develop, promote and represent the best interests of the voluntary sector within the local community. We have recently received Volunteer England accreditation as a Volunteer Centre and, through our Hard to Reach Project, continue to develop relationships with local Job Centres and have started to place individuals in local organisations affected by spending cuts and the increasingly difficult funding environment. We also continue to develop relationships with local organisations who themselves work with hard to reach groups, to promote their project and to request referrals. Through these relationships we are raising the profile of volunteering and increasing awareness of its benefits to people seeking work. One of the key messages we promote is that there are a wide variety of roles which match well with many different kinds of paid work aspirations and skills gaps. Another is that volunteering can be structured and mimic many aspects of paid roles. This training aspect of volunteering is one that practitioners are not always aware of, even when they are aware of the 'softer' aspects of volunteering such as increased confidence.

The Volunteer Driver Scheme is also flourishing, and we have noted a significant increase in passenger use following the vast reduction in provision of Dial-a-Ride transport opportunities across the District.

Our recycle furniture store continues to recover suitable but unwanted furniture for reuse at a minimum charge.

We continue to be proud of the services we provide to local voluntary sector organisations and the underprivileged in Cherwell: we hope that you will continue to support Cherwell CVS in our efforts. Please feel free to access our services when you need them:

Volunteer Centre: Val Ireland, 01295 266090; Tues 9.30am - 5pm and Fri 9.00am - 4.30pm.

Volunteer Driver Scheme: Mon-Fri 10am to 12 noon, and 24hr answerphone 01295 759126.

Recycle Furniture Store: Unit 14, Lower Cherwell Street; 01295 267741.

Nigel Randall, Director/Trustee, Cherwell CVS



Nordic Walk Way To A Healthier, Happier You
GO Active at Cherwell District Council have run Nordic Walking courses for over three years. Hundreds have felt the benefits. And for anyone who hasn't tried Nordic Walking before there are now new opportunities to give it a go.

Nordic Walking courses costs £20 and poles are provided. They cover between one and four weekly sessions of either one or two hours each. Once you have completed the course you can join free social walks around the district. Booking is required for all courses:

* Bicester courses: Saturday morning course starting 8 September and Tuesday lunchtime course starting 2 October



* Banbury and Bodicote: Thursday evening course starting 6 September and Tuesday evening course starting 18 September.

Walker Frances King said: "I started Nordic Walking nearly two years ago. I enjoyed the course – it was relaxed and good fun. I then bought my own poles and I was off! I try to use my poles as much as possible because I love it.

"I'm fitter and have trimmed down a trouser size. It's helped ease my troublesome neck and shoulder. I also enjoy the feeling of wellbeing that goes with exercise. Give Nordic Walking a go - it's brilliant!"

Frances has recently been nominated for the Active Inspiration Award at the Cherwell Sports Awards on 29 September for her achievement in changing her lifestyle and inspiring others to get active.

Cherwell District Council deputy leader, Cllr George Reynolds added: "Margaret and Frances are shining examples of what can be achieved through this simple but effective technique. Now there are more opportunities to try it yourself - it could be a life changer."

For more information email hazel.walsh@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or phone 01295 221715. You can book and pay over the phone to secure your place on 01295 221803.

Nominations for the Cherwell Sports Awards close on 13 Aug. For more information email rebecca.dyson@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or phone 01295 221722.

Grab A Bag

FREE REUSABLE glass bags are available across Cherwell to help residents recycle their glass bottles & jars after celebrating a hugely successful Olympics. They can be found on special stands at the council's offices in Bodicote, Castle Quay in Banbury,.



Alongside them, people will find a leaflet detailing the locations of every Cherwell District Council recycling bank.

Visitors to the libraries and leisure centres in Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington will also be able to pick up a bag and leaflet.

Councillor Nigel Morris, Cherwell's lead member for clean and green, said: "As we do not collect glass from homes, we need to make it as easy as possible for residents to recycle them at one of our 90-plus recycling sites.

"Sending it to landfill is clearly bad for the environment especially when glass is so easy to recycle, and when kept separate is worth four times more than when it's mixed.

"I would urge everyone to pick up a bag and use it to take their bottles to the nearest recycling bank, which for most should be just a stone's throw away."

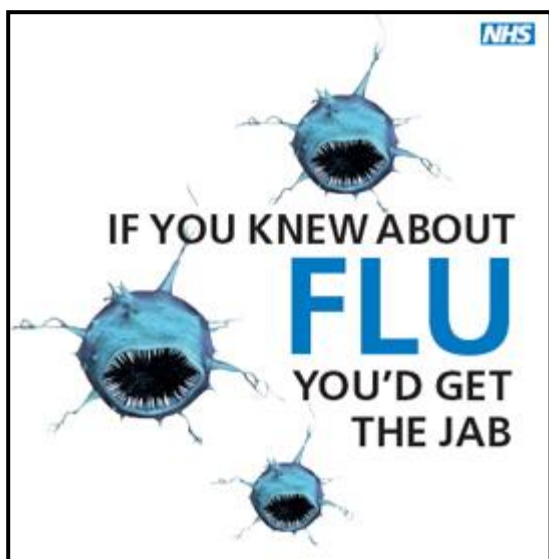
Take a look at our list of [recycling bank sites](#) taking a range of items which might include clothing, cans and small electrical items.

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